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Gregoire settling in as Police Chief



Kevin Flanders Photo
William Gregoire is the new Chief of the East Brookfield Police Department.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – After dedicating more than two decades to public safety in town, newly appointed Chief William Gregoire is eager to continue his service at the helm of the police department.

Gregoire was sworn in by town officials during a Nov. 4 ceremony at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting. He takes over from retired chief William Cournoyer,

who spent 35 years leading the department. Having worked closely with Cournoyer to streamline services and improve policies over the years, Gregoire is looking forward to continuing the momentum.

“Chief Cournoyer was a great asset in bringing me up to speed quickly for a seamless transition,” Gregoire told the New Leader.

Gregoire began his law enforcement career with the Spencer Police Department in 1984, then

worked at the Worcester Regional Airport Police Department as a sergeant. He has served on the East Brookfield force since 1998, developing strong relationships with officials and department heads that will enable him to hit the ground running in his new role.

“I enjoy working in this small, close-knit community. The people here are very supportive,” said Gregoire, who has spent the past two years in the role of lieutenant.

Town officials are

encouraged by the police department’s new leadership structure. Also sworn in at the Nov. 4 meeting was new Lt. Joseph Lazarick, who assumed Gregoire’s position following his promotion. Both Gregoire and Lazarick were selected for promotions because of their lengthy and impressive careers with the department, officials said. Rather than search outside East Brookfield for candidates, selectmen

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State to review special ed, civil rights compliance at local schools

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – School leaders are eager to once again open their doors to state education officials and discuss several initiatives.

During the week of Feb. 24, 2020, members of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Office of Public

School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a comprehensive review of the district’s schools. Every three years, PSM officials visit each district and charter school across the state to verify compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations.

“Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, deter-

mination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team process, and IEP development and implementation,” read a statement released by Mark Minnucci, the district’s Director of Student Services.

Areas of review involving civil rights include bullying policies, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal

access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process, officials said. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of special education.

Additionally, state officials will interview leaders of the district’s Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and observations of various activities.

Parents and other inter-

Please Read **LOCAL SCHOOLS**, page **A7**

Upcoming meeting to address region’s senior housing needs

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – Local seniors and their families are invited to attend an upcoming meeting on housing needs and other challenges.

Brookfield Congregational Church will host the meeting on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Several items will be discussed, including a current study of senior housing needs led by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC). The study builds on information gathered during a previous review of opportunities for area towns to expand housing options for seniors.

The region’s over-65 population is projected to double in the next 15 years, and local leaders want to make sure they are prepared for an array of housing challenges facing the baby boomers. The early results of the CMRPC study identified a number of alternatives that could enable seniors to remain in their homes longer.

“With the expected growth in elderly housing needs, the time is now to face this challenge,” said Selectman Clarence Snyder.

The study also indicated the need for towns to focus on other housing alternatives for seniors, such as manufactured housing and in-law apartments.

The goal is for all stakeholders in area towns to form action plans to benefit the region’s seniors.

“Planning boards of our towns have a unique opportunity to promote in-law apartments as the quickest way in creating housing stock for seniors who want to stay in their homes,” Snyder said.

Several area towns have also taken advantage of annual community development block grant funding to assist seniors with maintaining and improving their homes.

The Dec. 12 meeting agenda will include a brief update on the CMRPC study, as well as an overview of several

challenges. A discussion of accessory dwelling options will also take place, and the chairman of the Brookfield Planning Board will outline the town’s current bylaw relating to in-law apartments.

Additionally, suggestions on growing manufactured housing alternatives will be explored. CMRPC recommendations will be made, and both housing advocates and senior service providers from surrounding towns will be in attendance.

If you are interested in attending the Dec. 12 meeting, call the Brookfield Congregational Church at 508-867-6262.

Leicester looks to re-start housing rehab assistance

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Officials are seeking potential clients as the town prepares to reestablish its housing rehabilitation assistance program.

Town officials are working with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to develop an application for a fiscal year 2020 community development block grant to fund the program. If the funds are approved, the program would assist several residents with improving their homes.

“Many homes in Cherry Valley, Rochdale, and other parts of Leicester date from the 1950s and before,” said CMRPC project manager Andrew Loew, who is working with Leicester officials on the grant application. “Major repairs at older homes are beyond the financial ability of many seniors and other residents. This program can help.”

Eligible activities under the program would involve code-related repairs and other types of work needed to make homes safe and

livable. Improvements can include weatherization, handicapped-access upgrades, roof replacements, heating and septic system upgrades, window replacements, new paint and siding, electrical and plumbing work, and structural repairs, among others.

Homeowners who meet federal income guidelines are eligible to participate in the program. The current limit for a single-person household is \$52,850 in annual income. For a four-person household, the maximum income is \$75,450.

Financial assistance from the program will be provided in the form of a deferred-payment loan secured by a lien. Repayment of the loan is only required if the home is sold during the 15-year loan period. Investor-owned homes can also be eligible based on tenants’ incomes. An owner contribution is required for investor-owned units; assistance through the program is generally capped at \$35,000 per unit.

For town officials, the program is an eagerly anticipated tool to help struggling home-

owners.

“The town is pleased to offer this program to qualified residents in order to assist them with major home repairs,” said Town Administrator David Genereux. “It fills a unique need in allowing income-challenged residents – many of whom are senior citizens – to effect code-related repairs on their homes, which in turn keeps them in stable living situations.”

Residents interested in the program are encouraged to sign up now to secure a place on the potential client list. The program, which funds repairs by private contractors for homeowners meeting federal income guidelines, has benefited a number of Leicester homeowners in previous years.

“Under Leicester’s three CDBG grants since 2010, 26 housing units have been assisted through the rehab program. It’s been a real asset for the community,” Loew added.

Residents who are interest-

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CHERRY VALLEY LEGION DECORATES VETERAN MEMORIALS

Cherry Valley American Legion Auxiliary Unit 443 recently decorated Veteran Memorial Squares in Leicester with Christmas wreaths. This annual adornment of the Veteran Memorial Squares was inspired by the Wreaths Across America Program. Pictured are members of Unit 443 at William J. Cooney Square, from L - R Deb McCue, Gail Swett, Kelly Conroy, Laura McCue, Donna Harrington, Megan Shevory, and Molly McCue.

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Community honors local heroes



Sherrie Langlois is honored by local officials.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – First responders and medical personnel are always ready to help those in need, even when they're off duty. During a ceremony last

week, the community honored a pair of responders for their lifesaving heroics.

On Nov. 23, the East Brookfield Fire Association held a ceremony at Spencer Country Inn to honor the local heroes.



Officer Tim Bullock is congratulated by State Rep. Donald Berthiaume.

Plaques were presented to Sherrie Langlois and Tim Bullock in recognition of their efforts during emergency situations this past year.

State Rep. Donald Berthiaume was also on hand to present State House proclamations to the local lifesavers.

Langlois, an emergency room nurse at Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, jumped into action on July 23 after witnessing a head-on accident on Route 49. The wreck resulted in two fatalities, but Langlois was able to provide immediate assistance to survivors. She provided bandaging, spiking bags, and several other services, in addition to giving EMS responders detailed information on the statuses of victims.

"Not everyone could have done what you did that day," Berthiaume told Langlois during the ceremony. "We are all very grateful for what you were able to do."

Bullock, a Charlton Police officer who was off duty on Sept. 11, happened to be passing by when he heard his neighbor call for help. The neighbor was in dire need of assistance after partially amputating his own arm while working in the yard. Officer Bullock applied a tourniquet and bandaged the victim, restricting the flow of blood in time for EMS responders to save the man.

"He just happened to be driving by when it occurred," Berthiaume told guests. "If that had happened a few seconds later, that man might not be here today."

Both award recipients are examples of skilled responders utilizing their expertise away from the job, officials said. Residents and local leaders thank them for their outstanding efforts when no one else was around to help.

Following the award presentations, the Nov. 23 event included the East Brookfield Fire Association's annual meat raffle.



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Volunteers needed to help light up Brookfield

BROOKFIELD – Officials are once again seeking the support of volunteers to help light up the town center this holiday season.

Since 2002, residents have enjoyed a Christmas Eve tradition of illuminating the Town Common and Route 9. This year, the Brookfield Luminaries Committee is planning to place 1,800 luminaries on Lincoln Street, Route 9, and Route 148, as well as the Town Common.

There will also be plenty of other fun activities for families to enjoy on Christmas Eve. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., Oakholm Farm will offer free hayrides at Brookfield Congregational Church. New this year, an ice skating rink on the Common will be open to all residents.

Moreover, hot chocolate and cookies will be available to volunteers after 4

p.m. Brookfield Congregational Church will open at 4 p.m. for anyone wishing to warm up.

At 6:15 p.m., caroling will begin on the front steps of the church, and an indoor service will begin at 7 p.m. The church will remain open after the service for hot chocolate and cookies. A free-will donation basket will be set up, with proceeds to help fund next year's luminaries.

You can also bring the tradition home with you – and help fund the annual project – by purchasing your own luminaries for display. Luminaries are available for \$5 each at the library and Tip Top Country Store.

The luminaries are funded by the Cultural Council, the Friends of the Library, Brookfield Community Club, and private donors. If you would like to donate, contact Brenda Metterville

at the Merrick Public Library at 508-867-6339.

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ed in participating should submit a pre-application form by Jan. 20, 2020, to be added to the list of potential clients. The form is available on the town website (www.leicesterma.org) and at the Leicester Senior Center.

If the grant supporting the program is awarded, eligible clients will be selected through a lot-

tery system. An informational session about the program will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 7, starting at 10 a.m.

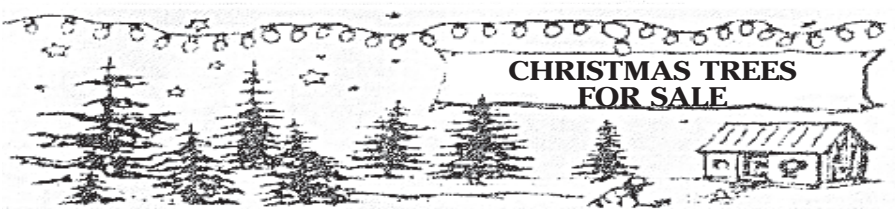
A formal public hearing on the application will be held later in the winter. Other potential projects currently under consideration for Leicester's CDBG application include the design of public works infrastructure upgrades in Cherry Valley, repairs at the Leicester

Housing Authority, and disabled access improvements at Russell Memorial Park.

Results of the grant application (due in March) are expected to be announced over the summer.

If you have questions about the housing rehabilitation program, contact Loew at 508-459-3339.

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Second Chance recognized with at Best of Central Mass. Awards

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services volunteers and staff are taking a moment to celebrate after winning three titles at the Best of Central Mass awards ceremony at the DCU Center in Worcester last night. The organization once again garnered top honors in the Best Veterinarian, Best Nonprofit and the Best Pet Services categories of the annual awards sponsored by the Telegram & Gazette.

“We are humbled to be recognized by the public for our work,” says CEO Sheryl Blancato. “I am so proud of all

we have accomplished. We have the most dedicated and passionate team of volunteers and staff. For over 20 years, we’ve been improving the lives of pets in Massachusetts. This year alone, we will help over 40,000 pets.”

Second Chance began as a small, volunteer animal shelter in 1999 and has grown into a dynamic animal welfare organization that includes three full-service Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Worcester and Springfield where they offer a wide range of care including routine wellness, care for chronic medical conditions and lifesaving surgeries. These hospitals are open to all and offer subsidized rates for qualified households to help keep pets in their homes

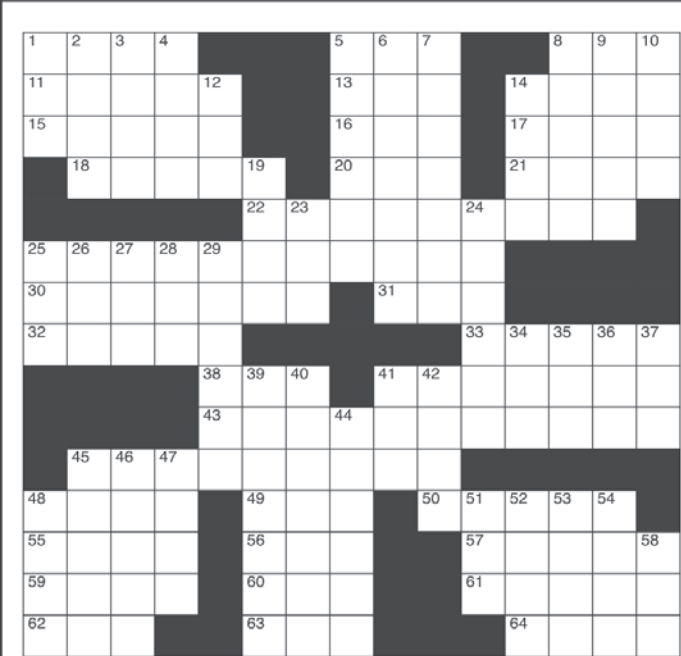
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Second Chance has won the Best Pet Services title every year since the contest’s inception. This is the third year they’ve been named Best Veterinarian and the second nod for Best Nonprofit. The organization’s Halloween Barktacular fundraiser was a finalist in two categories this year. Contest organizers report that more than 288,000 votes were cast in this year’s contest.

Second Chance is a nationally recognized organization that provides innovative programs and services to help animals. They are on track to help over 40,000 pets this year through adoption, low cost spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational programs, training, a pet food pantry, and other services.



Courtesy Photo
Second Chance Animal Services Development Director Lindsay Doray.



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Egyptian bull-god

5. America

8. Type of field (abbr.)

11. Reagan’s Deputy AG

13. Negative

14. Mother of Hermes

15. Summer and Winter Olympics gold medal winner

16. In shape

17. Oh my goodness!

18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone

20. A form of “to be”

21. Succulent plant

22. Estranges

25. Honest

30. Showing conviction

31. High schoolers’ test

32. Implant

33. Acknowledgment

38. Cash dispenser

41. Transferred to another

43. Superhero group

45. Photographers

48. Small, rich sponge cake

49. Power to perceive

50. Heavy cavalry sword

55. Israel’s first permanent UN delegate

56. Everything

57. Afflicted

59. Language spoken in Chad

60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe

61. Jewish spiritual leader

62. Keyboard key

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. Impudence

- CLUES DOWN
1. Type of degree

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. Large, predatory lizard

4. River in Romania

5. Biased

6. Parties

7. TV’s used to need one

8. Philly football player

9. Recognized ethnic group of China

10. Gradually disappear

12. Large, dark antelope

14. Vegetarians won’t eat it

19. Takes the energy out of

23. Body part

24. Succeed in achieving

25. Where golfers begin

26. Computer memory

27. One who buys and sells securities

28. Midway between north and northeast

29. Quiet and rather dull

34. A limb on which to walk

35. It precedes two

36. Of she

37. Commercials

39. Necessary for sewing

40. Infectious viral disease

41. Expression of good wishes

42. Some are contact

44. More plentiful

45. Secret political clique

46. Behind the stern of a ship

47. Supernatural force

48. Altar in Orthodox churches

51. Swiss river

52. Impartiality

53. “Luther” actor Idris

54. They resist authority (slang)

58. Criticize



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DECEMBER 2019
Bay Path High School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Ham, Egg & Cheese on an Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Pancakes with Mixed Berries 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Bacon, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Biscuit 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Scrambled Eggs Bacon Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Waffle Bar with Assorted Toppings 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Sausage, Egg & Cheese Quesadilla 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Bacon, Egg & Cheese on an Biscuit 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	French Toast with Syrup 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
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CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL		<p>[Enter Full Price \$1.75 Reduced \$0.30]</p> <p>Daily Breakfast Alternates: Assorted Muffins, Cereal and Yogurt Smoothies & Parfaits</p> <p>Or Try the Grab and Go Line with an assortment of pastries</p> <p>All meals are served with a choice of assorted 8oz low fat milk</p> <p>Menu**This institution is an equal opportunity provider** De-</p>		



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DECEMBER 2019
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Chicken Pot Pie Diced Chicken & Mixed Vegeta- bles in a Creamy Gravy Topped with a Flakey Biscuit Tossed Salad Fruit Variety	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Sweet Peas Fruit Variety	Buffalo Chicken Dip with Whole Grain Tortilla Chips Veggie Sticks w/Ranch Dressing Fruit Variety	Brunch For Lunch Pancakes w/ Sausage or Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant Home Fries Strawberries	Chicken Nuggets w/ Buttered Noodles Peas & Carrots Fruit Variety
Nachos Seasoned Ground Beef & Cheese on a bed of Tortilla Chips Served w/ assorted toppings Black Bean and Corn Salad Fruit Variety	Cheeseburger Beef Burger topped with Cheese on Whole Wheat Bun Veggie Sticks w/Dip Fruit Variety	Turkey Bacon Melt Tender slices of Turkey, toasted with Bacon & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Variety	Chicken Alfredo Chicken in a Creamy Alfredo Sauce over a bed of pasta Broccoli WW Dinner Roll Fruit Variety	Buffalo Chicken Tenders w/Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety
CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL		CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL		<p>Daily Lunch Alternates: Salad Bar, Assorted Grinders, PBJ Sandwich, Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, and Hummus with Vegetable Crudité & Pita</p> <p>Tuesday & Friday: Assorted pizza</p> <p>All meals are served with a choice of 8oz low fat</p>		

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A holiday tradition returns to Spencer

Kevin Flanders Photos

SPENCER – Residents braved the cold last week to enjoy the return of a beloved tradition. After a lengthy hiatus, the tree lighting tradition was reinstated on Nov. 30. The event included caroling from town officials, performances by David Prouty High School musicians, and appearances from State Rep. Donald Berthiaume and Sen. Anne Gobi. Warm refreshments were served by volunteers, and the event culminated with the tree lighting on the newly created town green outside the Sugden Block building. Officials are hoping for an even larger program next year.



The Rivett family, of Spencer, is eager to watch the tree lighting.



David Prouty High School students Mariannah Chase, left, and Felicity Kuszewski get ready to perform.



David Prouty High School Principal Elizabeth York joins students at the tree lighting.



Guests enjoy hot beverages while waiting for the ceremony to begin.



Volunteers keep guests warm by serving up drinks and food.



Selectmen help warm spirits with a little caroling.



State Representative Donald Berthiaume and Senator Anne Gobi, right, stopped by to enjoy the festivities.



Guests are all bundled up on a cold night.



The tree is illuminated for the holiday season.



Town Administrator Thomas Gregory helps a youngster light the tree.

Life is better when you are laughing

I love to laugh. Even more so, I love to make others laugh. Last week I wrote of my addiction to BPTS ... Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches. It was all, of course, meant to be tongue-in-cheek. I do love the sandwich, but addiction may be an overstatement. The column did create the largest Email response I have ever received, and surprisingly, it was all positive. I did worry after I submitted it for publication that some suffering from real addictions may think I was making light of a very serious problem. Fortunately, those who responded all thought it was funny ... until I picked up my daughter, the Pastor, at the airport and she said, "I was so worried and upset when I read the first half of your column. I could not believe you were confessing to the world you have an addiction and didn't bother telling your family first!"

A friend, and fellow columnist wrote, "I along with most of your readers were on my knees praying for you, until I realized your addiction was a sandwich!" The response has been surprising and huge. Thank you.

The biggest windfall of the column has been all the pictures of BPTS and suggestions of where I can find the best locations to quench my appetite. Thank you and trust me ... I'll try them all.

I think this verifies the need to laugh in our lives. Life is better when we laugh. The news of the world doesn't offer many opportunities for humor. Impeachment, corruption, collusion, foreign interference in our elections ... it's a wall of negative information trampling over us daily. As I have said before, never in my lifetime have I witnessed nor experience the vitriol coming out of our nations' capital. Politicians are fighting for airtime to deposit their prewritten and rehearsed sound bites rather than doing our business, the business of We the People. So, I think it is more important than ever that we smile and laugh more. Not because what is happening isn't important ... it is ... but because it is essential for our mental health that we look up from the fray, take a breath and find reasons to laugh.

Laughter really is the very best medicine.

According to research from Loma Linda University, there are eight convincing health benefits of laughter. Emily Lockhart, writing for "Active Beat," lists the following eight benefits.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

By GARY W. MOORE

Laughter is a natural pain killer. Laughter produces endorphins, that serve as a "happy brain chemical" that soothes stress, reduces anxiety and eases chronic pain.

Laughter strengthens your heart. Believe it or not, laughing is cardio in the

same way that walking benefits your heart. So, you can walk or laugh. Better yet walk with a friend and laugh together!

Laughing wards off disease. A Harvard study revealed that the more you laugh and approach life positively (like reading this column, I'll strategically insert) the fewer chronic diseases you will develop.

Laughter tones your abs. Spending hours doing sit ups? Get off the floor and laugh your way to an abdominal six-pack!

Laughing boosts immunity. Laughing activates your body's T-cells (immune system cells) that help you ward off germs, flues and illness.

Laughing decreases blood pressure. The number of American's on blood pressure medicines is at an all-time high. Don't stop taking your prescription medicines but laugh more and you and your doctor may be positively surprised at the result.

Laughter banishes stress. Rough day at home or at work? Laughter won't solve all your problems, but it is proven that it reduces the anxiety produced by living or working in a stressful environment.

Laughter helps those suffering from depression. A 2011 study from Oxford University shows how laughter improves our overall outlook on life.

Long before Loma Linda, Harvard and Oxford, my grandmother always said, "Laughter is the best medicine," and it appears, even though she never attended medical school, she was right.

I hope last weeks spook on my addiction made you laugh. I laughed for hours writing it and laughed all week at the responses.

Thank you for improving my health!

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMOORE721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

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knew right away that their best options were already at the department.

"The Board agreed that their experience and professionalism would be critical to the continuation of the great services of this department," said Select Board Chairman Shaun Richard during the Nov. 4 meeting.

Throughout Gregoire's time in East Brookfield, he has seen the addition of upgraded radios, computers, and other technologies. Looking ahead, Gregoire and his staff are excited about the introduction of new equipment and initiatives in 2020. Town Meeting funds enabled the department to purchase a new mobile radar speed sign, which will be posted throughout town to make drivers aware of their speed. The unit is expected to arrive

in town this month.

Meanwhile, police continue to get positive feedback from residents on the radar speed signs in the town center along Route 9.

"Traffic control is always a main priority. The flashing signs have been very helpful to reduce speed," Gregoire said.

Department leaders are also excited about the experience brought by recent personnel additions, including Officer Paul Cowden, who will serve

in an investigative capacity. Cowden will handle interrogations, assault investigations, breaking and entering incidents, and several other responsibilities.

"He brings a lot to the table with his investigative experience," Gregoire said.

The department also continues to place a priority on maximizing training opportunities for personnel in several categories. Officers take part in annual active shooter training exer-

cises, including a drill at the courthouse. Last year, officers also joined in a railroad safety exercise that included police and fire officials from several towns abutting the CSX mainline. The goal for all training exercises is to ensure that officers are fully prepared for any possible scenario they might encounter, Gregoire said.

"Being a small department, we all handle many types of services and situations. Training is key," Gregoire added.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

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ested parties may call Kenzie Chin, the PSM chair, at 781-338-3744 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation such as translation, the department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within 60 business days after the onsite visit, the

review chairperson will release a report containing information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements, as well as areas of improvement.

Last month, district officials were pleased to welcome Massachusetts Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Jeffrey Riley. He joined Senator Anne Gobi for a tour of both the elementary school and high school.

After reviewing such initiatives as dual enrollment courses and a math hallway, Riley praised district leaders for being ahead of the curve. Now school officials look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency in special education and other services.

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EDITORIAL

The spirit of the season

It's official — the holiday season has arrived with a bang, leaving us with our first winter Nor'Easter of the year under our belts.

Thanksgiving is the perfect segue into Christmas and Hanukkah. It's when all of the fall decorations and the dilapidated pumpkins get tossed and the candy canes, reds and greens come out. Black Friday and Cyber Monday have passed, and now it's time to wait with anticipation until the big day arrives.

When we were younger, the holidays were magical and fun for most of us, with a minimal amount of stress and an abundant amount of gifts to those fortunate enough to receive them. As we get older and have families of our own, holidays remain fun, as we pour that magic into making our own children's holidays memorable.

However, there comes a time when our children are grown, and the holidays can seem to be more of an obligation, a day to get through with gritted teeth rather than one to savor and create lasting memories with. Not only that, but we long for the days when we had all of our family members alive, when the holidays were the 'good ol' days.' Moving forward, for some, can actually be quite depressing. Hopefully, that isn't the case for many, but for those who feel that sense of Grinchy dread (or is it Grinch-esque?), we have some tips that can help put the spark back into your hot apple cider.

If you remember what it felt like to have an amazing holiday, use those memories to pass down the same magic onto someone else. Even if it's not a child. Do something creative to make someone's holiday one they can remember, something they don't expect. When you take the time to essentially play Santa Claus, the joy you get back is tenfold.

As for relieving stress, don't put too many expectations onto yourself and respect your own limits. You don't have to do everything, you can delegate. As for shopping, you can find just about anything online, even from local shops, making gift buying easier. If shopping isn't your thing, hand out gift cards with a handwritten letter.

Throughout the season, take in the lights and remember to take in the holiday spirit of those around you. Go for a walk in the snow and listen to how quiet everything is. Begin and end each day with something you find enjoyable. We find that watching holiday movies, eating sugar cookies and listening to Christmas music really can be uplifting. "A Christmas Carol," while a bit creepy at times, does put things into perspective. If you haven't read the book in a while or watched one of the myriad film versions (the 1951 adaptation with the incomparable Alastair Sim as Scrooge is our personal favorite), there is no better time than now.

The point of the holidays is to spend time with our favorite people. While we can't go back in time and re-live the days when trains circled our Christmas trees we can live in the present and create new adventures with memories that will put a smile on your face for years to come.

"May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve."

A thank you to Bay Path Golf Course

To the Editor:
Thank you for the 35-plus years of hosting the Tour of The Brookfields tournaments.
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We will always have fond memories playing at Bay Path.

THANKS,
GOOD LUCK!
THE TOUR OF THE BROOKFIELDS

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Absurd conclusion

To the Editor:
In the Nov. 29 edition of the New Leader, we heard from one of our area's proud deplorables, Ms. Jennifer Gaucher. She advocated for term limits and tried to make the point that only Democrats are career politicians.

The original concept of our government was in fact for people to serve and get out, it was intended to be public service. On the same note, political parties weren't part of the original concept of government and that fell apart in the first few years. The structure of our government, and any government for that matter, invariably leads to parties. Politics is a team sport and it is necessary to align with other politicians with shared values and goals or nothing gets done. As a monolithic group, politicians can have more power. It is like unionizing in a way — a bunch of Representatives and Senators running in different directions achieve nothing but a unionized front, a party if you will, can support each other towards common goals.

The first party system developed in 1792 between the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans and we have had a (mostly) two party system ever since. Every president besides George Washington has been in a party. This is clearly a feature, if accidental, of our form of government.

Career politicians are another unwitting feature. We want our best and brightest running the country, so there needs to be incentives to get into it. The costs are high between the publicity, dragging your family through the mud, etc. — so the payoff must also be high. If it is good to be in elective office, then surely you'll want to run again. If you represent your constituents well, then surely they'll want you there again...and there we have career politicians.

I would argue that the Republican party is a more cohesive and stronger party than the Democratic party right now. The Republicans have built an iron-clad homogenous party, representing 44.8 percent of the electorate in 2018 of mostly non-college educated white people aligned with the ultra-wealthy with their White Nationalist, anti-elite, and anti-tax rhetoric. The Democrats have an unwieldy "big tent" of "everybody else" representing 53.4 percent of the electorate in 2018. While the Democrats have more numbers, it is hard to get "everybody else"

all rowing in the same direction. We have the educated professionals, academia, LGBTQ, union/workers. secular Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, Jews, Arab, and Asians. As a party the Republicans certainly punch above their weight.

Ms. Gaucher tries to paint the Democrats as the party of career politicians [making a living off the taxpayer]. The real reason her lengthy list of Massachusetts Congressional Delegation are Democrats is not because they're the corrupt ones, it is because they represent Massachusetts. Politics in America is highly polarized, and Massachusetts is one of the most left leaning states in the country — Spencer and the deplorables notwithstanding. The 11 politicians making up Massachusetts' congressional delegation represent Massachusetts' values. That is the pattern. Ms. Gaucher is welcome to run against Jim McGovern in 2020 to prove me wrong.

Since Democrats represent Massachusetts' values (highly educated population, lots of professionals, academia, etc.) surely the Republicans must represent someone's values. Alaska is the home of the most senior member of the House, a Republican, Don Young... 46 years on the public paycheck! In fact, the four most senior members of the House of Representatives are all REPUBLICANS! Three of the four most senior U.S. Senators are Republicans representing 32-38 years on the public paycheck!

What about locally? Republican Massachusetts Rep. Peter Durant has been on the public paycheck for eight years! Republican Donnie Berthiaume for four years!

The concept of term limits and career politicians is a valid discussion to have, but it is not partisan. Both parties and all politicians are equally guilty. Ms. Gaucher tried to erroneously paint a picture of Democrats sucking off public resources by the pattern that our entire delegation is blue. The more accurate conclusion is that in the context of national politics, Massachusetts' values unquestionably align with the Democrats, deplorable pockets not withstanding.

FRED BAGG
SPENCER

Har-Yarok's criticisms are groundless

To the Editor:
Upon reading Omar Har-Yarok's [letter to the editor] dated Nov. 22 in which he labels Mr. John McRae's letter dated Nov. 8 as an "incredibly racist diatribe" against the former First Lady Michelle Obama, I point out that by implication Har-Yarok has labeled Mr. McRae a racist, so I reread the article which McRae originally posted to see if there was a hint of racist statements. What I found was that although there were many criticisms of Michelle and a hint of the same for the former President, Mr. Obama, and his policies, I found it absent of any racist language.

Har-York seems to have engaged the common leftist technique of, if one disagrees or even dares to criticize the left and its dogma, then it's obvious, you must be a racist.

McRae's letter points out the sad fact that after having spent eight years at the very pinnacle of power and influence, the only thing the Obamas managed to accomplish was create chaos

in the Health industry and confusion in which bathrooms to use.

I could go on and on. To spare the readers and myself, I resist the urge to digress any further into the matter.

However, I cannot resist Har-York's seeming admiration of the recent attempt to re-introduce rattlesnakes to the Quabbin and possibly its environs. He appears to find it admirable, as these endangered venomous snakes are or were indigenous to this state. With that ridiculous rationale, why stop with our slithering friends. Perhaps we should reintroduce the Wolf back into the local area, within of course the confines of public lands. Some areas worthy of the Wolf might be, Howe State Park, Spencer State Forest or better still, the local School yards where our children can learn and experience (however short lived) the marvels of nature.

RICK BELTON
SPENCER

Responding in support of President Trump

To the Editor:
Hello, Ms. Rizzo. My name was mentioned in your letter to Mr. John McRae, so I am taking the opportunity to reply again to your question, reason to vote for Trump?

I could give you several reasons to re-elect president Trump; however, I would be wasting time and energy. You would only find fault and contradict whatever I would share with you. However, I will try again! The best reason and answer as to why vote for president Trump: God appointed Donald Trump. God can appoint whomever He chooses, God can do as He pleases, God is the creator of this world, Country, Universe. [Jeremiah 29: 11] [Romans 8: 28, & 13: 1-7] [Ephesians 1: 11] You should take the time to read those scriptures.

God appointed Donald Trump because Trump is a God fearing man,

he is not easily intimidated, he is knowledgeable in business, he is a negotiator, he loves this country, he wants to make America strong again, he has done more for this country with taxes and jobs, this country is more independent and military stronger than it has been in years, and last but not least, he was elected by God through the people to clean up this country, its government, and Trump is inviting God back into this country, wanting to make us a God honoring Country again.

This is my conviction. This is my best advice to you why we should re-elect President Donald Trump.

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Why do you invest? For many people, here's the answer: "I invest because I want to enjoy a comfortable retirement." And that's certainly a great reason, because all of us should regularly put money away for when we're retired. But you can also benefit by investing in your family and your community.

Let's start with your family members, particularly the younger ones. How can you invest in their future? One of the best ways is to help send them to college. A college degree is still a pretty good investment: The average lifetime earnings of a college graduate are nearly \$1 million higher than those of someone with a high school degree, according to a study by the U.S. Census Bureau.

To help your children or grandchildren pay for any college, university, vocational school or other postsecondary education, you may want to open a 529 savings plan. With this account, withdrawals are federally tax free, as long as the money is used for qualified higher education expenses, including those from trade and vocational schools. (However, if you withdraw some of the earnings on your account, and you don't use the money for qualified expenses, it will be taxable and can also incur a 10 percent federal tax penalty.) Plus, you retain control of the funds until it's time for them to be used for school, so if your original beneficiary chooses not to pursue some type of higher education, you can name a different eligible beneficiary.

Another way to invest in your family is to help your adult children avoid feeling obligated to provide financial assistance to you. For example, if you ever required some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, could you afford it? The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to a study by Genworth, an insurance company. And Medicare typically pays very few of these expenses. So, to avoid burdening your adult children — while also preserving your own financial independence — you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. A financial advisor can help you determine what coverage may be appropriate.

Moving beyond your family, you may want to invest in the social fabric of your community by contributing to local charitable, civic, educational or cultural groups. Of course, now that we're in the holiday season, it's the perfect time for such gifts. Furthermore, your gift will be more appreciated than in years past because one of the chief incentives for charitable giving — a tax deduction — was lost for many people due to tax law changes, which raised the standard deduction so significantly that far fewer people chose to itemize deductions. However, you might still be able to gain some tax benefits from your charitable gifts. To name one possibility, you could donate financial assets, such as stocks that have risen in value, freeing you of potential capital gains taxes. In any case, contact your tax advisor if you're considering sizable charitable gifts.

Saving for your retirement will always be important. But don't forget about investing in your family and your community — because these investments can provide satisfying returns.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Missing the point on abortion

To the Editor:
In the Nov. 29 issue of the Spencer New Leader, James Foyle attempted to clarify his point of view on abortion as a Catholic and responded to my letter of Nov. 15. In Mr. Foyle’s own words, he is taking issue with a few of my points. I, and I hope objective readers, noticed that he conveniently ignored or sidestepped most of my points.

To start, the reason I was motivated to write my piece is that our local conservatives, who are normally unconditionally defensive of Trump, the administration, and Republicans generally, have been silent as the drumbeat of impeachment has intensified, yet they have been writing about abortion instead. Abortion has been used by Republicans as a “wedge” issue to distract Christian voters for decades away from real issues and bait them into voting against their own self-interests and even against most of their beliefs and values. It is almost as if Republicans don’t actually want to overturn Roe v. Wade because they need the wedge issue to rally the troops at every election. Whenever the political storm clouds gather, they bring up abortion to derail substantive conversation. We witnessed this very phenomena in the Spencer New Leader over the last few months.

Whether you think Roe v. Wade is a good ruling or not is bedsidess the point. The issue is deflection.

“Conception within a human is not human...” “What could the cell be if not human...” “Taken on human qualities...” Cells on my skin that fall off

“That ‘bad’ woman, Somalia, and me

To the Editor:

During respected Ambassador Yovanovitch’s impeachment testimony, President Trump tweeted “Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned out bad. She started out in Somalia and how did that go?” His assaults continue.

Earlier, talking to Ukraine’s President, Trump called her a “bad woman” and threatened “some things” would happen. (Such talk makes Russia happy.) Soon thereafter, she received orders to immediately leave Ukraine.

Is this how our President should treat a patriotic 33 year public servant?

Having worked in Somalia before, during, and after Yovanovitch, I offer a first-hand disagreement with the President’s claim she, a junior officer, had some responsibility for Somalia’s collapse.

I first worked in Somalia in late 1985, months before Yovanovitch arrived. Two related memories stand out;

-On arrival, I changed \$100 into local shillings. Not counting, the dealer instead measured six inches of local currency.

Observation 1. When the value of a local currency gets measured in inches, you can assume the cash economy nears collapse.

-After briefings in the capital Mogadishu, I flew to the project site in and around Somalia’s second city, Hargesia. Apart from fieldwork, local Somali staff warned me to never leave the otherwise empty guest house-it being too dangerous. The fieldwork involved visiting rural areas. Most mornings we crossed government checkpoints a few miles from the city and spent the days in contested or rebel areas.

Observation 2. When a country’s second city it is too dangerous to venture outdoors and the military’s control extends only few miles, the government faces serious threats to its existence.

Later (1988-1990), for the United Nations (UN), I partly worked in Somalia. She and I probably crossed paths in the capital, Mogadishu. I had much greater freedom of movement, both there and during rural day trips-overnights being too dangerous. Gradually, the government lost control of all but the capital and my work ended. In 1990, Mogadishu fell, the dictator fled, the fighting between War Lords increased. Somalia had become a “failed state.”

I assume Yanovitch left Somalia before the end of 1990. If not, with others, she experienced evacuation from embassy grounds to a Navy ship.

Observation 3. As a government collapses, no organizations, or junior officers much influences the outcome.

(On a wrenching personal note, our team of Somali professional experienced execution, torture, insanity, and the lucky one USA refugee status – which wouldn’t happen now.)

while I sleep are “human cells.” Cells that were in my appendix before its removal were certainly “human cells.” This point is meaningless gobbledygook. My appendix can’t survive on its own, no more than a six-week-old fetus can survive on its own. Fetal tissue, if left to grow in perfect conditions, can become a human eventually, but it isn’t a human. If removed, fetal tissue is nothing, not an independent entity.

Drawing parallels from abortion to the Holocaust is outrageous, abhorrent, and deeply offensive to Jewish Americans such as myself. It indicates an utter lack of understanding of history and the realities of gestation. The Holocaust was about genocidal hate – the attempt to exterminate entire groups of people. There are a multitude of reasons women choose abortion: many are already mothers unable to care for another child, some pregnancies threaten the health of the mother, fetal anomalies will only lead to suffering of all parties, or the woman is simply unwilling or unable to raise a child. None of these reasons has to do with one group/race exterminating another. All of these reasons supporting and enhance the wellbeing of the whole community. Anybody who compares abortion to the Holocaust should be ashamed of themselves!

The issue at hand is what defines a person. The six million murdered Jews all had names, families, possessions, personalities, hopes, dreams, and memories. People are independent entities that can survive without the help of any specific person. Even

During a 1993 “quiet” period, I returned to Somalia with a small UN team. Our task: to determine what rehabilitation could begin. Land travel and Mogadishu presented dangers, so we daily flew to possible locations.

However, violence re-flared in Mogadishu where the United States provided famine relief. This combination resulted in the “Black Hawk Down” tragedy and American withdrawal. (See the movie or better read the book they’re all too accurate).

Observations 3 & 4. When governance collapses, it becomes hard to revive and easy to worsen—see the rise of Al Shabab. Likewise, collapse affects American interests elsewhere—see Kenya and Rwanda.

During the late 1980’s, she and I shared Mogadishu with at least one other important person, though she probably hadn’t reached school age. With her mother’s death, her father — a teacher trainer — raised her. When local violence increased, they re-located to Mogadishu. When the government fell, they fled the country, for Kenya’s desert Dadaab refugee camp-population 200,000. After four difficult years, she and family received USA refugee status-again not possible now.

Her father wanted to participate in our democracy. Not understanding English, he had his now teenage daughter attend and translate meetings. Later she earned a college degree, and became an educator. However due to those meetings, politics called. Climbing rung by rung, she reached Congress just 25 years after arriving in America.

Her name, Ilhan Omar.

Recently, she asked a judge for compassion and rehabilitation for a man with illegal guns who threatened to kill her.

Like us, Omar makes mistakes.

However, ask yourself, if she was your child would you be embarrassed or proud? Also how would you feel if your daughter (and three others of color) endured brutal criticism from our President (and media) telling her “to go back to where she belongs?”

Observation 5. Such White House behavior hurts our country

A final example of females meriting praise, but receiving disrespect.

First Ladies deserve our respect, both for the position they held and for the voluntary service they provide. As First Lady, Michelle Obama meet and exceeded required and additional standards. Much admired, she has every right to voice her opinion.

The recent racist News Leader letter concerning Ms. Obama falls beneath contempt.

This letter omits this indication of continuing service and patriotism; “maybe if I show up every day as a human, a good human, that will pick away at....discrimination.”

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

a newborn can be raised by its father, other family member, or stranger. A six week fetus has no name and is simply a parasite on its mother and can’t survive outside her body not unlike an appendix. Are funerals held when a woman has a miscarriage? Is there a police investigation into potential foul play when a woman has a miscarriage? Does the medical examiner perform an autopsy? When a woman has a miscarriage are the human cells buried and given a headstone or are they literally flushed? The answers to these questions are obvious because fetuses are not people.

Mr. Foyle did not address the popular belief among pro-lifers to allow abortion in the cases of rape and incest. I’m curious, is the Catholic position that fetuses are people, murdering people is wrong, but if the circumstances of conception are not the fault of the woman then you allow “murder?” If that’s the case can we murder 12 year olds that are the product of rape or incest? It sounds more like forced childbirth is a punishment that you want to sentence to sluts but not to women you view as victims.

Concerning biblical evidence, Mr. Foyle conveniently didn’t address it any way. The scripture seems clear: a fetus is property and not a person.

The way Mr. Foyle describes the Catholic Church seems a little paradoxical. He states that Catholics believe that the Pope is infallible, then goes on to say the Pope makes mistakes... I’m sorry, but that is contradictory. Are you saying that the hundreds of millions of Catholics who use birth control and seek abortions are mortal sinners or are you saying that the Pope is wrong about that? A 2011 study showed that 98 percent of American Catholic women used birth control at some point in their lives. Are they all going to hell? Ninety-eight percent of your women!? I’m afraid the corporate structure and concept of the Catholic Church is built on a house of cards if the Pope can be both infallible and subject to making mistakes and almost all of your adherents ignore the Pope when it’s inconvenient.

Mixing religion with

Does anybody think he didn’t do it?

To the Editor:
Hello...Anybody there? Where’s the “witch hunt” chorus? Silence... I assume silence from these Trump towns means that you know your President committed criminal impeachable acts and you can’t even muster a defense. I assume silence means that you know that your President committed criminal impeachable offenses yet you still like what he stands for so you aren’t willing to switch sides and stand up for the constitution and our very form of government. He is the undemocratic strongman you always wanted.

It has been a good couple of weeks for Washington insiders, people who have been trained by the government to do things a certain way. There’s a right way and a wrong way. Most of the people trained by the foreign service (under many presidents going back to Reagan) understood quickly that Trump’s actions were wrong. This was unethical. I don’t think that it ever occurred to Donald Trump or Rudy Giuliani that wielding the power of the United States in an official capacity to extort a smear campaign against a political adversary was wrong or unethical. It is still wrong, still unethical, still illegal, and still impeachable. We don’t even have to go to “high crimes and misdemeanors”. Bribery is specifically addressed in the constitution and I interpret that to mean taking bribes as well as using public funds as bribes for personal gain.

Gordon Sondland, the U.S. Ambassador to the European Union testified that everyone was in the loop, everyone knew. One of the (now abandoned) defense of Trump was he was just an old man rambling on the phone, too inarticulate and unsophisticated to set up a proper quid pro quo. It’s now clear that everybody knew, it was clear, some reacted with shock and horror, and others carried it out as part of the deal of working under Donald Trump. The case has moved from “beyond a reasonable doubt” to “slam dunk.”

It wasn’t just Trump. In the loop was Secretary of State Pompeo, John Bolton, Mike Pence. Bolton resigned, but Pompeo and Pence should resign immediately or be facing impeachment themselves. What’s been confirmed is the fear that Donald Trump exercises over Republicans. He strikes fear into the hearts of Republicans at all levels – they fear a Trump fueled primary challenge more than any Democrat. It is the party of Trump.

After the public hearings, the case is legally stronger however it isn’t politically stronger. The nation is show-

government is a 3rd world concept. Take a look around the world, note the “good” counties and the “bad” countries. Good countries have secular governments that allow the free private exercise of religion. Bad countries have theocracies, religiously motivated public policy, and highly religious populations. The USA is abnormally religious for a developed country, an outlier in fact.

The fight for reproductive rights is a moral one for me at least. If America turns into a theocratic Christian doctrine regime and my daughter were to need an abortion we could go to Canada, Europe, Australia, Russia, China, etc. – we just have to avoid the overly Christian or Muslim countries (not the similarity...). This is about standing up for what is right, standing up for people without the resources to circumvent the theocrats, standing up to the 3rd world theocrats among us, and what is best for society at large.

Back on topic... You are free to live your life however you please, you are free to believe anything you please, worship however you please, and you are free to operate within your family structure however you please. Under current law you are free to shame your accidentally pregnant daughter however you feel appropriate to avoid an abortion. This is unlikely to happen in my family due to our evidence based approach (long term birth control).

We can “agree to disagree” on morals, and the difference between right and wrong. We cannot “agree to disagree” on your desire to use the long arm of government to impose Catholic or Christian-at-large morals on the entire population.

Thank you for saying a prayer for me, and I wish the best to you and your family. All I ask is that you vote for your own self-interests, and trying to impose your morals on my family doesn’t qualify.

ESTHER COHEN
WEST BROOKFIELD

ing support for impeachment steady at 50/50 even as the percentage of Americans who say what Trump did with Ukraine was wrong and unethical goes up. Everybody knows he’s guilty. Somehow though, most Americans don’t think it’s important enough to impeach and remove him from office. If you ask the average American if he abused his power? Yes. Extorted a foreign country to interfere in our election? Yes. Bribed a foreign leader? Yes. Used his power as President with control of taxpayer funds specifically to target a political opponent in a smear campaign? Yes. Ask the average American if he should be removed from office over all the things we agree he did? No.

The Republicans call it a show trial and that the Democrats have been out to get Trump since day one... Trump was never fit for office but this impeachment is specifically about this Ukraine scandal which is entirely contained in 2019. Trump painted the Democrats into a corner where not acting was an action in itself that the U.S. House would have to answer for, to voters and to history. If this is modus operandi for an American president to extort another country which is dependent on us for aid to dig and create dirt on a political opponent how is anybody supposed to run against the power of incumbency? Anyone in power that says this is acceptable will have a lot to answer for.

Impeachment is deeply unpopular in swing states. The argument is that it has to be done to uphold the standards of our country and no president has done anything nearly this bad without getting impeached. It isn’t a political winner yet we are now at the point where history will be the judge. Trump supporters even seem to acknowledge, “yes he did it, he shouldn’t have done it, but I still like him.” Trump supporters don’t see impeachment about high crimes and misdemeanors, they seem to see it as part of a multi-decade political and cultural battle in this country.

Trumpers of Spencer, Leicester, and the Brookfields – I’m waiting. Please defend Trump or at least explain to all of us why you see it that he should stay in the Oval Office despite what he’s done. The greatest and most deplorable statement will be silence next week to be following by Trump votes in 2020.

DAVID ROSENBERG
SPENCER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Thanksgiving of Triumphalism

To the Editor:

Another year, another Thanksgiving, another notch on the bedpost of forced colonization, and another batch of lies about America's past. Right on schedule, the conservatives pivot from blaming the legacy of slavery, second class citizenship, and scapegoating on the descendants of the victims (which only perpetuates the problem) to hand wringing over ingratitude of America's left leaning majority. We sure are ungrateful for all the awesomeness bestowed on the rest of us from the white Christians who would prefer to cleanse America of its non-Christian and non-white population.

In contemporary America, Thanksgiving is a universal holiday. I too had never heard of a family who did not celebrate, and in that way, it became my favorite holiday. It was not about thanking "God(s)." It was not about saluting a flag. It was not about citizenship which was enjoyed by some but not all. It was about families coming together from far and wide because the country was shut down for half a week, having a feast, and being thankful for what we had. We had our health, family, security, and material success. My family had this in the United States but this story could just as easily been told for Canada or Australia, both of which are more welcoming and offer better opportunities at the moment.

Thanksgiving is the greatest holiday on the American calendar because of how universal and wholesome it has become. Christmas is a religious holiday (which isn't my or many other families' tradition) hijacked by materialistic commercialism. Does the conservative love of holidays, or "Holy Days," extend to Eid Al-Fitr, Yom Kippur, or Diwali? Does the baby Jesus mascot of Christmas make the conservatives embrace the materialism they profess to hate?

Long ago, the children were considered our future. Now that young people break so hard from their parents in their way of thinking, I guess we

are "skulls full of mush." Secular... Guilty as charged. Materialist and money-is-my-god? OK, Boomer... (or OK, Silent...) Take a look in the mirror. King Donald I is an opulent billionaire, and in the last 20 years, the older generation of Americans has pushed two major tax cuts of which the vast majority of the benefits went to the extremely wealthy. You complain about the cost of living in the productive areas of the country while you complain about the hollowing out of jobs from the rust belt regions where nobody can earn a living, but at least the taxes are low so that the local barons can consolidate more wealth. The conservatives want lower taxes (regardless of whether they even earn enough to pay taxes) and they want to deny healthcare and education to people born with less privilege, relegating them to a permanent underclass. Tell me, who is materialistic?

My generation, my worldview, and I may all be secular and wear the badge proudly. You boomers and Silents – are you Christian? As an outsider looking in who was never a Christian it seems to me that the legend of Christ is liberal. Blessed are the poor, blessed are the meek, love thy neighbor as thyself, etc. I'm secular, but you aren't Christian.

The promise of America is a melting pot of different nationalities and religious liberty enshrined in a separation of Church and State. The Pilgrims fled the Church of England and although deeply religious, felt that their congregations should be independent from central government. I know the old white Christians think that means the government not endorsing a specific flavor of Christianity but guess what – this country is full of non-Christians who demand our government represent us all. Religious hymns in public schools were common decades ago but always un-American, were never appropriate, thankfully they are in the dustbin of history. How did these hymns improve the education of children? It didn't. What damage was

done? It raised a generation of bigots.

John McRae asserts that Christian hymns of the past in public schools make it so children were "educated," whereas the removal of religion from public schools today qualified as "indoctrinated?" I believe Mr. McRae has the terms reversed.

History may be written by the victors, but all parties have an equal claim to write the truth.

The Mayflower brought the Pilgrims to North America from Plymouth, England to what we now call Plymouth, Mass. in 1620, where they established a colony. In 1621, they celebrated a successful harvest with a three day gathering that was attended by members of the Wampanoag tribe. It was over 200 years later, in the 1830s, that this was referred to as the first Thanksgiving, and wasn't addressed by the President until 1863.

Back to the real story of Thanksgiving... Whitewashing history. It's the time of year when Americans remember a gritty story of conquest and dispossession from the native peoples of this continent by decorating in warm fall colors and having a feast. This is when we gather our extended families from far and wide to celebrate the violent invasion of our homeland and solemnly remember the peoples for whom this land originally belonged that are no longer here due to genocide. The Europeans who gathered for the first Thanksgiving would more accurately be described as "illegal aliens," "gentrifiers," or "elites." This Thanksgiving at my family's gathering we raise a glass to the triumph of Western European over indigenous peoples.

While most Americans, especially older ones, grew up with imagery of European settlers being active seafaring people cooperating with the backward and passive land-bound natives this isn't exactly true. Natives and newcomers clashed over coastal access and maritime resources such as shell beads and whale oil.

The Newcomers prized the Native's

geographic knowledge. The information that these natives had about the coastline was so precious that the colonists actually kidnapped nearly 50 natives from the region between 1600 and 1620, taught their slaves English so that they could serve as interpreters, and used these newly enslaved men to help navigate the ships. One of the most extraordinary captives was a Wampanoag man named Epenow who was taken to London but convinced his captors to take him back to Martha's Vineyard with stories of gold only to escape as soon as the anchor was dropped.

It isn't as though the native population accepted these foreign interlopers with open arms. Many wars were fought between the native peoples fighting for their homeland and the foreign invaders including King Phillip's War, which included a major battle in the Brookfields.

If we want to take Thanksgiving away from a generalized giving of thanks and tie deeper political meaning to it, perhaps children should perform plays at school where one group in European clothes disembarks a boat with guns, takes territory at the barrel of the gun, and kidnaps and enslaves some of the natives. Thanksgiving could be thought of as a day of mourning, to remember the genocide and conquest of the Native Americans. Perhaps it should be a National Day of Atonement.

But alas, the Europeans triumphed, the Amerindians are mostly wiped out, and here we are. I suppose I should give thanks that my family and I are marginally tolerated by the local European descended Christians and not thrown in internment camps or worse. Perhaps I should teach my children some Christian hymns and prayers in the name of social cohesion before we anger the conservatives.

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SPORTS

Leicester continues historic season with Battle of Breezy Bend victory

WOLVERINES TOP DAVID PROUTY, 33-0, TO MOVE TO 12-0; STATE FINAL UP NEXT



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Leicester players bring the hardware back to their teammates following the Wolverines' 33-0 victory versus David Prouty in the annual Battle of Breezy Bend Thanksgiving Day game.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Eyeing their trip to Gillette Stadium for the Division 7 State Super Bowl on Dec. 7 against Abington High (9 a.m. kickoff), Leicester High's main objective was to remain healthy. But remaining undefeated at 12-0 was also on their checklist heading into the 50th annual Battle of Breezy Bend against David Prouty Regional on Thanksgiving Day.

In the opening minutes on top of the hill at Eugene R. Hurley Memorial Field, Leicester didn't waste any time showing why they were undefeated and Gillette bound. After receiving the opening kickoff, the Wolverines started their drive from their own 49-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage senior quarterback Dan Mero took a

keeper 51 yards to pay dirt. Leicester led 7-0 seconds into the game and ultimately prevailed, 33-0.

After forcing David Prouty to punt following a three-and-out on their first drive of the game, Leicester regained possession and scored in just two plays. Mero connected with Luke Clay for a 30-yard pass down the sideline, followed by a 10-yard scamper by Stephen Olsen untouched into the end zone.

The Wolverines left no doubt on remaining undefeated going into Gillette.

"We have never had a 12-win season, which is pretty exciting," Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths explained. "The biggest thing today was that we are healthy. We knew we were a little better than them, things went our way early on, but a lot of kids got to play.



The Battle of Breezy Bend trophy will stay in Leicester after the Wolverines defeated David Prouty.

They [David Prouty] played very hard, [head coach Pat Rossi] is a little undermanned, but he does a good job with what he has, 20-25 kids. We are happy and now we get to focus on the prize. Injury was the biggest concern, but we weren't going to play the younger kids to keep the starters healthy, because being undefeated is important, too."

Leicester's win was its eighth straight on Thanksgiving, and its third straight shutout.

"Prouty is always a good team," Mero stated. "Sometimes they're down, but they always give a good fight. Overall, I am not mad about being taken out in the second half, I gave it to my brother; we know we need to stay healthy, but it is a good feeling knowing I am 4-0 against them [Prouty]."

Mero ended with 89 yards rushing on three carries and connected on two of his four pass attempts for 46 yards, including a 26-yard strike to Jack O'Neill on an inside wide receiver screen. The senior took home the annual MVP trophy with his three-touchdown performance.

Bryce Gosselin also added 54 yards and a touchdown on five carries. Senior Christian Miranda took home the defensive MVP trophy with a standout performance from his linebacker spot.

Despite losing to a very talented Leicester team, David Prouty showed some promise throughout the game.

They had a few explosive plays and a made a couple defensive stands to stop a talented Leicester offense. The Panthers (3-8) showed some promise for years to come with the young core group of guys they fielded.

Prouty only had four seniors and one in particular went out with a bang, earning offensive MVP. Stephen Gustafson toted the ball 13 times for 61 yards, including David Prouty's most explosive play that went for 24 yards. Gustafson also recovered a fumble on defense.

"We fought, [but] they played a clean game and we didn't," David Prouty head coach Pat Rossi expressed. "They have a ton of seniors and are going to the state finals for a reason. We are predominately sophomores and we showed it at times. There were times where we moved the ball up and down and then stalled. Times where we made defensive stops and stalled. We showed our age. I am happy with our kids' effort in the second half, they fought hard. They know where they can get to next year."

Rossi also added: "We have made tremendous strides the whole year. We started seven sophomores and three juniors, and they got progressively better throughout the year. Our month of November was pretty good, we scored a lot of points and played pretty well defensively."



David Prouty's Stephen Gustafson earned the Offensive MVP trophy for the Panthers after his performance versus Leicester on Thanksgiving Day.




Stephen Olsen of Leicester plows through the line to gain some yardage on the ground.

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Thanksgiving Day rubber match goes to Rams, 37-14, over Tantasqua



Tantasqua's Casey Robidoux holds onto the ball and dodges Shepherd Hill defender George Karamanakis.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — For the Shepherd Hill Regional and Tantasqua Regional upperclassmen, this year's Thanksgiving Day varsity football game — played at Carmignani Field — was the ultimate rubber match. The Warriors won back in 2017 for their first holiday victory in nine years, 32-15, while the Rams took last year's contest, 35-34.

In 2019 it was the home team that earned the victory as Shepherd Hill dominated Tantasqua to earn a 37-14 victory in the 46th annual affair. With the win the Rams padded their Thanksgiving Day record to 37-8-1 over the Warriors.

Shepherd Hill head coach Ryan Dugan said the windy weather played into his team's playing style but noted that the Rams came prepared even

without Mother Nature's help as they expected Tantasqua to be a worthy opponent.

"It was a huge win. Tantasqua is a really good team. They were divisional champions. They have great players. After we got beat by St. John's in the playoffs we knew we came to work the next Monday knowing that we had to play well and get better and be prepared," he said. "It was just hard work, getting better and developing. We got better as players, better as coaches and the kids came here today fired up knowing we needed a strong effort to win."

The Hill finished 8-3 on the year with the Thanksgiving win. Dugan credited his seniors with helping maintain a strong offense throughout the game and setting a standard for the underclassmen to follow in the years to come.

"This group of seniors set a great foundation for this program. They did a fantastic job and we had a lot of young players step up today. We've got some good underclassmen coming up. A lot of credit goes to the senior group. They've been through a lot and in their last game together they came out, they played hard and they got the job done," said Dugan.

Tantasqua finished 8-4 on the season after being eliminated from the state semifinals the week before the Thanksgiving matchup. Head coach Jon Hargis said it was a good, successful season and they plan to build off that momentum into 2020.

"The kids fought hard to the end. I have to give it up to my seniors who have been with me the past three years. It's not the way they wanted to go out, but they battled. It was a great season," Hargis said. "We're going to work hard on the off-season to continue to build on our success this year."

At the end of the day the difference was converting on offense as Shepherd Hill scored points on all but two possessions, one in which they turned the ball over on downs and the game's final possession where they took a knee to end the game. The Rams found their success carrying the ball. Junior Mike Raymond had a game-high 119 yards on 10 carries with one touchdown, while senior James Labarge earned 83 yards on six carries, including two touchdowns. Sophomore Zack Christenson earned a touchdown run, while quarterback Ethan Quinn also earned a running touchdown in the first half. The Warriors only managed two touchdowns and found it difficult to get anything going on offense for much of the game despite scoring the first points of the day on their opening possession. Freshman quarterback Dante Reno hit junior Tyler Hall with a TD pass, and Senior Liam Gore scored a rushing touchdown for the Warriors.

With the final game of the season in the books, it was the end of an era for both teams as numerous seniors bid farewell to the gridiron one last time as high schoolers. Gore said it was a bittersweet game but, looking back on 2019, he has no regrets.

"You don't like to go out this way, but we had a great season. We made it far in the playoffs and accomplished more than we thought we would at the beginning of the year. I can't complain at all. I think the



Quarterback Dante Reno of Tantasqua looks downfield before attempting a pass.

underclassmen are going to do well. They know exactly how they're supposed to play," said Gore.

One of those underclassmen, Reno, admitted that it's going to be hard to see the seniors depart, but he and the rest of the underclassmen are looking forward to building on the success the Warriors had this past season.

"This year's success is all seniors. They took us far. Next year we just have to keep going and work hard on the off-season," Reno said. "We just have to win. That's a big thing. No matter how we get it done we have to get it done. It's cool to play in this game and I look forward to the next three years."

For Shepherd Hill, the big win capped off an emotional day for the senior players. Running back Nate Cooper said helping his team win his

final game as a Ram was a proud and sad moment.

"It's impressive. We've all been together since eighth grade and it's going to be sad seeing everyone leave," Cooper said. "This means a lot to me because it is our last game together. We'll remember this game for a long time."

Another Shepherd Hill senior, Anthony Oriente, took home the Offensive MVP honor and said he was full of pride to take the field with his team one final time.

"We had an awesome day on offense and scored a lot of points. It was awesome running behind the big guys again. I'm glad we won but I can't believe it's over," Oriente said.

Tantasqua sophomore Aiden Filler was awarded the Defensive MVP honor at the conclusion of the game.



Tantasqua's Owen Stanton signals for a first down following a productive run.



Liam Gore of Tantasqua pushes forward toward the end zone.

Thanksgiving Day loss to Ware hampers Quaboag football's first winning season in program history

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WARE — The Quaboag Regional varsity football team finished the season with a winning record for the first time in school history, but an 8-0 loss to Ware High on Thanksgiving Day was a bitter way to end the year.

The Cougars finished its 2019 schedule 6-5, defeating Palmer, Pathfinder, Abby Kelley Foster, David Prouty, Southbridge and Ayer-Shirley. Quaboag has competed in football at the varsity level for 11 seasons.

"We had a good season," said Quaboag head coach Dave Shepherd, the only head coach the team has had in the history of the program. "We were in each and every game all year. It was a much-improved year, one we can build on next year. Things have definitely been getting better over the last four years. We've been more competitive and had a few more wins."

"I think for the next handful of years we should be on the winning end of games," Shepherd continued. "A lot of the players we have now are guys I coached in youth football. We're starting to see some of the rewards from those kids who we've already coached. They know the system; they know what's going on X's- and O's-wise. I think we should continue for the next

few years to be competitive."

The Indians (9-2) broke a scoreless tie with four minutes left in the third quarter. It was a scoring drive by Ware that Quaboag helped keep going, the Cougars being called for a pair of 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalties during the Indians' march to the end zone.

Quaboag, however, had two chances to tie the game in the fourth quarter. The Cougars drove to the Ware 2-yard line with about five minutes left, but a false start penalty backed Quaboag up to the 7-yard line and on the next play the Cougars attempted a jump pass that was intercepted.

The Quaboag defense forced Ware into a three-and-out on the ensuing possession and the Cougars regained the ball with about 2-1/2 minutes remaining in the game, at the Indians' 35-yard line.

Quaboag took the ball and drove down to the Ware 5-yard line, where on first-and-goal, it fumbled the ball away, ending any hope of a dramatic comeback. The Cougars also drove inside the Indians' 5-yard line in the second quarter but were unable to capitalize on that scoring opportunity as well.

"Key mistakes in the red zone hurt us," Shepherd said. "We had three possessions in the red zone, and we came up empty. It was a very competitive game;

both teams played hard, both teams played well. I think we outgained them in the game. We ran the ball well; we rushed for more than 200 yards in the game."

Junior Matt Griffing led the Cougars' rushing attack, gaining 103 yards on 20 carries. Griffing finished the season with a total of 1,062 yards gained. Sophomore quarterback Derrick Shepherd, coach Shepherd's son, finished the season with 968 passing yards.

"Derrick went into the game needing about 100 yards to finish the year with 1,000 passing yards and he threw for about 50 yards," coach Shepherd said. "It was a little tough to throw the ball; it was really windy. It wasn't a good throwing game."

Four players — Tom Snow, Jordan Floria, Brendan Gillette and Kyle Weller — played their final game for Quaboag against Ware. All four will graduate in June.

"We have a lot coming back including Matt Griffing, who rushed for 1,000 yards, and freshman Brendan Burke, who had a very good year," coach Shepherd said. "My son will be back at quarterback as well and we have a couple wide receivers coming back also. All of our skill position players will be back, which is nice."

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Dan Mero

The Leicester High senior quarterback accumulated 135 yards — 89 rushing, 46 passing — and three total touchdowns to earn game MVP honors in the Wolverines' 33-0 victory versus David Prouty Regional in the 50th annual Battle of Breezy Bend on Thanksgiving Day.

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SPORTS

Pirates rush past Bay Path in annual Battle for Buffums



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Bay Path's Tyler Gillespie breaks away from the grasp of Oxford's Sam Wing as he rushes into the end zone for a touchdown.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Oxford High junior Sam Wing rushed for 188 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Pirates to their third straight win in the Battle for Buffums Thanksgiving Day game, defeating Bay Path Regional, 26-14, at George L. Fowler Memorial Field on Thursday, Nov. 28.

Oxford (4-7), which trailed 8-0 early in the first quarter thanks to a 30-yard run by Bay Path's Tyler Gillespie and a conversion run by Justin Orrell, scored 26 consecutive points to put the game away.

The Pirates tied the game, 8-8, late in the first quarter on a 42-yard touchdown run by Wing, who also ran in the two-point conversion. Wing's touchdown run came on the second play of the ensuing possession.

In the second quarter Wing gave Oxford the lead, 14-8, with a 6-yard scoring scamper. Ben Wing, Sam's younger brother, added the conversion run to push the Pirates lead to 16-8, which was the score at halftime.

Oxford went ahead, 18-8 on a safety in the third quarter, Nick Geragonis tackling a Bay Path runner in the end zone. On the ensuing drive following the free kick Sam Wing scored his — and Oxford's — third touchdown of the game on a 15-yard run. Ben Wing again added the conversion run to extend the Oxford lead to 26-8 late in the third quarter.

Bay Path (2-9) scored the final touchdown of the game on a 37-yard run by quarterback Michael Keeler late in the fourth quarter.

"We played well; it was a good day. It's always nice to win on Thanksgiving. It's a good way to finish the season," Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson said. "The field conditions were tough, it was very muddy out there, but Sam ran well and the offensive line did a great job opening holes for him."

Geragonis, a senior, received the Outstanding Player of the Game Award

for his work at left tackle on offense and nose tackle on defense. Fellow senior Alex Green was named the Pirates' Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game while another senior, defensive back Michael DeLaCruz, was named Oxford's Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game.

"Nick played fantastic; he really killed it," Clarkson said about Geragonis' performance. "Our offensive and defensive lines played great."

Oxford's offensive line — senior Jacob Sund-Lussier (RT), junior Dylan Sadd (RG), senior Teegue Olsen (C), Green (LG), and Geragonis — played so well in fact it got the attention of Bay Path head coach Matt Fall.

"They gashed us pretty good up the middle a few times," Fall said. "No. 77 [Green] was their offensive player of the game and it was well deserved. Any time they needed a first down or needed some big yardage they ran right behind him."

"Their line is strong and powerful and they're very precise with their steps," Fall continued. "If you have a defensive player that's over penetrating or over pursuing their offensive linemen have no problem catching up to them and getting them squared away. That allows their running backs to get to the holes they need to get to."

Despite the disappointment that comes with a sub-.500 year, Clarkson was upbeat when he spoke of the season.

"We had a good finish; I think we learned a lot this year. But, my expectations going into preseason was that we were going to be better," Clarkson said. "I spoke after the game and praised the seniors and told the younger guys on both teams that they had a tough year, but I hope they learned something and I hope they use what they learned next season."

Fall said he was pleased with the fact that his team got better as the season went along.

"I know a 2-9 record is not anything



Bay Path's Keagan Spring runs down the field after eluding a potential tackler.



Bay Path's Nomar Torres and Brian Lavoie combine to bring down Oxford ball carrier Sam Wing.

to write home about, but the last four or five games the kids really came together and that solidified the team a little bit," Fall said. "That was nice to see."

"When you have a losing record it's pretty easy to lose players and we didn't lose a single player throughout the season," Fall added. "Every kid stuck it out and hung in there. That's the big thing we can take away from the season. At the end of the day that's kind of a life lesson for them and kids have told me that the life lessons they take away from football are just as important as the winning seasons."

Orrell received the Outstanding Player of the Game Award for Bay Path while Brian Lavoie received the Minutemen's Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game and Noah Vazquez received the Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game Award.



Anthony Catino of Bay Path punts the ball out of his team's defensive side of the field.



Quarterback Michael Keeler of Bay Path has the time to complete a pass down the field.

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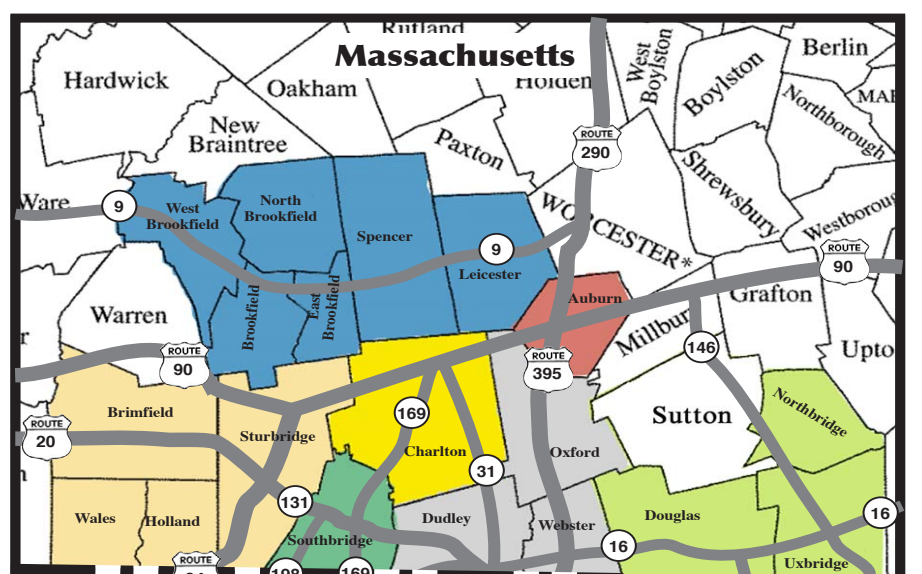
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Hunting forges a special bond between mother and son



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The start of the Mass. shotgun deer season was different from many of the past season openers. Rain, snow, wind, and downright nasty conditions kept many hunters out of the woods for Monday & Tuesday, but then the action picked up on Wednesday, as hunters took advantage of some real good tracking conditions in the freshly fallen snow. It is normal for deer to hunker down during snow storms, but when the weather breaks, they start to feed again, and in this case, bucks were still looking to breed does.

It sure is going to be a long winter for residents in New England this year, with numerous meteorologist predicting a very active weather pattern this winter, and It will come with a lot of snow. By the time March & April get here, we will sure be ready for spring, if the predictions are right.

Although shotgun season for deer opened this past Monday, hunters are reminded that

bows and black powder guns are also allowed. Numerous deer hunters that I know use their black powder guns during the shotgun deer season. They like the challenge of having only one shot, and they also like the accuracy of the new rifled barrels. They are extremely accurate right out of the box, but they should always be checked for accuracy prior to hunting.

Back in the day, the 56 caliber smoothbore guns required hunters to use a ball, patch & gun powder to load them. The loading of the new rifled barrel guns makes using the weapon a lot more enjoyable, and more accurate, which has hunters harvesting more deer, and less deer wasted because of a bad shot.

This past week, I had the pleasure of meeting 14 year old Thomas Stinchfield and his mom Jenifer at Jerry's archery pro shop In Milford. Tom was getting some new arrows made up for his future hunting expeditions in the valley. Tom had already harvested two deer this season with his compound bow, one being a nice doe during the Mass. youth hunt. The second was a nice buck. His mom Jen had accompanied young Thomas on both hunts, sitting in a ground blind.

"I got to admit, I never could picture myself accompan-

ing my son on deer hunts," she stated, "but now I get as excited as my son."

This week's picture shows Tom and his Mom at the archery pro shop last week. The family belongs to the Blackstone Valley Beagle club in Douglas, and has a long record of hunting. They also eat all of the venison they harvest, and rarely purchase meat from the market. Venison is sure a lot better eating than market beef, and it is better for you.

On Jan. 18, 2020, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their annual "Founders Day" prime rib dinner at the club grounds in Douglas. The dinner is always a sellout , so be sure to get your dinner tickets early. You can call the club at 1-508-476- 7204 to reserve your tickets, or you can purchase them at the club on White court in Douglas on weekends. Do not miss this great dinner and fun night at the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club.

Shopping for a Christmas gift for that special hunter or fisherman in the family can be easy. Buying a gift card to his favorite shopping store is the right thing to do. It takes the frustration out of returning unwanted merchandise.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Selecting and caring for your Christmas tree



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The holiday tree is the center of many family celebrations. Ornaments collected over the years decorate the boughs while brightly wrapped gifts are carefully placed underneath.

But the hunt for the perfect tree can be an important part of the tradition. Many try to find the right size and shape for the space allotted, a fragrance the whole family prefers and good needle retention for long lasting beauty. Load the family into the car or walk to the corner Christmas tree lot and let the hunt begin.

Size and shape are important. Your tree needs to fit but finding a fresh tree to last through the holidays is equally important. Here are a few tips to help you find



Melinda Myers Photo

Proper selection and care of your Christmas tree will ensure that it lasts throughout the holiday season.

the right tree and keep it looking its best throughout the holidays.

Buy local. You'll support local Christmas tree growers and reduce the risk of spreading unwanted pests into your landscape when purchasing locally grown trees. Your local University Extension Service and Department of Natural Resources will provide updates on any threats.

Select the right variety. Family tradition may dictate your tree choice. Many prefer the fragrance of balsam fir and the needle retention of other firs like Fraser, white, Grand and Noble. Though not a true fir, Douglas fir needles have a wonderful aroma when crushed. White pines lack the fragrance that many prefer. Its pliable branches only support lightweight ornaments, but the soft needles have less bite than the popular Scots or Scotch pine. This evergreen has stiff branches that support heavier ornaments and

its needles hold even when dry.

Check for freshness. A fresh tree will last throughout the holidays. Run your hand along the stem. The needles should be pliable, yet firmly attached to the branch. Avoid trees with lots of moss, lichens, vines, broken branches and other signs of poor care.

The right fit. Look closely at the overall shape and size of the tree. Stand the tree upright to make sure it will fit in the allotted space. Check the trunk. It should be straight and the base small enough to fit in your tree stand.

Make a fresh cut. Remove at least an inch from the base of the trunk before setting it in the stand. Straight or diagonal cuts work equally well. A diagonal or V-shaped cut may make it difficult to properly support the tree in the stand.

Proper watering is key. Fill the stand with water and check it often. Fresh

trees can absorb as much as 2 quarts of water in the first 24 hours. Keeping your tree stand filled with water is the best way to keep your tree looking its best throughout the season.

Once your tree is in place you can add lights and decorations. Then be sure to take time throughout the busy holiday season to sit down, relax with your favorite winter beverage and enjoy the beauty of your Christmas tree.

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Antique and auction news



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My antique and auction news column from a month ago focused on recent finds of antiques and other treasures. I'll share antique auction news in this column.

A rare painting of Mozart sold well above estimate at a recent auction. Reuters reports that it was painted by Italian painter Giambettino Cignaroli in 1770. It depicts Mozart as a teenager, wearing a white wig and red coat and playing the harpsicord. There is musical score visible on the side of the frame. It is only known from the painting, and is believed to have been written by Mozart himself. The painting was estimated for between 800,000 to 1.2 million Euros but brought 4 million Euros (\$4.4 million U.S.).

Some valuable pieces of Hollywood memorabilia will go on the auction block on Dec. 16. A jacket worn by William Shatner when he played



Captain Kirk in "Wrath of Khan" will be one of the items being auctioned. It has a pre-auction estimate of \$80,000 to \$100,000. The cape worn by Christopher Reeve in the 1978 "Superman" movie will also be going to auction this month according to the New York Post. It was one of six capes made for the movie. It is estimated to sell for \$100,000 to \$200,000. A smoking pipe from "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" will also be auctioned. It was used by Sir Ian Holm when he played the hobbit Bilbo Baggins. It also has a \$100,000 to \$200,000 estimate.

The New York Times reported that the bat Babe Ruth used to hit his 500th home run is being auctioned this month.

Ruth had gifted it in the 1940's to Jim Rice who was the mayor of Suffern, N.Y. After the mayor and his wife passed away, the bat was handed down to the couple's only son, Terry. He was afraid to display the valuable bat, or even to let anyone know he owned it. It is conservatively estimated to sell for at least \$1 million. The bat that Ruth used to hit his first home run sold for \$1.26 million in 2004.

A near mint copy of the first Marvel comic book from 1939 recently sold at auction. It was in fantastic condition, grading a 9.4 out of 10. Fox News reported that it was originally purchased by a mail carrier at a Uniontown, Pa. newsstand in 1939 "who made a practice of

buying the first issue of comic books and magazines." It changed hands a few times before going to auction, where it sold for \$1.26 million.

Space photography is being offered in an auction ending this week. The New York Post reported that UFO images are featured in some of the photographs. One of the lots has an image used in the "I Want to Believe" poster featured in the first three seasons of "The X-Files." That image is included in an auction lot of "seven vintage chromogenic prints." The pre-auction estimate for that lot is \$6,000 to \$9,000, which may be a little pricey but isn't completely out of this world.

We are still accepting quality consignments for our Jan. 30 live auction in Worcester. Other events are also being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on the January auction and other events.

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Tips to Drive Safely in Snow



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Hot on the heels of a Nor'easter, it's time once again to review some winter driving tips to keep safe while navigating icy, snowy roadways. When the wintry weather finds you slip sliding away this season, keep in mind these common sense strategies to up your odds of a safe trip.

And remember readers, send in your best wintertime hints - you could win dinner for two at the Publick House!

Accelerate slowly to reduce wheel spin. If starting from a standstill on slick snow or ice, start in second gear so the vehicle is less likely to spin the tires. The automatic transmissions on some vehicles have a winter mode that automatically starts in a higher gear.

Reduce your speed and drive smoothly. In slippery condi-

tions, tires lose their grip more easily, affecting all aspects of your driving: braking, turning, and accelerating. The key is to drive as smoothly as possible, avoiding sudden actions or rapid movements of any kind. Drive as if you have a bowl of water in your lap and don't want to spill any.

Don't lock your wheels when braking. Locked wheels can make the vehicle slide or skid. If you have a vehicle without an antilock braking system (ABS), you may need to gently apply the brakes repeatedly to avoid having them lock up the wheels.

Perform one action at a time when accelerating, braking, and turning. Asking a vehicle to do two things at once--such as braking and turning, or accelerating and turning--can reduce your control. When taking a turn, for instance, slowly apply the brakes while the vehicle is going straight. When it's at the right speed to take the turn, let up on the brakes and smoothly turn the steering wheel. After you're through the turn, slowly depress the accelerator to regain your speed.

From the Archives: This ten year old tip from Robert P. Beauregard of North Oxford bears repeating each winter. Thanks to him for pointing us in the right direction when it comes to steering clear of skids. His tip is worth remembering:

"What's the best advice when a front wheel drive automobile (and that includes almost all cars on the road) goes into a skid? Most people would say to cut the front wheels in the direction of the skid and gently apply brakes. That's fine if you have a rear wheel drive vehicle. But with a front wheel drive, you steer away from the direction of the skid by accelerating the vehicle, since the drive wheels are up front. And there's no reason to tap on the brakes. This way, you'll come out of the skid."

Did you know tires are your most important weapon against slipping and sliding? Take into account these top tire tips:

Cold temperatures decrease the air pressure in tires, which adds to the rolling resistance caused by snow and slush. So be sure to check tire pressure regularly, especially after

there has been a sharp drop in temperature.

When buying allweather or snow tires have them installed on all four wheels. This provides even traction all the way around and gives you top notch steering and stopping.

Can't replace all four? If you can only afford two snow tires, some tire experts suggest you get them mounted in the rear. Here's why: If your front tires skid, you can still maintain some control over the car by steering those wheels. But if your rear tires lose contact with the road, it's much harder to control where the car goes. For that reason, the tires with the greatest amount of traction are supposed to go on the back

Make sure you have enough tread on your tires. The drive tires must provide traction to push your vehicle over wet pavement and through snow. The steering tires must have traction to steer the vehicle. Experts say you should have at least one eighth inch of tread to plow through snow effectively.

Note: The driving advice above was culled from various sources including State Farm

Insurance Agency, Consumer Reports, and Michelin Tires.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yet another challenge to Yarok

To the Editor:

"Will no one rid me of these meddlesome beasts?!" That (stealing from an exasperated Henry II regarding the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Becket in 1170) was my reaction to the re-emergence of the fabled Faux Five after a merciful hiatus of four — count 'em, four — consecutive weeks with nary a word from the charter members of the C.P.S.L.B (Communist Party of Spencer, Leicester, and the Brookfields): Rosenberg, Cohen, Miller, Freddy Bagg, and the estimable Har-Yarok, the biggest fraud of them all. And, not only that, I was also freed from having to wade through the insufferable condescension of O.M.E. (that would be Old Man Emerson) himself. Four straight weeks of peace of mind with time to plan how I could make some more money to contribute to the re-election of the greatest president, certainly, of my life time, Donald J. Trump. I was so enjoying myself.

But, still, I had to wonder: where did Emerson and all the commies go? Queer. Veddy, veddy queer. They all appeared at about the same time a year or two ago and monopolized the editorial page week after week, and now they're all gone? All at once? Even Emerson? Did whoever it is that writes their spurious letters die? Get arrested for treason? What has happened?

Maybe they put their money where their big radical mouths are, and increased their carbon footprint by jetting down to Caracas to help out the spluttering "revolucion." Maybe they went to help distribute toilet paper to the campesinos. Oh, wait, that's right...there is no toilet paper to hand out in the socialist paradise. Speaking of "hands"....Well, they could parcel out food, that would be a help. No, that couldn't happen as there is no food to be had in a country with a twelve-month growing season. That's why a third of the population has fled to Colombia, just to find something, anything, to eat. Such a glorious system the Faux Five told us for two years was just what they wanted to see imposed on us here in suffering, oppressed America, where at least there is food to eat and the means to take care of the aftermath of such activity.

But, it is to be lamented, they'rrrrrrre baaaaaack [sic]. Ready, once again, to insult, mock, jeer, lie, distort, twist, impugn, vilify, and all the other things liberals, like the composer of these fake letters, do so well.

As regular readers of these pages will recall, I-and others--long ago concluded these people do not exist, and are simply the product of one person whose life is so full of bitterness and barely subdued rage, that his one source of satisfaction is to compose letters promulgating his far-left opinions and,

at the same time, leveling hate-filled, ugly, and very personal attacks at any other letter-writers whose expressed opinions offend his radical sensibilities. Lacking the personal courage to sign his own name to these tiresome diatribes, he created these fictitious characters who sign off on the letters while the real author hides behind a wall of anonymity, afraid, I'm sure, he might one day suffer the misfortune of being confronted by one of the targets of his ire.

Remember, if you will, despite being repeatedly challenged, not one of these clowns has ever been able to produce the slightest bit of evidence to authenticate their existence. No public records of any sort from the towns in which they claim to reside backs their claims. Zero, zilch, nada, none. No neighbor, no friend, no relative, no mailman, no oil delivery man, no police officer, no colleague, no college classmate, no anyone has ever stepped up, presented their own bona fides, and affirmed in a credible way their existence. Even if you are a liberal, if you don't find this singularly odd and suspicious, then my question is, what's wrong with you? What is your major malfunction?

I normally do not read their rantings; if I want my Marxism for the day, I'll take it straight up by reading the New York Times, or as much of it as I can stomach. But, I was told I had better read the comments made last week by the most pathetic of them all, "Hard Rock", I mean, Har-Yarok, whose remarks made against me were especially defamatory, or, if you're of a legalistic bent, libelous.

Among other things, this total coward-the guy who writes Har-Yarok's letters--called me a racist, a white supremacist, and other incendiary names all because I had written unflattering things about Michelle Obama and other black liberals (including her husband) who think they represent black America and deserve to be shielded from criticism.

So, I need to address the mythical Yarok: I don't see in my copy of the First Amendment where it says I have freedom of speech except if I want to say something negative against members of a protected class. Here's the simple truth: Now at the sunset of my life, I have to be honest and finally admit, I don't like liberals no matter in what form they take. I don't like: liberal Jews; liberal Catholics; liberal Protestants; liberal Hispanics; liberal homosexuals; liberal media types; liberal Hollyweird types; liberal academics; and (stand by, Yarok) liberal blacks. Period. If I never for the rest of my life had to hear from or about them--any of them--it would be just as well with me. They are grim, humorless people (unless ridiculing people without the resources to respond) who

are ruled by their hatreds of anything normal and good; who can never admit they might be wrong about anything; and who judge everyone else by the level of "education" they may have attained, or the political power they may possess. Character and integrity mean nothing to these people; neither does basic honesty. They devote what is left of their worthless existences to hating and reviling the very country and its people who gave these wretches the opportunities they have had to enjoy their lives thanks to the efforts of better men than themselves.

On the other hand, if any of the members of the groups mentioned above lead lives of dignity and honor, and are grateful for the opportunity their country has given them to do so, I say, good for you, I consider you brothers and sisters no matter your race, religion, ethnicity or class.

This fake Yarok pogue publicly accuses me of things which, in this superheated political climate of contemporary America, could cause some nut to engage in deranged personal attacks against me, my property, my physical safety--if not my very life--and, certainly, my good name in the community. I cannot let this pass.

All Yarok leaves me with is my one and only way to fight back since--hidden as he is--there is no way for me to find his address and drive to his house to confront him directly (which is what I would prefer to do), I must once again give up more hours of my precious and dwindling time to give him yet another opportunity to redeem himself. Now, pay attention Yarok (actually, he who creates Yarok): I am planning after Thanksgiving to be in my office (the first booth on the left at Cumberland Farms, East Brookfield) at 0800 this morning, Friday, Dec. 6. I'll wait ten minutes or so, unless caught up with Trump guys talking political stuff, for you to show your miserable face. Prove, for the first time, that you are who you tell us you are, and that will be the end of it. I am counting the days.

Some of my buddies and neighbors are telling me "Oh, John! He has a Facebook page....he's real." Don't worry about it, friends. Any sad soul with nothing better to do than sit at a computer all day writing treatises on radical politics filled with personal insults, has certainly figured out how to build multiple e-mail addresses and create totally bogus personalities. I could probably create a page for George Washington.

But, Yarok. I gave you this chance once before to acquit yourself as a man, but you blew it. I waited every morning for eight days for you or any of the rest of your fake letter writer pals (Rosenberg, Esther, Edie, and Freddy Bagg) to show up and make me look

bad. No guts, no glory, Yarok.

I'm doing this for you, Yarok. There's enough of a residue of Christian compassion still in me, to feel bad for you. I'm not much into turning the other cheek, any more, but in your case, I'll err on the side of kindness. You know as well as I, Yarok, that Julious Caesar nailed it when he said, "A coward dies a thousand deaths before he finally dies, while for the valorous death comes but once." You who created Yarok, every time you lie by sending in a phony letter to the newspaper, or refuse to answer a public challenge as I have--twice,now--issued you, you die just a little more inside. Stop the bleeding, Yarok. Be a man, for once in your life. Show up and see where it goes from there.

Maybe I'll challenge you to call me a racist to my face, and look me in the eye as you do so. Who knows how I'll react. I may just do my best impression of John Wayne as Rooster Cogburn, the sheriff with the eye patch in "True Grit" when, upon being insulted by one of the bad guys, says "Fill your hand, you son-of-a..." Or, maybe I'll do Marlon Brando in "One-eyed Jacks": "Get up, you scum-sucking pig! You tub of guts. You gob of spit!!" I can't say.

Now, if you readers are under, say, 90, and don't get my cultural references, too bad. Look 'em up if you have to. But, I think the creator of the Faux Five is probably close to my age, and most assuredly does get them. It is he to whom I am speaking.

What's it going to be, Yarok? More hiding behind a shroud of invisibility, or are you going to finally do one single courageous act and come and meet me, an old man closing in on eighty? We could, I suppose, end up rolling around on the pavement of the parking lot, or, me being a Christian and all, I may buy you a peppermint-flavored hot chocolate, which is on sale this holiday season at Cumby's. Part of being a man is taking chances not knowing exactly how things are going to turn out. Barring an untimely coronary thrombosis, I'll be there waiting to help you get started on your rehabilitation process of becoming the man you always wanted to be. Maybe I'll bring you to my rude cottage and let you spit a cord of wood for me, and feel what it's like to ache and sweat for a day. It's never too late to make the old college try. In the meanwhile, lay off the dangerous and libelous personal attacks; it would be hard for an attorney to track you down should a disaster be caused by your irresponsible rhetoric.

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POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

12:01-12:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:14 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 12:16 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 12:20-12:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:35-12:44 a.m.: parking violations (Prospect, Elm, Cherry streets), tickets issued; 12:45-12:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:53 a.m.: parking violation (High Street), ticket issued; 1:54-12:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:58-1:10 a.m.: parking violations (Pond, South streets), tickets issued; 1:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:21 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 1:26 a.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), investigated; 1:50 a.m.: parking violation (Pearl Street), ticket issued; 3:12-3:14 a.m.: parking violations (Valley Street), tickets issued; 3:27 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:06 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:41 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:58 a.m.: parking complaint (Church Street), investigated; 8:55 a.m.: residential fire (Paxton Road), services rendered; 9:34 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), poss. abandoned cat; 9:42 a.m.: larceny (West Main Street), info taken; 9:47 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 10:03 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 10:05 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 10:22 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 12:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), spoken to; 12:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 12:45 p.m.: open door (Church Street), secured; 1:05 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), report taken; 1:07 p.m.: assault (Ash Street), student assault on teacher; 1:53 p.m.: accident (Water Street), info taken; 2:10 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 3:24 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:30 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 3:38 p.m.: residential alarm (Thompson Pond Road), services rendered; 5:32 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 5:43 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:19 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:29 p.m.: officer wanted today (Old East Charlton Road), spoken to; 6:39 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:34 p.m.: medical/overdose (Lake Street).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:14-12:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:23 a.m.: parking complaint (Valley Street), ticket issued; 12:53-1:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), spoken to; 2:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:09-3:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:23 a.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 5:55 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:09 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:16 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), silent call; 7:51 a.m.: animal complaint (Charron Street), irresponsible dog owner; 8:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 8:28 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), 8:49 a.m.: mv lockout (Wall Street), assisted; 10:06 a.m.: fraud (Crestview Drive), computer hacked; 10:40 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; 10:56 a.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Pond Road), low-hanging wires; 11:20 a.m.: mv alarm (Hastings Road), info taken; 12:27 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (Bacon Hill Road), info taken; 12:59 p.m.: building checked, secure; 1:00 p.m.: fraud (Church Street), poss. c/c fraud; 1:24 p.m.: 209A service (Chickering Road); 1:36 p.m.: lost/found (Hastings Road), mv plate found; 2:00 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:04 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 2:46 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Route 49), accidental; 3:05 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), custody issue; 3:14 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:59 p.m.: warrant service (West Main Street), Sulyman “Sam” Taher, 51, 657 Worcester Street, Southbridge, warrant arrest; 4:27 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 4:45 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), poss. drunk driver; 5:48 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 7:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:22 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:23 p.m.: accident (Browning Pond Road), report taken; 9:53 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 10:06 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 11:11 p.m.: medical/general (Browning Pond Road); 11:18 p.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), assisted.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:05-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:56 a.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), investigated; 2:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:18 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 8:18 a.m.: suspicious mv (G.H. Wilson Road), investigated; 9:00 a.m.: mv stop (Man Street); 9:05 a.m.: DPW call (Lincoln Street), wire down; 9:20 a.m.: mv complaint (North Brookfield Road), erratic operation; 9:35 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:36 a.m.: officer wanted (Northwest Road), 11:54 a.m.: suspicious mv (Elm Street), info taken; 11:59 a.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), spoken to; 12:03 p.m.: medical/general (Prouty Street); 12:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Parent Street), welfare check; 12:46 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), erratic operation; 1:25 p.m.: 209A service (Cottage Street); 2:58 p.m.: fraud (Bixby Road), account hacked; 6:21 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), info taken; 7:36 p.m.: suspicious persons

(Main Street), info taken; 7:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), spoken to; 8:21 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), unruly customers; 8:43 p.m.: officer wanted (High Street), apt. lockout; 9:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:19 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:37 p.m.: suspicious persons (North Spencer Road), unwanted party; 11:53 p.m.: suspicious persons (Rene Drive), investigated.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:29 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), investigated; 12:30 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), bar fight; 12:34 a.m.: disturbance (High Street), noise complaint; 1:33 a.m.: disturbance (Chickering Road), unwanted party; 1:54 a.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), unwanted party; 8:56 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:38 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Pine Acres), brush fire; 10:21 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 12:07 p.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), assisted; 1:24 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:57 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 2:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), dumpster in road; 2:27 p.m.: elderly matter (Main Street), info taken; 3:46 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), speeding; 4:22 p.m.: residential alarm (Greenville Street), services rendered; 6:15 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 7:14 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Browning Pond Road), brush fire; 7:58 p.m.: mv complaint (Browning Pond Road), mvs drag racing; 10:00 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), info given; 10:11-10:39 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

12:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:19 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), info taken; 12:22-1:05 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:09-1:29 a.m.: parking violations (Main, Mechanic, Elm streets), tickets given; 1:47 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:51 a.m.: mv stop (South Spencer Road); 3:11 a.m.: medical/general (Summit Street); 4:22 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:26 a.m.: mv lockout (Summit Street), assisted; 7:15 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 9:07 a.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Street), missing dogs; 9:29 a.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), spoken to; 11:45 a.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 11:58 a.m.: mv stop (Ash Street); 12:17 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), rabid fox; 1:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Northwest Road), open doors; 2:11 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 2:30 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), Sean E. Cummings, homeless, Spencer, shoplifting by asportation, arrest; 2:43 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 3:50 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (South Spencer Road), brush fire; 8:06-8:17 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:40 p.m.: DPW call (Thompson Pond Road), icy conditions; 8:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:03 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 9:10-9:32 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Delude Avenue), dog bite; 11:04 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:13-11:34 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

1:05 a.m.: parking violations (School, Main streets), tickets issued; 1:07 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:31 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:36 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street), Angela M. Herrie, 41, 152 Southbridge Street, Warren, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, arrest; 3:17 a.m.: residential fire (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 5:15 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 6:39 a.m.: residential fire (Wilson Street), services rendered; 7:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), caught loose chicken; 7:58 a.m.: animal complaint (Charron Street), loose dog; 10:19 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), 209A inquiry; 11:15 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 11:50 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:57 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), wallet lost; 12:34 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 12:51 p.m.: larceny (Bixby Road), packages stolen; 12:54 p.m.: suspicious mv (Borkum Road), info taken; 12:55 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 1:50 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 1:54 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 2:22 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 2:42 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), fight; 4:12 p.m.: fraud (Main Street), scam call; 4:20 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/4 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:19 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 6:37 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 7:12 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:37-9:23 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:05 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:11-1:19 a.m.: parking violations (Prospect, Pearl streets), tickets issued; 1:25-2:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:08-3:14 a.m.: parking violations (Main, Valley streets), tickets issued; 7:16 a.m.: medical/general (R. Jones Road); 7:58 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 8:57 a.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), welfare check; 9:15 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:27 a.m.: mv complaint (R. Jones Road), speeding; 9:37 a.m.: 911

call (Shore Drive), open line; 9:48 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:59 a.m.: mv lockout (Nottingham Circle), assisted; 10:05 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:37 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 10:42 a.m.: DPW call (Bixby Road), explosion/power outage; 11:03 a.m.: suspicious persons (Valley Street), info taken; 11:04 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), custody issue; 11:20 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:20 p.m.: mv repossession (Cherry Street), assisted; 12:37 p.m.: lost/found (Lloyd Dyer Drive), wallet lost; 12:38 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:15 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:17 a.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), report taken; 2:25 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:25 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (South Spencer Road), accidental; 3:38 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:41 p.m.: fraud (Langevin Street), c/c fraud; 3:59 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (McCormick Road), misdial; 4:23 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:30 p.m.: fire alarm (Pope Street), services rendered; 5:38 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:08 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), services rendered; 6:52 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:05 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 7:09 p.m.: disturbance (Richland Avenue), unruly party; 8:41 p.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 8:43 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Road); 9:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), loose chicken; 9:56 p.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), loose dog.

Leicester Logs

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

2:04 a.m.: suspicious mv (McCarthy Avenue), no action required; 8:31 a.m.: investigation (Warren Avenue), services rendered; 8:49 a.m.: hanging wires (Mannville Street), referred; 9:26 a.m.: investigation (Marshall Street), services rendered; 12:18 p.m.: property found (Siani Road), report taken; 1:43 p.m.: parking complaint (Huland Avenue), services rendered; 3:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 4:19 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:21 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), verbal warning; 5:34 p.m.: ambulance (Crestwood Road), transported; 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 6:40 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:22 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:29 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Dawud Gilmore, 35, 83 May Street, Worcester, op w/suspended license, no inspection sticker, failure to wear seat belt, arrest; 11:22 p.m.: welfare check (Pine Street), gone on arrival.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:46 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 8:47 a.m.: abandoned mv (Main Street), investigated; 9:38 a.m.: mv stop (Watch Street, Oxford), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, criminal application issued; 10:03 a.m.: property found (Crystal Street), report taken; 12:51 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:27 p.m.: mv stop (White Birch Street), verbal warning; 2:11 p.m.: mv stop (Franklin Street), written warning; 2:24 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), assisted; 2:45 p.m.: ambulance (Marlboro Drive), assisted; 4:13 p.m.: warrant service (Henshaw Street), Marc J. Houle, 598 Henshaw Street, Leicester, disorderly conduct warrant, arrest; 5:29 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), investigated; 5:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 6:12 p.m.: investigation (Young Street), services rendered; 6:29 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 7:05 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 7:12 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), no action required; 7:46 p.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street); 8:29 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:12 a.m.: suspicious person (Collier Avenue), unable to locate; 1:11 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Watch Street), report taken; 9:33 a.m.: restraining order service (Henshaw Street), served; 9:54 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 10:43 a.m.: welfare check (Green Street), Matthew Williams, 30, 630 West Boylston Street, #16, Worcester, fugitive from justice on court warrant, arrest; 12:26 p.m.: fraud (Whittemore Street), report taken; 1:11 p.m.: welfare check (Peter Salem Road), report taken; 1:33 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:03 p.m.: ambulance (Waite Street), transported; 5:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:21 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), no action required; 5:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:58 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 6:13 p.m.: structure fire (Main Street), services rendered; 8:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:14 p.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), no action required; 9:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:40 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:12 a.m.: m stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, speeding, criminal application issued; 9:37 a.m.: fire/boiler problem (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 10:02 a.m.: open door/window (Winslow Avenue), message delivered; 10:55 am.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 12:00 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), report taken; 3:09 p.m.: ambulance (Tobin Road), transported; 3:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:08 p.m.: gunshots heard (Salminen Drive), unfounded; 5:09 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 6:19 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 8:04 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), no action required; 8:33 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), written warning; 8:45 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:38 p.m.: fire/CO detector (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 11:15 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), no other information provided in police log, arrest.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:53 p.m.: ambulance (Memorial School Drive), transported; 10:04 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 10:18 a.m.: suspicious person (Hankey Street), area search negative; 12:33 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street) transported; 12:49 p.m.: assist citizen (Winslow Avenue); 1:24 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:56 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street) verbal warning; 2:41 p.m.: mv stop (Boyd Street), verbal warning; 3:22 p.m.: threats (South Main Street), spoken to; 3:53 p.m.: summons service (Pleasant Street), served; 4:15 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unfounded; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 4:32 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:35 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), no action required; 4:39 p.m.: investigation (North Lake Avenue, Worcester), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, OUI liquor, negligent operation, investigated; 4:42 p.m.: assist citizen (Markey Street); 6:20 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 10:16 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unregistered mv, unlicensed operation, mv towed; 10:45 a.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 10:50 a.m.: mv stop (Man Street), no action required; 11:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:50 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 3:42 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 4:19 p.m.: erratic operation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 5:12 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), services rendered; 5:22 p.m.: ambulance (Montague Street, Worcester), transported; 5:36 p.m.: accident (South Main Street), assisted; 5:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:18 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:57 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), investigated; 8:47 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:57 p.m.: welfare check (Wasilla Road), services rendered; 11:45 p.m.: fire/odor of gas (Main Street), investigated.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:00 a.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 9:06 a.m.: mv stop (Mulberry Street), written warning; 9:28 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 11:02 a.m.: mv stop (Winslow Avenue), no action required; 11:29 a.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), transported; 1:44 p.m.: gunshots heard (Charles Street) gone on arrival; 1:50 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), referred; 3:16 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 3:57 p.m.: breaking & entering (Pleasant Street), report taken; 4:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:27 p.m.: breaking & entering (Burncoat Street), services rendered; 6:53 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:27 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street).

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John Leonard

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Lots going on this weekend. **MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR** in Spencer is on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00-2:30. New this year... fudge in the cookie shoppe! You'll also find like-new Christmas décor and familiar favorite vendors, raffles, theme baskets, stuffed stockings cash raffles, and more!
Another fair this weekend is The **CHARLTON CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH's** Gingerbread Fair on Saturday, December 7 from 9-3. They are located at 74 Stafford Street in Charlton. Here you will find Grandma's Attic Treasures, Christmas cookies, crafts, plants, silent auction, wreaths, baskets and so much more! Both Fairs are just what you need to get into the Christmas spirit!
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The **PURPLE ONION** is having an Open House on Sunday, December 8 from 10-5 in conjunction with West Brookfield's White Christmas. Visit the ONION for all your holiday gift and décor needs and enjoy some refreshments on Sunday!
The **9th Annual HOLIDAY TRIPLE PLAY** deadline is coming up next week. The cost is just \$25 a week X3 weeks. Holiday Messages 12/20, New Year's Resolution 1/3, Milestones 1/10. It's a great affordable way to end 2019 and begin 2020. Deadline is 12/13 at noon. Must run all three weeks to participate. Will run on page 2 or 3 each week. Great exposure but limited space so reserve early! Please contact me with any questions.
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OBITUARIES

Edward C. Allen, 62



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U X B R I D G E - Edward C. Allen, 62, passed away on Sat. Nov. 30, 2019 at Umass University Campus in Worcester after a period of declining health, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Pamela A. (Dresser) Allen.

He is also survived by 4 children, Joshua M. Allen and his wife Danielle of Virginia, Jason M. Allen of Pascoag, RI, and Daniel J. Allen and his wife Jocelyn of Cherry Valley; 4 grandchildren, Adrienne, Gracie, Ryder, who he had affectionately called “Penske”, and Rook, and 3 siblings.

Born in Troon, Scotland on January 27, 1957 he was the son of Clinton Allen and Alice Glen and moved to the Uxbridge area as an infant where he grew up and lived most of his life. He was a graduate of Uxbridge High

school and joined the U.S. Navy, where he served aboard the USS Barney.

Ed was an amazing chef who worked in numerous area restaurants, and was especially recognized for his soups, pies, and dynamite sandwiches. He was a huge sports fan and particularly enjoyed watching college football. He enjoyed road trips and travelling, doing crossword puzzles, watching jeopardy, and loved his grandchildren immensely. His happiest times were spent with his family. He will be sorely missed by his family.

As to his wishes, Ed will be cremated and memorial funeral services will be held on Thurs. Dec. 5, 2019 from 4-6 PM in Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., Uxbridge. To leave condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>



E A S T B R O O K F I E L D - Gloria J. (Keyes) Vincovitch, 79, of Podunk Rd., died Friday, Nov. 29th in St. Vincent's hospital.

She leaves her husband of 62 years, George D. Vincovitch, two daughters; Pamela J. Huard and her husband Roland and Deborah A. Bachman and her husband Ronald, both of Spencer, two brothers; Stanley Keyes and his wife Cynthia of Princeton and Charles Keyes and his wife Pauline of Spencer, three grandchildren; Roland, Cherie and Sarah, six great grandchildren; Alexis, Jaxson, Mason, Amelia,

Hannah and Cameron and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 16 siblings.

Gloria was born in Worcester, daughter of James and Anna (Derosier) Keyes. She enjoyed cooking, going to the casino and playing bingo. She especially loved spending time with her family and hosting holidays.

A funeral Service will be held on Friday, Dec. 6th at 7:30 PM in J. HENRI MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer. Calling hours will precede the service from 5:30-7:30 in the funeral home. Burial to be at a later date in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

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Kevin E. Casey, 77



L E I C E S T E R - Kevin E. Casey, 77, of Mayflower Rd., died Sunday, Nov. 24th in the comfort of his home. His wife Barbara J. (Normile) Casey died in 2016. He leaves his son Michael E. Casey and

his wife June of Waltham, three daughters; Megan E. Baker and her husband Andrew of Leicester, Amy M. Adler and her husband David of Charlton, and Ellen Casey, also of Leicester, one brother Edward V. Casey and his wife Linda of Hanson, six grandchildren; Samantha, Connor, Molly, Abigail, Aidan and Nicholas, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Kevin was born in Worcester, son of the late Edward V. and Violet L. H. (Ambruson) Casey. Kevin was a graduate from St. John's High School and received a degree in mechanical engi-

neering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He owned and operated several businesses throughout the course of his career. He enjoyed trips to the coast of Maine with his wife, was an avid New England Patriots fan and cherished time spent with his children and grandchildren. The family would like to thank Dr. Theo Meyer and Maggie Cabral N.P., as well as his nurse Carol from the VNA for their compassionate care and kindness.

The Funeral was held on Monday, Dec. 2nd from MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester with a Mass at 11:00 AM St. John's Church, 44 Temple St., Worcester. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. A calling hour will precede the Mass from 9:30-10:30 in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. John's Church Food Pantry, 44 Temple St., Worcester, MA 01604.

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Richard R. Greene, 81



W E S T B R O O K F I E L D - Richard R. Greene, 81, of West Brookfield passed into the hands of God on November 29, 2019 at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born October 14, 1938 and grew up in Springfield and lived 4 years in Hampden before moving to West Brookfield in 1970. He was the son of the late Charles W. and Harriet (Blair) Greene.

Richard is survived by his three children, Richard Jr. and Michael Scott Greene of West Brookfield and his daughter Kelly Potter and her husband Thomas of Warren.

He leaves four grandchildren, Kaila (Potter) Kelly and her husband Michael Kelly of Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Georgia along with his adored great-grandson of 5 years, Easton Kelly. Tylor Potter and Nathan Potter of Warren, Nicole Greene and her fiancé Bryan D'Angelo of East Longmeadow. Along with his beloved dog Mocha.

He is predeceased by his loving wife of 58 years, Barbara L. (Dupuis) Greene and his brother, Charles W. Greene, Jr..

Richard worked for New York Life Insurance Company for 42 years in personal production sales and then was a managing partner for 9 years before retiring in 1998.

He was a lifetime member of



the Million Dollar Round Table and he enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. He loved traveling with his adored wife, Barbara. He enjoyed entertaining and spending time with his family and friends.

He was a United States Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War.

A Funeral Mass for Richard will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 11:00AM in Sacred Heart Church in West Brookfield followed by a “Celebration of Life” at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the West Brookfield Rescue Squad, Inc. P.O. Box 540, West Brookfield, MA 01585, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, New England Office, 313 Washington Street, Suite 310, Newton, MA 02458 or Wounded Warriors Project, 7020 A.C. Skinner Parkway, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256. <http://woundedwarriorsproject.org>

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Harlene M. Trapasso, 79



L E I C E S T E R - Harlene M. (Flanders) Trapasso, 79, of Pine Ridge Drive died Wednesday, November 27 in UMass Memorial Hospital.

Harlene was predeceased by her husband, Francis Trapasso who died in 1978. She leaves a son Matthew R. Colaanni of Worcester, two daughters; Candy M. Smith and her husband Joe of Spencer and Theresa M. Yetto and her husband Joe of Canaan, New York, three brothers; Gene Flanders of Florida, Harvey Flanders of Auburn and Gary Flanders and his wife Cathy of Worcester, five grandchildren; Stephanie, Joey, Brianna, Acacia & Kadin, six great grandchildren; Damien, Kendra, Cole, Aliyana, AJ & Jadae and several nieces and nephews.

Rosemarie D. Bove Tustin, 89

OXFORD- Rosemarie D. (Mayer) Bove Tustin age 89 passed away at the Charlton Manor, Charlton, MA Friday, November 29, 2019. She was the wife of the lat Anthony Bove who died in 1973 and the late George Tustin who died in 2009. She leaves her daughter Patricia Wheeler of Oxford two sons, Anthony Bove and his wife Donna of Brookfield, MA and Mark Bove and his wife Diane of Panama City, FL., ten grandchildren , 13 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren several nieces and nephews. She was

born in Montreal, Canada daughter of the late Edwin Mayer and Patricia (Faubert) Mayer and lived most of her life in Oxford. A special thank you to the staff at Charlton Manor and the Jewish Home in Worcester.

There are no calling hours, all services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Alan P. Jacques, 74



QUINEBAUG, CT: Alan P. Jacques, 74, of Center Lane and formerly of Leicester died Monday, November 25 in Harrington Hospital after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 42 years; Carol A. (Gaudette) Jacques. four sons; Robert, Joseph, Jeffrey & Thomas, three daughters; Kimberly, Melissa & Jessica, several grandchildren including; Bobby, Matty, Alicia, Taylor & Joey, three great granddaughters; Grace, Natalie & Harmony. a brother Barry Jacques of Cherry Valley, three sisters; Charlene Patricks of Auburn, Mickey Lyon of Leicester and Lisa Landry of Melrose and several nieces and nephews.

Alan was born in Worcester, son of Paul and Beatrice (Neiderer)

Jacques. He worked for R.H. White Co. in Auburn for many years before retiring. He was a volunteer Fireman for 35 years at the Cherry Valley Fire Department. He was a member of High Pointe Church in Thompson, CT. He was an avid New England Patriots fan. He was an antique car enthusiast and enjoyed attending car shows. He loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren.

A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM in MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours will precede the service from 4:30-6:30 PM in the funeral home.

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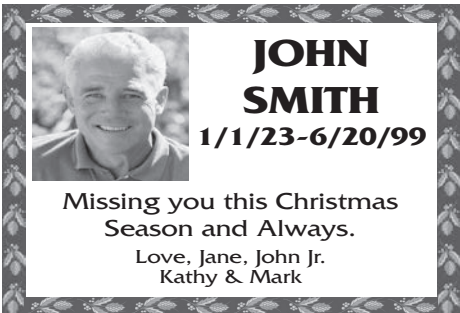


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OBITUARIES

Leo J. Robillard, 83



LEICESTER- Leo J. Robillard, 83, of the Cherry Valley section of Leicester, died Monday, Dec. 2 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester after a brief illness. He leaves his brother Roger W. Robillard of Auburn, several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers Alfred C. and Edward G. Robillard. Leo worked as a cost estimator for Rice Barton Corp. in Worcester for 30 years, retiring in 1995. He was born in Leicester, the son of Edward C. and Evelyn M. (Cournoyer) Robillard and graduated from Leicester High School and Worcester Junior College. He later served his country with the U.S. Marine Corps

during the Korean War. He was a member of St. Joseph/St. Pius X Parish. He was an avid reader. His funeral was held on Thursday, Dec. 5 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main St., Leicester. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Leicester. A calling hour preceded the services from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home on Thursday. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph/St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, Ma. 01524. www.morinfuneralhomes.com



Norma C. Pratt, 96



WEST WARREN - Norma C. Pratt, 96, of West Warren, died on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield. She leaves her loving brother, Howard E. Pratt and his wife Sylvia of West Warren; brother-in-law John Griffin of Catlett, VA and many nieces and nephews. Norma is predeceased by her three brothers, two sisters and her nephew Jack Griffin. She was born in West Warren, daughter of the late William and Mary Anna (Chabot) Pratt. Norma was a Claims Adjuster at Monarch Life Insurance before retiring after 50 years of service. She was a member of the St. Thomas Aquinas Church in West Warren and enjoyed being involved with all aspects of the church and communi-

ty. She loved traveling, both the U.S. and international and looked forward to her many cruises. In her younger years, she enjoyed bowling and skiing. Norma was a classy lady and had a sense of fashion and style. She loved shopping and she always looked her best. Calling hours for Norma were held on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 2 to 4PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield. A Funeral Mass will be held at a later date. Burial will be held privately in St. Paul's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., is assisting her family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

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CALENDAR

Friday, December 6

QUABOAG CHROAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 New Braintree Rd. (Route 67), North Brookfield. SATURDAY, December 7 SIXTH ANNUAL WINTER FESTIVAL: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., East Brookfield Elementary School, 410 East Main St. (Route 9), East Brookfield. CHRISTMAS FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer. Crafts, baked goods, holiday gifts, coffee, toys & games, and lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

WHITE CHRISMTAS IN W. BROOKFIELD: Noon-5 p.m., First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield, 36 N. Main St. The church will be open during the town's White Christmas celebration. Please join us for a delicious lunch featuring hot turkey sandwiches, two choices of delicious homemade soups (broccoli cheddar & chicken noodle), homemade pie and hot chocolate; a scrumptious Bake Table! "The Richer Spot" Lularoe dealer!; a huge Holiday Raffle Table! Gift baskets, gift cards, toys, handmade items, quilted runner, and much more; Hardwick Memorial Hand Bell Choir concert 3 p.m.; annual Carols and Cocoa - 4 - 4:45 p.m.; free cookies, cocoa and a Christmas Carol sing-along! Just what you need to create your holiday mood! Call the church at 508-867-7078 for more information.

Tuesday, December 10

SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: 11:30 a.m., Brookfield Congregational Church. Hosted by the Brookfield Council on Aging. Dinner catered by E.B. Flats. \$10 per person; please RSVP by calling Beth at (508) 867-6498 or Barbara at (508) 867-6043.

Saturday, December 14

"HEAVEN REJOICES" — A



CHRISTMAS CANTATA: The Christian Community Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "Heaven Rejoices," a Christmas musical in song and spoken word, tonight at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 5 Washburn Square, Leicester.

Sunday, December 22

"HEAVEN REJOICES" — A CHRISTMAS CANTATA: The Christian Community Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "Heaven Rejoices," a Christmas musical in song and spoken word, today at 5 p.m. at the East Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 East Main St., East Brookfield.

Sunday, January 5

"HEAVEN REJOICES" — A CHRISTMAS CANTATA: The Christian Community Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "Heaven Rejoices," a Christmas musical in song and spoken word, today at 2 p.m. at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, Blaine Avenue, East Brookfield.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

EAST BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The East Brookfield Public Library is currently conducting their fall registration for children's programming. Rhythm and Rhyme is for toddlers aged 18 mos. to 3 years. This program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and includes lots of music, finger plays, physical activities and a story with a related craft. Preschool story time is geared for children aged 3 to 5 years old. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m. Seasonal songs, poems, and gross motor activities are part of this program, as well as a story and craft that encourages fine motor skills. Both programs are held on Thursday mornings. Parents and caretakers are asked to remain with their children. For more information or to register by phone call (508) 867-7928. You can also like us on Facebook and visit our website @ www.eastbrookfieldLibrary.com. We look forward to seeing you!

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

2nd Wednesday of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

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 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.

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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

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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. 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.)

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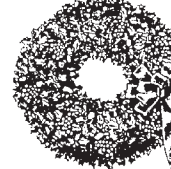
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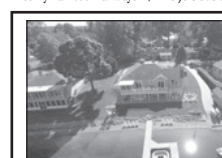
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Douglas - Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**
Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. **Attention Developers!** 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, water/sewer access **\$129,400**
Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$99,900**

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.**

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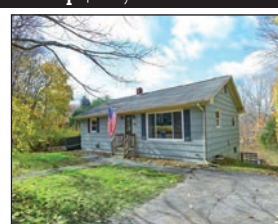


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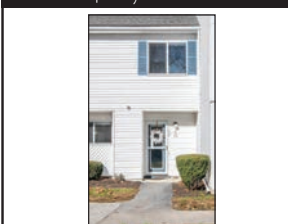
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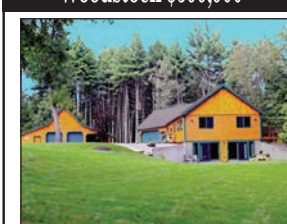
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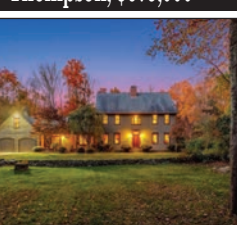
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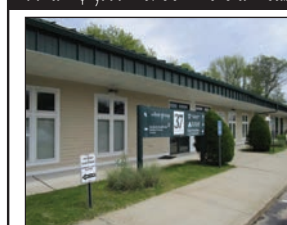
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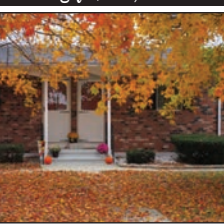
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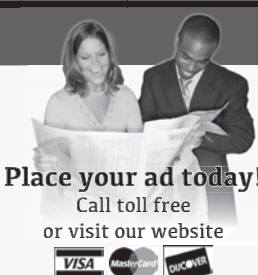
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Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Tuesday December 17, 2019** in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer,MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Major Site Plan Review - Applicant: Bayside Engineering ; Owner: Town of Spencer, Location: 7 Meadow Road; Spencer Assessor's Map U 11-08. The applicant is requesting a Major Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 of the Spencer Zoning By-law Zoning to install a Salt Shed. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday and Thursday 7:30-12:00.

The **Planning Board** is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885-7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.

November 29, 2019
December 6, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Evelyn Grullon, Carlos Grullon to Bank of America, N.A., dated January 16, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40515, Page 292, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Bank of America, N.A. to Ventures Trust 2013-I-H-R by MCM Capital Partners, LLC, Its Trustee, recorded on February 24, 2014, in Book No. 52057, at Page 266

VENTURES TRUST 2013-I-H-R BY MCM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLLP F/K/A MCM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, ITS TRUSTEE to CITIBANK, NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI ASSET TRUST, recorded on December 1, 2017, in Book No. 58123, at Page 174
CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI ASSET TRUST to CHIMERA FUNDING TRS LLC, recorded on December 1, 2017, in Book No. 58123, at Page 176

Chimera Funding TRS LLC to CIM Trust 2017-7, recorded on December 4, 2018, in Book No. 59774, at Page 52

CIM Trust 2017-7 to U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2017-7, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-7, recorded on June 19, 2019, in Book No. 60574, at Page 145

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on December 17, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 10 Adams Street, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:

Closing date: January 16, 2007
Borrower(s): Evelyn Grullon and Carlos Grullon

Property Address: 10 Adams Street, Spencer, Massachusetts 01562

A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated on Adams Street in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the easterly corner of the lot to be conveyed and on the southwesterly line of said Adams Street, being the northerly corner of land now or formerly of Lamoureux; Thence South 57 ½ degrees, West about 79 feet 2 inches by land of said Lamoureux to land formerly of Arsenault; Thence North 8 degrees West 55 1/2 feet by said Arsenault to land now or formerly of O'Coin; Thence North 53 degrees 01' East 48 feet by said O'Coin land, to the southwesterly line of said Adams Street' Thence Southeasterly by the line of Adams Street 55 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3,265 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan. A deed from Robert J. Bowen to Evelyn Grullon and Carlos Grullon to be recorded.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40515, Page 290.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are

in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CIM TRUST 2017-7, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2017-7

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

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(617)558-0500
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November 22, 2019

November 29, 2019

December 6, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 15 Smithville Road, Spencer, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Emile R. Gaucher and Hazel M. Gaucher to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. and now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, said mortgage dated December 18, 2003, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 32515 at Page 300, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 12, 2017, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 57869 at Page 254, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 14, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 58439 at Page 268, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 7, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 59835 at Page 174, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on December 20, 2019, at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with buildings thereon, situated on the southerly side of Smithville Road in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land designated at Lot No. 4 on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots owned by Goldstein & Gurwitz, Inc., in Spencer, Massachusetts, " recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 270, Plan 29, said lot being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the southerly line of Smithville Road, said point marking the northeast corner of said Lot #4 and the northwest corner of Lot #3 as shown on said plan;

THENCE S. 32° 54' W., along said Lot #3, 140.2 feet;

THENCE N. 57° 06' W., 90.21 feet to the easterly line of a private way;

THENCE N. along the easterly line of said private way, 48.45 feet;

THENCE northerly still along the easterly line of said private way on a curve to the right with a radius of 146.39 feet, a distance of 84.06 feet;

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THENCE S. 57° 06' E., along the southerly line of Smithville Road, 120.00 feet to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to Emile R. Gaucher and Hazel M. Gaucher by deed of Lee A. Black dated August 4, 1966 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book **4688**, Page 460.

Said parcel is conveyed together with the right to pass and repass on foot or with vehicles over and upon the aforesaid private way.

Said premises are subject to restriction of record.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated August 4, 1966, and recorded in Book 4688 at Page 460 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company

Present Holder of the Mortgage

Telephone: (401) 234-9200

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November 29, 2019

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December 13, 2019

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 005551 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Debi-Ann Brisebois a/k/a DebiAnn Brisebois a/k/a Debiann Brisebois and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 18 Charron Street, given by Debi-Ann Brisebois a/k/a DebiAnn Brisebois to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Dover Mortgage Company, dated July 21, 2010, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 46066, Page 70, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated September 1, 2013, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51520, Page 342, 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 December 30, 2019 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 15, 2019.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

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December 6, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO19P3749EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Janie M Brennan Date of Death: 11/14/2018

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **John J Brennan of Spencer 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 **John J Brennan of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/17/2019**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: November 18, 2019

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
December 6, 2019

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Norman Pelchat has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a septic system located at 150 Ash Street, Spencer, MA.

The Spencer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. on amendments to the Spencer Conservation Commission regulations. Said amendments involve administrative approvals, a new "no touch" zone, clarification on abutter notifications and variance procedures. Copies of these proposed amendments are on file with the Conservation Commission's office in the Town Hall. Ray Holmes has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to leave the chip piles in the designated area on his land at 4 Ethier Drive, Spencer, MA.

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
December 5, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO19P3454EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Edwin W Foley Date of Death: 07/29/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Linda L Wrenn of North Grafton 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 **Linda L Wrenn of North Grafton MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/24/2019**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Date: November 25, 2019

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
December 6, 2019

LEGALS

Burncoat Pond Watershed District
Tax Rate Setting
December 10, 2019
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6:00 p.m.
December 6, 2019

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The Trial Court
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Docket No. WO19C0579CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Ramon Martinez Rojas

A Petition to Change Name of Adult
has been filed by Ramon Martinez
Rojas of Spencer MA
requesting that the court enter a
Decree changing their name to:
Ramon Antonio Martinez
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes
of objecting to the petition by
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10:00 a.m. on the return day of
12/17/2019. This is NOT a hearing
date, but a deadline by which you
must file a written appearance if you
object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 20, 2019

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

December 6, 2019

TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE
TAX CLASSIFICATION
The Board of Selectmen for the Town
of East Brookfield will hold a public
hearing on Monday, December 9,
2019 at 7:15 P.M. in the Memorial
Town Complex at 122 Connie Mack
Drive, East Brookfield, Massachusetts,
to discuss the percentage of the tax
levy to be borne by each class of real
and personal property for Fiscal Year
2020, pursuant to Chapter 369 of the
Acts of Massachusetts General Laws
relating to classification and taxation of
property according to use.
December 6, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the
Power of Sale contained in a certain
mortgage given by David Martins
and Jennifer Martins to Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems,
Inc. acting solely as a nominee for
Fremont Investment & Loan, dated
January 17, 2006 and recorded in
Worcester County (Worcester District)
Registry of Deeds in Book 38225,
Page 249 (the "Mortgage") of which
mortgage Deutsche Bank National
Trust Company, as Trustee for
GSAMP Trust 2006-FM1 Mortgage
Pass-Through Certificates Series
2006-FM1 is the present holder by
assignment from Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee
for Fremont Investment & Loan, its
successors and assigns to Deutsche
Bank National Trust Company, as
Trustee for GSAMP 2006-FM1 dated
December 15, 2011 recorded in
Worcester County (Worcester District)
Registry of Deeds in Book 48304,
Page 182 and by Corrective
assignment from Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee
for Fremont Investment and Loan, its
successors and assigns to Deutsche
Bank National Trust Company, as
Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2006-FM1
Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates
Series 2006-FM1 dated June 17, 2013
and recorded in Worcester County
(Worcester District) Registry of Deeds
in Book 51087, Page 2, for breach of
conditions of said mortgage and for the
purpose of foreclosing the same, the
mortgaged premises located at 84 Ash
Street, Spencer, MA 01562 will be sold
at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on
December 30, 2019, at the mortgaged
premises, more particularly described
below, all and singular the premises
described in said mortgage, to wit:
The land with the buildings thereon in
Spencer, bounded and described as
follows:
BEGINNING at the Southeast corner
of said tract on the West side of Ash
Street, it being the Northeast corner
of land, now or formerly of one Austin;
THENCE by said Austin land South
73-1/4° about 171-1/2 feet to a bound;
THENCE North 3-1/2° East about 232-
10/12 feet to the Southwest corner of
land, now or formerly of O. T. Cantara;
THENCE by said Cantara land and
land now or formerly of C. W. Pierce
about 165.0 feet to the West side of
said street;
THENCE Southerly on same street
about 157-1/2 feet to the place of
beginning.
Containing about 100 square rods.
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded

with the Worcester County (Worcester
District) Registry of Deeds in Book
38225, Page 247.
The premises will be sold subject to
any and all unpaid taxes and other
municipal assessments and liens, and
subject to prior liens or other enforce-
able encumbrances of record entitled
to precedence over this mortgage, and
subject to and with the benefit of all
easements, restrictions, reservations
and conditions of record and subject to
all tenancies and/or rights of parties in
possession.
Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or
certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00
as a deposit must be shown at the time
and place of the sale in order to qualify
as a bidder (the mortgage holder and
its designee(s) are exempt from this
requirement); high bidder to sign writ-
ten Memorandum of Sale upon accep-
tance of bid; balance of purchase price
payable in cash or by certified check
in thirty (30) days from the date of
the sale at the offices of mortgagee's
attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C.,
900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102,
Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time
as may be designated by mortgagee.
The description for the premises con-
tained in said mortgage shall control
in the event of a typographical error in
this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the
sale.
Deutsche Bank National Trust
Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust
2006-FM1 Mortgage Pass-Through
Certificates Series 2006-FM1
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Martins, David, 17-031211
December 6, 2019
December 13, 2019
December 20, 2019

THE TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held Monday,
December 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the
Memorial Town Complex, 122 Con-
nie Mack Drive, East Brookfield; on
the application made by Jeremy Zim-
mer K.I.S. Enterprises, LLC. d/b/a EB
Flatts, 245 West Main Street
For a transfer of a license to Sell All
Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages To Be
Drunk on the Premises.
All interested parties are invited to at-
tend this meeting.
Board of Selectmen
December 6, 2019
December 13, 2019

Town of Spencer
Conservation Commission
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of
the Massachusetts Wetland Protection
Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer
Wetlands By-Law:
Norman Pelchat has filed an NOI with
the Spencer Conservation Commission
to install a septic system located at
150 Ash Street, Spencer, MA.
The Spencer Conservation
Commission will hold a public
hearing on December 18, 2019 at
7:15 p.m. on amendments to the
Spencer Conservation Commission
regulations. Said amendments involve
administrative approvals, a new "no
touch" zone, clarification on abutter
notifications and variance procedures.
Copies of these proposed amendments
are on file with the Conservation
Commission's office in the Town Hall.
Ray Holmes has filed an RDA with the
Spencer Conservation Commission to
leave the chip piles in the designated
area on his land at 4 Ethier Drive,
Spencer, MA.
Elias Hamlin has filed an RDA with the
Spencer Conservation Commission to
level off fill and plant seed at 176 Ash
Street, Spencer, MA.
Todd Vitkos has filed an NOI with the
Spencer Conservation Commission to
construct a single-family home at Lot 4
Bacon Hill Road, Spencer, MA.
Applications can be reviewed at the
Office of Development and Inspectional
Services, Town Hall. A public hearing
regarding these filings will be held by
the Spencer Conservation Commission
in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall,
157 Main Street, on Wednesday,
December 18, 2019, at which time
all persons having an interest may be
present and participate. Conservation
Commission meetings open at 7:00
p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15
p.m.
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
December 6, 2019

TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
BOARD OF HEALTH

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

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• Puppeteer Kevin Driscoll[^]
• Kid's Grab Bags
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Sunday, December 8th ~ 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Final Day Tree Viewing & Drawings after 4:00PM!
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