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## Leicester Middle School hosts first STEM Showcase



Kevin Flanders Photos

Rina Appiah, left, and Molly Baker show off their research. Also part of this group was Sadie Connery.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Students at Leicester Middle School highlighted their STEM achievements last week during a debut event.

The school held its first ever STEM Showcase event on Jan. 14. All students in grades six and eight took part in the event, showing off their group projects to a panel of community judges. Sixth graders were tasked with designing therapeutic toys for kids with cerebral palsy, while eighth graders explored the vast subject of space travel.

Projects were judged by several local volunteers whose professions utilize STEM subjects every day. Judges included Chloe Garrage (an engineer with Terumo Cardiovascular Group); Doug Petkie (WPI's Head of Physics); Ben Petkie (WPI profes-

sor); Mike Santos (a traffic engineer with BSC Group); Scott Ciprari (the founder of SJC Custom Drums); John Forster (the vice president of corporate development at FLEXcon); John Birtz (the director of engineering and maintenance at FLEXcon); Melissa Beshire (a project manager at FLEXcon); and Lindsay Censabella (a FLEXcon technology manager).

For students and staff alike, it was exciting to unveil months of hard work and meet industry professionals.

“The students were looking forward to meeting them and learning about different industries. They all worked hard on their projects,” said Adam Alesbrook, a sixth grade STEM teacher at LMS.

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## East Brookfield centennial celebration kicks off next month

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – After years of planning, 2020 is finally here – and residents are eager for their centennial celebration.

The yearlong party will kick off next month, when a Lake in Winter program will take place on Feb. 8. The event will begin with a historical presentation at 2:30 p.m. at Town Hall, with local historian Ken Ethier providing a fascinating glimpse into East Brookfield's past. Later that day, music, a bonfire, s'mores, and skating will take place at the town beach, starting at 3:30 p.m.

In March, a historical re-enactment will take place at 6:30 p.m. on March 24. Held at the Senior Center, the free event will feature a re-enactment of the 200 residents of the East Village and Podunk who met in November 1919. The gatherers voted unanimously to submit a bill to the state requesting separation from Brookfield.

Several volunteers went to great lengths to ensure historical accuracy for the re-enactment, which should be an informational event for guests of all ages.

“Members of the Historical Commission have researched newspapers and primary source documents from the time period to create a skit-like presentation of the meeting that took place,” said

Heather Gablaski, a member of the town's 100th Anniversary Committee. “We wanted to share the sentiments of the townspeople at the meeting and events that had taken place over the course of the previous decades that made the residents of East Brookfield want to become an independent town.”

After the presentation, a quilt designed and created by the Lashaway Quilters Guild will be unveiled. The quilt includes twelve blocks representing various important buildings in town; those same images have also been used to create calendars with all of the centennial events for the year printed on them.

Calendars are on sale at the library. Members of the 100th Anniversary Committee are hoping residents will attend as many of the celebratory events this year as possible. The historical re-enactment will provide a great foundation of knowledge ahead of the other events, officials said.

“We are hoping residents come out to learn the history of the creation of our town and also to celebrate the official birthday of the last town to be incorporated in Massachusetts – and therefore the youngest town in the state,” Gablaski said.

Anyone interested in playing the role of one of the speakers in the March 24 presentation should contact the 100th

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## Local municipal and school officials hold joint meeting

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Municipal and school leaders recently met to discuss the long-term potential for free preschool, among other topics.

Several items were up for discussion during a Jan. 11 joint meeting between Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District leaders and selectmen in both towns. The meeting also included Finance Committee members from East Brookfield and Spencer, as well as district administrators.

Headlining the busy agenda was a proposal from SEBRSD Superintendent

Paul Haughey for free preschool. If funding is approved, his vision is to implement free preschool within the next five years for students ages three to five.

“The proposal for free preschool was very well received by the Finance Committees, Boards of Selectmen, and School Committee members in attendance,” Haughey told the New Leader. “It now requires us as a school district to begin really digging into the numbers and financing needed to make this strategic goal a reality for the two towns we serve, as well as the students who attend our Cubs Corner Preschool.”

Among the many goals for the free preschool program is to continue to provide strong local educational opportunities for families, officials said. The program could also serve as a helpful tool to draw students into the regional school district at an early age.

Leaders in both towns were receptive to the idea of free preschool. They look forward to seeing a detailed analysis of funding options, including potential grant opportunities.

“The meeting was a good give and take between Dr. Haughey, the School

Committee, and both towns' Select Boards and Finance Committee members,” said Spencer Selectman Ralph Hicks. “There were a number of new programmatic ideas, including new vocational programs and universal preschool. The latter may require obtaining private foundation grants.”

Several other topics were discussed during the Jan. 11 joint meeting, including proposed technology infrastructure upgrades for the coming year. These involve the district's serv-

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## Knox Trail students get a taste of life in high school



Kevin Flanders Photo

Knox Trail Middle School eighth graders work with David Prouty High School seniors during team-building exercises.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Thanks to a creative program known as Step Up Day, Knox Trail Middle School eighth graders got a taste of what life is like in high school.

On Jan. 17, KTMS eighth graders spent the day at David Prouty High School to experience the next rung on the educational ladder. The program began bright and early with an introduction from DPHS Principal Elizabeth York and other members of the staff. Eighth graders then worked with DPHS senior mentors on team-building exercises and other activities.

Later, groups of students rotated through several stations, enabling them to explore academic offerings and extracurricular activities. Students were able to view classes in criminal justice, marketing, early education, and environmental science, among others. They also got to see Prouty's innovation lab in action and talk to teach-

ers about new opportunities and programs.

After taking in the academic side of high school, students also learned about athletics and Student Council. Prouty students and staff agree that the best way to get accustomed to a new school is to get involved outside of general classes. Several of the most successful DPHS students in recent years have also excelled on the playing field and in club activities.

Throughout the day, eighth graders also had a chance to talk to senior mentors about challenges and how to go about overcoming them. Officials at both schools agree that Step Up Day serves as an important tool in helping eighth graders prepare for high school. It also allowed them to gain familiarity with the building that the majority of them will call home next year.

School officials thank all DPHS seniors who volunteered their time to serve as mentors and show next year's freshmen around the building.



# Knights of Columbus hosting annual free throw contest

WEST BROOKFIELD – Youngsters from throughout the area will be shooting for success next month during an annual free throw contest.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 11080, the event is set for Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. at West Brookfield Elementary School (89 Main Street). All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in this free event, which serves as the local competition of an international event.

The local Knights of Columbus Free Throw

Championship is held each year at WBES, with winners moving on to the district championship. From there, the top shooters will advance to the regional and state competitions in the spring. International champions are announced by members of the KOC worldwide headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.

All boys and girls will compete in divisions broken down by age. Last year, more than 165,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,700 KOC com-

petitions held across the country. All contestants at the local level are recognized with a certificate of participation.

Winners in each age division will receive prizes donated by local supporters; they will also advance to the district competition in February. A few years back, a local boy progressed all the way to the state championship after beginning his journey in West Brookfield.

But far more important than success on the court, officials said, is the ability for youngsters to make new friends and

enjoy the thrill of competition. Many participants each year have never played sports before, and the event sparks an interest in athletic involvement.

Eligibility age for the local competition is determined as of Jan. 1, 2020. Prior to the contest, participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Please arrive early with all needed documents. You do not need to reside in West Brookfield to participate.

To obtain entry forms or

additional information on contest rules, contact event organizer Wally Connor at 413-813-8100, or by email at wally@supportingorphans.org.

The Knights of Columbus is an international service organization with over 1.9 million members. During the past decade, Knights have donated more than 700 million volunteer hours and \$1.75 billion to charitable causes.

## Massasoit Art Guild announces winter exhibits

SPENCER — The Massasoit Art Guild is pleased to announce the following art exhibits for January and February 2020.

The Guild provides opportunities for members to show and sell their work in local public venues throughout the year. These exhibits support our local artists and enhance the arts in our communities. As you are out and about, stop by the venues and see the won-

derful art and photography exhibited. Thank you to our local businesses who make these exhibits possible.

Cormiers Jewelers in Spencer: Sandra Decoff, Photography and Norman Cabana, Artist

Cornerstone Bank in Spencer: Leslie Tracy, Artist

Timberyard Brewery in East Brookfield: Kathy Bowen, enhanced and traditional photography and Carole Bentley of North Brookfield showing oil paintings from surrounding towns.

Spencer Public Library: Maggie Hart, “Creatures Among Us” an exhibit of watercolor wildlife.

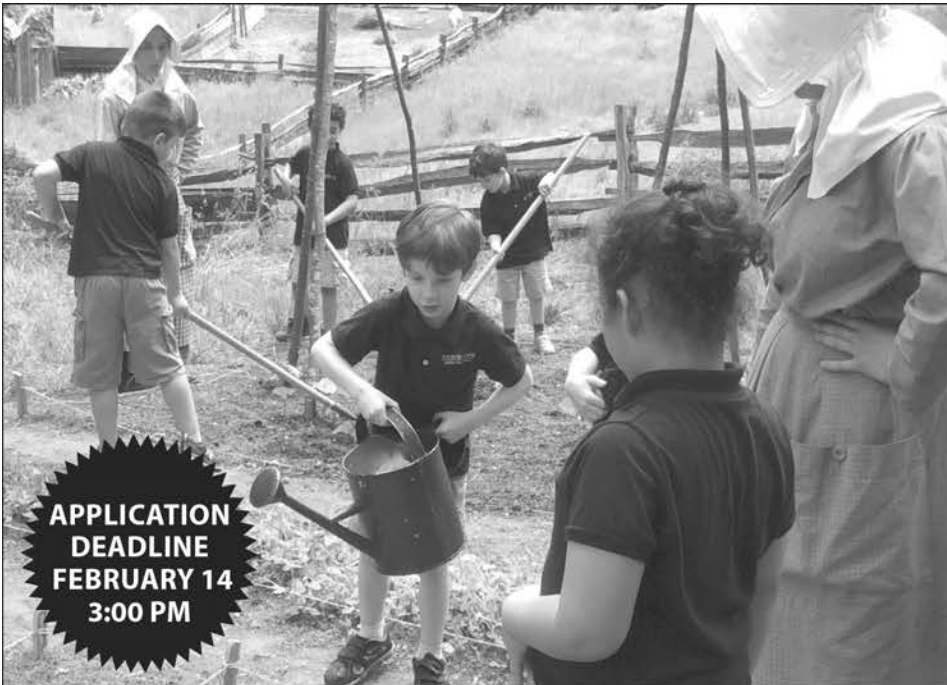
## Knights of Columbus dinner to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Society

WEST BROOKFIELD – Knights of Columbus Council 11080, based at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, will sponsor a spaghetti dinner this month.

Set for Saturday, Jan. 25, the event will take place at Sacred Heart Church in town. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Dinner will consist of spaghetti and sauce, meatballs, sausages, garden salad, bread, homemade desserts, coffee, tea, soda and water.

The cost is a \$10 donation (\$8 for children 12 and under). Family rates are also available. Takeout dinners will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a sit-down dinner slated for 6 p.m.

The event will also include door prizes, raffles, and several other fun activities. For information about tickets, call 413-813-8100.



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All applications must be delivered in person or mailed to: Old Sturbridge Academy, 2 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge MA 01566 no later than February 14, 2020.

**Application deadline is February 14, 2020 at 3:00 pm.** Applications will not be accepted after this date and time. We cannot accept applications electronically.

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# Brookfields Rotary supports area youth



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Pictured: Club Secretary and Scholarship Chair Joy Rehfeld, Sam Lacey, and President Elect Lynn Duffey-O'Shea.

REGION — As Brookfields Rotary completed another year of service to area youth, Rotarians were privileged to welcome our college scholarship recipient for 2019. Samantha Lacey of West Brookfield is attending the prestigious University of Vermont in Burlington, where she hopes to complete her studies in three and a half years.

A graduate of Quaboag Regional High School, Sam's collegiate focus is on social science and human welfare. As part of a scholarship program last semester, she completed research papers on the key issues of gender inequality and the effect of minimum wage on capitalism. Sam is active in on-campus activities and holds an off-campus job. Upon graduation, she plans to enter the field of political communication; already she is certified to work at the campus radio station.

Also in December, Rotarians visited local third grade classes to deliver dictionaries and thesauruses as part of our ongoing Literacy Initiative. Rotarians visited elementary schools at Wire Village Elementary in Spencer; the Elementary schools in Brookfield, East



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## Democratic candidates forum to highlight Presidential, Congressional races

WEST BROOKFIELD — Presidential campaigns for former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, and businessman Andrew Yang, among others, as well as candidates and campaign surrogates for U.S. Senate and Congressional races, will make their case to voters in a Democratic Candidates Forum to be held Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Salem Cross Inn, 260 West Main St. (Route 9).

State Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will emcee the event. The forum, organized by the Democratic Town Committees of West Brookfield, North Brookfield, Brookfield, and Sturbridge, is free and open to the public. Coffee and muffins will be served.

At the event, attendees will have an opportunity to hear directly from campaigns about the issues that matter to them in advance of the Massachusetts Presidential Primary, March 3.

"This forum will give voters from a broad geographical area the opportunity to get direct information on candidates and campaigns that they can take to the ballot," said West Brookfield Democratic Town Committee Chair Bob Datz. "It will also engage them in the political process for national, state



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State Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will emcee a forum for presidential and congressional campaigns at the Salem Cross Inn, Feb. 1.

and local races that will shape the priorities for the residents of Central and Western Massachusetts."

In addition to campaign surrogates for Biden, Sanders, Warren and Yang, several campaigns for the U.S. Senate and Congressional seats have also com-

mitted to participate. Representatives from the U.S. Senate campaigns of Sen. Ed Markey, Congressman Joe Kennedy and attorney Shannon Liss-Riordan will be on hand, as well as the campaigns of Alex Morse, former mayor of Holyoke who is challenging Congressman Richard Neal, and Congressman Jim McGovern. County and district candidates are also expected.

Massachusetts voters will head to the polls, Tuesday, March 3, to choose each party's presidential nominee. Voters registered with a political party by the voter registration deadline of Feb. 12 will receive that party's ballot. Unenrolled voters, those who are not affiliated with a political party, may select any one party ballot. To check your voter registration status, call your Town Clerk or go online to <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch>.

Candidates for state and district offices will appear on the Sept. 1 Massachusetts Primary ballot. The general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3.

For more information, visit the Facebook pages of each hosting Democratic Town Committee or visit [nbdemocrats.org](http://nbdemocrats.org).

## Lauren Maus named to UVM Dean's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. Lauren Maus, Class of 2021, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester at the University of Vermont. Maus, from Brookfield, is a Geography major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

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## Gobi announces grant to help disabled individuals find employment

BOSTON — Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) joined the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) today in announcing that the Polus Center for Social & Economic Development has been awarded a \$75,000 grant through the FY20 Employment Program for Young Adults with Disabilities. Located in Petersham, Massachusetts, the Polus Center has more than 35 years of experience designing human service programs and promoting new opportunities for persons with disabilities and victims of conflict in the United States and throughout the world. Today, their primary work in Massachusetts is to help people with disabilities gain the skills, credentials, career-support and work opportunities to help them find competitive employment.

"The Polus Center has made such a positive impact locally and globally," commented Gobi. "This funding will help to bring services to more people who are such important members of our communities and I encourage people to support the work of the Center."

The Employment Program for Young Adults with Disabilities works to prepare these individuals for employment

by providing occupational skills, coaching, and pre/post placement support. The Polus Center, serving the North Central region, proposes to train and place participants in Pharmacy Technician jobs at both CVS Health and Walgreens. A past recipient of this grant, their program includes technical training and soft skills, and the organization has indicated a desire to partner more closely with the Massachusetts

Commission for the Blind and the MassHire North Central Career Center in Leominster.

To learn more about the employment program, please contact Jessica Muradian, EOLWD Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Legislative Affairs and Policy at [Jessica.Muradian@Mss.gov](mailto:Jessica.Muradian@Mss.gov).

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# Spencer police host active shooter training

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Continuing its mission of increasing community preparedness, the police department recently held an active shooter training exercise for town officials.

On Jan. 9, SPD Lt. Michael Befford led training in a program called Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE). Befford has already introduced these strategies to the school district and several local businesses. He appreciates each opportunity to give community members strategies for handling an emergency.

“We talk about developing a mindset for survival and the Avoid, Deny and Defend principle,” Befford said. “Moving forward, I am going to work with some of the individual departments to assess their security.”

In the past, Befford has worked with FLEXcon Company, Inc., and Mercury Wire Products to help bolster employees’ preparedness. He also enjoys working with town employees and providing defense tools that can be used in a variety of situations, not just an active shooter event.

Town officials thank Befford and the police department for their efforts in promoting safety and preparedness.

“I’m grateful that Lt. Befford took the time to present effective response strategies to town employees during the recent



The Spencer Police Department ran an active shooter training exercise for town officials last week.

active shooter training,” said Town Administrator Thomas Gregory. “Should the unthinkable occur, I’m confident that the employees will be able to reference the strategies taught during the training to protect themselves and the public.”

In many active shooter

events and other emergency situations, the initial shock prevents victims from reacting and notifying the authorities. By providing employees with strategies in advance, Befford helps maximize their chances of reacting effectively in an emergency.

“It’s an unfortunate comment about our society that we find ourselves having to attend a training such as this one. However, I am grateful to Lt. Befford for his calm, practical presentation,” said Town Clerk

Laura Torti. “As an elected official, the safety of the public is always a concern. Lt. Befford showed us ways we can react in a crisis to help mitigate the danger to ourselves and others.”

One of the defense models Befford has stressed at several events is ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). Because no two emergency situations are alike, this model introduces residents to many strategies that

can be used. Befford always emphasizes the importance of immediate and effective communications during emergency situations. The police department has also conducted extensive training for each officer to ensure a rapid response during an active shooter situation.

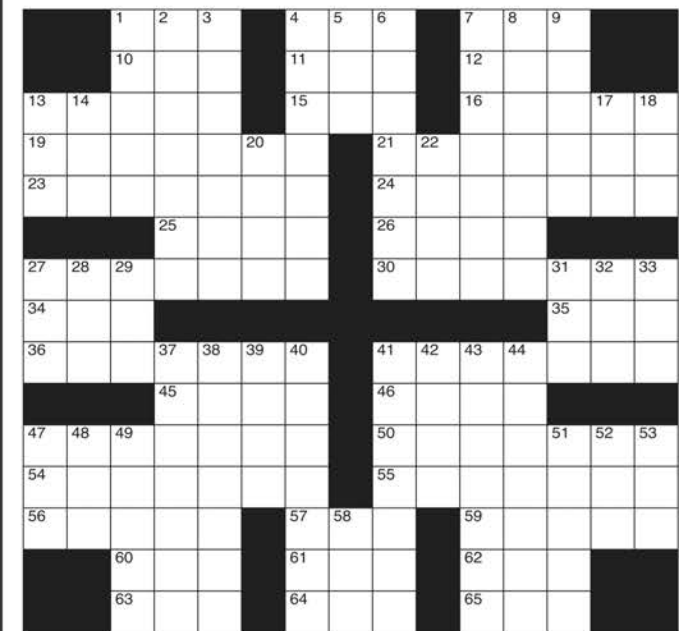
Research indicates that the majority of active shooter events end within ten minutes. The immediate reactions of those inside the building during the first few minutes of an event are critical to saving lives, officials said.

“Over the years, we’ve seen response times shorten and the capabilities of law enforcement increase,” read a statement released by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Team based at Texas State University, which developed the Avoid, Deny, Defend program. “As a result of increased public awareness, many citizens have asked what individuals can do to protect themselves and reduce the dangers faced during one of these events.”

The Avoid, Deny, Defend program features several strategies, including creating barriers to slow down a threat; identifying all potential exits ahead of time; using all available technologies to notify authorities; and what to do when law enforcement personnel arrive.

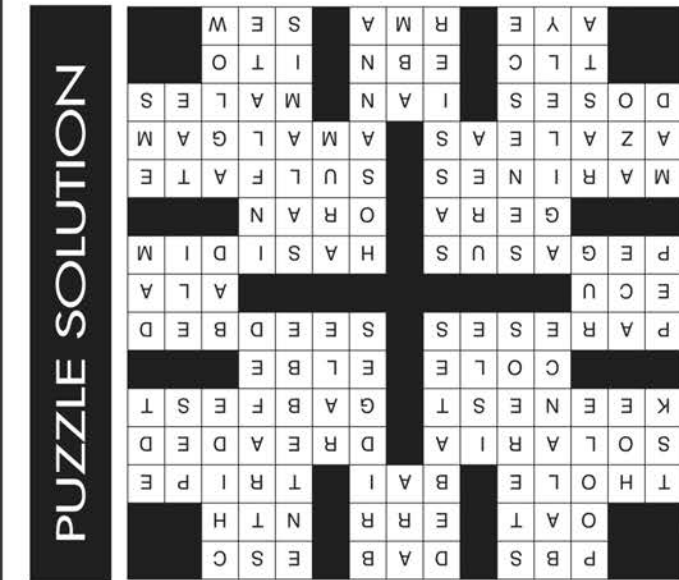
To learn more about the program, visit [www.AvoidDenyDefend.org](http://www.AvoidDenyDefend.org).

Looking ahead, Lt. Befford and his team plan to hold additional training events throughout the year.



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  - 65. Create with cloth

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  - 8. Attacked with bombs
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  - 28. A team’s best pitcher
  - 29. It goes on the floor
  - 31. Not good
  - 32. Peyton’s little brother
  - 33. Barrier that holds back water
  - 37. Move quickly
  - 38. Deteriorate with age
  - 39. Colorless crystalline compound
  - 40. Cheekier
  - 41. Expresses praise or joy
  - 42. Famed boxing promoter
  - 43. Cured sausages
  - 44. Fill with air or gas
  - 47. Angry
  - 48. Chemistry prefix
  - 49. Practitioner of Jamaican religion
  - 51. Softly bright or radiant
  - 52. Buffer solution used to separate nucleic acids
  - 53. First responder group
  - 58. Defensive nuclear weapon



## Missing woman found safe in Spencer

SPENCER – After more than ten hours of searching last week, authorities found a missing Spencer woman safe.

Jeanette St. Peter, 65, was reported missing on the morning of Jan. 13. Spencer Police, Spencer Fire, the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, and the State Police took part in an extensive search of the Martin Street neighborhood.

St. Peter was found at approximately 4 p.m., just before dark. She was located less than a mile from her home, police said.

“She was found crouched in a kneeling position, conscious but clearly suffering from the elements. A Fire/Police UTV carried her from the woods to an awaiting ambulance,” read a statement released by the police department.

Police thank everyone who took part in the search, including K-9 units.



Jeanette St. Peter was found safe last week after an extensive search.

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## Local students named to Dean's List at University of New Haven

WEST HAVEN, Conn. — The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the fall, 2019.

The University of New Haven, founded on the Yale campus in 1920, is a private, coeducational university situated on the coast of southern New England. It is a diverse and vibrant community of more than 7,000 students, with campuses around the country and around the world.

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Information is available at [www.newhaven.edu](http://www.newhaven.edu). Leicester

Shelby Miller, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Marine Biology

North Brookfield

Emily Ducharme, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Dietetics

Spencer

Mackensie Plante, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Genetics and Biotechnology

West Brookfield

Ryan Langlois, Tagliatella College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering



# Chihuahua rescued from Holyoke dumpster safe at Second Chance

EAST BROOKFIELD — A young chihuahua is safe and sound at Second Chance Animal Services thanks to a good Samaritan. The approximately seven-month-old male dog was spotted by the concerned citizen as his owner was about to abandon him in a box in a dumpster in Holyoke. The citizen confronted the owner, who said he was the last of a litter born last summer. The owner was unable to find someone to take this last pup and didn't know what else to do.

The dog went home with the rescuer, who told Second Chance that he got along great with their own dog. Unfortunately, they didn't have the time to devote to a puppy so they contacted Second Chance to make arrangements for the dog

at their East Brookfield Adoption Center.

Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato is grateful not only that the rescuer stepped in, but that they knew where to turn for help the young chihuahua mix.

"Second Chance has so many resources to help keep pets in their homes, from our vaccine and spay/neuter clinics, to subsidized rates for qualified households at our veterinary hospitals and more," Blancato said. "But we know sometimes people just can't keep a pet and that's why we'll always have an adoption center. We will always be here for pets like Tucker."

The Second Chance medical staff has already given Tucker a thorough check-

up and updated his vaccines. Yesterday he traveled to the Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospital in North Brookfield for his neuter surgery, the last step before he can be officially adopted. All adoptable pets at Second Chance are treated to a full range of medical attention that also includes heartworm/lyme/erlichia/anaplasmosis and fecal testing, heartworm and flea & tick preventatives and a microchip.

The young pup quickly stole the hearts of many at the adoption center and he will be going to his forever home this week.



## Senate passes Breakfast After the Bell legislation

BOSTON — Today, Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and the Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed legislation to fight childhood hunger and boost participation rates in school breakfast programs in the Commonwealth's high-poverty schools. The bill, An Act regarding breakfast after the bell (S.2460), would require all public K-12 schools with 60 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the federal National School Lunch Program to offer breakfast after the instructional day begins.

"Too many children face food insecurity issues and it

is at school where they can be assured of receiving a nutritious meal," commented Gobi on the bill's passage. "I have been to area schools that have the program in place and I look forward to seeing all schools participate for the benefit of their students. As a former teacher I know that students who are hungry are less able to focus on their studies. Breakfast After the Bell is a positive education supplement."

"We have spent the last two years building a strong coalition of support, which includes school stakeholders, hunger advocates and legislators," said

Catherine D'Amato, CEO at The Greater Boston Food Bank, which leads the Rise and Shine Massachusetts coalition. "This is the moment we have been waiting for and we are looking forward to passing a bill that will assist with increasing access to school breakfast to over 150,000 low-income students across Massachusetts."

Massachusetts currently requires all high-poverty schools to provide breakfast to every eligible student. However, because breakfast is typically offered before the bell and in the cafeteria, participation levels are low—at less than 40 percent—compared to 80-90

percent participation for free and reduced lunch. Moving breakfast from before the bell to after the bell is a proven strategy to boost breakfast participation to ensure that all students have the nutrition they need to start their day ready to learn.

This legislation would require approximately 600 Massachusetts schools serving low-income students to offer breakfast after the tardy bell through a variety of delivery models, including breakfast in the classroom, grab-and-go, and second-chance breakfast. This flexibility allows school districts to select the model that best fits their students' needs

As a federally reimbursed program, Breakfast After the Bell has the potential to provide up to \$30 million statewide to Massachusetts school districts that increase participation rates to 80 percent and above. These payments are made directly to school nutrition departments, helping to support jobs, update kitchen equipment, and provide healthier menu options.

Now that the Senate has passed its version, it will move to reconcile the legislation with a similar version that passed the House of Representatives.

## Rachel Berthiaume, of Leicester spends Winter Break volunteering on Assumption College SEND Trip

WORCESTER — During the month-long winter break, Rachel Berthiaume, of Leicester, participated in a week-long service immersion trip through Assumption College's SEND program. Berthiaume was a member of the group that traveled to Baltimore. Through the Urban Plunge Retreat, Catholic Charities provided students with an opportunity to provide care and services to improve the lives of Marylanders in need. Throughout the week, students served meals in a soup kitchen, spent time with people at an emergency shelter, and learned to cherish the dignity in all.

The College's SEND Service Immersion Program, established in 1986 by the Office of Campus Ministry, provides students the opportunity to serve those in need while growing spiritually and personally. During one of 11

trips offered throughout the year, students-accompanied by faculty, staff or alumni-make a meaningful difference in the communities in which they serve by working and volunteering alongside fellow students.

During winter break, five groups of students volunteered at a number of nonprofits from Baltimore to Tuscaloosa. The students worked with a variety of organizations, including Catholic Charities, FaithJustice, Habitat for Humanity, L'Arche, and Romero Center Ministries in the communities of Baltimore, MD; Camden, NJ; Trenton, NJ; Tuscaloosa, AL; and Washington, D.C. In addition to winter break, students also have the opportunity to participate in week-long SEND trips as part of an alternative spring break in March or during summer break.

The SEND Immersion Program instills in students a desire to use one's gifts and knowledge to impact the community, a cornerstone of the Assumption mission. Learn more about Assumption's robust Campus Ministry program by visiting <http://www.assumption.edu/campus-life/campus-ministry>.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., Assumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 33 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs-each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth

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

## Local residents named to Becker College Dean's List

WORCESTER/LEICESTER — Becker College recognized the following local residents who were named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester. The Dean's List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades.

Kylie Bulger, of North Brookfield is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Equine Studies.

Ashley Cormier, of North Brookfield is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Sarah Goguen, of Spencer is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology,

Mental Health Counseling Concentration.

Christina Gomez, of Spencer is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Elizabeth Goyette, of Spencer is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Integrated Graphic Design and Media.

Cheyenne Gustafson, of Spencer is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Science, Pre-Veterinary Concentration.

Karlee Kemp, of East Brookfield is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Shelby McMillan, of Brookfield is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Scott Simons, of Spencer is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Development and

Programming Concentration.

Sarah Sputo, of Spencer is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Caitlyn Waddell, of West Brookfield is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,700 students from the United States and around the world live and learn on the College's Worcester and Leicester campuses. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a "Best College" for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

### Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College recognized the following local students for making the Dean's List during the 2019 Fall Semester:

Shelby Tytula from West Brookfield. Tytula is studying Applied Exercise Science.

Caitlin Kemp from Leicester. Kemp is studying Communication/Sport Journalism.

Morgyn Astrella from West Brookfield. Astrella is studying Exploratory Studies.

Katelyn McKay from Rochdale. McKay is studying Health Science/Occupational Therapy.

Criteria for selection to the dean's list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

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Leicester  
Elementary School

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Wednesday, February 5

Pasta with Meat Sauce  
WG Barilla Pasta  
with or without Meat Sauce  
Green Beans  
Strawberry Cup

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

Thursday, February 6

Crispy Chicken Sandwich  
Breaded Chicken Breast on a  
WG Roll  
Potato Wedges  
Baked Beans  
Mixed Fruit Cups

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

Friday, February 7

Pizza Day  
Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza  
Romaine Tossed Salad  
Assorted Dressings  
Buttery Corn  
Assorted Fruit Choices

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

Monday, February 10

Meatball Grinder  
Italian Meatballs in Tomato  
Sauce on a WG Roll  
French Fries  
Pear Cup

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Peanut Butter & Jelly

Tuesday, February 11

Grilled Cheese  
Sandwich & Soup  
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing  
Steamed Carrots  
Peach Cups

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Peanut Butter & Jelly

Wednesday, February 12

Sweet Orange Chicken  
Breaded Chicken in a Sweet  
Orange Sauce  
Rice Pilaf & Broccoli  
Corn  
Craisins

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Peanut Butter & Jelly

Thursday, February 13

Ham & Cheese Croissant  
Ham, American Cheese on a  
Toasted Croissant  
Baked Beans  
Potato Puffs  
Applesauce Cups

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Peanut Butter & Jelly

Friday, February 14

Stuffed Crust Pizza  
WG pizza with a cheese  
filled crust  
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing  
Buttery Green Beans  
Assorted Fruit Choices

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Peanut Butter & Jelly

WINTER  
BREAK

Last Day of Classes  
February 14  
Classes Resume  
February 24



Monday, February 24

Hot Dog  
Kayem Hot Dog  
on a WG Roll  
Baked Beans  
French Fries  
Pear Cups

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

Tuesday, February 25

Tacos  
Seasoned Beef with Crunchy  
Taco Shells  
Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese  
Buttery Corn  
Peach Cup

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

Wednesday, February 26

Chicken Tenders  
All White Meat Chicken  
Tenders w/ Assorted Sauces  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Mixed Fruit Cup

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

Thursday, February 27

Build a Burger  
Hamburger on a WG Roll  
Condiments  
Lettuce & Tomato  
Potato Wedges & Ketchup  
Steamed Carrots  
Applesauce Cups

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

Friday, February 28

School Made Pizza  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Romaine Tossed Salad  
Assorted Dressings  
Strawberry Cups

Alternate Entrées:  
Bagel, Cream Cheese& Yogurt  
Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

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Menus for  
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Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, February 10

Chicken Fajita's -Sautéed Peppers & Onions, Salsa  
Seasoned Potato Wedges, Corn & Bean Salsa  
Roasted Carrots, Applesauce Cups & Craisins

Tuesday, February 11

Crunchy Beef Tacos  
Lettuce, Tomato, Shredded Cheese  
Buttery Corn & Pear Cup & Strawberry Cups

Wednesday, February 12

Chicken Stir Fry with Broccoli & Carrots  
in a Teriyaki Sauce  
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas & Mixed Fruit Cup

Thursday, February 13

Ham & Cheese Croissant  
French Fries & Ketchup  
Crunchy Cucumbers , Raisins & Peach Cups

Friday, February 14

Stuffed Crust Pizza  
Romaine Tossed Salad & Dressings,  
Roasted Green Beans & Fruit Choices

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, February 3

Mashed Potato Bowl, Chicken chunks, mashed potato,  
corn & gravy in a Bowl, Roll & butter  
Raisins & Peach Cup

Tuesday, February 4

Meatball Grinder  
Tossed Salad w/ assorted Dressings  
Roasted Green Beans  
Pear Cups & Craisins

Wednesday, February 5

Turkey Bacon Melt Sandwich  
French Fries & Ketchup  
Baked Beans, Applesauce Cups & Strawberry Cups

Thursday, February 6

Shepard's Pie  
Buttery Peas, WG Roll & Butter  
WG Cookies  
Fresh Apples & Mixed Fruit Cup

Friday, February 7

School Made Pizza - Cheese or Pepperoni  
Caesar Side Salad, Roasted Carrots  
Assorted Fruit Cups

Available Daily

Monday- Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty on WG Roll or  
Pizza

Tuesday- Hamburger Roll, Spicy or Regular Chicken

Wednesday- Assorted Pizza Choices or  
Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty

Thursday- Hamburger on WG Roll or  
Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty

Friday- Chicken Patty on WG Roll

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of Classes  
February 14

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February 24



Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, February 24

Grilled Cheese & Chicken Soup  
Slice Cucumbers, Crunchy Carrots, & Fresh Apples & Applesauce

Tuesday, February 25

Sweet Orange Chicken  
Breaded Chicken tossed in a Sweet Orange Sauce  
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas, Roasted Broccoli & Mixed Fruit Cups

Wednesday, February 26

BBQ Rib Sandwich on a WG Roll  
French Fries & Ketchup, Baked Beans  
Cole Slaw, Peach Cups & Strawberry Cups

Thursday, February 27

Barilla Pasta with or without Meat Sauce  
Roasted Green Beans  
Romaine Tossed Salad & Dressing Pineapple & Pear Cups

Friday, February 28

French Bread Pizza  
Romaine Tossed Salad  
Corn & Assorted Fruit Choices

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Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, February 10

Chicken Fajita's -Sautéed Peppers & Onions, Salsa  
Seasoned Potato Wedges, Corn & Bean Salsa  
Roasted Carrots, Applesauce Cups

Tuesday, February 11

Crunchy Beef Tacos  
Lettuce, Tomato, Shredded Cheese  
Buttery Corn & Pear Cup

Wednesday, February 12

Chicken Stir Fry with Broccoli & Carrots  
in a Teriyaki Sauce  
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas & Mixed Fruit Cup

Thursday, February 13

Ham & Cheese Croissant  
French Fries & Ketchup  
Crunchy Cucumber & Raisins

Friday, February 14

Stuffed Crust Pizza  
Romaine Tossed Salad & Dressings,  
Roasted Green Beans & Fruit Choices

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, February 3

Mashed Potato Bowl, Chicken chunks, mashed potato,  
corn & gravy in a Bowl, Roll & butter  
& Peach Cup

Tuesday, February 4

Meatball Grinder  
Tossed Salad w/ assorted Dressings  
Roasted Green Beans & Strawberry Cups

Wednesday, February 5

Turkey Bacon Melt Sandwich  
French Fries & Ketchup  
Baked Beans, Applesauce Cups

Thursday, February 6

Shepard's Pie  
Buttery Peas, WG Roll & Butter  
& Mixed Fruit Cup

Friday, February 7

School Made Pizza - Cheese or Pepperoni  
Caesar Side Salad, Roasted Carrots  
Assorted Fruit Cups

Available Daily

Monday- Chicken Patty on WG Roll

Tuesday- Spicy Chicken Patty on WG Roll

Wednesday- Assorted Pizza Choices

Thursday- Hamburger on WG Roll

Friday -Chicken Patty on WG Roll

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Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, February 24

Grilled Cheese & Chicken Soup  
Cucumber Slices, Crunchy Carrots, & Fresh Apples

Tuesday, February 25

Sweet Orange Chicken  
Breaded Chicken tossed in a Sweet Orange Sauce  
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas, Roasted Broccoli & Mixed Fruit Cups

Wednesday, February 26

BBQ Rib Sandwich on a WG Roll  
French Fries & Ketchup,  
Baked Beans, Peach Cups

Thursday, February 27

Barilla Pasta with or without Meat Sauce  
Roasted Green Beans  
Romaine Tossed Salad & Dressing, Pear Cups

Friday, February 28

French Bread Pizza  
Romaine Tossed Salad  
Buttery Corn & Assorted Fruit Choices



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The issue is fairness, not censorship

To the Editor:

O.K., O.K., lets address our comments this week to one Richard Taylor, a-probably fictitious-character who claims to be from Spencer. Taylor has, by my count, submitted four letters over the past year, with each one serving the sole purpose of trying to defend the existence of the, by now, infamous Faux Five (Yarok, Cohen, Rosenberg, Bagg, and Miller). It is not an easy assignment, for by now even the most gullible readers of the Letters Section know there is not one single, tiny, even questionable piece of information extant that can lend any credence whatsoever to his or anyone else's contention that the "Five" are actually real persons from the surrounding communities who have earned the right to be taken seriously.

This Taylor falls back on attacking the messengers (Gaucher, Read, myself, and others) with ad hominem attacks, lies, and name-calling. We are, in no particular order, racists, bigots, anti-free speech zealots, white supremacists, ignoramuses etc., and, in last week's screed, he referred to me as an "old creep who stalks his victims." All right, that did provide a good belly-laugh for me, but I still don't appreciate his or the "Five's" personal, gutter attacks against me or my friends.

To you, Taylor, I have this to say, which I have said to the "Five" before, but you may have missed it. I'll type this slowly so it may have a better chance of being understood by you as much of your written expression seems to indicate a problem with cognitive development; it's either that or a question of an utter paucity of character and moral integrity.

First, we couldn't care less what com-mies like the so-called "Five" write with regard to their political opinions. In fact, when they spout their vile hatreds of President Trump and his supporters; when they promote social-ism (despite its long record of mani-fest failure everywhere its been imple-mented); when they routinely see only the worst in our country while ignor-ing all of its glorious history; and when they mock and condemn Christianity despite all the good it has done for hun-dreds of millions of people here and around the world...when they show themselves for the arrogant, supercil-ious, vicious people they really are, this only wins more folks who can think for themselves to our side of the political/cultural divide.

No, it's not the politics that causes us to plump (great word, Reid) for the newspaper to finally make a determi-nation for themselves who these peo-ple are, or, rather, who this person is who writes all these letters. It's the libelous comments, the lies, and the mockery directed against us, our fel-low conservatives, and our country that we consider an outrage. When someone publicly calls me-a very real and easy-to-find resident of the area-a racist, a white supremacist, a stalk-er; when someone publishes his fear that I-a 78 year-old man-would like to drag him by a chain behind my pick-up truck, that I would probably shoot him if I ever saw him-----this is serious, dangerous stuff. If I were still working at my old job, I am almost certain I would've been fired by now, whether the author of those statements is a real person or not. After all, this is Massachusetts where "tolerance" reigns, and where any conservative who dares to speak unpalatable truths about liberalism is fair game; there is no one who is going to stand up for you.

When one of these nuts publicly says about a private citizen, a busi-ness woman like Ms. Gaucher, that he fears meeting her because she might "egg his house," as appeared in last week's New Leader, you know you have crossed into crackpot country.

It is the "Five," Taylor, who, in their (his) attempts to discredit their nem-eses, have repeatedly gone out of their way to publish private information about us-our education, military ser-vice, our children and their educa-tions, our vehicles, taxes, job perfor-mance, pensions, and other personal matters. You, Taylor, cannot cite even one personal comment regarding any one of them to have ever seen the light of day in this newspaper, which is easy even for you to understand as it's impossible to comment on individu-als who exist only in the corrupt and cowardly mind of he who creates these "people."

Based on conclusions drawn from our perfectly legal and above-board investigations, we have raised the issue of their fictitious existence, and have offered multiple opportunities for them-either collectively or sin-gly-to prove us wrong, to make us look like paranoid, right-wing kooks. Nothing. No response. No one, let me repeat, not a single person, has been willing to step up and speak for them, they who are too cowardly to meet with an old man and a woman, even in the safety-since they claim to fear us-of the Editor's office. No takers. They (I should say, he) just trot out this mud-slinging Taylor to attempt to distract the readers' attention from the issue which is: who is the sick and bitter individual with all the time in the world on his hands to creates these false personas so as to multiply his

opportunities to influence those who read his bogus essays?

If my identity were to be challenged-as theirs has been-if I were said to be a fake character who wasn't the real author of his letters, how far would I go to meet my accusers to set the record straight and maintain my honor? Let me think...I would walk-bare-chested, bare-footed, and backward-on a freez-ing cold night in a driving sleet storm in January, for ten miles, with an end-less loop of P. Diddy's Greatest Hits at full decibels in my ear buds, to meet my antagonist(s) at 0300 at the place of their choice, if that's what it took. Such would be my concern for my rep-utation and honor. But, that's just the way I was brought up. I have to wonder how the fraud who composes these phoney-baloney letters was raised.

I find it unfortunate the newspa-per, through its editor, seems to share Taylor's oft-stated calumny regarding those of us who are skeptical, that we are interested only in shutting down opinion we don't like. Nothing could be further from the truth. We just ask for fairness, and an end to the libelous, defamatory, and extremely personal comments made directly against us. We have children, family and neigh-bors who must be appalled by the things they "never knew about us." The Editor has been a true defender of the First Amendment since he took over, but it would be even better if he looked into the unquestionable and persistent matter of character assassination com-ing from cowardly "writers" who hide behind a wall of anonymity as a means of advancing their agenda.

JOHN McRAE  
EAST BROOKFIELD

### STEM

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The STEM Showcase also highlighted the school's Project Lead the Way involve-ment. The national program has enabled students to deepen their studies in several STEM subjects. All students took at least one STEM class this year, Principal Christopher Fontaine told the New Leader.

Project winners were announced in several cate-gories. The overall eighth grade winner was a robot created by Owen Underwood, Zachary Jackson, Jacob Altman, and Kiara Cavanagh. Meanwhile, the sixth grade winner was a



Eighth graders show off their creations.

mouse maze project invented by Shane Garrahie, Jordan Miller, Dakota Zinkevich, and

Brandon Escobar.

"This was a great success.

The kids presented amazing-ly," said eighth grade LMS teacher James DePace. "One of our biggest goals for STEM is to connect classes to the real world."

Long gone are the days of stu-dents learning science exclu-sively by taking notes from chalkboards and staring into textbooks. With initiatives like Project Lead the Way, students across the country are taking part in hands-on projects and working in teams. At LMS this year, groups of students worked hard through every step of the process, from the design phase to the presenta-tion.

"It was challenging and a lot

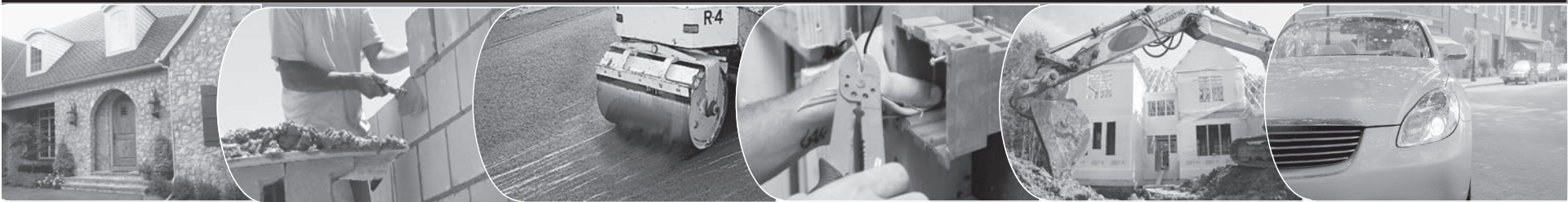
of fun," said eighth grader Rina Appiah.

During the flight and space research phase, eighth graders learned about everything from Mars rovers to lunar landers. Looking ahead to high school and college, they will be well prepared for additional STEM competitions and fairs.

Students in grades five and seven will take part in a sepa-rate showcase event in the spring.

Project Lead the Way pro-vides learning experienc-es for students in grades K-12 across the U.S. To learn more about the program, visit www.pltw.org.

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Where does competitiveness come from?

With the match-up for Super Bowl LIV now decided, the mounting anticipation for kick-off between Patrick Mahomes’ Kansas City Chiefs and Jimmy Garoppolo’s 49’ers has had us wondering why fans in any sporting event are so fixated on getting the win. Why are humans so blisteringly competitive?

Granted, competition is fun in regards to sports and shouldn’t be taken so seriously; however, things get quite serious when millions of dollars are at stake.

Human beings are not just competitive athletically, but in their careers as well. Why are we always trying to keep up with the Joneses? Is this a genetic trait or has our society created it?

In an attempt to be the best, an individual or a team only has to beat out their closest competitor, but for what gain? Money and social status. In the case where hard work pays off, it is only natural to feel self pride, and we think that is OK.

A study conducted in 1974 by economist Richard Easterlin discovered that as countries become wealthier, its citizens do not find more happiness or more riches. Easterlin found that happiness was based on an individual’s wealth in comparison to others. Here in America, being competitive in the classroom as well as on the playing field has become a part of who we are and how we operate as a society. Experts say this could have been born because of our capitalist-driven society due to a limited amount of available resources.

The famous Charles Darwin explained the concept of the ‘survival of the fittest’ in “The Origin of Species.” Darwin felt that proficiency in one’s natural surroundings dictates a person’s success. Co- operation and dependence on others were tactics Darwin also attributed to an individual’s triumphs.

We’re all competitive in our own way, and this is a good thing in that it can improve any given situation. Competition drives our passions and motivates us. When we observe what others are doing and how they’re doing it, it can help us learn the ways in which we can become more efficient, smarter, wealthier, happier. Comparing yourself to another person is only OK if you can benefit from it. There are different styles of competitiveness, such as long- range competition or fast competition. When you find your style, your ability to excel will increase.

When we’re competitive, dopamine circulates in our prefrontal cortex. This is the portion of the brain that handles thinking, adaptation, memory, rule-changing and high-level planning. In her book, “Top Dog: The Science of Winning and Losing,” author Ashley Merryman explains the difference between a ‘worrier’ and a ‘warrior’ thusly: “Worriers have higher levels of dopamine, but in moments of stress, their brains get overloaded with it. Warriors, on average, don’t have enough dopamine, and they are thus more lethargic and don’t pay attention. But moments of stress and pressure bring dopamine to optimum levels in their brains, so they may need stress and pressure to perform their best.”

While there may be biological imperatives that drive us to compete, however, we should also remember that as reasoning beings, we have the ability to keep that competitiveness friendly and orderly. A little good natured trash talk before the big game can be fun, but when people surrender to their baser instincts and resort to violence and destruction of property in the wake of a win or a loss, as we saw in the streets of Philadelphia Sunday night, we need to stop and ask ourselves when competition crosses the line.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Did Jesus abolish God’s dietary law?

To the Editor:

Before the question is answered, let me ask you, do you believe in God? Do you know who Jesus is? Jesus is the Son of the living God, Jesus is God incarnate and God is the creator of all this universe, planets, our planet and all the living matter in this planet, world, and that includes us. God, Jesus is alive, living, loving, caring, merciful and just, God knows the beginning from the end, God knows us better than we know our self, God knows our heart.

If anyone who is reading this does not believe in God they will not believe in the Bible and the proceeding facts about clean and unclean food law that God has instructed us.

Let me start with Genesis 3, before the fall of man, mankind, meat was not being eaten; there was no meat in Eden.

After the fall of man and the great flood in Noah Genesis 6:9 and in Genesis 6:19, God commanded Noah to bring with him two of every kind of animal and in Genesis 7:2 God is instructing Noah to take seven of every kind of clean animal and 2 of every kind unclean animal, this includes birds. God is teaching, instructing Noah about the clean and unclean meat laws. God is commanding Noah to take a clean animal and offer it on the alter to God [Genesis 8:20] notice that God is instructing Noah to take a clean animal not an unclean for the sacrifice to God.

Genesis 9:3 God commands Noah that every moving animal that lives shall be food for you, even as the green herbs. Now notice, God did not say every crawling animal! Also notice that God is comparing the animal we are to eat to the green herbs, that is the key! Even as the green herbs, God is telling us to eat the meat within the same parameters as God is allowing, commanding us to eat vegetation. Think about this, do your own research, there are certain plants that are harmful to us, so are certain meats that we are not to eat. God does not give us poison herbs as food and the same for meats.

The only law Jesus ended, abolished was the ceremonial law, Jesus is the new Lamb of God today. Jesus abolished the ceremonial law only and Jesus specifically addresses this in Matthew 5:17, Do not think I have come to abolish the law “I have not” I have come to fulfill the law. Jesus came to abolish the ceremonial law “only” because Jesus has become the Lamb of God, there is no need for any more sacrificial animal, however, as for God’s moral, ethical law that will not change, Jesus has come to fulfill that law, the civil law is our everyday conduct, values, standards and principles. The moral law is the commandments, revealing God’s nature throughout eternity. Jesus obeyed God’s moral and dietary

completely and Jesus is the example for us today. God’s dietary law is reveal through Peters vision Acts 10:9-34, 44-47 if you carefully read verse14, 17, Peter certainly does not think or believe at the time that all meats are now clean.

Think about this, if, unclean meats had been approved, would Peter have not understood this from what he had learned from Jesus? Peter lived with Jesus his Savior for three years. If anyone knew the law I believe it would have been Peter. What was Peter’s reply in verse 14, surely not Lord, I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.

Verse 28 Peter himself reveals what the vision meant. Peter makes this confession about the Jewish people fellowshiping with other nations, here Peter is referring to the Gentiles saying you know it is unlawful for a Jew to keep company with a none Jew, a Gentile. However, “but” God has shown me, Peter, [through the vision] that I should not call any man [anyone] common or unclean. Peter’s vision had nothing to do with meats, food. Peter’s vision was about people! Nowhere in the scripture did it mention meat, food, clean or unclean meats. This is something for whatever reason people assumed and wanted God to re-regulate the food laws so that we could eat what we wanted. As Paul says, the carnal mind is enmity against God [Acts 10:1-2, & 11:18] [Romans 8:7] what God has cleansed was the Gentiles, God was telling Peter not to call the Gentiles unclean, not food. We need to read these verses in its contests and not paraphrase it.

God has given us, mankind, food laws from Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14, and has not given any other list of vegetation or animal, creatures that certified for food and we must not imagine or make up other foods, we must be careful not to let our carnal mind lead us. We must not try to manipulate God.

If you seriously examine the scriptures, you will find that all the scriptures we have reviewed confirm the law concerning clean and unclean meats is still in effect today. The only law that Jesus has abolished is the ceremonial law. Jesus is the eternal Lamb of God.

Yes, you can eat any meat you wish today and not be spiritually defiling before God, as it was in the Old Testament; however, the foods that remain unclean will probably make you sick and or shorten your life before its time. [Ecclesiastes 7:17] The choice is yours! Do your own study! When we live by Gods moral and dietary laws God will bless us, we are blessed! [Romans 12:2] each of us are responsible for our health, our health is our choice.

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The Perdicaris Affair

To the Editor:

The Perdicaris affair/incident of 1904, where a U.S. citizen was kidnapped by Raisuni (a tribal leader) and held for ransom in Morocco, did in fact occur. Ion Perdicaris was a naturalized American citizen born in Greece, went to Harvard, and was fascinated with Moroccan culture, writing several books. While in Morocco, his horse fell and he broke his leg, only to be kidnapped by a rebel leader, Raisuni. Not only was Perdicaris held for monetary ransom, but Raisuni also wanted the Sultan of Morocco to remove troops from his areas, end harassment of the Er-Rif people, remove the Pasha of Tangier, and cease control of several districts in Morocco. Raisuni made these demands of the Moroccan Sultan, not the United States.

1904 was an election year and it is true that Teddy Roosevelt made political capital out of the event. Roosevelt was angry and reacted with a show of force by diverting several warships and marine companies on a “goodwill cruise” to Tangier.

The United States nearly went to war with Morocco over the fact that a rebel tribal leader who was not loyal to the Sultan and in fact was fighting with the sultan had a prisoner. Morocco in the end paid Raisuni his ransom, appointed Raisuni the Pasha of Tangier and Jibala, and in return Raisuni released his prisoners.

So the United States threatened regime change, extorted, and twisted the arm of a foreign power (Morocco in this case) to pay ransom for our citizen in both money and their internal politics. While it is understandable that we would do whatever we could to save an American, if the whole world held governments responsible for the acts of their internal criminals and threatened war if foreign governments didn’t capitulate to the demands of the criminals there would be a lot of war.

How many foreign citizens are victims of crime in the United States? Should we be threatened with missiles over it?

Perdicaris did not live out his days in New Jersey, but renounced his citizenship, moved to England and actually admired, identified, and befriended Raisuni saying that he was not a bandit or a murderer but a patriot forced into acts of brigandage to save his native soil and his people from the yoke of tyranny. Raisuni did not tend to a goat herd but had his demands met, only to be ousted by the Moroccan government a few years later, became Pasha of Tangier again, only to be removed by the Spanish intervention in Morocco. Raisuni tangoed with the French, Spanish, and Germans during and after WW1.

Was it protection or politics? “Perdicaris Alive or Raisuli Dead”... I think more accurately we are looking at the first time that a president running for re-election, in this case Teddy Roosevelt in 1904, used the threat of war and American Nationalism for political capital in a high stakes game of political theater to drum up support back home. In that sense, it is very similar to what Donald Trump is doing with Iran or the 1995 film “Canadian Bacon” where the United States picked a fight with Canada to improve the president’s approval rating.

President Trump is now saying that they are engaging in assignations as deterrents while the reality on the ground looks like assassinations to divert attention from his wide variety of scandals, crimes, and the impeachment trial. The administration admits there was no imminent threat. That is not putting America first, that is putting Donald Trump first and selling American values down the river.

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Don’t play politics with your portfolio



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You’re probably aware this is an election year. During the next several months, the candidates will discuss issues that should greatly interest you as a citizen. But as an investor, how concerned should you be with the results of the presidential and congressional elections?

Maybe not as much as you might think. At different times, the financial markets have performed well and poorly under different administrations and when different parties have controlled Congress. And after all the votes are counted, outcomes in the investment markets can be unpredictable. Consequently, you’ll be helping yourself greatly by not making big moves in your portfolio in anticipation of new legislation or political moves down the line.

Of course, that’s not to say that nothing emerging from Washington could ever have an impact on your investment decisions. For example, if a future president and Congress decide to change the capital gains tax rate, it could affect some of your choices, such as which stocks and stock-based mutual funds you should buy, and how long you should hold them.

Overall, though, your investment results will ultimately depend on actions you can take, including these:

- Making changes for the right reasons – While the results of an election may not be a good reason to make changes in your investment portfolio, other factors can certainly lead you to take steps in this direction. For one thing, as you get closer to retirement, you may want to shift some – though certainly not all – of your investment dollars from more growth-oriented vehicles to more conservative ones. Conversely, if you decide, well in advance, that you might want to retire earlier than you originally thought, you may need to invest more aggressively, being aware of the increased risk involved.

- Following a long-term strategy – In pretty much all walks of life, there are no shortcuts to success – and the same is true with investing. You need to follow a long-term strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, and you need the patience and perseverance to keep investing in all markets – up, down and sideways.

- Avoiding mistakes – Many people think of an investment mistake as failing to “get in on the ground floor” of some company that ultimately grew to huge proportions. But it’s pretty hard to become an early investor in companies like these, many of which start out as privately held businesses without any stockholders. Furthermore, companies with shorter track records can be much more unpredictable investments. However, you do want to avoid some real mistakes, such as chasing “hot” stocks. By the time you hear about them, they may already be cooling off, and they might not even be appropriate for your needs. Another mistake: failing to diversify your portfolio. If you only own one type of asset, such as growth stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn. Spreading your dollars over a wide range of investments can help lower your risk exposure. (However, diversification by itself can’t guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.)

After Election Day, regardless of the outcome, you can help keep your portfolio on track by not playing politics with it.

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# Praising the Virtues of Popcorn

Did you know National Popcorn Day was celebrated last week? Neither did I, thus the belated column to celebrate the pleasures of popcorn!

Whether popped in a kettle on the stove, zapped in the microwave, or pre-popped in bags, on average, each of us consume almost 70 quarts of popcorn each year! And it's no wonder America has a love affair with the native treat, after all, it's economical, easy to cook, high in fiber and low calorie (sans the butter).

Read on for some popcorn trivia, popping tips and even a recipe spotlighting the wholesome, economical grain.

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Perfect Popcorn: Want to make positively perfect popcorn? Here's how: Heat a heavy pot on the stove, and then add oil to cover the bottom of the pan. The best temperature for popping is

between 400 and 460 degrees, but oil burns at 500 degrees so be careful. Test the oil by dropping in a couple of kernels, if they pop, the temperature is right. Pour in just enough kernels to cover the bottom of the pan. Cover the pan loosely to allow a



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bit of steam to escape during popping. Shake the pan well and remove pan when pan fills up and popping slows considerably. Enjoy!

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Keep Cool: It's important to store popcorn correctly. Kernels left uncovered on a hot day can zap the moisture and render them unpoppable. Even a one percent drop in moisture will affect the quality of the kernels. For best quality, store kernels in a cool place.

While some advocate storing kernels

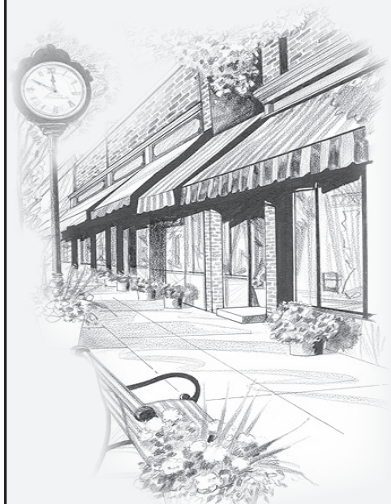
in the refrigerator, the fridge contains little moisture and can actually dry out the kernels. For best results, use kernels within 18 months of purchase.

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Water the Corn: If your popped corn is small or hully, it may be low on moisture. You can try to rehydrate the kernels by pouring them into a sealed jar with a tablespoon of water. Shake the jar a few times and in a day or so, the kernels should be up to par for popping.

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# I'm a lumberjack and I'm okay ...

There are many things I enjoy in life. I'm a drummer and love to play music. I'm a fan of Drum Corps International and love keeping up with The Cavaliers, the corps I marched with in my teens. I love writing and I love splitting firewood. Surprised? Like the title says, I'm a lumberjack and I'm okay.

Monty Python fans will immediately recognize the title of this column as also the title of one of Monty Python's most famous and enduring bits. At the time, it was very politically incorrect. Today, it seems quite in line with current sentiments. Go to YouTube and search, "Monty Python Lumberjack song" and you will see what I mean. Regardless, I am not that kind of lumberjack.

There is something about going out into the woods and cutting lumber. We don't cut down trees but find fallen trees and chain saw them into sixteen-inch sections then split them into firewood. I cannot describe the enjoyment. We always split a few by hand,

but quickly turn to a motorized splitter.

My friend Jeff, a local restaurateur, a former collegiate athlete is the strongest guy I know. He hooked me on splitting wood. When he picks up an ax, the wood trembles in fear and often splits itself. Me? The wood giggles behind my back and mocks me when I pick up my ax.

2019 was a tough year for me. I have pushed through a few serious and quite unexpected health problems and am facing a couple of surgeries. One of them is this week on Monday. Jeff called my wife yesterday and asked her if he could come by Sunday and cut wood. He says he needs wood, but I know it is his way of helping me keep my mind off the surgery the following day. I'm grateful for his hidden act of kindness. Jeff knows that I love being in the woods. It clears my head.

So, I put on my boots and red plaid shirt, pick up my ax

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and walk out of the garage. There is something that feels so manly about it. The only thing that rivals the feeling is picking up a baseball bat and walking to the plate. They are both incredible feelings. The truth is I was not a good hitter and probably a worse lumberjack, but that's okay. I enjoy it anyway.

Last winter, I decided to split some wood. I put on my lumberjack clothes, picked up the ax (in this case called a rail-splitter) and walked out the door. Suddenly two women began screaming! They were lost and turned into my driveway. I live out on forty acres. When I walked out of the garage with an ax, they thought I was coming for them. Once I calmed them down, they told me they were from the city and had never seen a man with a real ax before and asked if they could take my picture. My tes-

tosterone began to flow. They both got out of the car and took turns posing with me. They then asked if they could film me splitting a log. Proudly, I set up the log, pulled my ax over my head ... and with a mighty swing ... I missed the log completely and drove my ax into the dirt. Once again, I heard the muffled giggles of the log and now my visitors joined in. Oh well, it was all fun and games until I missed the log. I, unfortunately, revealed myself as only a lumberjack wannabe.

So ... as for my surgeries, no problem. The human body has five feet of colon. I won't miss the three feet they are removing. Maybe the missing parts will readjust my center of gravity and make me better with both my bat and my ax ... or maybe not. All I know is after the colon I have one more final surgery then I can pick up my ax and improve my aim. It's my goal to never miss the log again.

Some guys enjoy golf and they don't understand why I don't. To each his own. All I

know for sure is, if there is ever a contest between a man in plaid knickers holding a putter and a man in a plaid shirt holding an ax, I'm betting on the man with the ax every time.

I guess that splitting wood for me is not about doing but about being. I can buy a load of wood and save myself the trouble. It's not about doing the work but about being in the nature and being with a friend. I'll go into this surgery with the heart and attitude of a rail splitter, even if I don't have the aim.

I'm a lumberjack and I'm okay.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Amalgamated responses

To the Editor:

I would like to apologize to the readers. I had intended a letter published on Jan. 10, which was published on Jan. 17 instead. I had edited it and re-submitted for publication on Jan. 17 only to find my Jan. 10 letter published. I must have missed the deadline. In this letter, I will have the missing elements from Jan. 17, as well as new content.

Ms. Gaucher – While your research project rages on, I do have some challenges for you while perusing public records. As long as you are doing the research, please tell us how many houses in East Brookfield are owned by trusts, corporations, and how many are renter occupied. What is the census population of this young town compared to the number of public records you can dig up? Based on the dog licenses, how many homes don't have dogs? We need to know!

Apparently, challenging my ideas is hard and defending your own even harder since your response has been to look for evidence I don't have a properly taxed dog.

While Mr. McRae bellyaches about his fantasies of a "left wing nut with too much time on his hands" I think the trophy for "too much time on one's hands" goes to she who visited town halls, checked records, did internet searches, and spoke to many officials and residents in an overarching project to silence political voices opposed to hers. Another "nut with too much time on his hands" would be he who consistently and relentlessly launched personal insults against those who don't agree with him and seems to have been driven mad by his inability to place me and others. This nut has spent far more time trying to look me

in the face than responding to my ideas and promulgating his own in this public forum.

I wonder if Ms. Gaucher researched all contributors to this publication or if she focused only on those whose views she did not agree with and didn't want to rebut either. I have my suspicions about Mr. Goebbels...

Mr. McRae – I won't meet you at Cumby's, you won't be driving to my house, I won't split wood with you at yours, I won't be going to the newspaper office to settle any scores, and I won't be submitting references of existence. I invite you to argue big ideas with me or ignore me and I think we've reached the point where silence is louder than words.

Mr. Graham – I appreciate how you wear your White Nationalism on your sleeve and don't seem ashamed of it in the slightest. Is there anything Trump could do to lose your support? Bomb blue states or do they (we?) deserve it?

Mr. Reed – I want to read your submissions, I really do. May I suggest smaller paragraphs to increase readability? This week you had an 800 word paragraph and it was hard... I'm always hoping you will top your own record of the homosexuals being not victims but the perpetrators of the holocaust and the true fuel of the Nazi regime.

To the variety of writers who roughly share my worldview - thanks for writing in, and sorry I don't respond much. I have a lot more fun tearing down what I find absurd, mocking their belief systems (a virgin birth, really?), etc.

On to Mr. McRae's letter of Jan. 17... Another doozy roughly based on historical events but comical interpretations and comparisons to the mod-

ern day with some white nationalism sprinkled in.

Did Roosevelt avenge all crimes committed against Americans abroad or only those that happened near his reelection? Was going to war worth 1 U.S. Citizen who wasn't born here, didn't live here, and didn't even "live out the rest of his days" in the United States? I just read up on the whole thing and it looked more like internal Moroccan politics than anything else.

What has Trump done for the American citizens in Iranian prisons? North Korea? Just this week a U.S. Citizen political prisoner died in an Egyptian jail while Trump gushes love for Egyptian President el-Sisi. What about the American prisoners in Russia? Surely, Trump must be waiting until after the 2020 election to pressure Putin. An American woman was recently abducted in a carjacking in Uganda, held for ransom (25% of Pedicaris'), and Mike Pompeo told the family that the U.S. won't pay ransoms because that only encourages terrorists to seize more Americans.

It sounds like Trump is nothing like Teddy Roosevelt except in his willingness to make a show out of military force for domestic media consumption. It is not patriotism, it is jingoism.

Lastly, the 3 congresswomen Mr. McRae labels "crackpots"... All three are American citizens, two of them born here and 1 naturalized, all 3 of them won their respective elections to represent their districts of Americans. I know that is easy for White Nationalists to forget, so it's important to re-iterate.

Rep. Ilhan Omar is Somali-born but fully American and not 'illegal' as Mr. McRae alleges. Rep. Omar arrived in the United States legally and became a

naturalized citizen. You may disagree with her politics and her personal life, but citizenship is not conditional and 'illegal' is simply false. To call her an 'ingrate' is beyond the pale. What is it that makes her an "illegal ingrate" you suggest isn't American? Her speech? Her constitutionally protected hijab? Her blackness?

While on the topic of 'ingrates'... Are people ingrates for disagreeing with and not supporting the current administration and President? In this definition, are patriots those who support the actions of the US come thick or thin? If so... How did the conservatives feel about Obama and his policies from 2009-2017? I'm pretty sure the Tea Party was full of ingrates with Mr. McRae a leader in the Worcester County Tea Party 'revolutionary' movement in 2010. Sounds like subverting the United States to me...

Rep. Tlaib is an American, full stop. She was born in the U.S. to Palestinian parents and has lived her life here. She's more American than Ion Pedicaris, by a long shot. What is it that makes Tlaib "anti-Semitic"? Is it her push for Palestinian self-determination and considering the Palestinians to be people who don't deserve to be occupied by a foreign power in perpetuity? Is it her criticism of Israeli policies, is that off limits? Is it her slip of the tongue with the dual-loyalty trope that Trump has fallen into on multiple occasions? Is it that there is more evidence that her purple dinosaur actually existed than yours?

What about the BU educated Rep. Ocasio-Cortez being a dumb bartender... Is it the fact that she didn't come from money, her Hispanic heritage, or the fact that she represents what will be America and not what was America?

Then he rails against the "elites", the "globalist moneyed classes" (the Jews), "idiots in Hollywood", the Universities (wouldn't want to talk to smart people who know things, read things, and analyze), and "the fake news media" (when all else fails declare truth fake).

Racist! Fascist! Bigot!

Was Soleimani a good guy? No. Was he a murderer? Yes. Is the United States better than that? Not anymore.

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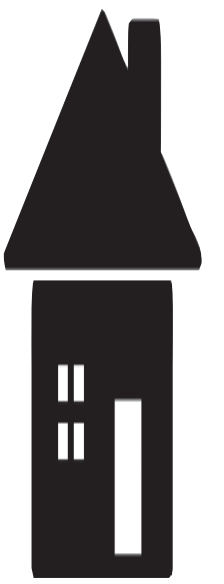
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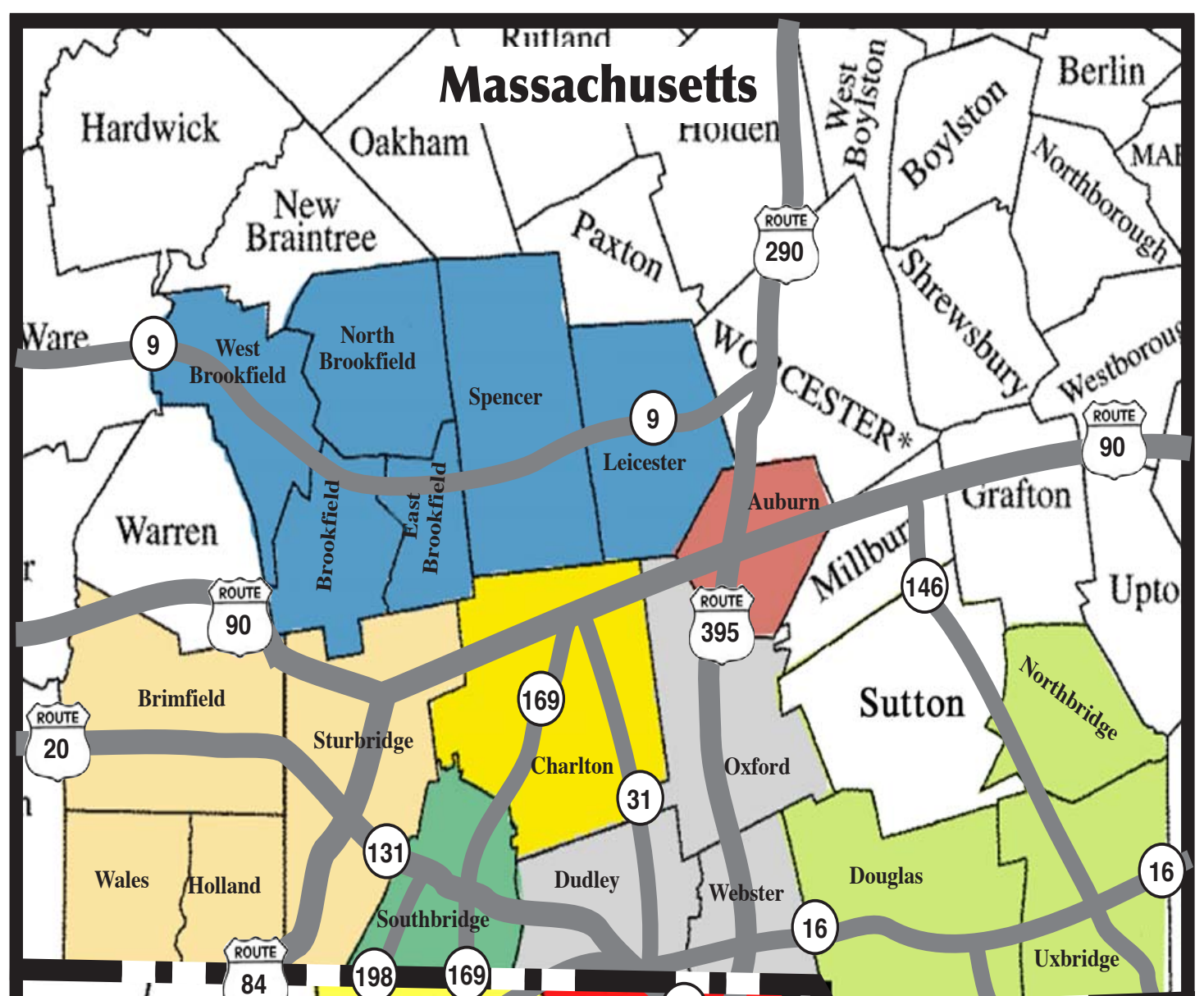
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# SPORTS

## Schollard's career game helps Spartans run past David Prouty



David Prouty's Brendon Halloran catches a pass in the post.

Nick Ethier photos



Chris Murzycki of David Prouty doesn't give an inch while defending Uxbridge's Nate Smith.



David Prouty's Isaiah St. Vil sends a pass out of a double team and to the 3-point arc.



Derek Houston of David Prouty drives the ball down the court versus Uxbridge.



David Prouty's Braeden White flings a pass toward the corner and teammate Trevor Grenier.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — The Southern Worcester County League knows all about 6-foot-6 Uxbridge High senior Jaideep Sidhu and his effectiveness on the block for the Spartans. But Uxbridge may have a younger interior threat that the David Prouty Regional boys' varsity basketball team found out about on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Luke Schollard, a Spartans' sophomore, registered a double-double of 26 points and 11 rebounds as Uxbridge rolled to a 69-36 victory versus the Panthers.

Schollard, who recently returned to action after missing a game-plus due to a head injury, has had a good 2019-2020 season, but this was his career game to date.

"Before [the injury] he was our leading scorer in the beginning of the year," said Uxbridge head coach Ryan Hippert. "We expect some big things from him. He's obviously very skilled. Tonight he made some nice moves and his teammates set him up pretty well. I'm proud of him and excited for him, too, being only a sophomore."

Schollard accumulated 6 early points as the Spartans raced out to a 22-0 lead after the initial eight-minute quarter.

"We just had to get it into the post a lot," said the 6-foot-2 Schollard of the team's strategy, as they were up against a much smaller David Prouty squad.

Schollard has learned a lot from Sidhu, who also had a big game versus the Panthers with 16 points.

"Just feed it to him in the post and then I'm right there on the other block," Schollard said of playing alongside Sidhu. "Last practice we worked on post moves. He showed me the way to move my body. If there's weight on [one] side, spin the opposite way."

Hippert was not only pleased with Schollard's play, but also with the extremely fast start his team possessed.

"We talked about executing

a little bit better, and we did that. Ball movement was good, our screens were better, defensively we were rotating and getting out to shooters. The first quarter was, hopefully, a way we can start playing," said Hippert.

David Prouty head coach Pat O'Connor, meanwhile, was not thrilled with the way his team started out of the gate.

"We were not ready to play," he said. "We have a young team and even though we were 1-5 heading in, pretty much every game we've been in."

When asked why his team had such a slow start in this contest, O'Connor wasn't entirely sure.

"Bad day maybe, hopefully," he remarked.

The Panthers did rebound in the second quarter, though, and won the frame by an 18-16 count. Derek Houston (two), Braeden White, Trevor Grenier and Chris Murzycki all hit 3-pointers in the period, as well as a free throw from Houston and a reverse layup by Evan Fournier.

"They did put in their effort and they really were onto the next possession and they played super hard," O'Connor said of his team's fight in quarters two, three and four. "It says a lot about the character of our team."

The Panthers still trailed by 20 points at halftime (38-18) and never made a serious threat in the second half. Prouty, now 1-6, was led by Houston in scoring with 16 points.

Uxbridge has now won three of its last four and improved to 5-4.

"We just want to play better and more consistent," said Hippert. "We've obviously got to go 5-5 to make tourney the rest of the way, and that's where we're at right now. We're just going one day at a time, trying to get better every single day."

Jake Usenia was the Spartans' third double-digit scorer with 12 points, while Matthew Stark pulled down 13 rebounds. In total, Uxbridge outrebounded Prouty 51-21.



Uxbridge's Jake Usenia goes up for two points versus David Prouty.



SPORTS

Rams get better as game goes on to knock off Panthers



David Prouty's Erin Parenteau dribbles the ball on Northbridge defender Liz Quimby.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBRIDGE — A few minutes into its game with David Prouty Regional — played Thursday, Jan. 16 at Veterans Memorial Field House — Northbridge High's girls' varsity basketball team was scoreless and trailing 2-0 following a made jumper by the Panthers' Erin Parenteau. This was a cause for concern for Rams' head coach Matt Guertin.

"It took us a while to get going



Jocelyn LaMonda of David Prouty wrestles with two Northbridge players for the ball.



David Prouty's Gabby Soter fights through a pair of Northbridge defenders on her way to the hoop.



Avery Senosk of Northbridge looks for open space to move the ball.

tonight. We talked about coming out and having a better start because the last couple of losses we had we didn't come out and have a good start," Guertin said of recent losses to Tantasqua Regional and Leicester High. "We can't start out in games like this."

Guertin then admitted that his team performed better with each passing quarter versus the Panthers, as they pulled away for a 55-35 victory.

Northbridge's Liz Quimby opened the Rams' scoring with a 3-pointer, and Maddie Boormeester, Avery Senosk and Quimby followed with later buckets as Northbridge led 9-2 after the initial eight-minute quarter.

Then, with two minutes remaining in the second quarter, the Rams' Jill Labrie swished in a 3-pointer to up the advantage to double figures, 21-9. Northbridge led at halftime 23-12.

David Prouty head coach Johanna Annunziata explained why the Rams' defense is so tough to score on, as they were held to 10 or fewer points in three of the four quarters.

"They aren't in your face ball pressure; they sag a little bit and then that creates their help defense," she said. "It was tough for Liv [Pepin] and Gabby [Soter] to get to the hoop because of the sag."

To make matters worse for the Panthers, co-captain Jenna Petruzzini didn't play due to illness.

"Jenna takes up a big spot in that middle and on defense," said Annunziata. "She definitely helps the flow of the game."

In part because of Petruzzini's absence, the Rams won the battle of the boards, outrebounding Prouty by a large margin of 42-16.

"We work on rebounding all the time, I think it was also partly they were undersized with Petruzzini not there," said Guertin. "She's their best interior player. Missing her, I said to these guys 'we've got to make sure that we dominate on the boards.'"

And dominate on the boards they did, as both Quimby (17 points, 10 rebounds) and Labrie (12 points, 14 rebounds) finished with double-doubles.

"I gave them each goals before this game," said Guertin. "We wanted Liz to be more aggressive."

"Jill I wanted a certain percentage



Erin Parenteau of David Prouty dishes an outlet pass to the corner.

from 3-point and I wanted her to drive to the basket at least four times in the game because she tends to stay outside," added Guertin, noting that both players achieved their goals.

Northbridge, which led 40-21 after three quarters to put the game's outcome to bed, improved to 7-3 with the win as they inch toward a Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament berth. And the Rams are currently doing so without starter Hannah Lomonaco, who will return to action toward the end of the season after tending to a right ankle injury.

David Prouty is now 6-4 as they attempt to also qualify for the CMass D3 Tourney.

"I'm hoping we get 11 or 12," Annunziata said of a season win total after a 10-10 campaign last year. "The biggest change this year is last year we'd compete with the better teams and that was enough for us. This year we're mad. It's a nice change of attitude seeing how competitive they want to be."

Soter (15 points) and Pepin (10) led the Panthers in scoring versus Northbridge.



David Prouty's Olivia Pepin provides strong defense on a driving Liz Quimby of Northbridge.

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Kiarra Dorman

Trailing by 11 points (48-37) with 4:20 to play versus the Oxford High girls' varsity basketball team on Thursday, Jan. 16, Quaboag Regional's Dorman scored 14 of the Cougars' final 20 points as they took a late lead at 57-56 only to lose in the final seconds 58-57. Dorman finished with a game-high 25 points.

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SPORTS

Late-game fireworks for victorious Oxford, rallying Cougars



Quaboag's Victoria Morgan brings the ball up the court despite pressure from Oxford.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

OXFORD — Although the Oxford High girls' varsity basketball team led Quaboag Regional 26-20 at halftime and 34-32 through three quarters on Thursday, Jan. 16, the final 4:20 of game time told the entire story.

The Pirates led by as many as 11 points and then saw their lead vanish with just 31 seconds to go, but Oxford found the final two points in the final two seconds to win 58-57 against the rallying Cougars.

"We're playing three freshmen and a sophomore right now, so even though we had a lead we're still learning how to win," said Oxford head coach Joe Pietrzak. "For

us, we became a little timid when we had the lead."

That lead reached 11 points at 48-37 with 4:20 to play when freshman Alexis Steiger scored on a jumper.

But Quaboag began to rally immediately, as senior Kiarra Dorman finished a pair of layups in a five-second span to trim the deficit down to 48-41 with four minutes to go.

The Cougars' run ultimately got to 9-0 when sophomore Julissa DeLeon made a layup, as did Dorman, and Dorman then added a free throw with 3:21 to play as the score now read 48-46 in Oxford's favor.

The Pirates' Carly Cornacchioli, a fresh-



Quaboag's Kiarra Dorman rebounds a missed shot under the basket.



Quaboag's Julissa DeLeon leaps in the air to keep an errant pass from going out of bounds.

man, then delivered a pair of well-timed layups to up the lead to 52-46, the latter coming with 2:30 remaining.

Oxford retained a six-point lead (54-48) when the teams exchanged two points, but the Cougars scored the next five points (Dorman runner, De Leon free throw, Dorman free throw, Sydney Corfey, a junior, free throw) as it was now a one-point game at 54-53 with 52 seconds to go.

The Pirates' Steiger then made a basket with 45 seconds remaining to make it 56-53, but it only took Dorman two seconds to draw a foul and make two free throws to inch closer again, 56-55.

Quaboag finally found the lead (57-56) with 31 seconds to play when Dorman hit her next shot, but Oxford had the last laugh. Following Dorman sinking a free throw but it not counting due to a violation, sophomore Olivia Clarkson received the inbounds pass and ultimately found Cornacchioli, who sank a layup with two seconds to go.

Dorman's desperation heave from past the half-court line was off the mark, and Oxford celebrated its latest victory.

"Everyone kind of converged on Liv and she found Carly open under the basket, and boy she delivered," said Pietrzak. "For her to step in in that situation in a key spot, I think she had 8 points in the fourth, it's fantastic."

Indeed, Cornacchioli scored all 8 of her points in the final frame. Clarkson finished with a team-high 21 points, while senior Micaela Perry chipped in 11 and senior Isabella Rosario added 10.

The Pirates opened the season losing their first five games, but they are now 5-6 as they continue to climb the standings. Quaboag is now 6-5.

"We've come back in games previously, but we keep falling short because we don't play until it's too late," said Cougars' head coach William Beauregard. "We've done it [play a full 32 minutes]

maybe once this year and that's unfortunate, but hopefully we can turn it around.

"If we play the right way the whole game, we can compete with anybody. If we don't, this is

what happens," added Beauregard.

Dorman scored a game-high 25 points for Quaboag, while De Leon added 10 points.



Addy Ford of Quaboag drives the ball to the hoop against the pressure provided by an Oxford defender.



Megan Shea of Quaboag looks for an open teammate to make a pass to.

SPORTS BRIEF

Local Knights of Columbus to host Free Throw Championship at West Brookfield Elementary

The local Knights of Columbus Council 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield — West Brookfield, is sponsor-

ing an opening round of the "2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship."

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in this event. This local competition will be held Sunday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. at the West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 Main Street. This event is free. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, regional, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based

on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 165,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,700 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event receiving a Certificate of Participation. Winners in respective age divisions in this round advance to the District Competition in February, and receive prizes donated by local supporters. Eligibility age is determined as of Jan. 1, 2020. Participants

are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Wally Connor at (413) 813-8100 or email at wally@supportingorphans.org. The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.9 million members in 14,750 local councils. During the past decade, Knights have donated over 700 million volunteer hours and \$1.75 billion to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, the culture of life, families, and youth.



SPORTS

Pieczynski's offense, zone defense enough for Tantasqua to get past Rockets



Ben Doros of Tantasqua drives the baseline and lays the ball in.

STURBRIDGE — Will Pieczynski scored a game-high 16 points to lead the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team to a come-from-behind 48-29 victory over Auburn High on Friday, Jan. 17.

With the win, their second straight and fifth in the last six games, the Warriors improved to 6-2 overall and 5-0 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) play. With the loss Auburn fell to 4-7 overall and 2-7 in the SWCL.

Pieczynski, a 6-foot-3 junior forward, scored his points on six field goals — including a pair of 3-pointers — and two free throws. Pieczynski provided Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion the spark he was looking for, doing all his scoring after Auburn took its only lead of the game, 20-19, on a layup by senior Cam Bolduc with 6:17 remaining in the third quarter.

“As a coach you love when a kid responds to adversity. In our last game [a 54-49 win at Oxford on Tuesday, Jan. 14] Will didn’t play a lot. He played in the first half but didn’t play in the second half. It was a coach’s decision,” Dion said.



Tantasqua's Joe Groccia bounces a pass down to the block, where teammate Troy Lee waits for the ball.

“I talked to him in practice the following day, told him he was going to get his chance but [Tuesday] night it was just how I saw things. Tonight’s performance was how he responded. That’s wonderful for these kids, it’s a great life lesson.”

“I can’t imagine he was happy with his lack of minutes on Tuesday, but we talked on Wednesday and he was here [Thursday] with a smile on his face, had a good practice, got his chance today and everybody here saw what he did for us in that second half,” Dion continued. “That’s what coaching’s about; that’s why we do what we do for a living. We teach these guys just because something didn’t go your way one night doesn’t mean it’s not going to go your way the next night. In life everything doesn’t go your way. I’m super happy for him.”

The fact that the Rockets grabbed even a brief lead was somewhat surprising given Tantasqua led 11-1 after the first quarter. Auburn rallied in the second period, however, thanks to six points from senior Josh Adams — on two 3-pointers — and five from classmate Coleman Picard and trailed by just three, 19-16, at

halftime.

The Rockets then scored the first two baskets of the third quarter, the first by senior Justin Skaparas (a team-high 8 points), the second by Bolduc.

“We spotted them 10 points and it’s a tough environment to play in, but we competed, and we fought back, and we were in the game,” Rockets’ head coach Dan Koen said. “We made some adjustments and we were gaining momentum and then they went to that zone defense and we just couldn’t figure that out.”

Tantasqua trailed for just 27 seconds, taking the lead for good, 21-20, on a steal and layup by senior captain Troy Lee (8 points). The Warriors finished the third quarter on a 15-4 run to lead by 10 at 34-24 as play headed to the fourth and final frame. Pieczynski scored 10 points and drained both of this 3-pointers in the run.

Tantasqua put the game away in the first 2:20 of the final period, scoring eight straight points, the final one on a free throw by Pieczynski, to lead 42-24 with 5:40 remaining.

“Once Auburn took the lead we put the press on and switched out of our man-to-man defense into our zone defense and that got them out of what they wanted to do,” Dion said. “Auburn is a team that is very well-coached and when you play man-to-man there are a million sets that a team can run against you.”

“Auburn is a very good set team. And, in each set they find their players and they’ve got good players,” Dion continued. “When you play zone, it makes the other team’s offense become much more stationary and it allows the defense to be aware of where the shooters are. They’re going to get some shots off, and they did, but our height and length can contest a lot of those shots.”

Koen said Tantasqua’s zone defense is what did the Rockets



Tantasqua defender Deshean Hutchinson blocks a shot taken by Auburn's Justin Skaparas.



Tantasqua defenders Mikey Lucas (20) and Hunter Hill trap Auburn's Coleman Picard.

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“We haven’t seen that combination of speed and size, defensively, all year. Their defense is tough to replicate in practice because we don’t have anybody that tall or that long,” Koen said. “I was proud of our effort and our execution versus their man defense. They’re a tough

team defensively and you’ve got to hit shots. I explained to the kids that some of the open shots that we get against other teams we’re not going to get against Tantasqua. Against Tantasqua the window to get your shot off is just a little crack; a sliver really.”



Mikey Lucas of Tantasqua sends the ball down the court with a long pass.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Tuesday, Jan. 14  
Tantasqua 130, Worcester 53 — As part of their return engagement to the Boys and Girls Club to take on Worcester again, the Warriors won another coed swim meet. The coed team is 2-0, while the girls and boys are both individually 1-3. Tantasqua winners were the Medley relay team (Andrew Wade, AJ Osimo, Eben Mazeika, Daniel Sickenberger), Mazeika (200 IM), Jonah Green (Diving), Sickenberger (100 Fly), Eli Currier (500 Freestyle), the 200 Freestyle relay team (Osimo, Cameron Chisholm, Sickenberger, Green),

Wade (100 Backstroke), Chisholm (100 Breaststroke), and the 400 Freestyle relay team (Sickenberger, Mazeika, Osimo, Wade).

Wednesday, Jan. 15  
Bromfield 108, Tantasqua 75 — Sarah Kersting-Mumm won the 200 Freestyle, and the 200 Freestyle relay team of Katie Wade, Emily Owens, Zoey Zhu and Kersting-Mumm also won, but the girls’ swim team lost to Bromfield, dropping to 1-4 in the process.

Bromfield 116, Tantasqua 56 — Also falling to 1-4, the Warriors couldn’t

defeat Bromfield’s boys’ swim club. Jonah Green won the Diving event, as did the 200 Freestyle relay team of AJ Osimo, Adam Mazeika, Daniel Sickenberger and Green.

Friday, Jan. 17  
Grafton 53, Tantasqua 52 — Competing with just five boys’ swimmers, the Warriors nearly edged the Indians, but they fell just short. Cameron Chisholm won the 200 Freestyle, AJ Osimo took first in the 200 IM, Daniel Sickenberger was first in the 500 Freestyle and the 100 Breaststroke, while the 400 Freestyle

relay team of Osimo, Evan Selvey, Chisholm and Sickenberger also won. Tantasqua is now 1-5.

Tantasqua 88, Grafton 83 — Sarah Kersting-Mumm (200 IM, 100 Freestyle) was a double winner for the victorious girls’ swim team over the Indians. Katie Wade (50 Freestyle), Rebecca Turley (500 Freestyle), Erika Madden (100 Breaststroke) and the 400 Freestyle relay team (Dani Harwood, Kami Davis, Kira Dambly, Zoey Zhu) also won for Tantasqua, who improved to 2-4.



# SPORTS

## Auburn defeats Leominster, grabs important two points in process

AUBURN — Fighting to get back to .500 and on pace to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament, the Auburn High boys’ varsity ice hockey team hosted Leominster High at the Horgan Arena in a crucial contest on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

And the Rockets did just that, defeating the Blue Devils 3-1 to improve to an even 4-4-1.

Auburn, which includes student-athletes from Millbury High, Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional as part of its cooperative agreement, fell behind 1-0 on a first-period goal by Leominster’s Jeremy Maillet. But

it would be the only goal allowed by Rockets’ goalie Tyler MacKoul.

Auburn then rallied with a pair of second-period goals in a 1 minute, 7 second timespan. First, with 5 minutes to play in the period, Nic Spanos scored a power-play goal, with Dominic DiPadua recording the assist. Then, with 3:53 to go in the second, the Rockets recorded another power play goal, this one off the stick of Hakim Kagni. DiPadua had the assist again.

Auburn put the game away with 1:06 remaining in the third period when Joel Miller scored, with Matt Schirm assisting.



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Matt Schirm of Auburn controls the puck while a Leominster defender reaches in.



Auburn celebrates a goal on its way to defeating Leominster last Wednesday, Jan. 15.



Auburn’s Caleb Bartlett skates around a Leominster defender while possessing the puck.



Goalie Tyler MacKoul of Auburn dips into the butterfly position to make a save versus Leominster.



Auburn’s Dillon Winkelmann dumps the puck into Leominster’s zone.



Joel Miller of Auburn skates after a loose puck.



Auburn’s Hakim Kagni skates the puck down the ice and into Leominster’s zone.

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# Remembering the founders of your Fish & Game Club



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The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held their annual Founders Day celebration with a Prime Rib dinner this past Saturday at their headquarters on White Court in Douglas! The large gathering of sportsmen & women held their annual banquet to recognize all of the past and future members and officers of the organization, which was incorporated back in the 1950's. The original site of the Whitinsville Club was located in Whitinsville on the shores of Meadow Pond on Main Street. At that time, some of the officers and members of the club included Robert Campo, Dick Bosma, Horace Bassett, Jack Cunningham, Bob Blackley, Fran Magowan, Pete opperwall, William Todd, and this writer, to mention a few. Their trout pond was located at Riley's pond on Castle Hill Road for many years. The pavilion that was built some years later was dedicated to the late Richard Bosma, for all of his years of service to the club. The club was known for their great Ham & Bean suppers and their coon & ham suppers back in the day. Selling tickets to a ham and coon supper today

would not have a very large turnout, but back in the day, coon hunting was very popular among many hunters, and all of the meat was donated to the club. It was delicious. Murray Andrews, David Greno and their band of coon hunters hunted racoon a few times a week during the fall hunting season. At that time, the group of hunters harvested a few hundred racoon annually with the help of their expensive and well trained hounds. The Blackstone Fish & Game Club was disbanding their club some years later, and joined forces with the Whitinsville Club. They brought along their savings, and with the help of all the members from both clubs, built a state of the art clubhouse that serves as the club's headquarters today. Because there were so many sportsmen that owned Beagles back in the day, a group of rabbit hunters decided to start a club that is still in existence today called the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club. The club was organized as an affiliate of the Whitinsville Club, but later separated from the club and had their headquarters at the site of the WFGC today. Fortunately, Jack Cunningham of Douglas convinced the WFGC to purchase the property for taxes which included 80-plus acres of land. Jack also convinced the Beagle Club to purchase another large track of land in Douglas Mass. for taxes although it was landlocked. Only a few thousand dollars was paid for each



parcel of land. Many club members thought he was foolish, but after many club meetings on the property, he convinced the club to make the purchase. After a right of way was established through the court system, Percy Giou Construction was hired to build a road to the property. It took a few years to complete, but when finished the club started to build the clubhouse. The road to the club was dedicated to the late Jack Cunningham, and is now known as Cunningham Way. The bottom line is that sportsmen saw an opportunity to purchase land for a cheap price and seized the opportunity back in the day. It would be almost impossible to buy and build Rod & Gun Clubs today. Whitinsville Fish & Game Club along with other

local clubs like Singletary Rod & Gun, Uxbridge Rod & Gun, Wallum Lake Rod & Gun, 200 Sportsmen's Club, to mention a few, were built on the backs of generations of sportsmen, and would not be here today if they did not take the opportunity to purchase and build ranges, clubhouse, ponds, etc.! The next time you are out hunting on club property or using the ranges or just relaxing fishing at the club pond, take the time to remember those responsible for your club. You can help by keeping your club free of litter and signing up for work parties when needed. Enjoy! This week's picture shows recently elected president Matt Burbank with a couple of the newly elected Board Of Directors, with the new sign that was painted by Sarah Marohn. Great job. Special thanks to Rick Cahn and his committee for putting on a great meal. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club's ice derby may not be held this week if ice conditions do not improve. Call the club for updates. The Firearms, Knife show & sale will be held at the Marlboro Royal Plaza Trade Center this weekend Jan. 25-26. The New England Fishing Expo will be held at Foxboro Regency also this Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Check it out on their Web site. *Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.*

## Select a quality potting mix for gardening success



Quality potting mixes should be light, fluffy and moist to keep plants, like this coleus, healthy.

Improve your indoor and outdoor container gardening success with a quality potting mix. This can be more difficult than it sounds since you can't see or feel the product you are about to buy. Ask your gardening friends for recommendations and once at the garden center, check the package, and compare label information before making a purchase. You'll find a variety of bags labeled as planting mix, potting mix, container mix and more. Check the label to see what the bag contains and recommendations for its use. Look for mixes, we'll refer to as potting mixes, blended for growing indoor, ornamental and edible plants in containers. They are a mix of

organic and inorganic materials that retain moisture while draining well. Some mixes include sand and mineral soil while many are labeled as "soil-less." These lightweight mixes consist of peat moss, sphagnum moss and compost for moisture retention, vermiculite or perlite for drainage but do not contain mineral soils such as sand or clay. Potting mixes may be modified to accommodate the needs of certain plants. Orchid mixes often contain more bark for better aeration, cacti and succulent mixes have more sand or perlite for better drainage and African violet potting mix contains more organic matter to create a moist, rich growing medium.

Organic potting mixes are also available if you prefer to know the ingredients are free of pesticides and other contaminants. Check for the word organic and OMRI listed on the bag. Potting mixes may or may not be sterilized to kill weed seeds and pests. If it doesn't say sterilized, it probably isn't. As you narrow down your choices, continue checking the label for more details. Potting mixes often contain a "starter charge" of fertilizer. This minimal amount of fertilizer is usually gone after two or three waterings. Some include additional fertilizer that provides small amounts of nutrients over a longer period of time. The label may say controlled-release, time-release or slow



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release fertilizer, providing nutrients for the allotment of time specified. Natural or synthetic wetting agents are often included to reduce the surface tension of water, so it's better able to penetrate and evenly moisten the potting mix. Organic mixes often use yucca extract as a wetting agent. Potting mixes should be light, fluffy and moist. Avoid bags that are waterlogged and heavy. The mix can break down, become compacted and some of the slow release fertilizer may be pre-released and damage young seedlings when saturated with water. Moisten the potting mix with warm water before potting your plants. This helps ensure even moisture throughout. If the potting mix becomes overly dry, you may need to do a bit more work to rewet all the mix in the container. Set the pot in a container of warm water and wait for the potting mix to rehydrate. Or water thoroughly, wait 20 minutes and water again. Repeat until you achieve success. Take the time to do a bit of research before buying your next bag of potting mix. Your efforts will be rewarded with healthy plants, beautiful blooms and a bountiful harvest from your indoor and outdoor potted plants. *Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD 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.*

### MEETING

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ers and support equipment for the 1:1 Chromebook initiative for students in grades three to 12. Officials also discussed recent work that was done to improve educational programs in science, technology, and the arts. There was a heavy emphasis on the areas of performance-based courses of study, including chorus and other arts programs.

Finally, school officials reviewed an array of preschool program improvements to meet the needs of students coming to the district from early intervention referrals and other sources.

"We had some positive dialogue around the current year budget priorities and needs moving into 2020-21 and beyond," Haughey added.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8  
12:05-12:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:08 a.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 3:37 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 3:41 a.m: medical/general (Meadow Road); 4:04 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), snow-covered roads; 4:08 a.m.: medical/general (Main Sreet); 7:17 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:09 a.m.: disturbance (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 10:01 a.m.: medical/general (Treadwell Terrace); 10:51 a.m.: building checked, secure; 11:03 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:10 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:04 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 2:34 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 3:09 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), Jamie A. Leland, 34, 34 Grove Street, Spencer, disorderly conduct/subsequent offense, disturbing the peace, arrest; 3:20 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), c/o scam; 3:34 p.m.: disabled mv (Donnelly Cross Road), assisted; 3:48 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Kevin S. Hart, 54, 42 Lake Street, Spencer, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, trespassing, threatening to commit a crime, arrest; 3:48 p.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 4:02 p.m.: medical/general (Old Farm Road); 4:26 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:33 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/4 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:06 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 5:27 p.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), water issue; 5:30 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:22 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 8:52 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation, littering; 9:09 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:22 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 9:23 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:54 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:07-10:27 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:42 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Auburn PD bolo.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9  
12:03-12:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:28 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), info taken; 12:46-1:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:17 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (May Street), no conatact; 5:26 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 6:48 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 7:41 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 7:57 a.m.: harassing calls (Bixby Road), obscene; 8:22 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:06 a.m.: officer wanted (Old East Charlton Road), lock-out/residence; 10:17 a.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 10:27 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 10:47 a.m.: fraud (Howe Village), scam call; 11:22 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:30 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:32 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 1:12 p.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), hang-up; 1:23 p.m.: fraud (Water Street), unauthorized c/c use; 2:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), escort/retrieve belongings; 2:16 p.m.: medical/general (Bell Street); 2:59 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:05 p.m.: juvenile matter (Condon Drive), spoken to; 3:09 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), assisted; 3:56 p.m.: accident (Chestnut Street), report taken; 4:01 p.m.: juvenile matter (Wall Street), harassment/neighborhood juveniles; 5:03 p.m.: harassing phone calls (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:36 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:14 p.m.: suspicious mv (G.H. Wilson Road), info taken; 7:30 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:45 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:26 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:35 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:52 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), domestic dispute; 9:52 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:37 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10  
12:08 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 12:15-12:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:57 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 1:19-1:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:54 a.m.: medical/overdose (Bixby Road); 2:22 a.m. mv stop (Main Street); 2:36 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:50 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:02 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:34 a.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 6:34 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); sometime between 8:00 and 9:24 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 10:12 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:18 a.m.: apt. lockout (Lincoln Street), assisted; 10:27 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), dog bite; 11:50 a.m.: mv stop (Ash Street); 12:04 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 1:53 p.m.: officer

wanted (Howe Village), info taken; 1:58 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:01 p.m.: DPW call (Chestnut Street), sewer problem; 2:20 p.m.: suspicious persons (Howe Village), unwanted party; 2:51 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 3:19 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:08 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), neighbor issue; 4:41 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:59 p.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), loose dog; 5:35 p.m. accident (Main Street), report takem; 6:32 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), gas drive-off; 8:35 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:58 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 10:01 p.m.: building checked, secure.

SATURDAY, JANAURY 11  
12:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:16-12:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:55 a.m.: fire alarm (Lyford Road), services rendered; 1:25-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:10 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 2:20-2:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Sreet); 3:38 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:38 a.m.: mv stop (Pearl Street); 6:02 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 8:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), debris in road; 9:13 a.m.: medical/general (High Street); 9:23 a.m.: trash dumping (Main Street), syringe found; 9:25 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), escort/retrieve belongings; 11:26 p.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), gunshots heard; 11:34 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), assist Paxton PD; 11:53 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 4:08 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 4:34 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), hunters on rail trail; 4:39 p.m.: 911 call (Marble Road), accidental; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 5:31 p.m.: suspicious mv (Northwest Road), info taken; 5:41-5:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:22 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Ashley M. Leneau, 28, 1172 Main Street, Warren, warrant arrest; 6:58 p.m.: elderly matter (Woodside Road), assisted; 7:08 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 8:11 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic operation; 10:39 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12  
12:10 a.m.: medical/general (Pine Avenue); 12:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:36 a.m.: suspicious mv (Greenville Street), investigated; 12:46-2:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:44 a.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), investigated; 5:34 a.m.: disturbance (South Street), family dispute; 7:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), dead deer/roadside; 8:15 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 8:48 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 9:10 a.m.: medical/general (Norcross Road); 11:01 a.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), info taken; 11:35 a.m.: officer wanted (South Street), neighbor dispute; 11:46 a.m.: accident (Temple Street), hit & run/report taken; 12:30 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 1:01 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road) assisted; 1:31 p.m.: suspicious persons (Elm Street), investigated; 3:25 .: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), lockout; 4:03 p.m. officer wanted (Brown Street), spoken to; 5:35 p.m.: lost/found (Hastings Road), wallet/papers found; 7:10 p.m.: missing peson/adulte (Martin Road), gone 24 hrs.; 10:50 p.m.: entire incident redacted from poice log; 10:40 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road)

MONDAY, JANURAY 13  
3:23 a.m.: disturbance (Starr Street), Jacqueline Richardson, 28, 10 Starr Street, Spencer, disurbing the peace, arrest; Nicholas Vesio, 31, 356 Rawson Street, Leicester, disturbing the peace, arrest; 5:15 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:40 a.m.: 911 call (Old Farm Road), accidental; 8:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), unauthorized use/mv; 8:52 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 9:09 a.m.: medical/general (Duggan Street); 9:51 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:29 a.m.; officer wanted (Maple Street), neighbor issue; 10:31 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 11:05 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), housemate issue; 1:03 p.m.: 911 call (Grove Street), acciental; 1:21 p.m.: 209A service (Cherry Street); 1:22 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 1:51 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:55 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:19 p.m.: residetial fire (Ash Street), servies rendered; 4:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), social media issue; 6:30 p.m.: residential alarm (East Charlton Road), services rendered; 6:50 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:03 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 8:24 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:38 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14  
12:12 a.m.: disturbance (Wall Street), noise complaint; 12:28-2:42 a.m.: build-

ings checked, secure; 6:57 a.m.: residential alarm (G.H. Wilson Road), services rendered; 8:47 a.m.: animal omplaint (Bond Street), loose dog; 9:27 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), info taken; 11:08 a.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 11:20 a.m.: warrant service (Main Street), Sean P. McGowan, 34, 17 Sunberg Road, Spencer, warrant arrest; 11:21 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:34 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 12:39 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 1:57 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wall Street), spoken to; 2:35 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), update work address; 2:38 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), cell phone taken; 3:23 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:32 p.m.: medical/general (Hastings Road); 4:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Pearl Street), loose dog; 4:37 p.m.: juvenile matter (Grove Street), threats made; 9:16-9:45 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

## Leicester Logs

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9  
12:27 a.m.: structure fire (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 9:34 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unable to locate; 10:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Sreet), verbal warning; 10:37 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:aa.m.: larceny (Pleasant Street), report taken; 12:21 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:20 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:44 p.m.: missing person (South Main Street), report taken; 2:01 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 3:47 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), no action required; 4:19 a.m.: malicious mischief (South Main Street), assisted; 4:48 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 5:28 p.m.: ambulance (Siani Road), transported; 7:01 p.m.: accident (Paxton Street), report taken; 8:12 p.m.: hazardous condition (Main Street), referred; 8:40 a.m.: suspicious vehicle (Stafford Street), no action required; 10:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10  
12:09 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 1:15 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 2:00 a.m. accident (Pleasant Street), transported to hospital; 8:33 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 9:21 a.m.: investigation (North Lake Avenue, Worcester), services renderd; 9:33 a.m.: ambulance (Boyd Street), transported; 11:02 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:25 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, mv towed; 1:15 p.m.: fraud (Rural Drive), report taken; 4:01 p.m.: trespassing (Water Street), investigated; 4:12 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:46 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 5:40 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:51 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 7:41 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), transported; 8:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:59 p.m.: fire/brush/grass (Pleasant Street), investigated; 11:52 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11  
12:19 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:53 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:43 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:11 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), no action required; 2:32 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 3:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:45 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), removed; 9:11 a.m.: ambulance (Victor Avenue), transported; 11:25 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 12:20 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street), served; 12:42 p.m.: summons service (Parker Street), served; 12:52 p.m.: summons service (River Street), served; 1:19 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 1:45 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:33 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:38 p.m.: assist citizen (Brookside Drive); 4:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Timothy M. Griffiths, 55, 57 Hemlock Street, Leicester, op w/suspended license, arrest; 8:19 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street, Spencer), no action required; 8:52 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 9:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12  
12:14 a.m.: mutual aid (Pine Avenue, Spencer), transported to hospital; 12:29 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:47 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 2:03 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), ver-

bal warning; 3:17 a.m.: suspicious mv (Marshall Street), mv towed; 9:12 a.m.: fire/CO detector (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 10:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:25 a.m.: open door/window (Mannville Street), spoken to; 10:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 10:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:12 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 11:38 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 12:12 p.m.: debris in road (Marshall Street), removed; 12:22 p.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 12:23 p.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), transported; 12:25 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Road), transported; 1:54 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 3:26 p.m.: disturbance (Chapel Street), unfounded; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:22 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), report taken; 5:41 p.m.: assist citizen (Laurelwood Avenue); 7:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:16 p.m.: invetigation (Main Street), services rendered; 8:55 p.m.: assist other PD (Temple Street, Spencer), transported; 11:28 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pine Street), investigated.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13  
12:22 a.m.: mv stop (Man Street), no action required; 1:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:52 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:07 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 3:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:01 a.m.: invesigation (Brookside Drive), services rendered; 8:40 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 10:48 a.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:15 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:27 a.m.: suspicious mv (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 12:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:11 p.m.: mutual aid (location not specified), services rendered; 1:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Angel Luis Garcia-Serrano, 53, 13 Elizabeth Street, Worcester, warrant/failure to appear, arrest; 2:27 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:59 p.m.: suspicious mv (Collier Avenue), unable to locate; 4:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 4:28 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:37 p.m.: assist other PD (Winslow Avenue), message delivered; 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:25 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:47 p.m.: family problem (Pine Ridge Drive), report taken; 6:04 p.m.: mutual aid (Marble Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 6:23 p.m.: disabled mv (Pine Street), investigated; 7:11 p.m.: ambulance (Bottomly Avenue), transported; 9:03 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14  
5:05 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:43 a.m.: ambulance (Waite Street), transpoted; 11:55 a.m.: civil dispute (South Main Street), advised civil action; 12:13 p.m.: investigation (Pilgrim Avenue, Worcester), services rendered; 12:18 p.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), peace restored; 12:39 p.m.: property found (Whittemore Street), report taken; 12:50 p.m.: assist citizen (Winslow Avenue); 1:40 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:58 p.m.: lock-out (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/revoked registration, mv towed; 5:58 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:30 p.m.: larceny (South Main Street), report taken; 8:47 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:19 pm.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:41 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15  
12:23 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 1:04 a.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 11:14 a.m.: invesgtigation (Auburn Street), services rendered; 11:27 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:22 p.m.: summons service (Main Street), served; 4:13 p.m.: school incident (Winslow Avenue), investigated; 4:21 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Auburn Street), Nicole M. Levins, 31, 18 Ackley Drive, Rochdale, straight warrant, arrest; 4:51 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 7:47 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:31 p.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), no action required; 9:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.



## TRAINOR

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Stall Salting: Did you know salting kernels toughens popcorn? Never add salt to the pan before

The corn has popped. Always add it to the popped corn.

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Fine Finish: Finely ground salt sticks to the popcorn better than table salt. For a terrific taste, grind kosher salt to a fine consistency. Or pound kosher salt in a ziplock bag with a rolling pin.

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Tender Treat: Did you know chewy popcorn is often caused by leaving the lid on tight while

cooking? For tender corn, make sure the lid is slightly ajar.

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Peeking: Pop corn in a pan with a

clear lid so you can watch the action. It also helps you gauge when the popcorn is done.

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FYI: Native American legend has it that spirits lived inside each kernel of popcorn. Some tribes believed when the corn was heated, the disturbed spirits burst out of the kernel in a fit of anger.

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soup. Once the colonists were introduced to the mysterious, fluffy food, they included it in their daily diet, even enjoying it in a bowl with cream for breakfast!

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Do you ever wonder exactly what causes the corn kernels to burst? Each kernel contains a small drop of water stored inside a circle of soft starch. The starch is surrounded by the hard outer surface of the kernel. As each kernel heats up, the water expands and pressure builds against the hard starch. Eventually it gives way, causing the popcorn to explode. In order for popcorn to erupt

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# OBITUARIES

## Anthony “Tony” Bressette, 56



WARREN - Anthony “Tony” Bressette, 56, passed away suddenly January 16, 2020 while at work.

He was born October 11, 1963 in Ludlow the son of the late Harvey E. & Jacqueline Veroneau Bressette and attended Tantasqua Regional Vocational High School. Tony worked as a machinist, most recently at A&M Tool in Southbridge. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He had a passion for computers and electronics and could fix anything. He spent a lot of time with his rescued dog, Eric who has been his companion for the past year.

He leaves his loving daughter Wendy Bressette and her partner Ron Nielsen; grandchildren Madison Nielsen and Cody Nielsen all of Warren; 5 siblings

Eleanor & her husband Thurman “Rex” Bell of Ware, Lawrence of Ware, Steven & his wife Carolyn of Sturbridge, Jacqueline “Jackie” of Riverview, FL and Brian & his wife Tanya of Brookfield; many nieces; nephews and cousins whom he loved. Besides his parents, Tony was predeceased by his beloved wife of 36 years, Sylvia Martineau Bressette in 2018; their son Christopher Bressette in 2005 and a brother Raymond.

Calling hours for Tony will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 10:30 -11:30AM in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 3 West Brookfield Road, Brookfield. The funeral will follow at 11:30AM. Burial will be in Brookfield Cemetery. In-lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or the Jason Foundation at the Westborough Behavioral Healthcare Hospital in Westborough, MA. 01581

## Beverly Bolduc, 76



NORTH OXFORD—Beverly (Dufault) Bolduc, 76, passed away peacefully on Thursday January 16, 2020 at the Life Care Center of Auburn while surrounded by her loving family.

Beverly is survived by her husband of fifty-eight years, Peter A. Bolduc; a son Michael T. Bolduc and his wife Jennifer of Sterling; a daughter Lisa M. Lehoux and her husband Gary R. of Brooklyn, CT; a brother Gary Dufault of Leicester; two sisters: Patricia Catalani of Stoneham and Dale Hartnett of Leicester; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, as well as many extended relatives and dear friends; she was predeceased by

her son David P. Bolduc.

Beverly was born in Worcester, MA on May 19, 1943, daughter of the late Raoul and Florence (Tarberner) Dufault; she was a loving and caring wife, mother, and grandmother who greatly enjoyed reading and gardening. Beverly will truly be missed by all who were blessed to know her.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday January 25, 2020 at 10:00 am at North Cemetery in Oxford, MA.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA is honored to have been entrusted with Beverly's funeral arrangements.

A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a message of comfort or light a candle in remembrance of Beverly.

## Earlene M. Lapierre



NORTH BROOKFIELD - Earlene M. (Ford) Lapierre passed away peacefully on January 18, 2020 surrounded by her loving family after a yearlong and courageous battle with cancer.

Earlene was born on February 12, 1945 daughter of the late Frank and Helen Ford in Randolph, VT. She worked in various jobs throughout her community including Shawmut Bank and the North Brookfield school system, where she eventually retired from in 2011. She loved helping out with her grandchildren, spending time with family and friends, baking, painting, swimming, ice skating, golfing and gardening. Earlene leaves behind her husband Bernard of 54 years, her son Bernard Lapierre, Jr. and his wife Joan of Northbridge, her son Matthew Lapierre and his wife Melanie of Tucson, AZ and

daughter Melissa Devlin and her husband Sean of Ashland; her 7 grandchildren; Nicole, Marc, Lauren; Amelia and Emaline Lapierre; Maeve and Fiona Devlin; 3 step-grandchildren; Julia Smith, Zachary McLinden, and Luke Kairit; and 3 step-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers Robert, Richard and wife Susan, James and wife Joanne, Paul and wife Pam and her sister Jean as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

A Funeral Mass for Earlene was held on Monday, January 20th at 10am in St. Joseph's Church, 296 N. Main St. North Brookfield. Calling hours were held on Sunday, January 19th from 4-7pm in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the North Brookfield Playground Committee, 215 N. Main St., North Brookfield, MA 01535.

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com).

## William F. Walker, 84



BROOKFIELD - William F. Walker, 84, of Brookfield died on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Heywood Hospital in Gardner.

He leaves his loving wife of 63 years, Pauline “Pinky” D. (Piche) Walker of Brookfield; his children, Clint Walker and wife Heika of Germany, Robert Walker of West Brookfield and Maxine Fairbanks and her husband Scott also of West Brookfield; his four grandchildren, Nicole, Natalie, Jessica, and William and four great-grandchildren, Eileen, Delane, Aiden and Kinsey; a brother, Gene Walker and two sisters, Carol Valley and Betty Cass. He was born in Brookfield, son of the late Frank and Hulga “Betty” (Carlson) Walker.

William was a Purchasing Agent for Brookfield Machine before he retired and enjoyed his time as a volunteer EMT/Firefighter which he did for over 20 years. He was an outdoorsman, an avid hunter, fisherman and loved taking family camping trips. His family

was very important to William and he loved spending his time entertaining and having his friends and family all gathered together.

William was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

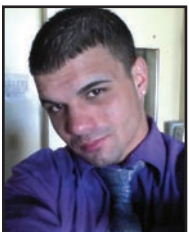
He was a lifetime member of the Hayden Masonic Lodge in North Brookfield and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

A private Graveside Service will be held in the Spring at his families request.

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

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com)

## Corey J. Thomas, 29



SPRINGFIELD - It saddens me beyond measure to announce that Corey J. Thomas, originally from Webster, was taken from this world on January 15, 2020.

He leaves his mother, Denise L. (Kirby) Thomas and his father, Jonathan A. Thomas; the love of his life, Brittney Lomax with whom he created the most perfect person, Brady Thomas; his brothers, Jose Thomas, Michael Thomas, DJ Kirby-Thomas and Jay Thomas; his sister, Zoe Thomas; his paternal grandmother, Julia (Mendez) Thomas-Doutaz; his maternal grandfather, Donald Kirby; many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins and countless friends.

Corey was born in Milford on September 14, 1990 and had a fighting spirit from the beginning. He lived in Whitinsville for 3 years before coming to Webster and moved to Springfield last year. He attended Bartlett High School. He loved sports and was a natural-born athlete. His Pop always said, ‘For his third birthday, he got muscles.’

Corey worked as a truck driver for the Salvation Army in Springfield. He liked designer clothes, selfies and fresh haircuts. Though he lived a humble existence, he passed his love of life on

to his son Brady which is evident in every picture of Brady and his dad. The sun rose and set on his baby boy.

Corey didn't want the world to know he was struggling with addiction, not because he was hiding it or ashamed of it, but because he wanted to be seen as the person he was and not that miniscule part of his existence. Addiction is a disease that is taking away the most beautiful people from our lives.

Corey was a happy person. On his second birthday his mom made a cake and forgot to put in the word “birthday” so it read “Happy Corey.” There are no truer words.

Corey was a bright, happy soul who danced through this world attracting everyone to his light. He was brave, fearless even. I ask all who loved him to live life to the fullest in his memory and to honor his spirit. Stay clean, fight for life, hike trails, ride bikes, climb mountains, swim oceans, pose in the mirror, take selfies, fulfill promises, learn something new, grow – just live.

Visiting hours for Corey will be held on Saturday, January 25, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, with a service to celebrate his life at 4:30 PM. Donations may be made to the Brady Thomas Trust Fund, c/o Webster First Federal Credit Union, East Main St., Webster, MA 01570.

[www.websterfunerals.com](http://www.websterfunerals.com)

## Jacques J.A. Travers, 73



SPENCER- Jacques J.A. Travers, 73, of Spencer, died peacefully, Monday, Jan. 13 at Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Christine M. (Kebbon) Travers, his daughters Karen E. Kowal and her husband Daniel Kowal, MD of Sturbridge and Kimberly A. Rhault of Nashua, NH, his sister Danielle Gonin and her husband Alain of France, his grandchildren Ethan, Madeline and Colin Kowal.

Born in Morlaix, Brittany in France, he was the son of Albert and Madeleine (Guillerm) Travers and was educated in France.

He was a longtime accountant for Reed-Rico (formerly Reed, Rolled Thread & Die Co.) in Holden before retiring in 2012.

A founder and former president of the Worcester Computer Society, Jacques had many diverse interests ranging from a love of Antarctica to a fascination with genealogy.

At his request, funeral services will be private with burial in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rose Monahan Hospice Home, 199 Rosewood Dr., Suite 180, Danvers, MA. 01923

The J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

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And when my work on earth is done, I'll return by your side,  
we'll spend all of eternity, a husband and his bride  
And until then my life I'll live, new memories to be made,  
but at my side I know you'll be, to guide me along the way*

Dearly missed by your loving wife Jean Marie,  
daughter Lynn, son-in-law Joseph,  
their children and grandchildren



# CALENDAR

## Saturday, January 25

**NORTH BROOKFIELD HEARTS FOR HEAT SPAGHETTI DINNER:** The 12th Annual Hearts for Heat fundraiser is being held from 5-7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School Cafeteria. The snow date is Feb. 29. Collaborators include: the Hayden Masonic Lodge, North Brookfield Savings Bank, NBPTO, Hannaford's Supermarket, NB Honor Society, and Valley View students. The Otters will again be providing the musical ambience. Numerous raffle items. Tickets are \$8 or \$25 for a family of four or more and are sold only at the door. Takeout is available.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Knights of Columbus Council 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Sacred Heart Church, West Brookfield to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Dinner will consist of spaghetti & sauce, meatballs, sausages, garden salad, bread, homemade desserts, coffee, tea, soda and water. The cost is a \$10 donation (\$8 for children 12 & under). Family rates are also available. Take out dinners begin at 5:30 p.m., with sit-down dinner being served at 6 p.m. There will be door prizes, raffles, and more! Tickets are available while they last by calling 413-813-8100.

## Thursday, February 13

**LEICESTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY DINNER:** 6 p.m., 91 Manneville St., Leicester. Choices are stuffed chicken or baked fish. Cost is \$12, and includes salad, rolls, entrée, dessert, and coffee. Please call for reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 12 at (508) 892-4528.

## Wednesday, February 26

**COMFORT QUILTS SERVICE PROJECT:** 10 a.m.-noon, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 New Braintree Rd. (Route 67), North Brookfield (2.2 miles north of the center of town). Over the last several years several hundred Comfort Quilts have been made and donated to local police, fire, and EMT departments for use by car crash, fire or other disaster victims. The quilts offer comfort and warmth at the scene of any type of distressing upheaval and provide a particularly vital sense of safety and solace for children involved in traumatic situations. Community members are invited to join us as we put

together even more comfort quilts. The task requires no particular skill, just a warm heart, an hour or two, and a smile. Refreshments are served to keep stomachs happy as we enjoy each other's company and put together comfort quilts. For more information, call 508-867-9962.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP:** Community members who have experienced the death of a loved one are invited to attend our GriefShare support group. This program features Biblical teaching that focuses on encouragement, comfort and hope in grieving. GriefShare will be held on Tuesdays for 11 weeks total, beginning Febr. 4 at the East Brookfield Baptist Church, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Chapel. A registration fee of \$15 will cover the cost of a workbook. This ministry is a collaboration of both E. Brookfield Baptist Church and the Brookfield Congregational Church. For questions, please call 508-867-7725.

**MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO:** The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at [massasoitartguild.com](http://massasoitartguild.com) for more information!

**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](http://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](mailto:kawalker@overlook-mass.org) for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or [alz.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.emmanuelorthodox.org)).

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

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

**STAY HEALTHY:** The VNA Care

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

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

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

**BINGO** at the Knights of Columbus is now at the Spencer Senior Center, 68 Maple St. in Spencer, every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. We have 20 regular games; two winners take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payouts of \$600 and \$500 respectively. Good food and soft beverages are available. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

**PITCH** at the Spencer Senior Center will begin on Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. Cost \$5.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP IN W. BROOKFIELD:** The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC has partnered with Faith and Family Hospice of Marlborough, MA to offer a local bereavement group for individuals who are living with the loss of someone they care deeply for. This program honors the reality that there is no perfect way to grieve or say goodbye to someone that we love—we each have our own process and our own time. Grief is not something that we “get better” from or that ever leaves us. Rather, we build coping skills to help us carry it through our lives. This group is open for all ages and all kinds of losses. It is a circle that strives to be mutually supportive and free of judgment. Sessions are held on Fridays at 5 pm in the church office at 36 North Main Street, West Brookfield, MA. Please call the church office to indicate you will be attending (508)867-7078 or email [1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com](mailto:1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com). There is no charge for this group. This group has recently started and wishes to welcome others in joining them. Sessions will be offered for six weeks with a two-week break between the next. (There is no limit to the number of times any individual can sign up for this program.)



### Ad Libs by June

**MEAT SUNDAY!** The **SPENCER FISH & GAME CLUB**, 155 Mechanic Street, in Spencer is having the 1st Big Meat Raffle of 2020 on Sunday, January 26 at 2 pm. There will be six tables of all different kinds of meat. Food and beverages will be available for sale while you try your luck to fill your freezer!

The **PURPLE ONION** is taking the months of February & March off for buying trips to find new home and garden décor to display in their store. Stop by this week for 10% off all in stock furniture, and pick up greeting cards and gifts you may need while they are away. Watch for their re-opening on April 2!

Several of our Dining Guide advertisers are currently accepting reservations for Valentine's Day. Check out our Dining Guide and make plans early to treat your sweetheart to a nice dinner at one of our local eateries, and a beautiful piece of jewelry from **CORMIER JEWELERS!**

See **WHITCO'S** ad this week for the giant TV sale prior to Superbowl! Also if you need a snowblower... the snow is not done yet...they have Poulan snowblowers in stock, and sleds, toboggans, and skates for some winter fun!

Everyone knows that the 1st Sunday in February is an exciting football game day, but also coming up on Sunday, February 2 is the **44th ANNUAL MEMORIAL ICE FISHING DERBY** sponsored by West Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 118 (see the ad on the front of B for whom the derby is in remembrance of). The location is the Lake Wickaboag Public Boat Ramp in West Brookfield and it begins at 7:30 am and runs till 3:00 pm. No ice date is Sunday, February 16. There will be trophies for 15 years and under and four \$50 prizes for adults. Also many door prizes (you don't have to fish to win a door prize). Tickets are \$1.00 by scouts or at the derby.

You're invited to a grand opening event for **T'S HOME APPLIANCES**, 10 Meadow Road, in Spencer on Saturday, February 8 starting at 9 am. See the 10% off coupon in today's paper valid for that day only. They are located in the former Knights of Columbus building. Stop by and welcome them to Spencer!

Check out **QUABOAG REHABILITATION & SKILLED CARE CENTER'S** ad this week if you're looking for a new career opportunity. They have several positions open with great benefits, flexible schedules, new higher rates, and education reimbursement, including CNA scholarships available to the right applicants. Contact Julie Stapleton at 508-867-7716 X3226 for more info or email your resume to [jstapleton@qotcma.com](mailto:jstapleton@qotcma.com).

If you're in the mood for Mexican food, grab a friend and head to **MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL** in Spencer with the coupon in this week's paper for 50% off the second lunch or dinner of equal or lesser value with beverages purchased. It's dine-in only with the coupon. My fav is the chicken fajita quesadilla... yummy!

Have a great week!

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**AUBURN** – 16 Lorna Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located on a Cul-de-sac! Many Recent Updates! Windows 2006! Roof 2010! Siding 2016! Water Heater, Garage Door & Opener 2017! Driveway & Deck 2018! Appliance Oak Cabinet Kit w/Tile Floor! Dining Rm! Spacious Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds! 3 Comfortable Bdrms Total! Full Bath! Finished Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm w/Custom Bar, Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bath! Screened-in Porch to a Private Yard w/New Pressure Treated Deck is Ready for Entertaining! Nicely Landscaped! 1 Car Garage! Shed! Ideal Commuter Location! **\$325,000.00**

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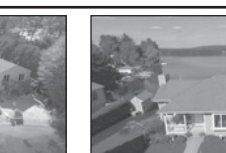


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**WEBSTER LAKE** – 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplc! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Bdrms each w/Private Baths! Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frplc & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! **\$1,175,100.00**

**DUDLEY** – 61 Townfarm Rd! Charming 7 Rm Cape Set 1.9 Acres! This 3 Bdrm Home Completely Renovated 2015! Updates Include - Roof, Windows, Siding, Kitchen, 2 Baths, Furnace, Electric Panel, Well, Septic, Driveway & More! Ideal Open Fir Plan! Cabinet Packed Granite Kit w/Island & SS Appliances! 1st Fir w/Beautiful Hrdwds! Frplc Liv Rm! 1st Fir Master Bdrm! Office or 4th Bdrm! Custom Tiled Bath w/Laundry! Upstairs 2 Spacious Bdrms w/Hrdwds & 2nd Full Bath! Large Paver Patio! Shed! Gorgeous Views! **\$299,900.00**



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**CHARLTON** – 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Fir Plan! Appliance Granite Kit w/Island, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Fir w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**

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### WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



Updated 2 Family – Vinyl Siding – 1st Floor: 6 Rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 Full Bath, open Kitchen. Fully Appliance, Washer & Dryer Included. New Carpeting, Hardwood Floors. 2nd Floor – Open Kitchen with Gorgeous Kitchen Cabinets – 6 Rooms, 3 Bed, 1 Full Bath Hardwood Floors. New carpeting. Each Apartment has 1,200+ sq ft plus. Oil Heat – 2 New Oil Tanks, Circuit Breakers. Off street parking. Town Water & Sewer, 3rd Story Unfinished. Great Commuter Location. **\$237,500**

### WEBSTER - 17 PINWOOD DR



Location, Location, Location! Close to I395. Split Entry with 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms & 1-1/2 baths. Many Updates! Fireplace living room. Wood floors! Recent Asphalt Shingled Roof & Solar Panels. assisted sale **\$289,900.**

### WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



Ready to move in! 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo. Large bedrooms with large full bath master bedroom private access. Skylight Hallway, extra large living area with separate dining! Access to private deck via sliders, fully appliance kitchen, loads of counter space, tons of storage. Full finished basement, brand new heat and a/c system. **\$134,900.**

### POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



Cape gutted to the studs and remodeled, 3 Br, 1 bath; 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **NEW PRICE \$244,900**

### WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



Large 4 Family! 3 car garage! Off street parking. 2 bedrooms each unit! Walk-up attic with a lot of potential! Solar panels!! Fully Rented. **\$369,900.**

### WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.



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.**

### WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



Estate like long paved driveway! 3158 Sq Ft Colonial! Geothermal built. Open floor plan, ash flooring throughout! Granite and s/s appliances! kitchen! Large master bedroom, coffered ceiling, master bath, w/Jetted tub! Walk in closets. Two car garage. Radiused walkout on upper level! A walk up attic. Walk out lower level! The third garage is accessed from the lower level. Generator hookup. One beautiful property! assisted sale **\$499,900.**

### WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

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! w/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**

### HOLLAND - 6 MAIDEN LN



A nice place to call home! Houses situated perfectly on the lot to promote privacy on this .44 acre Lot! 6 room 2 bedroom 1-1/2 Bath. 2 brick fireplaces! Furnace and roof approximately 6 years old. Plus a guest house! assisted sale **\$229,000.**

### WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



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### WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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2:00 PM-DUDLEY  
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sgl fam, 1,779 sfliv area, 7.78 ac lot, 6 rm,  
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# LEGALS

**Public Hearing**

The West Brookfield Water Department, is having a public hearing on February 6 @ 10:00 a.m. on the discussion of Rate Increase. Proposed updates will take effect immediately. West Brookfield Water Department hearing is in the Town Hall, 2 East Main Street, Lower Level 1, West Brookfield Massachusetts 01585 on February 6, 2020. Any person to be heard and have discussion on the proposed updates should appear at the time and place designated. Respectfully Submitted  
The West Brookfield Water Department Board of Water Commissioners  
Robert E. Benson – Chairman  
EOE  
January 17, 2020  
January 24, 2020  
January 31, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
Docket No. WO20P0110GD  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
In the matter of:  
Chance Gadbois  
Of: Spencer, MA  
RESPONDENT**

Alleged Incapacitated Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Development of Worcester MA  
in the above captioned matter alleging that **Chance Gadbois** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Gayle Greene for TLC Trust of Asburnham, MA  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. **You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/11/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
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**the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**  
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 13, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
January 24, 2020

**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 Marjorie S. Rohde to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, dated July 8, 2016 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55610, Page 98 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage USAA Federal Savings Bank is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns to USAA Federal Savings Bank dated August 21, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59336, Page 133, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 190 Northwest Road, Spencer, MA 01562 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on February 20, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with improvements situated at Northwest Road, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts 01562 and being shown as Lot 10A on a plan entitled "Division of Land Northwest Road, Spencer, Massachusetts owned by Theodore Dowgielewicz" dated March 11, 2005. Scale 1"=80' Prepared by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 312, 104 Mendon Street 01569 and being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 824, Plan 115. Containing an area of 3.18 acres. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 55609, Page 126.  
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55609, Page 126. 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.  
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Rohde, Marjorie S., 18-033043  
January 24, 2020  
January 31, 2020  
February 7, 2020

**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. WO19P3747EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
Marilyn F Gouin  
Date of Death: 06/21/2018**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph A Gouin of Milford MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Requests that: **Joseph A Gouin of Milford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/04/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 09, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
January 24, 2020

**(SEAL)  
THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TRIAL COURT  
20 SM 000114  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:  
Christine A. Cabana; Edward P. Cabana  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.:  
The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-20  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 42 Woodside Road, given by Christine A. Cabana and Edward P. Cabana to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc. d/b/a SurePoint Lending, dated September 22 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39897, Page 270, 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 February 24, 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 January 9, 2020.  
Attest:Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
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January 24, 2020

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**WHOLESALE PRICE: \$26,377**

**SAVE \$18,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!**

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## Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

**RAFFLE**

BIG MEAT RAFFLE  
Spencer Fish & Game Club 2pm.  
Tickets \$1.00  
6 Tables of all different kinds of meat  
Door Prize. Food & beverages for sale.  
155 Mechanic Street, Spencer, MA 01562

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

44TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY  
West Brookfield Boy Scout TROOP 118  
Lake Wickaboag Public Boat Ramp, West Brookfield  
7:30am-3:00pm. Trophies, Door Prizes. Tickets \$1 by Scouts or at derby  
In remembrance of Mark Cook, Peter Coulthard, J. Irving England, Michael Higgins, and Dick Shepardson (No ice date February 16)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

"THE LAKE IN WINTER" EVENT.  
2:30: Ken Ethier: Presentation on Ice harvesting.  
East Brookfield Town Hall  
3:30: Bonfire, Music, Skating and S'mores with DJ and concessions. Lake Lashaway Town Beach  
FREE -snacks for sale

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9**

6AM - 2PM FISHING DERBY -  
Details to come! See Facebook  
@EB100th or tinyurl.com/EB100th!

**Open House**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)  
108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt  
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4,**

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE  
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm  
Tickets @EventBrite.com  
or at the library

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11,**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18,**

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -  
The First and Second Settlements  
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY  
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

**SATURDAY, MAY 2,**

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS  
at Pelletier Woods  
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, MAY 9,**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).  
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

**SATURDAY, MAY 16,**

7K RUN AND FUN WALK  
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield  
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

HISTORICAL TALK -  
Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields  
(Spooner / Newton Murders)  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

HISTORY & DESSERT  
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield  
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

COAST GUARD BAND  
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20,**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basket-ball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

SUMMER READING KICK OFF -  
EB Library - continues for five weeks.  
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

**SATURDAY JULY 25**

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -  
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
Parade & Fireworks  
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!  
Route 9, East Brookfield,  
9:30 - 7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30**

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,  
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.  
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.  
\$15-\$20.00 pp

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central

Massachusetts during the Revolution  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

HISTORICAL TALK -  
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

ONGOING

MARIACHI BAND  
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