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WOLVERINES' STATE TITLE BID FALLS SHORT

From left, Leicester High senior co-captains Jack O'Neill, Jack Larson, Dan Mero and Bryce Gosselin, along with head coach Tim Griffiths, accept the runner-up trophy from the Division 7 state championship game, played Saturday, Dec. 7 at Gillette Stadium. The Wolverines lost, 21-7, to Abington High. For more coverage on the game, please turn to pages A 12-13!

Region digs out after first major snow storm

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Worcester County residents spent much of last week digging out from the season's first major snowstorm.

Accumulation totals varied widely, with some towns receiving significantly more snow than their neighbors. Northbridge checked in with about 22 inches of snow, while Warren also received just under two feet of heavy wet snow. Just to the west, Ware only picked up about seven inches.

The Route 9 corridor was also hit hard, with school closures taking place across the area following a foot of snow. The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District was

among those to call off classes as late as Tuesday, Dec. 3, nearly 48 hours after the storm began.

In Leicester, meanwhile, Mulberry Street was closed in the area of the airport due to high winds causing snow drifts. Police in area towns also responded to multiple minor accidents, but most drivers avoided the peak snow times on the nights of Dec. 1 & 2.

As the snow continued to pile up, plow drivers saw cash accumulate with every inch. After lackluster winter seasons last year and in 2017 in terms of snow accumulations, local plow drivers said they appreciated the early season

Please Read **STORM**, page **A5**

School officials thrilled with new SRO

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District officials have been thrilled with the services and opportunities provided by the new school resource officer position.

Spencer Police Officer Todd

LaPorte started in October as the district's resource officer. The position was created through a partnership between school officials, town leaders, and SPD Chief David Darrin, a longtime supporter of the position.

The resource officer position was approved by voters

at the Annual Town Meeting. Another officer was hired over the summer to maintain full department staffing levels.

"The school resource officer is one of many initiatives within our district we have put in place in partnership with the town of Spencer," said SEBRSD Superintendent Paul

Haughey. "This initiative has been a priority for Chief Darrin for quite some time. Without his good stewardship, leadership, and the support of the Town Administrator, Mr. Gregory, and the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee, we know that this opportunity would not be a

reality."

School leaders praised town officials for their commitment to increasing school safety across the district. LaPorte works with school administrators in all buildings and serves as a vital resource for

Please Read **SRO**, page **A17**

Forum provides information on school building project

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Residents learned more about the town's school building project during a public forum last month.

On Nov. 27, the Leicester School Building Committee hosted its third public forum regarding the proposed school that would house students in grades pre-K through eighth grade. Officials and residents gathered at Leicester High School to ask questions and offer input.

"The forum went well. It was a very productive meeting that informed the town about the site," said Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Tencza.

If the \$87 million project receives approval for funding at the 2020 Town Meeting and election, the school would be built on the site of the existing

middle school. About \$41.5 million would be covered by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, while the town would be responsible for \$45.5 million.

If approved, the new school would be constructed on the field behind the middle school. The existing building would then be demolished, with the space to be used for athletic fields.

After a careful evaluation of several options, school leaders agree that a new building is the best route. It would cost about \$31 million to renovate the existing elementary and middle schools, and additional funds would be needed for repairs as the schools continue to age, officials said.

The new school would also ensure that all students in the district remain on the same

Please Read **FORUM**, page **A17**

Kevin Flanders Photo

Members of AA Transportation took part in the company's Stuff the Bus campaign last week, then attended the Parade of Lights.

Support runs strong for Stuff the Bus campaign

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Area residents once again celebrated the season of giving by helping AA Transportation support local children and families.

On Dec. 7, AA Transportation held its

fourth annual Stuff the Bus campaign in Spencer and North Brookfield. Residents from throughout the area stopped by the drop-off locations to donate new, unwrapped toys.

Please Read **STUFF BUS**, page **A17**

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There’s always something new cooking at Five Loaves Bakery



Kevin Flanders Photo

Spencer's Kerri Lowell and her daughter, Alexandra Lowell, are the new owners of Five Loaves Bakery.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The menu is always offering something new at Five Loaves Bakery, but the high quality of products and services has remained the same thanks to a mother-daughter ownership tandem.

Spencer’s Kerri Lowell and her daughter, Alexandra Lowell, assumed ownership of the 13 Mechanic St. business in September. Having previously worked at the bakery for four years under the last owners, Alexandra Lowell was committed to facilitating a smooth transition.

Four months later, longtime patrons remain impressed with the continuation of quality services.

“It is great to see all of the familiar faces who come in,” Alexandra Lowell

said.

Added Kerri Lowell, “We are fortunate to have a very loyal following.”

The Lowells retained many of the items from the previous owners’ menu, but they also introduced even more baked goods. Whoopie pies and brookies (brownie cookies) are among a few of the favorites for longtime and new guests alike.

For Alexandra Lowell, who majored in baking and culinary business management in college, local ownership had always been a goal. But she never imagined the opportunity would present itself so soon in her hometown.

“This is what I always wanted to do. For me to have this opportunity is a dream,” she told the New Leader.

The bakery’s menu changes weekly to provide guests with fresh and cre-

ative options. Offerings include artisan breads, pastries, scones, croissants, cookies, and several other tasty treats. The business also features a café which serves lunch and dinner.

Whether you’re looking for a quick soup and sandwich for lunch or a delicious dinner, Five Loaves is the place to be, local customers said. The business also offers coffees made from beans roasted in house.

“The dinners had stopped for a while, but we are excited to let people know they are back,” said Alexandra Lowell, who has attended several local farmers’ markets and festivals to help promote the bakery.

Added Kerri Lowell, “People really enjoy the atmosphere here, and we have a great staff. We couldn’t do it without them.”

The business is also the only restaurant in town offering BYOB, which enables guests to save money and enjoy their favorites.

Lunch hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday. Dinners are offered by reservation only on Thursday through Saturday (5-8 p.m.).

The bakery is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

For more information about hours and menus, call 508-885-3760. You can also check out the bakery’s offerings by visiting www.FiveLoavesBakery.com.

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North Brookfield Savings Bank to host “Medicare – Countdown to 65” Seminar

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“North Brookfield Savings Bank is happy to be a resource for our community members when they are making important life decisions,” said NBSB Senior Vice President/Director of Human Resources, Andrea Healy. “Whether someone is searching for the perfect financial product to fit their needs or seeking information about



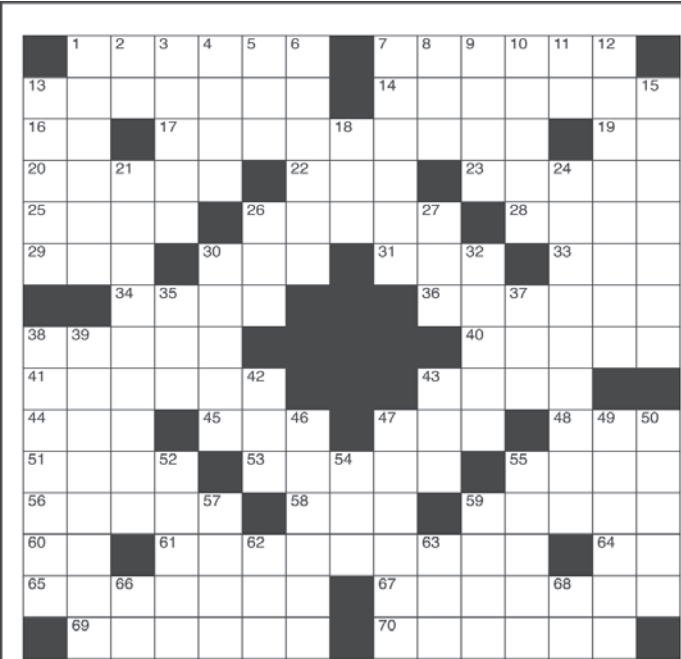
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North Brookfield Savings Bank “Medicare – Countdown to 65” seminar attendees Diane and Roy Chaplin, Betsy Cuddy Martinelli, speaker Sue Flanagan and North Brookfield Savings Bank Senior Vice President of Human Resources Andrea Healy are shown in front of the crowd of attendees before the start of the event June’s event.

ties to help community members feel confident and at ease when they are making important Medicare healthcare decisions.”

North Brookfield Savings Bank offers educational resources and opportunities to customers, community members and employees as a way to empower them and help them to feel assured in their financial and life decisions. This aligns with the Bank’s established core value “Commit to Excellence” which concentrates on elevating and lifting others up through growth and learning for success. In addition, the core value of “Support our Community” encompasses the Bank’s goal to engage in meaningful partnerships and put people first. These two practiced values that the Bank strives to embody everyday are why they are committed to providing the community with educational support.

Healy continues, “We are proud to offer various learning opportunities for our customers. We know that if our community members are equipped with knowledge, whether financial or any other topic, then this ultimately helps them to have overall better lives.”



CLUES ACROSS

1. Rope used as a lasso

13. North African nation

14. Rounds up cattle

16. Densest naturally occurring element

17. Home of the Brewers

19. Atomic #44

20. Vetches

22. Moved earth with a tool

23. Cavalry sword

25. Supplements with difficulty

26. Encouraged

28. Speech defect

29. Periodical (abbr.)

30. Very cold

31. ___ Paulo, city

33. Former OSS

34. Approves food

36. Cars need them

38. Sweden’s dominant phone company
40. Long lock of a woman’s hair

41. North American natives

43. Fly high

44. One type is fire

45. Nocturnal bird

47. More than one male

48. LOTR actor McKellen

51. Employee stock ownership plan

53. Tony-winning actress Daisy

55. Tennis star Kournikova

56. Pulitzer-winning composer

58. The opposite to pro

59. Safecrackers

60. Denotes past

61. Parrots

64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

65. Reduce the importance of

67. Stiffly

69. In a sensible way

70. Signs

CLUES DOWN

1. Capital of Zambia

2. Article

3. Country star LeAnn

4. Egyptian goddess

5. Afflict in mind or body

6. Showy but cheap

7. Belgian urban center

8. Short-winged diving seabird

9. Deploys

10. Ballplayers can legally do it

11. Centiliter

12. Contrary beliefs

13. Type of pole

15. Distinguish oneself

18. 8th month of the year (abbr.)

21. One who monitors

24. Petty quarreling

26. Fiddler crabs

27. Touch lightly

30. American state

32. Pro wrestler Randy
35. Indicates spelling mistake

37. Macaws

38. Gradually narrowed

39. Installments

42. Female sheep

43. Politician

46. Servant

47. Said to facilitate concentration

49. California ballplayers

50. Once Toledo’s tallest building

52. A type of pie

54. State of southwestern India

55. Principal member of Norse religion

57. Counterspy

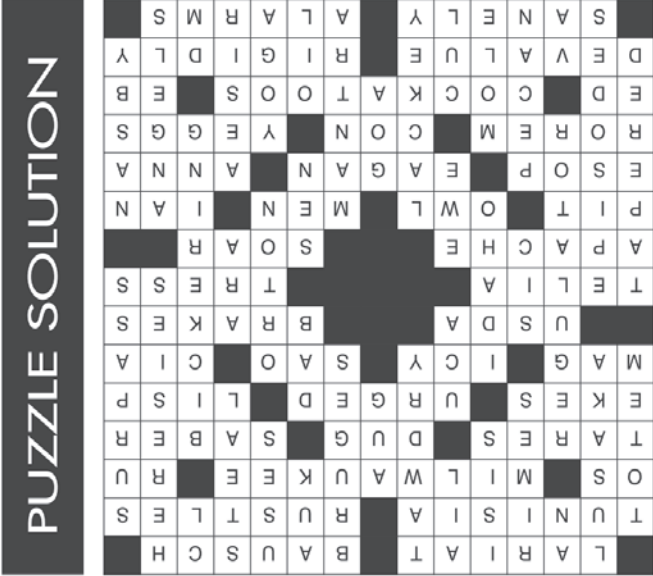
59. Wellness practice

62. ___-de-sac: dead end street

63. Used to cook

66. Type of hospital

68. Direct message



healthcare options, we can help them to find the answers they are looking for.”

Due the popularity of this event, pre-registration is required with limited space

available. It is highly recommended to reserve your place at this important learning seminar by calling or emailing Andrea Healy at 508-637-7423 or ahealy@banknbsb.com. Light complimentary refreshments will be served.

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“As a local community bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank is fully committed to serving our community members in any way possible, not just as your local banker,” said NBSB Senior Vice President/Director of Human Resources, Andrea Healy. “We are here to provide support, guidance and learning opportuni-

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KNOX TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

SPENCER — Knox Trail Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

5TH GRADE

High Honors: Dominic Carofaniello, Elena Powell
Honors: Jayce Acevedo, Jackson Edwards, Patrick Hart, Dylan Monette, Isabella Vangel

6TH GRADE

High Honors: Elijah Barnett, Alyvia Conolly, Alyssa Kuzspa, Shilah Nokeo, Saydee Roberts, Ava Wall
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LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

LEICESTER — Leicester Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

GRADE 5

High Honors: Aydan David Chartier, Kaydi Rose Marttila, William Huynh Nguyen-Viet Nguyen, Sofia Maria Renzoni, Mary Jordan Van Hazinga, Sabrina Alexis Wright
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GRADE 6

High Honors: Avery Nicole Bullock, Brandon William Escobar, Arianna Jazmarie Gonzalez, Isabella Jean LePoer, Christopher James Mofat, Zoe Elida Morales, Grace Kathleen Price, Dakota Rose Zinkevich
Honors: Tomas Alessandro Acero, Abigail Elizabeth Baker, Kate Elizabeth Barbato, Landon Joseph Beveridge, Brayden Vince Bonin, Kaylee Mae Buckley, Lily Sabina Chartier, Hunter Thomas Clark, Makenzie Amber Cortes, Jacob Donald Cosper, Julia Marie Dee, Sarah Barbara Dee, John Edward Gahagan, Brody James Grant, Michael Nathan Hagglund, Rowen Donal-Paul Hennessy, Emily Grace Hunt, Natalia Marie Kallio, Casey Autumn Knott, Kendra Marie Leveillee, Ryan Patrick McCarthy, Claudia Elise Moisan, Connor James O'Brien, Rhaegan Elizabeth Perry, Maxavier NMN Rust, McKenzie Laurel Settle, Jack Tanner Skoglund, Luke Richard Soden, Justin Joseph Trainor, Nathan Michael Wilder, Tyler Tebo Williams

GRADE 7

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Fournier, Lorenzo Anthony Francis, Vivian Jayne Giles, Coddan NMN Nguyen, Nicole Hyunh Anh-Thu Nguyen
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GRADE 8

High Honors: Jacob George Altman, Molly Rose Baker, Chloe Bea Bouchard, Grace April Bujak, Hannah Raine Collette, Michael James Conny, Michelle Angelina Dacri, Jasmine Nevaeh Hunter, Peyton Julia Knott, Meghan Kim Le, Charolette Grace Libby-Toler, Jillian Marie Morrison, Jasmine Elise

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WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is proud to announce that Lucas J. Miller has recently joined the Senior Leadership team, currently holding the role of Senior Vice President and General Counsel.
In this new role, Mr. Miller will oversee Information Technology and Facilities while continuing to ensure that the Bank's regulatory compliance, BSA obligations, and legal affairs are handled efficiently and effectively.
"Lucas has been with the Bank for over six years, heading up our Compliance Department," said Bay State Savings Bank President and CEO

Peter Alden. "He has become an invaluable resource for all of us as we navigate the constantly changing world of banking rules and regulations, and I am confident he will continue to help our Bank thrive as a member of the Senior Leadership team."
Mr. Miller has more than 20 years' experience serving the legal & financial services industries. He also values serving our communities, whether through volunteering, providing pro bono legal counsel to need-based individuals, or otherwise helping nonprofits such as Habitat for Humanity and others. He currently resides in Leicester.

STORM

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snow. Students were also thankful for an extended Thanksgiving break, though they might be singing a different tune in June if too many snow days add up.
At the western edge of the county, officials and residents alike were thrilled to finally receive a White Christmas in West Brookfield following a string of wet and windy days for the annual tradition held in the

town center. Though residents always show up ready to celebrate no matter what the weather is like, the snow makes it far more memorable, officials said.
The snow-covered lawns also added to the ambience of the annual Parade of Lights held in Spencer on Dec. 7. The event always draws thousands of guests to the sides of Route 9 for a holiday celebration, and the winter themes along the parade route were augmented by a back-drop of white.
Craft fair organizers were also

pleased by the early season snow, which got people in the spirit of Christmas shopping. Holiday-themed fairs were held last week in East Brookfield, Spencer, and Leicester, while Auburn is gearing up for its annual major event at the high school on Dec. 14.
All in all, an early December snowstorm was as much a gift as it was an annoyance in Worcester County.

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EBES Winter Fair draws support for local artists and students

Kevin Flanders Photos

EAST BROOKFIELD – Residents always enjoy opportunities to complete their Christmas shopping lists while supporting local vendors. At the sixth annual East Brookfield Elementary School Winter Festival, guests not only supported crafters but also students. The Dec. 7 event included more than 30 vendors, a visit from Santa, and several children’s activities. Guests also made donations to benefit an upcoming student trip.



Ann Wilkinson, of North Brookfield, and her grandson Gavin Burkhardt greet guests.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 105 help out during the event.



Jason and Marina Wynn, of Oxford, are ready for a day of crafting.



Tzigane Tello, of Worcester, enjoys the event with her daughter Evelyn for the first time.



East Brookfield’s Renee Snay, right, and Kerry Belanger are eager for the festival to begin.

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Despite his busy toy-making schedule, Santa found some time for a visit.



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Tyler Gauthier, left, and Colton Clarke, both of West Brookfield, do their best Santa and reindeer impressions.



Youngsters showed off creative designs thanks to artist Noelle Perry.

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A photograph of a tall, decorated Christmas tree in a room, with many wrapped gifts placed at its base.

The school’s giving tree sees plenty of donations throughout the day.

Parade of Lights brightens the season in Spencer

Kevin Flanders Photos

SPENCER – Route 9 was once again illuminated in a sea of festive colors last weekend, as thousands of residents and visitors watched the annual Parade of Lights. The creativity of float designs seems to increase each year, officials said. One float featured an igloo built from hundreds of empty milk cartons, while others included elaborate holiday displays. Families bundled up on a cold night to watch dozens of parade vehicles roll along Route 9, including multiple fire trucks. Kevin Flanders photos.



Dozens of vehicles show off the spirit of the season.



Members of Frosty's Winter Wonderland take a trip south to Spencer.



Representatives of the Massachusetts Pirates arena football team check out the fun.



Several months were required to construct most floats.



Trucks of all sizes line up.



Members of the David Prouty High School marching band get ready for the parade.



Members of the Leicester-Spencer Raiders football and cheerleading program are bundled up on a cold night.



A foot of snow on the ground added to the spirit of the parade.



The event certainly isn't limited to trucks.





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EDITORIAL

Celebrate the season with Yuletide lore

Did you ever wonder where the tradition of the Christmas stocking came from, why the traditional Christmas colors are red, green and gold, or why Kentucky Fried Chicken in Japan is so busy on Christmas?

There are endless myths and fables surrounding the Christmas holiday, but there are even more interesting facts. While researching Christmas, and digging deep, we found a plethora of fun and thought provoking facts worth sharing with our readers.

The first one notes that early images of St. Nicholas depict him as a strict disciplinarian rather than the overweight, jolly man in the red suit we see today.

Way back when, a common Christmas Eve tradition was to tell scary ghost stories by the fire; it was, in fact, this uniquely British tradition that Charles Dickens intended to hearken back to with his classic “A Christmas Carol.”

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

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

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

Pope Julius I, Bishop of Rome, proclaimed Dec. 25 as the official day to celebrate the birth of Jesus in 350 A.D. Interestingly, there is no mention of Jesus’ exact date of birth anywhere in the Gospels. The date of Dec. 25 was chosen because it happened to coincide with an existing celebration honoring Saturn, the Roman god of wealth, agriculture, and renewal, making it easier for early Christian missionaries to encourage pagan converts to make Christ, rather than Saturn, the central focus of the festivities.

For the past 40 years, people in Japan have made it a national custom to eat Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas dinner. There is so much demand for KFC at the holidays that customers are asked to place their family meal orders two months in advance.

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

In England from 1649-1660, Puritan dictator Oliver Cromwell outlawed Christmas celebrations and carols.

The first artificial Christmas trees were made in Germany out of dyed goose feathers.

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

Several European countries thought that good and evil spirits were active during the Twelve Days of Christmas. These ‘spirits’ later found their way into the more family-friendly mythology surrounding the holiday as Santa’s elves.

Have you ever wondered what a ‘Yule’ log actually is? It is a large log that is burned during the Twelve Days of Christmas as a symbol of health, fertility, luck and is said to ward off evil spirits. Don’t have a fireplace? Rest assured — there is something of a cottage industry in video recordings of Yule logs on the fire that you can pop into your DVD or Blu-Ray player on an endless loop at your holiday gatherings.

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

In 2010, the Columbian government hung lights on jungle trees. When the FARC guerrillas sauntered by, the trees lit up and released banners asking the terrorists to lay down their weapons. As a result, 331 guerrillas peacefully re-entered the community to celebrate the holiday.

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OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Read. The. Letters.

To the Editor:
Every week, I am excited to read the editorial section of the Spencer New Leader, never quite sure how interesting it will be. This week certainly did not disappoint. As a prelude to this week’s letter, I encourage all to re-read Mr. McRae’s letter of Nov. 8 and the editorial page each week since. Read each letter carefully, take notes, and analyze the deeper meaning.

To respond to Rick Belton: It sounds like you scanned McRae’s letter for “racist language” as if you were doing a keyword search for a list of 10 or so words we’re not allowed to say anymore. A “keyword search” is missing the point. Make a former English teacher proud, read for comprehension. Process the text, understand the meaning, consider the context, and integrate with what you already know about this world and the author in question.

Mr. Belton, you say you could “go on and on...” Please elaborate.

On to John McRae... For any readers that missed it, please read his letter of Dec. 6 on page 17, it is an 1,800-plus-word masterpiece. First of all, I am not going to meet you at Cumby’s; a mano-a-mano confrontation leaves no winners. If you publicly publish outlandish things, I am going to respond publicly. You are free to respond, attack my ideas if appropriate, and attack my character if you are unable to address the ideas. If all else fails, then question my existence...

Mr. McRae has explained his desire to drive to my house to confront me directly, a situation which of course has no winners. He wants me to call him a racist and a White Nationalist to his face. He has seemingly put some effort into tracking me down. He

goes on ad hominem tirades of insults in these pages against anyone who challenges his world view (“Old Man Emerson” got it along with me this week) yet my rhetoric is “libelous,” “irresponsible,” and “dangerous,” McRae’s letter of Dec. 6 highlights exactly why it is nobody’s best interest to meet. Besides, my goal is not to change Mr. McRae’s mind – he will go to the grave with his worldview. My goal is to call it out for what it is, limit his influence, and hopefully change other minds. The people of this area liked Trump for his “blunt” style and calling things out for what they were without worrying about what is PC. Calling out White Nationalists among us is neither PC nor conducive to social cohesion, but it needs to be done...

To respond briefly to Roland Blais... If God appointed Donald Trump to be our 45th President, did God appoint Barack Obama to be our 44th President in 2008? Did God re-affirm Obama as the right man for the job in 2012? Did God appoint Bill Clinton in 1992, re-affirm in 1996, and then in 1998 intervened in that impeachment to make sure Bill Clinton was President of this land? Did God implicitly approve of receiving oral sex from whomever under the desk in the oval office? Or is God a Republican and any election a Democrat wins just an example of man on earth disobeying God?

There are 36,815 people that live in the circulation area of this newspaper, but we only hear from a few dozen. We need to hear from more. I encourage all to read the letters and write in for yourself.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD

The real story in The Ukraine

To the Editor:
The “mainstream media,” controlled by globalists and liberals pushing their agenda instead of reporting on the news, has been smearing Trump and has been using the hoax to try and get him impeached. The real story of election meddling starts with the Democrats Joe Biden, and his son Hunter Biden. The real story of election interference is a failed attempt to use Ukraine to tip it to Crooked Hillary. The Dems made up the Russia-gate affair from their shame, how else would they have concocted that story unless they were involved in attempted election interference first hand?

The Ukrainian government had interfered to benefit Hillary in coordination with the Dems, the digital forensics company CrowdStrike, and Obama’s FBI in an attempt to both tip the election to Hillary and frame the Russians for election interference. CrowdStrike is even owned by a Ukrainian oligarch! CrowdStrike, which investigated the hack of the DNC computers, planted evidence to implicate Russia, and Obama’s FBI failed to take possession of the server to independently verify and analyze what the DNC was telling them. Even worse, the Ukrainian government took possession of the server and haven’t given it back!

The Ukrainian government seems to be behind the disproven and discredited Trump-Russia dossier.

So the Dems and Ukraine failed to steal the 2016 election, but now they are coalescing to impeach the duly elected president and steal the 2020 election. The “whistleblower” appears to be a material witness to the possible corruption of Hunter Biden and Joe Biden. The whistleblower might have traveled to Ukraine with Joe and Hunter for all we know. Don’t forget, Hunter Biden had a “job” worth \$50,000/month as an executive for a gas and oil drilling firm for which he had no experience or qualifications. It’s doubtful that he ever did any “work”

and this looks like a bribe disguised as a job. This led Trump to pressure Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to open an investigation into the matters.

Corruption is a major problem in The Ukraine, and President Trump was simply withholding foreign aid, taxpayer money, until The Ukraine started cleaning up its act. This is totally appropriate and normal use of power. In fact, the reason we have foreign aid is to extend our influence. Trump demanded that The Ukraine announce an investigation into the Bidens’ corruption as well as returning the DNC server from 2016 that they are in possession of. Of course this is a “quid pro quo” – that is the very purpose of foreign aid, to extend our influence. If we weren’t getting anything in return why would we be sending aid?

The fact that Democrats are more angry at President Trump for looking into Joe Biden’s corruption than they are at Joe Biden’s corruption, telling you everything you need to know.

The elites are out of touch with ordinary folks like us. When the global elites like the PM’s of Germany, UK, and Canada are aligned against him and laughing like immature cool kids from middle school, WE THE PEOPLE notice, and President Trump is winning. When liberal law professors (poorly paid elite) are reading congressional transcripts instead of spending time with their families and cracking jokes about the President’s son, Trump is winning. Donald Trump wasn’t elected to fit in with the political and intellectual class – to make them happy or be one of them. He was elected to break their brains. Of course they want to impeach him!

This is an attempted coup. Thankfully the Republicans in the Senate don’t care what “evidence” or “norms” the hyper-partisan Dems present. They will acquit.

PAUL GOEBELS
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Thank you for supporting Toys for Joy

To the Editor:
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As 2019 draws to a close, you may be anticipating – or have already received – a year-end bonus from your employer. Or you might be receiving a substantial cash gift for the holidays. (If you’re really lucky, you might get both.) You can doubtlessly think of many ways to spend this money right now, but how can you use it to help yourself in the long run?

Here are a few suggestions:
Pay off some debts. Virtually all of us carry some type of debt, and that’s not necessarily a bad thing. For example, your mortgage not only gives you a place to live and a chance to build equity in your home, but the interest payments are typically tax deductible. Other debts, though, such as those on consumer items, are not so positive – you generally can’t deduct the interest payments, and the items themselves probably won’t enhance your personal wealth. Plus, the bigger your monthly debt payments, the less you’ll have to invest for your future. So, you might want to use your bonus or monetary gift to pay off, or at least pay down, some of your less productive debts.

Start an emergency fund. If you were to face a large, unexpected expense, such as the need for a new furnace or a major car repair, how would you pay for it? If you didn’t have the cash on hand, you might be forced to dip in to your long-term investments, such as your stocks and mutual funds. A much better option is to build an emergency fund, containing six to 12 months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. It will take time to build such a fund, of course, but your year-end bonus or gift money could give you a good start.

Contribute to your IRA. You can put in up to \$6,000 to your IRA, or \$7,000 if you’re 50 or older. And although you’ve got until April 15, 2020, to fully fund your IRA for the 2019 tax year, you still might want to put your “extra” money into your account right away. If you wait, you’ll probably find other uses for this money. And if you’re going to enjoy a comfortable retirement, you’ll need to maximize every possible resource – and your IRA is one of your best ones. Furthermore, the sooner you get the money into your IRA, the more potential it will have to grow over time.

Feed your college fund. If you’re already contributing to a college fund for your young children or grandchildren, you can use your year-end bonus or monetary gift to add to the fund. If you haven’t already started such an account, you might want to use this money for that purpose. You could open a 529 plan, which provides possible tax benefits and gives you control of the funds until it’s time for them to be used for college or some type of vocational school. (Depending on where you live, you might also get tax benefits from your state if you use a 529 savings plan to pay for K-12 expenses.)

To achieve all your financial goals, you’ll need to take advantage of your opportunities – and your year-end bonus or monetary gift can certainly be one of them.

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Wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all who participated in The Tour of The Brookfields 2019 Season.

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Annual Round of Spice Healers

With the holidays around the corner, the focus turns to homemade pies, cookies and other comfort food confections that conjure up fond holiday memories. One of the simple pleasures of churning out home baked goods this time of year is the unmistakable aroma of such spices as cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger.

The next time you're stocking up on these "pie spices" you might want to grab an extra jar or two. Studies show popular holiday spices can benefit your health as well as your taste buds. Read on for this column's annual review of how a dash of this and a pinch of that can spice up your life!

Note: Do not ingest spices as home remedies without proper medical supervision. Life threatening allergies, overdoses, and side effects can occur.

Nutmeg: Often sprinkled in a holiday eggnog or added to a meat pie, the nutmeg spice jar does duty beyond the kitchen cupboard, from clearing a complexion to promoting sweet slumber.

According to the Encyclopedia of Healing Foods, a little nutmeg added to a glass of warm milk can lull you off to sleep in record time.

Nutmeg has also been hailed for its anti inflammatory properties, which makes it a powerful weapon in battling blemishes. To zap a zit, make a paste of ground nutmeg and milk, and apply to pimple to reduce redness and swelling.

Cinnamon: Move over cinnamon toast and apple pie, the spice has a higher calling. Ever since a study published in the journal Diabetes Care found half a teaspoon of cinnamon daily could be helpful in reducing blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes, cinnamon has been touted as an additional dietary supplement along with conventional medications to fight

the disease.

The study also revealed the spice reduced triglyceride, LDL cholesterol, and total cholesterol levels among the same test group.

Want more? Research from Copenhagen University showed a significant relief in arthritis pain when patients were given half a teaspoon of cinnamon powder combined with one tablespoon of honey every morning for a week.

And another study found that the mere act of smelling the spice can boost cognitive function and memory!

Cinnamon FYI: Microbiologists at Kansas State University found that adding small amounts of cinnamon to samples of apple juice contaminated with E. coli bug killed most of the bacteria. Just one teaspoon of cinnamon killed 99.5 percent of the bacteria after three days at room temperature.

Ginger: Ginger bread and ginger snaps are familiar holiday treats, but did you know ginger has long been hailed for its power to tame a tummy ache? It's also a well known home remedy to treat motion and sea sickness. In fact, in one study, ginger was shown to be superior to a commonly used over-the-counter and prescription drug for motion sickness. reducing dizziness, nausea, vomiting, and cold sweats.

It's also claimed that ginger can aid in relieving arthritis and sciatica pain.

A simple Ginger tea is made by steeping one or two half inch slices of fresh ginger in a cup of hot water. Or add 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger powder too three cups of boiling water and let steep for a few minutes.

Or, some people simply eat several pieces of crystallized ginger to help relieve joint and nerve pain.



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KAREN
TRAINOR

Allspice: Christmas pudding, mincemeat and pumpkin pies all benefit from the addition of allspice, but did you know your health can too?

Allspice is famous for its ability to relieve muscle aches and pains when applied topically. To make an allspice poultice, mix ground allspice with water to form a thick paste. Apply it to the body, cover with gauze and relax for 15 to 20 minutes.

Sipping tea made from the spice can also be helpful in relieving menstrual cramps and headaches.

Allspice berries can also be used to temporarily relieve toothache pain. Simply chew one allspice berry for quick relief.

More kitchen cupboard Rx:

Soothe a Sore Throat: To relieve a sore throat, squeeze one half fresh lemon into one half cup warm water. Mix one tablespoon of salt and one quarter teaspoon of cayenne pepper. Gargle with the mixture three times per day until pain is relieved. Do not swallow this mixture.

This remedy, attributed to Dr. Jane Guiltinan, chief medical officer at John Bastyr University Natural Health Clinic in Seattle, is said to also relieve coughs and fight viral infections.

Time to Cure Cough: Did you know Thyme may help reduce coughing due to a cold? Make up thyme tea by adding a teaspoon of crushed thyme to one half cup of boiling water. Allow to steep for ten minutes, then strain and sip. As a bonus studies suggest that thyme can help maintain brain function and pro-

mote heart health.

Halt a Headache: Cayenne pepper is a proven pain reliever, especially for headaches. It is said cayenne dilates blood vessels to improve circulation. Before you reach for a pain killer, you might want to try this: Mix one half teaspoon cayenne pepper in six ounces of water and drink slowly.

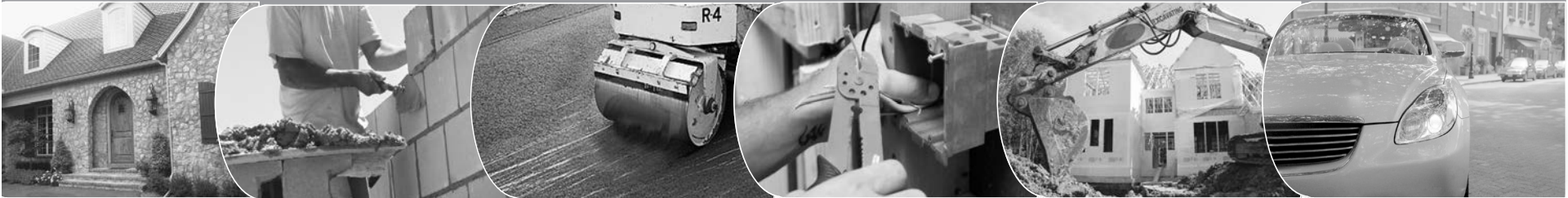
Cut Congestion: For generations, cayenne has been used as a remedy to clear a head cold and relieve congestion and sinus pain. All it takes is a dash or two of cayenne powder in a cup of hot tea (preferably with honey and lemon) to do the trick!

Win Dinner for Two

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

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A message of thanks to our trash pickup crews

To the Editor:

To my not very great surprise, not one of the Faux Five took me up on my generous offer--yet again--to come and share a hot cup of Christmas cheer with me at my Cumberland Farms hangout while at the same time disabusing me of my oft-stated notion that none of them are real-life persons with an established identity. As this is now the great season of Christmas, when the hearts of all good people should be overflowing with a sense of generosity of spirit, of forgiveness and joy, I will not sully the editorial page with more negative comments re-these five fictitious characters (maybe six--I'm not so sure about this Terrence Washington contributor either--he sounds exactly like the other five). I'll return to this subject after the holidays. But, for those who have been sucked in by this impostor who composes long, tedious letters which routinely libel actual local citizens and then, because he suffers from a dearth of moral courage, hides his identity by making up fictitious names as the authors of these screeds: make no mistake, dear reader, there is no David Rosenberg, there is no Edith Cohen, there is no Fred Bagg, there is no Edith Miller, and, most decidedly, there is no Omar Har-Yarok, at least not within the area served by this newspaper. When you not only read, but, indeed, respond to their letters you only help perpetuate the fraud. For now, enough said.

What I really wanted to write about is the current Christmas season when we, traditionally, think of those we wish to remember for service they have rendered to us throughout the year. As a boy, I had a paper route in the great city of Brockton for about five years. We paper boys lived for the last day of collections before Christmas, for that was when, if we had done a decent job, the customers added a tip to the bill for the week (which, in the 1950's, was thirty cents) with the typical gratuity being a dollar, and often placed in a card left in the doorway. It was beyond exciting, and, at the end of the day, I would often bring home seventy-five to a hundred dollars, about twice as much as my father would have earned that week. No paperboy in his right mind gave up their route even months before Christmas; that was our bonanza. It was then that I learned how nice it felt to get a little (actually, quite generous) reward for good service rendered.

It should come as no surprise, then, that I've always tried to show appreciation--to the extent I was able--to those whose work and effort throughout the year I admire. Anyone who reads my letters knows how much I respect and value those among us who do the real, vital, often times very difficult work that simply must get done if life of the community is to go on as well-ordered as possible.

Abortion is a moral matter, not a legal one

To the Editor:

I just read the letter in the Dec. 6 issue of the Spencer New Leader written by Esther Cohen entitled "Missing the Point on Abortion," and I felt compelled to respond.

First, I myself am a conservative, and I do not support the efforts to impeach President Trump. In a country where there are problems with illegal immigration, homelessness, and ac rumbling infrastructure, I would much rather see Congress working on these issues rather than the witch hunt they have been on from the moment Donald Trump was elected.

Second, yes, conservatives would love to see Roe v. Wade overturned, but it is more than that. Regardless of whether or not abortion is legal, it is morally wrong. Period. I would love to see the mindset of people change to a point where we, as a society, see it as the inhumane act that it is, rather than a reason to celebrate. With the advent of ultrasounds and prenatal testing, we can now see the amazing events that happen along the way during prenatal development. I don't understand how anyone can hold a newborn or look into the eyes of the little ones in their lives and then turn around and defend abortion. Keep in mind, this is how all of us came to be in this world. We should all thank our mothers that we got a chance to see this world.

One of the big debates seems to revolve around when life begins. Here's the problem: there is no beginning. Life is a continuum from one generation to the next. A mother's live egg and a father's live sperm join to create a unique, one of a kind human being. Life can only come from life. Then the question is, when does it become a living being that can survive on its own? In most cases, this does not happen until about the seventh or eighth month of pregnancy. Before that, it is dependent on its mother to nourish and sustain it. For whatever reason, God, the universe, Mother Nature, whatever you believe in designed a child to be created by

I can think of at least ten or 12 jobs that even in my best days as a young and strong man I would have found difficult if not impossible to do. One of them comes down my road every Thursday (unless it's a holiday week), and it's the guys who pick up the bags of rubbish and the boxes of recyclables. These men--almost always young and tough looking--are in a sense heroic figures to me. It is not by any stretch an easy day's work. They have to maneuver these massive and oversized vehicles down winding, narrow rural roads; stop and go, in and out of the truck constantly; bags frequently very heavy; a stench in the summer months that alone would be enough for me; broken bags torn apart by animals and birds; impossible snow banks to climb to retrieve the materials in winter; and schedules to meet regardless of conditions. Who among us would agree to do such work? Maybe the "snow flake" generation? Don't bet on it.

But, the thing that most impresses me about these men--of all races, by the way--is that thanks to the degraded culture in which we now live, they don't have to do this work, or any work at all, for that matter. They could take a hint from others of their generation, and just stay home, invent some phony-baloney excuse to get on some kind of disability or welfare, and forget about such things as self-respect or personal responsibility.

But, these are men, in one of the best understandings of the word. They accept their responsibility to take care of themselves and their families, and they do what has to be done.

Each Christmas, we try to show our gratitude by leaving them a card with a note of appreciation and a little consideration for the very important service they render our little town all year long. If you feel as I do, then you have time, now, to plan your own little show of the Christmas spirit. If you don't trust leaving an envelope attached to the roadside materials, take it to your town's office that handles such business; they'll see that it reaches the intended recipients. I know they--the men of whom I write--will not only appreciate the tip, but the knowledge that their work is noticed and valued by those of us whom they serve.

Perhaps you have some other type of work and employee you'd like to honor this season. Then, do it. You'll feel better about the season than you already do. But, these guys are my nominees for "Invaluable Workers of the Year!"
Merry Christmas, men.

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

two parents, and to grow in the body of its mother, probably thinking that a mother's instinct is to protect her unborn child and that it would be the safest place for it to grow. That doesn't seem to be the case nowadays. Apparently, because the child needs its mother to survive, it is expendable. I can't imagine a more unnatural act than ripping a child from the mother's womb. Mothers are supposed to protect and look out for their children, not destroy them.

As far as the comparison between abortion and the Holocaust, I don't see a problem with it. The Holocaust was unimaginable. There are no words to describe the horrors that these people survived and died by. Abortion is the unimaginable, intentional killing of an unborn child, usually for reasons of convenience. I challenge anyone to watch a video of an abortion or read the methods used and then defend it.

And yes, sometimes there are funerals for a child lost in miscarriage. It is usually a child lost later in pregnancy, but since there is no black and white line as to when it becomes its own person; there are no set rules. It is up to the parents if they wish to do so.

I am not Catholic, and cannot speak for the Catholic Church, but to the best of my knowledge, the Catholic Church does not defend or support abortion in any case, even in cases of rape or incest. And you made the pro-life point quite well -- "can we murder 12 year olds who are the product of rape and incest?" Of course not; it's not the child's fault. Where we draw the line? Two weeks of pregnancy? Two months? Six months? There is no black and white answer except that it is all wrong. Also, with the advent of the morning after pill, there should be no reason for an unplanned pregnancy to happen.

I would love to see a world that values life at all stages and all levels of ability, rather than one where we mere humans get to decide whose lie has value and whose does not.

CHRISTINE ST. PETER
SPENCER

What is racism?

To the Editor:
"I'm not racist!"
No one wants to be called a racist; however, few people understand what "racism" really means. Most believe that racism is one thing when, in reality, it is a complex system. It is better to think of racism as an umbrella term that describes many types of biased behaviors and systems.

Racist is a tough little word; the definition has grown and shifted over time. Most of us think its meaning is obvious, but it has evolved quite a bit. Racist became common parlance replacing "prejudiced" around 1970 and understood with its dictionary definition. Around the same time in the United States, it became unacceptable to be a "racist," so while thought patterns didn't change, speech and writing patterns did, so we have today what we call "coded language." Coded language is conveying racist thoughts while avoiding words, such as the n-word, which have been struck from our national vernacular. Calling somebody a racist is calling them unacceptable, and it is starting to be seen as an anti-white pejorative. This can classically be observed in these pages in recent weeks.

To many, telling four elected members of Congress, all U.S. citizens, three of whom were born here and all of whom are non-white to return to their native countries is clearly racist. It suggests that non-white indicates fundamental otherness, and their true membership as "one of us" is fragile and even cancelable.

"Racist" carries baggage beyond its dictionary definition. It is a bland categorization of evil, a charge only somewhat less damming than being called a pedophile and as bad as being called a Communist in the McCarthy era. Today, racist not only means burning a cross on someone's lawn or even telling someone to go home, but to systemic bias and how it is perceived by members of the disaffected community.

Individual racism is a belief that whites are biologically superior to others and an example would be a white guy sitting on his porch demeaning people of color, usually using racial slurs that were normal 100 years ago, off-color 50 years ago, and unacceptable today. When a person says, "I'm not racist," they usually mean that they do not consciously believe in their superiority and make great pains to prevent such thoughts. While a great start, this doesn't address the subconscious mind. Unconscious racism, also known as implicit bias, is an abstract concept where people use patterns in their brain to make shortcuts and jump to conclusions. Implicit bias is influenced by history, media, and harmful things people have been exposed to for

centuries.

Institutional racism occurs in organizations and is much harder to combat. Institutions have more money, power, and prestige than individuals. In an extreme sense, Jim Crow laws were institutional racism (the law's the law). On a smaller level is when people call the cops on black people for mundane things and the cops overreact systemically and measurably.

Cultural racism is where the authority to define the culture in a society is dictated by one group. For example, the American standards of art, beauty, music, etc. have been decided by straight white Christian men. Generations ago people would explain minorities' problems as due to biology, smaller brains for example. As overt racism declined, cultural racism took its place. According to a cultural racist, blacks lack wealth because "their culture" doesn't value education, marriage, hard work, etc.

Structural racism is perhaps the most harmful, least discussed, and hardest to combat. It is the codification of the various things above and how they operate within the structure of society. Our society is built to be a meritocracy and on its face seems neutral but children need their parents until about age 25 to be properly launched. Things like poor schooling, police/justice bias, historical segregation, job discrimination, redlining, significantly less to inherit than whites, etc. contribute to blacks not getting college educations they need to earn well and provide for their own children, only to repeat the cycle.

The letter in the center of the firestorm accused Michelle Obama of being racist herself, called black leaders "so-called leaders" (who represent 90 percent of American blacks), criticized the Obamas for being wealthy, and called them ungrateful. Ms. Obama was called a fraud, a thief of public resources, criticized for not donating their personal funds to black education, and for living like the wealthy people they are. The letter continued to call poor blacks criminals, feral animals, thieves, and a waste of resources. He hates them when they're rich, he hates them when they're poor, all in one letter! In other letters, [the writer] gushes with love for the Trumps and explained he only hates 90 percent of them because they rest he can tolerate politically.

It seems that Republicans and Trump supporters are more offended at being called racist than at being racist. Racist is a tough little word, and Republicans are hiding behind pretending it can mean only what it did 50 years ago, neglecting communal intellectual growth.

TERRANCE WASHINGTON
SPENCER

In response to "Republicans stray far from Christ's teachings!"

To the Editor:

Mr. David Brown, you shared your discontent with Republicans and President Trump. You find it disturbing and believe the Republicans are getting away from the Biblical teachings of Jesus. I am hoping to bring some closure, satisfaction, explanation to you.

To begin with, this country is not democratic, we are a Republican Nation. I shared that several Viewpoints past, that a Republic Nation is a government that the power is in the body of citizens entitled to vote, and the process is exercised by the elected officials representatives who are responsible to the citizens to govern according to the law of our constitution.

When Benjamin Franklin was asked in 1787 what sort of government the Constitutional Convention had created, Franklin famously said "republic."

Benjamin served in the second Continental Congress, and Benjamin helped draft the Declaration of independence in 1776. In 1787, Benjamin's final significant act of public service was a delegate to the convention that produced the U.S. Republic Constitution.

As for the golden rule [Luke 6: 20], Jesus is actually blessing the poor, the hungry, those who weep, those who are rejected and Jesus is blessing them with His Words great is their reward in heaven.

Mr. Brown, why are you blaming President Trump? The President welcomes any and all who enter this country legally. Why don't you and the Democrats accept some of the responsibility for not supporting the President who wants to protect and welcome the immigrants, who enter this country legally, and to protect and provide for the citizens of this country as he was elected to protect. If some of the children are being separated from their parents it is because they are trying to enter illegally. The supporters of the democrats and Democratic Congress are being irresponsible by not supporting the president who wants to help the immigrants enter legally, and protect the people of this country by building the wall he was elected to do.

As for you studying Anthropology, I am offering you my best wishes for your success and suggesting you depend on God for your success, God is the only one who knows a person's heart, who knows human nature, and you are going to need God's help deal-

ing with people, God bless you.

As for the poor, there is no way that President Trump and this Country can satisfy the poor. Jesus informs us in Matthew 26: 11 that the poor we will always have, satisfying the poor is endless. The best suggestion I can offer is, the millionaires and billionaires are the only ones that can make an attempt to try to satisfy the poor. I say make an attempt, because Jesus said the poor we will always have, that means we will never be able to accomplish satisfaction. President Trump needs help from the Democratic Congress to help the poor you are so concern about.

What makes you so sure that God would not advocate our countries economic policies? Romans 13: 1-7 teaches us that God is in control of this world, country and government and President Trump is doing his best considering the lack of co-operation he is receiving from the Democratic congress.

As for your suggesting we should think twice before re-electing President Trump, President Trump has been faithful to the pledges he has made to the people to the best of his ability without the help and cooperation of the Democratic Congress. Mr. Brown, if your message to Viewpoint was to speak on behalf of Democratic Congress! What has congress done to try to help the president? They have done nothing in the past three years except try and aggravate the President and this country with their impeachment agenda.

Try to imagine how much more the President could accomplish through God if congress decided to cooperate and help the president just a little, and the same will be for you and your work, you need to seek God's help and cooperate with God in your endeavors as an anthropologist, the environment and science research. This work you are interested in can use help from God who is the master of human nature, and, you can also assist President Trump instead of opposing him until the president of your choice is elected. I realize this is not what you were expecting for an answer. That is the best I can do with what I believe, my convictions. If you want a better answer you will have to go directly to God and talk to Him.

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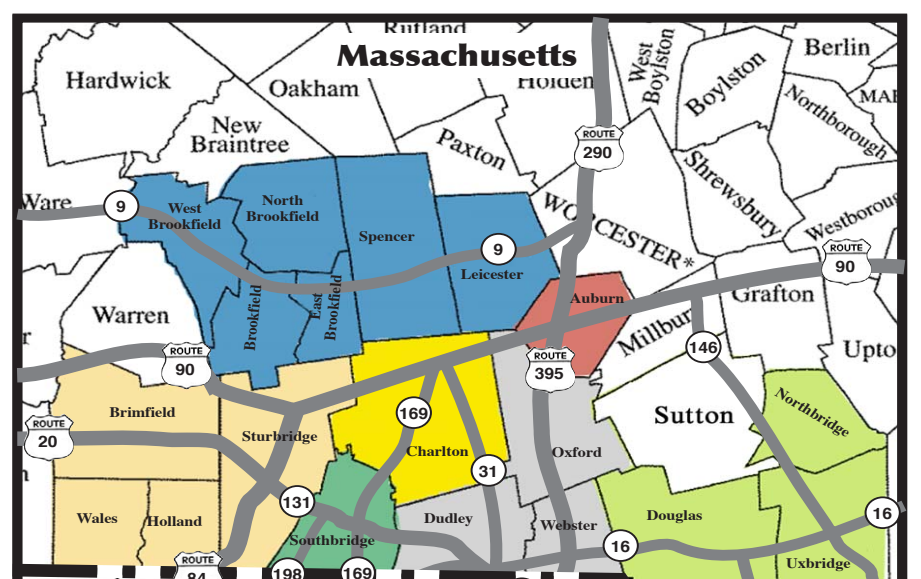
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SPORTS

Leicester can't complete undefeated season,



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Leicester fans show their support for quarterback Dan Mero.



Leicester's Devon Gillis shares an embrace after the Wolverines played for a state title.



Fans of all ages cheer on the Wolverines during their state championship game with Abington.



Leicester's Jack O'Neill makes a catch in traffic versus Abington.



Bryce Gosselin of Leicester tucks the ball away from a tackling Jarrae Cole of Abington.



Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths attempts to fire his team up in the game's later stages versus Abington.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

FOXBOROUGH — It wasn't the start that Leicester High's varsity football team wanted following the coin toss of the Division 7 Super Bowl State Championship game versus Abington High, played at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, Dec. 7. The Wolverines won the toss and chose to receive the opening kickoff in hopes of starting quickly, settling nerves and putting points on the board first.

Their plan didn't pan out, though, as Leicester was forced to punt after its first possession.

Following the punt, it didn't take long for Abington to flash their game plan of "run the football." In just three plays senior running back Will Klein took off for 61 yards to score his first of two touchdowns in the Green Wave's 21-7 victory.

"They're good," expressed Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths. "I think nerves didn't help our cause today. We did some things that we

haven't done all year long. We made a bunch of mistakes A: because they forced them, and B: because we didn't execute for whatever reason. We had a great year, but this is tough."

Senior co-captain Bryce Gosselin added, "giving up that first touchdown in three plays that hurts, that hurts a team a lot and the morale early."

Down 6-0 early after a missed two-point conversion rush with 7:52 left in the first quarter, Leicester was forced to answer, and they did — with the help of a little trickery. With 6:52 remaining in the quarter, Gosselin lined up for a direct snap with quarterback Dan Mero out wide. Mero went in motion as Gosselin received the snap. The ball was handed off to Mero in a jet sweep motion and, as Abington's defense collapsed on the senior quarterback, he flipped it to his brother Michael Mero, who then threw a strike to Jack O'Neill in stride for a 74-yard

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The Leicester cheerleaders get excited as the Wolverines compete for the Division 7 State Championship.

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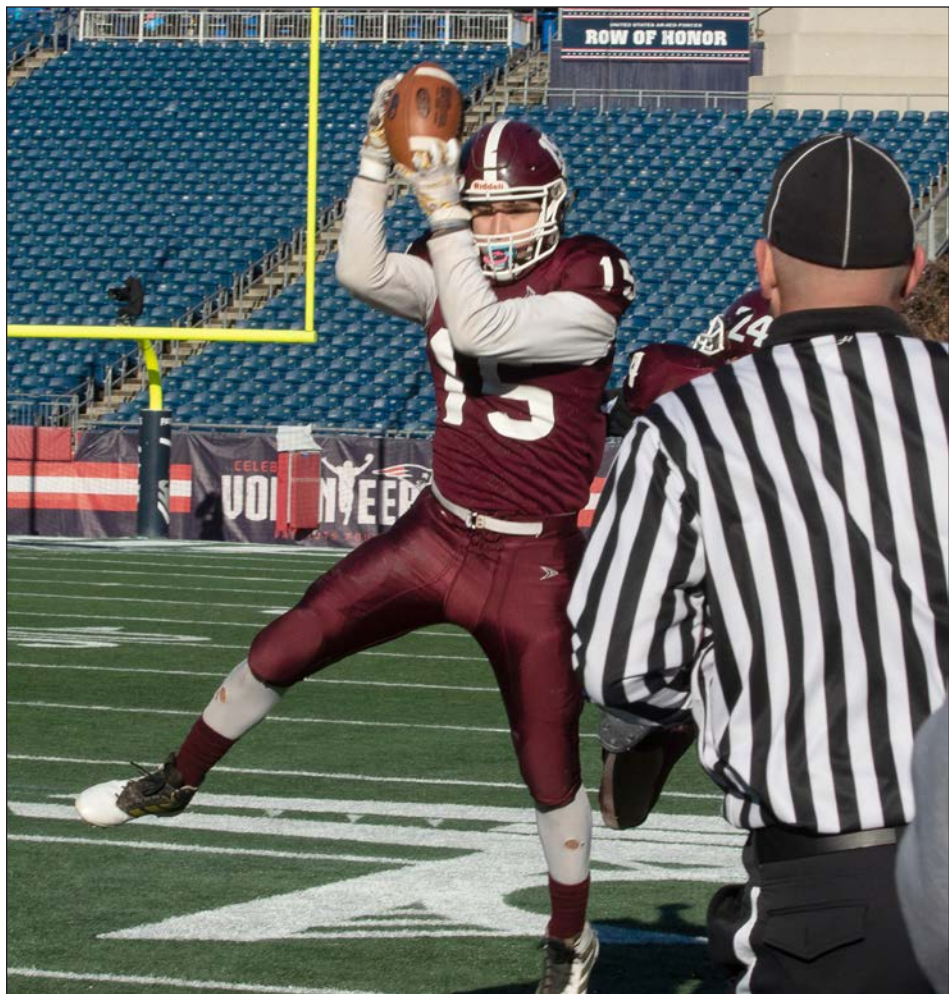
loses to Abington in Division 7 State Final, 21-7



A youngster gives it his all while rooting for Leicester.



Leicester's Michael Mero gets low to tackle Abington's ball carrier.



Jeffrey Puchalski of Leicester comes down near the sideline with an interception.



Thomas Mackenzie, Jr. of Leicester brings Abington ball carrier Gabe Spry to the ground.



Leicester quarterback Dan Mero sends a pass down the field.



Leicester defenders Joseph Barbato (74) and Devon Gillis (26) go high and low to successfully tackle an Abington player.

LEICESTER FOOTBALL

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touchdown. The Wolverines took the lead, 7-6, on a Nolan Power extra point kick only a minute after surrendering the lead. The trick play ended up being the only score for Leicester. They had trouble moving the ball the rest of the game,

finishing with just 79 yards in the first half and 171 total. The Wolverines were 0-9 on third down, which was a huge factor in the game's outcome. "We practiced it during the week, but we didn't play well offensively, explained Griffiths on the trick play and overall offensive production. "I thought our defense did enough to keep us in the game. I call the [offense] and we didn't get it done on the offensive side of the

ball, so that is on me. We didn't execute, but maybe the play calling wasn't good. Whatever, it is what it is." "We needed a sense of urgency in the first half definitely, and I told the guys that at halftime," added Gosselin. "I think they came out in the second half with the sense of urgency that we needed in the first half to get the game going." In the second half Leicester started to run the ball a little more aggressively. It helped to move the ball, but the two promising drives they had both eventually stalled. Gosselin had a few good runs, ending with 51 yards on 11 carries after being held to just four yards on four carries in the first half. O'Neill finished with 94 yards on two catches to lead the passing attack. For the Green Wave (11-2), Klein had himself a day. He finished with 207 yards on 23 carries with the two touchdowns. Gaby Spry had the final touchdown for Abington, a 4-yard rush with 1:40 to play to ice the game. "I said it last week, he stood out on film and he stood out today — he is a player," Griffiths said while praising Klein. "He is a strong kid, fast, runs hard. We knew we would have our hands full with him. He is the real deal." It wasn't the outcome the tailback had wanted, but Gosselin explained how amazing this run was for he and his teammates, as the Wolverines finished 12-1. "It has been amazing with this team. It is such a special group and it is sad that it had to come to an end because we didn't come out in the first half and fight like we wanted to," he said. "Twelve and zero coming into this game is something I never imagined to happen ever in my life. Never in my life would I have thought I would've played in a state championship. It is an honor to be here, I wish we could've won it, I wish we could be state champions, but it is what it is."

ABINGTON 21, LEICESTER 7

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| Abington | 6 | 8 | 0 | 7 - 21 |
| Leicester | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 - 7 |

FIRST QUARTER

A- Will Klein 61 run (run failed), 7:52

L- Jack O'Neill 74 pass from Michael Mero (Nolan Power kick), 6:52

SECOND QUARTER

A- Klein 1 run (Seamus Schmidt run), 4:34

FOURTH QUARTER

A- Gabe Spry 4 run (Tommy Fanara kick), 1:40

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| | Abington | Leicester |
| Total Yards | 282 | 171 |
| Rushing Yards | 229 | 59 |
| Passing Yards | 53 | 112 |
| Sacked-yds lost | 1-12 | 0-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 11/3 | 24/7 |
| First Downs | 12 | 7 |
| Third Down Conversions | 3-12 | 0-9 |
| Fourth Down Conversions | 3-3 | 1-2 |
| Turnovers | 1 | 1 |
| Penalties/Yards | 4/30 | 1/3 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- A- Klein 23-207, 2 TDs; Spry 5-15, TD; Eddie Reilly 1-4; Colby Augusta 7- -10; Kosta Retzos 2-6; Tom Furness 2-7

L- Dan Mero 4-4; Bryce Gosselin 11-51; Stephen Olsen 1-4

RECEIVING- A- Klein 1-14; Matt Maguire 1-16; Spry 1-23 L- O'Neill 2-94, TD; Xavien Rosario 1- -3; Olsen 1-0; Luke Clay 1-12; Jeffrey Puchalski 1-15; Dan Mero 1- -6

PASSING- A- Augusta 3-11-1 for 53 yards

L- Dan Mero 5-22-1 for 44 yards; Michael Mero 2-2-0 for 68 yards, TD

LEICESTER 2019 RESULTS

Regular Season

Saturday, Sept. 14: Leicester 44, Bay Path 13

Saturday, Sept. 21: Leicester 21, Blackstone Valley Tech 0

Saturday, Sept. 28: Leicester 28, Millbury 21

Saturday, Oct. 5: Leicester 38, Maynard 35

Saturday, Oct. 12: Leicester 42, Bartlett 6

Saturday, Oct. 19: Leicester 35, St. Bernard's 0

Saturday, Oct. 26: Leicester 38, Uxbridge 7

Friday, Nov. 1: Leicester 28, Oxford 6

Postseason

Central Mass. Division 7 Semifinal

Saturday, Nov. 9: Leicester 24, Assabet Valley 0

Central Mass. Division 7 Final

Saturday, Nov. 16: Leicester 28, Blackstone Valley Tech 19

Division 7 State Semifinal

Saturday, Nov. 23: Leicester 28, South Hadley 21

Battle of Breezy Bend

Thursday, Nov. 28: Leicester 33, David Prouty 0,

Division 7 State Final

Saturday, Dec. 7: Abington 21, Leicester 7

SPORTS

Switch from soccer to cross-country leads Camden Spring of Leicester to Division 1 college offer



Ken Powers photo

From left, Christopher Spring, Camden Spring, Bonnie Spring and Delaney Spring are all excited as Camden Spring signs his National Letter of Intent to run cross-country next year at Loyola University of Maryland.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

MARLBOROUGH—Camden Spring’s transition from soccer player to cross-country runner is complete.

That completion, which those close to the Leicester resident knew had unofficially occurred a while ago, became official in the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School cafeteria on Dec. 6—the date Spring signed his Division 1 National Letter of Intent to attend Loyola University of Maryland and run cross-country for the Greyhounds.

Spring, who had not run cross-country at any level before his junior year, won the Massachusetts State Vocational Cross Country Large Schools Division Championship last month at the Wrentham Fairgrounds, covering the 5K (3.1 mile) course in 17 minutes, 8 seconds.

“Right from the beginning Loyola felt special to me. It felt like they wanted me, 100 percent, in their program, right from the start,” said Spring, who plans to major in mechanical and electrical engineering and minor in physics at the Baltimore-based school. “That made me feel special. I felt a special bond between Loyola and myself right away.”

Spring — who has been a member of the Aztecs’ track team throughout his high school career — played soccer

for Assabet his freshman and sophomore years and always enjoyed the running aspect of the sport.

“I have always had a knack for running. I played soccer and I was always able to run and run and run throughout the whole game. I was that guy who never got tired,” Spring explained. “One day I went out and ran a 5K with a friend and it wasn’t a great time, but it was a good enough time to pique my interest in running. I started running more and more and I started seeing improvements.

“My sophomore year in track I started running between 10:30 and 10:40 in the two mile. That’s when I decided I needed to make a change; I needed to go to cross-country,” Spring added. “I realized I loved running more than I loved soccer. That’s when I knew I needed to make the change in order to start bettering myself as a runner.”

While it took Spring two years to come to the conclusion that he was a natural runner, members of the Assabet Valley physical education department saw his potential during his freshman year.

“During Camden’s freshman year one of my co-workers [Sandra Stuart] came to me and said, ‘hey, there was this freshman during the fitness testing that ran a really good time.’ So I kept an eye on him at that point, but I knew he

was a soccer player,” explained Natasha Nunes, a physical education teacher at Assabet who also coaches the cross-country team.

“Sophomore year I had Camden in class and we did fitness testing and he had a great mile time so I asked him, ‘why aren’t you running cross-country?’ And he said, ‘I play soccer. I’ve been playing soccer my whole life,’ Nunes continued. “I then asked him if he thought his soccer abilities would allow him to play at the collegiate level and he said, ‘I hope so.’ At that point I told him that I thought he could pursue running in college.”

While Nunes planted the seed in Spring’s mind regarding the switch from soccer to cross-country, it was his performance during his sophomore year at the Celtic 5K road race in March of 2018 in Worcester that made him convert.

“I came in third even though I hadn’t been consistently running. That’s when I realized I need to take running more seriously,” Spring said. “Finishing third in that race without really training made me wonder how I could do if I trained. What times can I run if I start training and really taking this seriously? That’s when I made the decision to switch from soccer to cross-country because I thought could be an amazing runner.”

Nunes said Spring’s finish in



Courtesy photo

For the past two years, Assabet Valley’s Camden Spring has been a successful cross-country runner for the Aztecs.

the Celtic 5K was the turning point.

“He ran that 5K and that proved to him he was pretty good at this,” said Nunes, who has coached cross-country at Assabet Valley for 12 years. “His junior year he ran well and this year Camden just continued to get better. His success in cross-country is a mix of ability and work ethic. Camden works hard; he is one of the hardest-working athletes I’ve ever had. It’s not just talent; he puts in the effort, too.”

Spring holds the Aztecs’ cross-country course record (17:28) and finished first the last two years in the annual Ghiloni Cup — a cross-country race that includes Assabet Valley, Marlborough High and the Advanced Math and Science Academy. His winning time this year was 17:04, after winning in 17:17 last season.

Spring finished fifth this year (in 17:55) in the KSA Events Cross Country Classic, held in Orlando, Fla. He finished third this year at the Colonial Athletic League (CAL) Cross Country Championship, crossing the finish line in a time of 17:43.

Last year in outdoor track, Spring finished second in the two mile and fourth in the mile at both the CAL Championships and the Massachusetts State Vocational Championships. He also finished 14th in the Division 2 State Qualifying Meet.

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Jack O'Neill

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Turn milkweed pods into works of art



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Homemade gifts are a wonderful way to show you care. Making them from items grown in your garden adds that extra personal touch. And just like the plant, decorations and gifts made from milkweed pods are gaining in popularity.

Considered a weed by some, common milkweed is making a comeback as more gardeners are growing this important food source for monarch butterflies. Harvest the seed-pods and craft them into wreaths, stars and indoor holiday trees.

Remove the pods from the plants, separate the halves and allow them to dry as needed. If you don't have your own milkweed plants, ask a friend or neighbor if you can harvest a few of theirs.

Search the internet

and craft books for creative ways to use these. You would be surprised how a little paint can turn milkweed pods into a work of art. Paint a winter or holiday scene on the inside of the pods. Or add a bit of moss, tiny dried flowers, acorns and miniatures to create a three-dimensional piece of art.

Decorate the outside with the eyes, nose and hat of Santa Claus or one of his reindeer. Add some pinecone scales for ears and evergreen needles for whiskers and you have the start of an adorable mouse.

Even those with limited artistic talent can create pretty ornaments. Paint the pod and glue a colorful feather or string of beads to the inside. Add twine with a bead or two to the top for a hanger.

Paint the inside and outside of the pods green, gold, silver or other color of your choice. Purchase a Styrofoam cone and attach the pods, inner side facing out with pins.

Place the pods in rows, covering the cone to create the perfect evergreen.

Glue the wide end of five pods together to form a star. Fill the center with a small cone or sweet gum pod. Still more pods? Use them to decorate a holiday wreath. If you have enough you can create a wreath of all milkweed pods. Just cover the wreath form or frame with milkweed pods or use moss, burlap or greens as a base.

But don't stop with winter inspired decorations. Save some milkweed pods to craft into beautiful dahlias, birds, butterflies, fairies and more. Just start experimenting with paint, hot glue, florist wire and other natural materials.

Then next fall consider harvesting the pods before they open. You'll either contain the spread if desired or harvest seeds to share with friends. Place the pods in a paper bag in a warm location to open. Use the fluffy seeds to fill clear ornaments or separate the seeds from the fluff to plant and grow more monarch-friendly



Melinda Myers Photo

Common milkweed is making a comeback in part because it's an important food source for the monarch butterfly. The milkweed's seedpods can be crafted into wreaths, art and more.

plants.

Once you get started crafting, friends and neighbors will be leaving pods on your doorstep to craft into works of art. And you may find yourself adding more milkweeds to the garden. You'll have plenty of pods for crafting and enjoy the

monarch caterpillars munching on the leaves and adult butterflies sipping on the nectar in the garden.

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series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Early snowfall makes for a truly White Christmas in West Brookfield

WEST BROOKFIELD – After a few years of wet, windy, and warm weather, residents finally got the white they were seeking for a White Christmas in West Brookfield.

Thanks to an early season storm that brought more than a foot of snow to the region, the Dec. 8 event featured snow glistening on church lawns and the Town Common. Families from

throughout the area enjoyed open houses, caroling, a tree lighting, and musical performances at churches and other locations.

At the Senior Center, youngsters stopped in to make gingerbread cookies while their parents shopped at a craft fair. Programs were also held at the library, Town Hall, the elementary school, and businesses in the town

center.

The popularity of the annual event, along with other major programs like the Asparagus Festival, have helped attract businesses and residents to town.

"This is a great way to showcase our town. There are always a lot of interesting things going on," said Irene White, a member of the West Brookfield Council

on Aging.

Guests also enjoyed the always popular elf hunt at several venues in town. Organizers thank all businesses, municipal employees, and churches that opened their doors to keep the tradition going strong.



Kevin Flanders Photos

The Monette family, of West Brookfield, gets bundled up for a walk through town.



Amanda Rodrigues shows off several holiday-themed books during the Senior Center craft fair.

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students. Among other tasks, LaPorte augments the district's anti-bullying policies and helps keep buildings free of drugs and alcohol. He also enables educators to spend more time teaching instead of resolving issues outside the classroom.

Moreover, the resource officer position is an important tool to help students develop a deeper understanding and respect for law enforcement. As students get to know LaPorte, they will see him as a member of the school community, officials said. Like a teacher or guidance counselor, he will become increasingly familiar to students with each passing year.

"The mission of the school resource officer

is to provide the highest quality of training to school-based law enforcement so as to promote safer schools and safer children," Haughey added.

LaPorte will help promote the many strategies of the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO), an organization that supports school-based law enforcement officers, school administrators, and school security professionals.

"Officer Todd LaPorte exemplifies these values on a daily basis. Through his service, we have been able to mitigate issues and concerns more effectively and efficiently in real time," Haughey said.

LaPorte has also gotten to know parents, transportation officials, coaches, and several other members of

the school community. Administrators want all members of the district to feel comfortable approaching him with any issue.

"School Resource Officer LaPorte has established excellent relationships with our students, and in turn, truly gotten to know our parents and families in a different way," Haughey told the New Leader. "He has strengthened our relationships as a school department with the community. We are very fortunate to have Officer LaPorte serve in the role and responsibility of SRO. He has demonstrated a tremendous sense of pride in our work together on a daily basis – up and down the school district."

Check out upcoming editions of the New Leader for a feature on Officer LaPorte.

float and entered it in Spencer's annual Parade of Lights. It means a lot to AA leaders to celebrate the season by helping those in need.

"For some families, this can be a very challenging time of year, and we hope to make it a little easier for them," said Melody Miller, the manager of the AA Transportation East Brookfield division, in a statement. "This is one way that we all can give back to our community."



Council on Aging members Betty Bliss, left, and Irene White greet guests.

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campus, which increases efficiency for district-wide transportation and programming. Moreover, the new school would feature several technological amenities, including a STEM space and a media center.

The district currently runs three schools, and the new building would enable long-term cost savings for the district by reducing the campus to two buildings. The project would also preclude continued costs needed annually to repair aging buildings.

During the Nov. 27 public forum, residents viewed site plans and interior designs for the school, which would house approximately 930 students

across ten grades. Forum attendees also shared some of their concerns, including drainage operations on the site. Officials explained several facets of the design scheme in detail, then provided an outlook for actions planned over the next few months.

"We will submit the plans for two independent firms to give us estimates, finalize the estimates, and submit the proposal to MSBA," Tencza added. "We will return to MSBA to seek funding approval in February or April."

Once MSBA funding is secured, additional public forums will be held ahead of the Annual Town Meeting to inform residents of the cost to the town.

Additional information about the school building project can be found by visiting www.leicesterbuildingproject.com.

STUFF BUS

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AA Transportation will now team up with the North Brookfield Police Department and Spencer Fire Department to distribute all of the donations. Each gift will help brighten spirits for a child that might not otherwise receive anything this holiday season.

Following the Stuff the Bus donations campaign, AA officials also decorated a

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:28-12:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:45 a.m.: parking violation (Charlton Road), ticket issued; 12:51-1:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:10 a.m.: parking violations (Main, Franklin streets), tickets issued; 1:26-1:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:41 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:57-2:26 a.m.: buildigs checked, secure; 2:41 a.m.: mv stop (David E. Mikkila, 18, 41 Burncoat Street, Leicester, OUI liquor, negligent operation, failure to stop/yield, possession of alcohol in mv/2 counts, arrest; 6:29 a.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 7:18 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 9:49 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:57 a.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), loose dog; 10:14 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address/2; 10:46 a.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road), dog bite; 12:46 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 1:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dogs; 1:03 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), scam call; 1:19 p.m.: 209A service (Chickering Road); 1:21 p.m. vandalism (Main Street), damage to mvs; 1:40 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:14 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 3:02 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:13 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Road), assisted; 4:03 p.m.: disturbance (Ash Street), fight; 4:33 p.m.: mv lockout (North Spencer Road), assisted; 4:40 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 5:16 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 5:19 p.m.: juvenile matter (Meadow Road), info taken; 5:32 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:38 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 8:35 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 8:42 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

12:18-2:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:11 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street), 2:33-2:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:36 a.m.: mutual aid (East Charlton Road), icy conditions; 6:43 a.m.: medical/general (Westland Drive); 9:38 a.m.: warrant service (Ash Street), Erica L. Eccleston, 42, 119 Ash Street, Spencer, warrant for arrest; 10:05 a.m.: suspicious mv (Park Street), info taken; 10:51 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 12:38 p.m.: officer wanted (High Street), escort requested; 1:35 p.m.: mv lockout (Brooks Pond Road), assisted; 3:08 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:08 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:51 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), lost purse; 3:52 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 4:02 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 4:16 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 4:42 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 4:51 p.m.: accident (Main Street), info taken; 5:28 p.m.: mv lockout (Maple Street), assisted; 5:51 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), mv vs deer; 7:12 p.m.: residential alarm (Taylor Street), services rendered; 7:35 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 7:35 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:23 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), unwanted party; 8:39 p.m.: disturbance (Sunset Lane), unwanted party; 11:52 p.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street);

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:45-1:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:02 a.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), spoken to; 2:21-2:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:33 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:43-2:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:09 a.m.: parking violation (Pope Street), ticket issued; 3:28 a.m.: larceny (Sunset Lane), cell-phone stolen; 4:58 a.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 5:28 a.m.: mv complaint (Church Street), mvs on sidewalk; 5:57 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 7:34 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:39 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 8:01 a.m.: DPW call (Sumner Street), water leak; 8:38 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:44 a.m.: mv repossession (High Street), info taken; 11:23 a.m. 209A service (Bixby Road); 11:46 a.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), info taken; 12:42 p.m.: mv repossession (Condon Drive), info taken; 1:16 p.m.: DPW call (Sumner Street), wires down; 1:44 p.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 2:58 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:04 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 4:26 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), mv vs deer; 4:56 p.m.: 911 call (Crestview Drive), misdial; 5:38 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), info taken; 5:49 p.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), water main break; 5:55 p.m.: suspicious persons (East Charlton Road), info taken; 6:37 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 7:21 p.m.: medical/overdose (West Avenue); 7:55 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accident/Rte. 20; 8:04 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 9:11-9:34 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:40 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 9:42-10:01 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:39 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

12:30-12:40 a.m.: buildings checked,

secure; 12:43 a.m.: medical/general (Old Meadow Road); 1:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:11 a.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 1:27 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 1:32-2:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:22 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:25 a.m.: mv stop (Chickering Road); 2:32 a.m.: disabled mv (Greenville Street), assisted; 2:45-2:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:24 a.m.: mv stop (Chestnut Street); 3:37-3:40 a.m.: parking violations (Chestnut, Main, Mechanic streets), tickets issued; 7:11 a.m.: lost/found (Linden Street), info taken; 10:52 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), loose dogs; 1:24 p.m.: commercial alarm (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 3:29 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 3:52 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 4:32 p.m.: fire alarm (Buteau Road), services rendered; 4:56 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Lincoln Street), investigated; 5:19 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 5:52 p.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 6:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info taken; 7:14 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 9:31-9:38 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:47 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 9:52 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:58 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), neighbor issue; 10:13 p.m. 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 10:42 p.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 10:46 p.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 11:04 p.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 11:37 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

12:17 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:27 a.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 12:31 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 12:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:49 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:49-3:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:12 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 3:19 a.m.: disturbance (Man Street), unwanted party; 6:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), road hazard; 8:06 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 9:54 a.m.: burglary (Main Street), John Paul Leonard, 34, 25 Queen Street, Worcester, receiving stolen property, breaking & entering in the nighttime/2 counts; destruction of property, larceny from a building/2 counts, larceny under \$1200, arrest; 10:40 a.m.: burglary (Main Street), report taken; 11:01 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 11:20 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), injured duck in yard; 11:42 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:35 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), gun buy back; 2:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), info taken; 3:13 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), mv vs deer/Rte. 9; 4:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), pellet gun turned in; 4:23 p.m.; mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 5:50 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 5:58 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 6:27 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info given; 8:02 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 8:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:30 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:35 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:57-9:12 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:56 a.m.: suspicious perons (Chestnut Street), Timothy Mitch Benjamin, 23, 4 Lanark Street, Worcester, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, arrest; Devin Richard Peterson, 6 Highrock Lane, Worcester, warrant arrest;

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

12:23 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:27 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 2:50-2:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:07 a.m.: parking violation (Valley Street), ticket issued; 3:19-3:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:30 a.m.: accident (Town House Court), info taken; 10:11 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), dead animal; 12:23 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:29 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:30 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 12:42 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 1:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), escort/retrieve belongings; 1:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), dog bite; 2:46 p.m.: warrant service (West Main Street), Tammy L. Tebo, 45, 41 Mechanic Street, Spencer, warrant X 2, arrest; 3:31 p.m.: mv lockout (Donnelly Cross Road), assisted; 3:54 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:02 p.m.: gas odor (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Street); 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:28 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 4:35 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), employee theft; 4:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Pond Road), welfare check; 4:53 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 6:29 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 6:45 p.m.: medical/general (Delude Avenue); 8:08 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:03 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), info taken; 9:20 p.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 9:24-9:25 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Ash Street); 9:45

p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), spoken to; 9:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:52 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:15 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lincoln Street), non-emergency.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12:44-2:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:16 a.m.: medical/general (Ethier Drive); 6:16 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 8:16 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 8:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:53 a.m.: disturbance (Condon Drive), tenant issue; 12:02 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 12:10 p.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive); 12:22 p.m. 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 1:02 p.m.: fraud (Borkum Road), SS scam call; 1:08 p.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), info taken; 1:12 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 1:59 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Lincoln Sreet), services rendered; 2:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:29 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), info taken; 2:42 p.m.: juvenile matter (Wilson Street), bullying; 3:36 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), SS scam call; 3:44 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 4:41 p.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 4:49 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:57 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 5:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:39 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv vs pedestrian; 5:48 p.m.: 911 call (North Brookfield Road), accidental; 6:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road), no contact; 6:19 p.m.: accident (Route 49), mv vs deer; 6:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:02 p.m.: medical/overdose (Dustin Street); 9:59 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic operation; 10:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:28 p.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 11:47-11:48 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Leicester Logs

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

3:59 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 9:09 a.m.: assist citizen (Auburn Street); 9:31 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street) spoken to; 9:43 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:16 a.m.: ambulance (Watson Street), assisted; 10:57 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 11:06 a.m.: welfare check (Mayflower Circle), services rendered; 12:25 p.m.: ambulance (Utica Street), transported; 12:34 p.m.: assist other PD (Monticello Drive, Paxton), no action required; 1:17 p.m.: disturbance (Lakeview Drive), report taken; 1:34 p.m.: missing person (North Street), assisted; 2:34 p.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), assisted; 3:32 p.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 4:53 p.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), served.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10:38 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 11:06 a.m.: keep the peace (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 1:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), transported; 1:52 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:54 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), report taken; 4:43 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 6:16 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), services rendered; 7:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 7:24 p.m.: accident (Pine Street), report taken; 8:59 p.m.: fire/CO detector (Denny Place), investigated.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:15 a.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:29 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, op w/ suspended registration, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 10:13 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 2:04 p.m.: fraud (Peter Salem Road), spoken to; 2:10 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), spoken to; 2:25 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 2:26 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 4:20 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), assisted; 5:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 7:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Henshaw Street), unfounded; 8:36 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:19 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unfounded.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

12:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:13 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 2:17 a.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 5:25 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 8:46 p.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), referred.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

12:53 a.m.: ambulance (Lake Avenue), transported; 8:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:19 a.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 12:50 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Spencer), services rendered; 12:56 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 1:28 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), written warning; 1:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 2:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal

warning; 2:09 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:18 p.m.: mv stop (Grove Street), no action required; 2:26 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported 2:44 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), services rendered; 3:13 p.m.: missing person (South Main Street), report taken; 3:15 p.m.: summons service (Town Beach Road), served; 3:46 p.m.: summons service (Carleton Road), served; 3:57 p.m.: summons service (Pitcairne Avenue), served; 4:05 p.m.: summons service (High Street), served; 4:45 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 6:00 p.m.: ambulance (Howard Terrace), transported; 6:17 p.m.: ambulance (Marlboro Drive), assisted; 7:42 p.m.: assist other agency (Stafford Street), no action required; 8:32 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Main Street), referred; 9:21 p.m.: welfare check (Newfield Street), peace restored.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:50 a.m.: mv stop (Chapel Street), citation issued; 9:58 a.m.: summons service (Main Street), unable to serve; 10:03 a.m.: residential alarm (Bond Street), false alarm; 10:07 a.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 10:57 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), investigated; 1:25 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 1:26 p.m.: parking complaint (Clark Street), spoken to; 2:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, marked lanes violation, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 5:21 p.m.: summons service (Lakeview Drive), served; 5:39 p.m.: investigation (Burncoat Street), services rendered; 5:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:52 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), no action required; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), no action required; 11:41 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:49 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

12:28 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:37 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:43 a.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 1:25 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 3:07 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 4:42 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:30 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 6:08 a.m.: structure fire (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 7:08 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:50 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:56 a.m.: harassment (Green Street), report taken; 11:03 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 11:45 a.m.: ambulance (Marlboro Drive), transported; 1:22 p.m.: summons service (Stafford Street), served; 3:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 4:49 p.m.: disturbance (Rawson Street), no action required; 5:11 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), report taken; 5:19 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 9:05 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 11:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning.

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created decks of cards during WWII that revealed an escape route for POW's in Germany.

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

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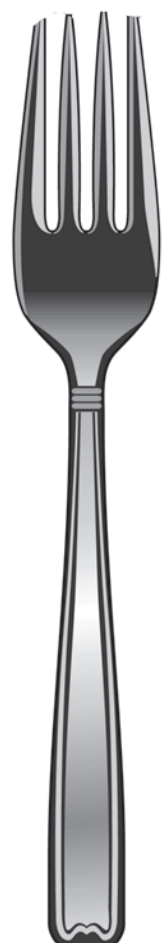
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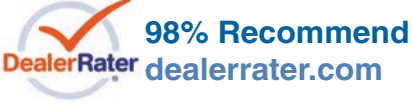
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I attended the Legends of Neil Diamond, Cher, and Elvis show last weekend at TERESA'S in Ware with friends Cha and Ed (becoming an annual event!). The downtown area looked so festive all decorated for Christmas! It was really impressive. The show was even more impressive...Charlie Lask as Neil Diamond (owner, by the way, of NAT FALK in Ware... see his coupon on Tis the Season page) was so entertaining, as was the Cher & Elvis impressionists. I actually thought "Elvis" sounded even better than true Elvis! THERESA'S has more shows coming up... Meatloaf Tribute December 28, and a Bruce Springsteen Tribute show on January 25. \$50 pp includes a 6-course meal...great night out...tickets would make a great unique gift for any music and great food lover!

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Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, “Heaven Rejoices,” a Christmas musical in song and spoken word, today at 5 p.m. at the East Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 East Main St., East Brookfield.

Sunday, January 5

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ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP: The First Congregational Church’s Economy Shop invites you to come in and see our Holiday items and our weekly specials. Our shop hours are Wednesday 8 a.m.-Noon, Thursdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-noon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Leonard "Len" Bechan, 68

OAKHAM- Leonard "Len" Bechan, 68, died suddenly December 3, 2019. Beloved husband of Melinda "Mindy"; brother of the late Jack (Ramona) Bechan, late Colette Mecherle and Claire (Bill) Norberg; brother-in-law of Keith and Garry Kraehmer. Loving uncle to many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Len was a tireless worker, mentor on and off the job, with a never ending search for knowledge, challenges and improvements. A master electrician and proud union member, Len brought many apprentices to become journeymen under his guidance. He always offered to help on any project, and his expertise in so many areas produced

impeccable accomplishments.

Len came to Oakham in 1986 to live on the farm where he spent many summers as a child visiting the grandparents. He truly enjoyed his dream life of country living and building his own beautiful home.

Len was a loving husband and family member, a friend to all, and a great neighbor and helpful soul. He had a quick smile, a contagious laugh, and an easygoing personality that was envied by many. Our world has lost a kindred soul. May he proudly rest in peace.

A Celebration of Life for Len will be held in the spring. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is directing arrangements.

Geraldine R. Foty, 93



WEST BROOKFIELD - Geraldine R. (Rice) Foty, 93, of West Brookfield died on Friday, December 6, 2019, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

She leaves her daughter, Caroline Foty of Baltimore, MD; her son, Daniel Foty of Cambridge, VT, a sister-in-law, Janice Rice of Aiken, SC, as well as one grandchild, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Nicholas C. Foty in 2006, as well as her two younger brothers, Edward and Richard. She was born in Worcester,

daughter of the late Leonard S. and Marie M. (Hallihan) Rice.

Mrs. Foty graduated from Clark University and taught English, French, and Spanish prior to her marriage. She wrote reviews and articles for the Worcester Telegram, the County Courier, the New Leader, and other publications.

At her request, funeral services will be held privately. Memorial donations may be made to West Brookfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box, 540, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Joseph R. Scott, 83



SPENCER - Joseph R. Scott, 83, of Spencer, died Wednesday, Dec. 4 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 43 years, Shirley A. (Orczyk) Scott, his sons Michael J.

Chauvin and his wife Ellen of Spencer and Gene Scott and his wife Susan of Charlton, his daughter Joann Hansen and her husband Scott of Charlton, a sister Greta Sojian of Leicester, several grand and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Joe, was a longtime plasterer and owner of Scott's Plastering in Auburn

before retiring in 2007. He previously worked for Donald Grave's Contracting in Auburn.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Robert A. and Mabel J. (Graham) Scott and later graduated from North High in Worcester. In his younger years, he was chosen for Future Farmers of America. He enjoyed hunting and was a N.E. Sports Fan.

A funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. Calling hours were Sunday, Dec. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Raymond J. Rice, 67



OXFORD - Raymond J. Rice, 67, passed away Monday, December 2, 2019 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

His wife, Debra-Ann (Martunas) Rice died February 15, 2007.

He leaves a son, Craig R. Rice and his wife Christine of Leicester, and a daughter Shana M. Teal and her husband Brian R. Teal of Oxford.

One brother, Charles 'Bill' Rice of Rutland, two sisters, Patricia Wrobel of Dudley and Kathy Kozielowicz of Webster, 4 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Nancy Gould of Auburn.

Ray was born in Worcester, June 29, 1952, son of the late Charles R.

and Victoria (Bovat) Rice and was a graduate of Worcester Boys Trade. He worked in sales at Linder's Auto Parts for many years and retired in 2018.

Ray worked part time for the Oxford Police Department, was a member of St. Roch's Church, and he was also involved with Central Mass. Drag Races and his pride and joy '67 Camaro.

Calling Hours were Friday, December 6, 2019 from 5-8pm at the ROBERT J. MILLER-OXFORD FUNERAL HOME, 247 Main St.

The Funeral Mass was held Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 11 am in St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St. followed by burial in St. Roch's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: donorrelations@pancan.org

To leave a message of condolence or to share a memory of Ray, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Calling Hours were held Friday, December 6, 2019 from 6 -8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main Street., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, Robert's family requests donations to help with expenses by clicking on the "Appeal for Donations" button on his obituary on the funeral home website below his photo.

Daniel J. Gaspie, 59



STURBRIDGE - Daniel J. Gaspie, 59, of New Boston Rd., passed away at home with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, after an illness.

He leaves his beloved wife of 36 years, Jane T. (Letourneau) Gaspie; his daughter, Brenda L. Harris and her husband Timothy of Southbridge; three sons, Jeffery M. Laine of Sturbridge, Nicholas A. Laine and his wife Nicole of Hardwick and Daniel J. Gaspie Jr. and his wife Kate of Brookfield;; three brothers, Charles Gaspie of Oxford, Tommy Gaspie of Auburn and Terry Gaspie of Auburn; a sister, Tammy Gow of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Trevor, Lindsey, Sage, Nicholas Jr.,

Marissa, Taylor, Jacob and Lily; two great grandchildren, Jaysian, Nicholas III and many nieces and nephews. Daniel was predeceased by a grandson, Scott Harris in 1995. Dan was born in Worcester the son of the late Charles E. and Joanne A. (Danielson) Gaspie. He worked for American Alarm in Auburn as an alarm and communication specialist for 19 years before having to retire due to illness. Dan was an avid pool player who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed riding his Harley and spending time with his family.

Calling hours for Daniel were held on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St. Southbridge. Funeral services and Burial will be private.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Irene S. Guzik, 93



WEST WARREN - Irene S. (Pisarczyk) Guzik, 93, of West Warren died on Saturday November 30, 2019 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center with her loving family by her side.

She leaves her daughter Patricia A. Ostrout of West Brookfield and three grandchildren; Jeremy A. Ostrout, his wife Nicole and their children Nicholas and Alexander of West Warren. Jason R. Ostrout and his children Ava and Mason of West Brookfield and their mother Corie Buelow of Ware. Amanda M. Bouvier, her husband Brent and their son Miles of West Brookfield, also many nieces and nephews. Irene was predeceased by her husband and love of her life Thaddeus J. Guzik, her sister Blanche Wostena, her brother Rudolph Pisarczyk, and her son in-law Reggie Ostrout.

Irene worked as a Supervisor of Lace and Trim at the William E. Wright Company for more than 40 years before retiring.

She was a loving and devoted wife,

mother and grandmother. In her younger years Irene enjoyed bowling, and more recently was a big fan of the Boston Bruins and Red Sox. She loved being a grandmother, her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Irene dedicated her life to her family, the Lord and the Church.

Irene was a member of the St. Stanislaus Parish Guild and was a loyal and dedicated member of the Devine Mercy Parish.

A funeral Mass for Irene was held on Wednesday, December 4th 2019 at 10:00AM in the Devine Mercy Church in Three Rivers. A Calling Hour was held prior to the mass from 8:15 to 9:15AM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc. 43 East Main Street in West Brookfield. Burial will be in the St. Peter & St. Paul Cemetery following the mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or to the American Diabetes Association, 330 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Kathleen M. Brennan, 72



WEST BROOKFIELD - Kathleen M. "Kate" (Fallon) Brennan, 72, of West Brookfield, died on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester.

She leaves her loving husband of 43 years, Philip M. Brennan of West Brookfield; her son, Bartholomew "Bart" Brennan and his wife Cassie of Arizona, and their children Brycen and Blakely; her daughter, Meghan Mazzacano and her husband Frank of Illinois, and their children Ryleigh, Maggie and Frankie; a brother, Thomas Fallon of Mississippi and two sisters, Patricia Paradise of New Hampshire and Michelle Fallon of Milton, MA and many nieces and nephews. She was born in Boston, daughter of the late Thomas and Katherine (Lauinger) Fallon.

Kate earned two Master of Education degrees. She worked as a teacher for students with developmental needs in Warren for 16 years. Kate also worked as a teacher in the Boston Public Schools prior to moving to West Brookfield.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. No matter the occasion, Kate was the life of the party. She had many joys in her life, from her family and friends to her love for travel. She thrived on experiencing new places, foods and especially her love for meeting new people. Kate believed everyone should live their lives to the fullest and did her best to encourage that with everyone she knew. Through this she was rewarded with love from everyone that knew her.

She was a member of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish.

A Funeral Mass for Kate will be held on December 12, 2019 at 11:00AM in the Sacred Heart Church, 22 West Main Street in West Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Kate's memory to support patient care at Rose Monahan Hospice Home, 10 Judith Rd., Worcester, MA 01602-3213 or via www.vnccare.org.

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


An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com



WEBSTER- Robert W. Stebbins, 55, passed away unexpectedly on December 2, 2019 at Hillcrest Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Pittsfield, MA.

He is survived by his companion and soulmate of 25 years, Heidi L. Boyle of Putnam; his nine children, Cory Stebbins of Webster, Brittany L. Boyle and her significant other Kyle J. Jankowski of Rutland, Justin R. Boyle and his significant other Ashley Jason of Spencer, Jenna N. Stebbins of Putnam, Patrick R. Stebbins of Putnam, Brendon M. Stebbins of Putnam, Heather R. Stebbins of Putnam, Sarah J. Stebbins of Putnam and Kerry A. Stebbins of Putnam; his granddaughter Ava L. Boyle; three brothers, Michael P. Stebbins and his wife Angela of Pensacola, Florida, Douglas W. Stebbins and his wife Holly of Newton, North Carolina and Leo R. Monahan and his wife Karen of Leicester; two sisters, Deborah L. Beaucage of Webster and Michele P. Monahan-Johnson and her husband Wayne of Dudley. Mr. Stebbins was predeceased by his two brothers, Thomas Monahan and Donald Stebbins. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Francis A. Stebbins and Gladys P. (Bennett) Stebbins. Mr. Stebbins was a graduate of Oxford High School. He was a machinist, working at numerous companies in the area.

Mr. Stebbins was a determined man who loved his children and family dearly. He enjoyed wood craft and antiques.



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WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd! Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As Is! Open Fir Plan! Applianced Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility/Storage Rm! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 506 Beacon Park! 1,280' Custom WATERFRONT Townhouse, Ideal End Corner Unit w/Panoramic Lake Views! Overlooks Lakeside Pool & Sandy Beach! From the Private Entry this Unit is Like No Other! Being Sold Fully Furnished & Appointed! 1st Fir w/Beautiful Maple Hrdwds! SS Applianced Silestone Kit! Recessed Lighting! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Tile Baths! Recent A/C & Heat! Garage! **\$369,900.00**



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WEBSTER - 16 WEST AVE



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Spacious ranch 3-4 bedrooms. 1-1/2 baths. 1 car attached garage. Newly remodeled kitchen. Partially finished basement just waiting for carpet or laminate flooring. Hardwood & Tile throughout 1st floor. Flat level lot. Town water & sewer. Potential to finish a studio above garage **\$267,000.**

POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



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WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



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WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.



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Cute 2 Bedroom Ranch! All hardwood floors, gas fireplace living room! 2 baths. Appliances included. 2 zone heat. Large deck! Young asphalt roof. Walk out lower living level. Town Water & Sewer, City Gas **\$219,900.**

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Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**

Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**

Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. **Attention Developers!** 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! water/sewer access **\$129,400**

Webster - 85 Upper Gore! View of the Lake. 1+ acre,artesian well, Septic Design, Etc. **\$130,000.**

Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$99,900**

WEBSTER - 17 PINWOOD DR



SORRY, SOLD!

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WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



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WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD



SORRY, SOLD!

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WEBSTER LAKE – 32 JACKSON RD



SORRY, SOLD!

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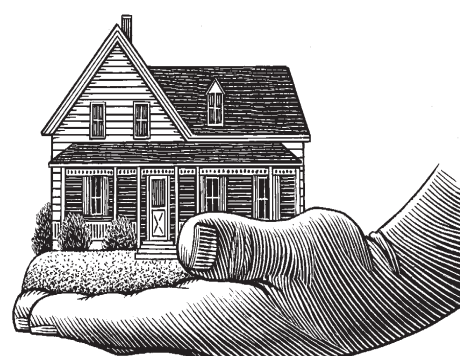
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WEBSTER: MOTIVATED SELLER! Well maintained w/3bdrs, hardwoods, 24' LR, porch and garage. On 1/2 acre lot w/town services - a must for easy highway access to 395, Rtes. 196, 290, 12, and 20
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WEBSTER: HIP ROOF RANCH! 3 bedrooms, 20' family room, fireplace w/pellet insert, 1 full, 2 half baths
30 Stoughton Ave. - \$269,900

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24 Normandy Ave - 16 Francis Dr - \$419,000

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WEBSTER: INVESTORS TAKE NOTICE! Fully rented! 2 Large 3 bedroom apartments and one 2 bedroom apartment. Exceptional large & level yard! Centrally located for commuters. Tenants pay their own utilities. Washer & dryer hook ups. Newer hot water tanks. Enclosed staircases. Large off street parking lot. **\$219,900.**



SOUTHBRIDGE: INEXPENSIVE! Bargain Hunters take a look at this Antique Colonial with 8 rooms 4 bedrooms 1 1/2 Baths. Hardwood floors. Economic gas heat. Newer roof, boiler, & HW heater. Front & rear stairways to go upstairs. Fireplace. Needs some paint & updating but well worth it! Garage **\$149,900.**



STURBRIDGE: Desirable Double Wide Mobile Home in Sturbridge Retirement Co-op Park! 5 rooms 2 bedrooms 2 baths! EXCELLENT LOCATION being the last home on dead end! Privacy! Large master bedroom with master bath! Vaulted ceilings in living room/dining room combo. Eat in kitchen. Large enclosed porch! Pool! Shed. **\$70,000** plus park share!

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ASHFORD: Cape Cod style home sitting on a prime 28+ AC lot. Great location for commuting anywhere and distance to Uconn. This home features 3 bedrooms 1 full bath, a great living room and den area with raised paneling wood surround, fireplace, eating space kitchen and plenty of access to the private backyard. There is a 1+ car over sized garage, a great back patio area, an in-ground pool and a large paved driveway. The home features wood floors, a walk-up attic first floor laundry and an automatic propane Generac whole-house generator. **\$279,900**



PUTNAM: East Putnam Cape style home located in a convenient commuting location sits on 4 acres. The home has 4 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms, an eating space kitchen and large living room with wood stove. The walk-out basement has great potential for finishing, workshop or much more. This home has just had a nice facelift and is ready for new owners. **\$219,900**



KILLINGLY COTTAGE: This 636 sqft., furnished seasonal lake front cottage, will enable you to canoe, sail, fish and swim all summer long. This home provides you with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and open living space. Morning coffee to evening night caps with a view from your deck or screened in porch. A thermostatically controlled gas stove will take the chill off in early spring and autumn. Canoes and paddle boats convey, as well as a storage shed. Approximately 17 years left on a 20 year land lease. Minutes to I-395. **\$167,900**



POMFRET: Located on 4.6 mostly wooded acres and abutting Conservation land, this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial resides in a quiet rural location, yet is a reasonable drive for the Hartford and MA commuter. The open kitchen and family room has an oversized slider opening onto a 2 tiered backyard deck overlooking nature in every season. Formal living and dining rooms are located off the front foyer. The generously sized master suite provides 2 walk-in closets and a full bath. The wide open walk out basement can be made into a workshop, playroom, office, yoga studio, or all of the above! Newer hot water heater, boiler, well pump and Central AC round out the picture of this house that you will want to call home! **\$348,000**



THOMPSON HILL: This Federalist Colonial style home with 4 bedrooms also features kitchen with wood floor, butcher block kitchen island, granite counters with a farm sink & s/s appliances. The dining room & living room have painted wide wood floors, plaster walls, and are good sized. The family room/office features an impressive brick fireplace with raised paneling, built-in bookcases and french doors out to the fireplaced stone patio. The grounds are pristine with stone walls, and a large side patio with pergola. Having once been a working farm the barn has evidence of a tack room, horse stall, and even an old 3 seater outhouse. There is room for a car and much more. **\$324,900**



THOMPSON: Fully rented with established tenants, this duplex style 2 family home is located on Route 12 within a few minute's walk of town hall, banking, convenience stores, restaurants and library. Each unit has 3 bedrooms, though 2 of the bedrooms have no closets. Unit A has 1 full bath while Unit B has an additional 1/2 bath and a mudroom/office/playroom. Separate utilities for each unit which is the responsibility of the tenant with the exception of water/sewer. Exterior is vinyl sided, driveway easement in place. **\$154,000**



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The land with buildings thereon, situated on the southerly side of Smithville Road in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:
That certain tract or parcel of land designated at Lot No. 4 on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots owned by Goldstein & Gurwitz, Inc., in Spencer, Massachusetts," recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 270, Plan 29, said lot being more particularly described as follows:
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THENCE N. 57° 06' W., 90.21 feet to the easterly line of a private way;
THENCE N. along the easterly line of said private way, 48.45 feet;
THENCE northerly still along the easterly line of said private way on a curve to the right with a radius of 146.39 feet, a distance of 84.06 feet;
THENCE along the easterly line of said private way and the southerly line of Smithville Road on a curve to the right with a radius of 20.0 feet, a distance of 31.42 feet;
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December 13, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David Martins and Jennifer Martins to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated January 17, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38225, Page 249 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2006-FM1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-FM1 is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP 2006-FM1 dated December 15, 2011 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48304, Page 182 and by Corrective assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment and Loan, its successors and assigns to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2006-FM1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-FM1 dated June 17, 2013 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51087, Page 2, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 84 Ash Street, Spencer, MA 01562 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on December 30, 2019, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
The land with the buildings thereon in Spencer, bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of said tract on the West side of Ash Street, it being the Northeast corner of land, now or formerly of one Austin; THENCE by said Austin land South 73-1/4° about 171-1/2 feet to a bound; THENCE North 3-1/2° East about 232-10/12 feet to the Southwest corner of land, now or formerly of O. T. Cantara; THENCE by said Cantara land and land now or formerly of C. W. Pierce about 165.0 feet to the West side of said street; THENCE Southerly on same street about 157-1/2 feet to the place of beginning.
Containing about 100 square rods.
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38225, Page 247.
The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.
Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises con-

tained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2006-FM1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-FM1 Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102
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(978) 256-1500
Martins, David, 17-031211
December 6, 2019
December 13, 2019
December 20, 2019

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
19 SM 005729
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Tara Leigh Burns Jason Casey and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Movement Mortgage, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 35 Cherry Street, given by Tara Leigh Burns and Jason Casey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Movement Mortgage, LLC, dated September 7, 2018, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59376, Page 80, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 6, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 25, 2019.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
19-035981 / FC01
December 13, 2019

TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH
A hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall, room LL4 at 2 East Main Street, to act on proposed fee changes for the 2020 year. To view a copy of the proposed fees please visit our website at wbrookfield.com or our Town Bulletin Board.
The public is invited to attend.
December 6, 2019
December 13, 2019

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
19 SM 005724
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Denise Farmosa
And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): PNC Bank, National Association claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 10 Sumner Street Extension, given by Denise Farmosa to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC, dated April 26, 2013, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50839, Page 385, and now held by the

plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 06, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on **November 25, 2019**.Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

December 13, 2019
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO19C0614CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Michael Howard Evans

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Michael Howard Evans of Spencer MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Michael Howard Fair**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/31/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 27, 2019
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
December 13, 2019

Brookfield Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing
In accordance with M. G. L., Chapter 40A, and the provisions of the Brookfield Zoning Bylaws Section 4.D, Use Regulation Table 6.c; Section 8.C., Site Plan Approval; and Section 12.C., Special Permits; the Brookfield Planning Board will re-open a Public Hearing on an application for the construction and operation of a commercial Fuel Storage Facility (Propane) on property owned by Jeff Tasse, and located at 14 Post Road, in a Business "A" District.
The re-opened public hearing will take place on Monday, December 30, 2019 at the Town Hall, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, starting at 6:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard. A copy of the application may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk at Brookfield Town Hall during normal business hours.
Sharon Mahoney, Chair
Brookfield Planning Board
December 13, 2019
December 20, 2019

THE TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A Public Hearing will be held Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield; on the application made by Jeremy Zimmer K.I.S. Enterprises, LLC. d/b/a EB Flatts, 245 West Main Street
For a transfer of a license to Sell All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages To Be Drunk on the Premises.
All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting.
Board of Selectmen
December 6, 2019
December 13, 2019



Reflecting on shotgun season



BY RALPH TRUE, SR.

As we swing into the final days of the Massachusetts shotgun deer season, it is time to reflect on the crazy but successful first few days. Two snow storms kept many older hunters away from the woods because of the hard walking conditions. The deer were not moving much because of the heavy snow Monday & Tuesday, but hunters did manage to harvest some very impressive deer. One of the most impressive bucks was harvested on opening day by Mark Kuras of Whitinsville, shown in this week's picture. The moose like antlers were awesome.

This past Saturday, the

success rate of local hunters increased dramatically as walking and tracking conditions improved in the snow, although the snow very noisy underfoot. Hunters that consisted of four or five more trackers did very well harvesting deer. My brother Ken and I hunted a small track of land on Saturday, but did not find a single deer, although there was plenty of deer tracks in the area. After hunting a few hours, we headed for the nearest coffee shop.

We decided to take our annual ride to Bob's Pro Shop in Douglas. It is one of the many checking stations throughout Massachusetts that successful hunters can check in their deer. On our way to the station in the area of the Douglas State



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Forest on Route 16, a very large doe bolted out of the woods in front of my car. I was able to stop in time, avoiding a car deer collision. Two more deer were spotted waiting to cross the road. One quickly darted across the road, but the second deer retreated back into the woods.

When we arrived at the checking station Shawn Linnehan was checking in a real nice buck shown in this week's second picture. The eight point buck weighed in at 164 pounds field dressed. At noontime Saturday, the checking station had 72 deer checked in for the week. They normally have more than one hundred. Although the numbers were a bit low, wildlife officials are confident the harvest will be very good this year.

Successful deer hunters are reminded that all deer do not need to be brought to a checking station after the first week. They do need to be checked in online at mass fish hunt within 24 hours. This year, local Environmental Police found numerous hunters failing to keep the tag on the deer, and also brought the deer to the checking station without a portion of the deer showing, as required by law when transporting the deer to a check station or transporting it to their residence. After the deer is checked in the hunter does not need to have a portion of the deer showing.

The shotgun deer season closes this Saturday in Massachusetts, followed by the primitive arms season



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that opens this week, Dec. 16, and runs until Dec. 31. There are a lot of deer available to the primitive arms hunter in Massachusetts this year, and it could become a record year for deer hunters. The new inline black powder guns are extremely accurate and easy to use. It will be the last opportunity to harvest a deer in Massachusetts this year.

Ice fishermen were out on some small ponds this past weekend, but the forecast for heavy rain and warm temperatures this week was expected to negatively impact all safe ice. Every year, someone falls through the ice and drowns because of poor judgment. Dogs are also lost to unsafe ice. Keeping your dogs away from frozen ponds and

ivers needs to be practiced at this time of year. Only experienced anglers and the adult skating public should be on what is presumed safe ice. Constant checking of ice needs to be practiced as you walk on first ice. Because it may be safe on one end of the pond or lake, it does not mean that the entire lake is safe.

Sportsmen & women will need to dig deeper into their pockets in 2021 if Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife makes good on their proposals to raise hunting & fishing licenses in the state. Sources report that sporting licenses will cost \$90, and all permits will rise to \$20. Yikes!

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