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Friday, January 10, 2020

# Antanavica named Leicester’s new Police Chief

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – After serving the police department for more than four decades, Ken Antanavica was the hands-down choice to become the next chief.

Antanavica started with the LPD in 1979, when he was hired as a college student for a part-time dispatch-

*Courtesy Photo*

From left to right, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, LPD Lt. Paul Doray, LPD Chief Ken Antanavica, Selectwoman Dianna Provencher, and State Representative David LeBoeuf.

er position. After graduating in 1982, he served as a police officer until 1997, then ascended to the sergeant position in 2001. Following the retirement of former chief James Hurley in 2018, Antanavica was appointed as interim chief. A year later, the Board of Selectmen confirmed him as the department’s next permanent chief.

“I am truly honored to be chosen to run the department,” said Antanavica, who also served as a call firefighter in town for the first 12 years of his career. “I am proud that after rigorous testing I was able to prove my capabilities, and the town has entrusted me with this

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## Community’s help needed to save cemetery

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Community assistance is requested to help save a cemetery that is nearly 200 years old.

Founded in 1845, Pine Grove Cemetery has served for decades as the final resting place for several town pioneers, municipal leaders, veterans, and families. The beloved cemetery features more than 30 acres of scenic land near the Seven Mile River and Spencer Fairgrounds, with the original dirt roads still existing today.

Residents of multiple generations have long enjoyed visiting the cemetery, but recent financial challenges jeopardize its future. As a new decade begins, the community is asked to support a town treasure and ensure the cemetery’s continued operation.

“Our Board has met frequently over the last year to develop ideas and plans for keeping the cemetery solvent,

but we have not been successful,” read a statement issued by cemetery leaders. “We feel we are now at a critical point and may face the difficult decision to close the gates forever. We are asking for help from lot owners and community businesses to keep this gem open.”

Many residents visit family gravesites at the cemetery, while others enjoy the historical importance of the site. Guests can learn more about Spencer’s rich history by reading the epitaphs of those buried at the cemetery, including veterans whose service goes all the way back to the Civil War. Additionally, the cemetery contains the Sagendorph Mausoleum and a chapel that have been carefully maintained over the years.

“Graves are monuments that tell many stories of the past,” cemetery leaders wrote. “Many people are surprised to hear that the cemetery is not owned by the town, and that its funding relies on burials,

the purchase of plots, and perpetual care requests.”

For many years, Pine Grove Cemetery has been managed by a small group of volunteers comprising a private non-profit organization. A board of directors is responsible for overseeing the site’s ongoing maintenance. No money is received from the town or any churches.

Without significant community fundraising, the increased costs of maintaining the historical cemetery will exceed dwindling resources. In 2018, the cemetery’s \$13,000 income was nearly doubled by \$25,117 in expenses. Moreover, groundskeepers’ hours were reduced from 30-40 hours per week to 15 hours, and funds continue to quickly dry up.

If the cemetery is forced to close due to insufficient funding, there would be no new burials on the site, no plowing or lawn care, and no security or maintenance for the chap-

*Please Read CEMETERY, page A6*

## Storm coats region in ice

REGION – After December began with a major storm that brought more than a foot of snow, the month concluded stormily as well, this time delivering ice to the region.

Residents wrapped up the year and the decade by dealing with an icy mess on Dec. 29-30. Icing was particularly heavy during the afternoon and evening of Dec. 30, causing several minor accidents, scattered power outages, and localized tree damage. A few towns even saw the extremely rare phenomenon of thunder-ice and thunder-sleet, as strong storms moved through the area around dinner time.

The Route 9 corridor was one of the heaviest hit areas of Worcester County. In Leicester, portions of Rawson Street and other roads were shut down after fallen branches took down power lines. The response from electric companies was vastly improved from previous ice storms, officials said, and electricity was restored in most locations within a day.

Luckily for emergency responders, DPW crews, and power companies, most people stayed off the roads during the height of the storm. Schools were already closed for the holiday break, and many people elected to work from home ahead of New Year’s Day.

No major accidents were reported during the storm,

*Courtesy Photo*

Power crews work in icy conditions to restore electricity for Leicester residents on Dec. 30.

mostly just spinouts, police said. A few vehicles left the road in Spencer, but there were no injuries and only minor damage. In Sturbridge, meanwhile, Arnold Road was briefly closed due to fallen branches over power lines.

The Blackstone Valley wasn’t spared from the storm, although residents experi-

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## Local school officials excited for Project 351

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Each new year brings an opportunity for the next wave of youth volunteers to give back as part of Project 351. Local students and school officials are eagerly anticipating the program, which will be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Held annually on the third Monday of January, Project 351 unites students from across the state in a day of service. One eighth grader from every town in the Commonwealth is selected to take part in the Boston-based project. The choice is often difficult for school leaders, as many students enjoy volunteering in the community and giving back to those in need.

During the day of service in Boston, students form groups and take part in several projects throughout the day. Although the volunteers start off as strangers, they always quickly form common bonds and friendships through volunteerism. Many students continue to connect with the friends they made in Boston during the project.

“With the enthusiastic leadership of Governor Charlie Baker, Project 351 is a grass-roots, youth-led movement for

positive change,” reads a statement released by program leaders.

For Knox Trail Middle School Principal Ralph Borseth and his staff, it’s always a thrill to see students participate in Project 351 each year. As a member of a regional school district, KTMS sends two eighth graders to Boston each year, one from Spencer and the other from East Brookfield.

Borseth and his team enjoy the extended community involvement made possible by the program. Upon returning from Boston, students share what they learned during the day of service and then prepare for individualized and group projects in their communities.

During an interview last week, Borseth emphasized the portion of the Project 351 mission statement which reads, “Ambassadors dedicate a year to build unity, cultivate kindness, and transform lives and communities through service. As they serve, they develop the courage, compassion, and capabilities to lead awe-inspiring change.”

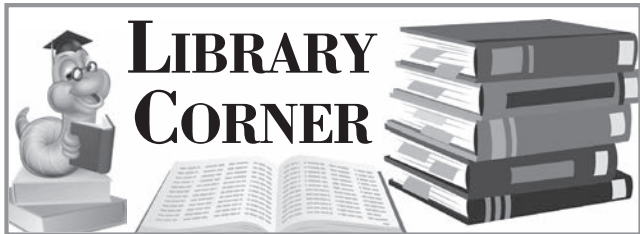
Other local schools like Quaboag Regional Middle-High School also send two student ambassadors to Boston each winter. In the past,

*Jake DeBrusk — Courtesy Photo*

### TAKING FLIGHT

While visiting family for the holidays, former Leicester resident Jake DeBrusk captured this stunning photo at the Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary.





*Richard Sugden Library*

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January 13  
Book Discussion on the book: A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline. The discussion will be held 10:30 am - 11:30 am today.

January 14  
Toddler story time meets from 10:00 am - 10:45 am for ages 18-35 months and their caregivers.

Pre-K story time meets from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm for children 3 years (by Sept 1st) to school age.

Imagination Station: meets 4:00-4:45 for grades K-5. Animals in the mountains! Solve some animal riddles and make a winter mountain craft!

January 15  
Pause: Mindfulness Meditation is held on the Library's Main Floor on Wednesdays from 8:30 am—9:30 am. Drop-in and learn about mindfulness. We will practice mindfulness, and discuss using these tools to enhance our relationship with ourselves and others.

January 16  
Community Connections hosts Icky Sticky, a sensory program for infants-age 5 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. These free programs are provided by a grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

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# Eagle Scout candidate builds storage building for Second Chance



Courtesy Photo

North Brookfield Troop 257 Eagle Scout Candidate Lukas Anderson heard that Second Chance Animal Services needed a storage shed to hold all the tools to care for the dog park at the organization's Community Veterinary Hospital in North Brookfield. Anderson stopped by Second Chance to make sure it met the approval of Development Director Lindsay Doray.

NORTH BROOKFIELD — A New Braintree teen is one step closer to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout after months of planning and building. North Brookfield Troop 257 Eagle Scout Candidate Lukas Anderson heard that Second Chance Animal Services

needed a storage shed to hold all the tools to care for the dog park at the organization's Community Veterinary Hospital in North Brookfield. An animal lover, Anderson solicited a donation from the Brookfields' Lions Club who agreed to fund the entire project.

Anderson stopped by Second Chance to make sure it met the approval of Development Director Lindsay Doray.

"We are so grateful for the new shed. Now we don't have to spend time and gas bringing a lawn mower over from the shelter in East Brookfield, and it frees up space in the hospital making more room to care for animals," Anderson said.

Anderson recounted all the weekends it took to complete the project – five in all.

"The spring rains and sleet were one of the biggest challenges!" he said.

He was grateful to his cousin Andrew Paquette, an Eagle Scout from Troop 257 who earned his rank in 2013.

"Andrew was there every weekend, helping however he could," Anderson added.

Anderson has a few finishing touches he wants to put on the shed - a ramp to make it easier to get the mower, and a plaque recognizing the Lions Club for making the shed possible.

Brookfield Lions Club Secretary Jim Buzzell said "the Lion's Club, the Boy Scouts of America and Second Chance all share the common goal of community service. We are proud to support Anderson's Eagle Scout project."



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\$450,000, 22 Point Eastalee Dr, Mullins, Lois M, to Keegan, Philip C, and Keegan, Ann L.

\$150,000, 170 Paxton Rd, Laureldale FT, and Andrews, Nancy A, to Davies, Dale N, and Davies, Donald E.

#### BROOKFIELD

\$285,900, 57 Webber Rd, Champoux, Sharon A, to White, David J.

\$262,000, 4 School House Cross Rd, Mcisaac, R Dean, and Mcisaac, Terri A, to Houlihan, Sean E, and Monette, Victoria D.

#### EAST BROOKFIELD

\$185,000, 109 Evergreen St, Khalili, Hossein, to Weisberg, Kerri.

\$145,000, Lakeview Dr #1, Mccarey, Katherine D, and Lochiatto, Victoria D, to Couture, John M, and Couture, Donna K.

#### NORTH BROOKFIELD

None.

#### WEST BROOKFIELD

None.

#### LEICESTER

\$390,000, 565 Pine St, Schold Development LLC, to Shearns, Charles, and Shearns, Karen.

\$385,000, 328 Henshaw St, Kmon FT, and Kmon, Matthew A, to Wilson, Amanda.

\$275,000, 71 Crystal St, Liberty, Kathleen A, to Liberty, David T.

\$245,000, 493 Main St, Amidon, Georgia, and Amidon, Devin, to Calcano, Franklin, and Urena, Loren.

\$210,000, 60 Towtaid St, Dziemian, Wendy M, to Burbank, Paul.

\$183,000, 82 Lake Ave, Lawrence, Janet, to Leong, Jill.

\$160,000, 392 Stafford St, Wells Fargo Bank NA Tr, to Charpentier, Joseph.



Kevin Flanders Photo

Several performances were held during the North Brookfield Senior Center holiday party.

## Local seniors celebrate the holidays

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Local seniors got an early start on their holiday celebrations, with dozens of guests enjoying a full slate of activities during the Senior Center's annual Christmas party.

The Dec. 23 event included a luncheon, a performance by The Charming Chimes, and a visit from Santa. The Charming Chimes program took about a year to schedule, and Senior Center Director Diane Nichols was thrilled to bring the performance to North Brookfield. The group is composed of several area residents, many of whom have ties to the Senior Center.

"The seniors really enjoyed it. This was something we decided would be great for the holiday season," Nichols said.

The Brimfield Bells also performed, delivering seasonal tunes after lunch. The group includes Senior Center members and staff.

For more information about upcoming events at the Senior Center, call 508-867-0220.

# McGovern applauds federal grant to Leicester

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Congressman Jim McGovern (MA-02) together with Leicester Town Administrator David Genereux, announced that the town of Leicester has received a long-awaited \$100,000 grant from the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) to conduct a feasibility study to explore increasing cooperation and coordination between seven water and sewer districts that serve residents and businesses in Leicester and North Oxford.

Currently, there are seven separate and independent semi-public water and sewer districts that serve the communities of Leicester and Oxford. The difficulty of operating this way is that each district must fund its improvements and upgrades individually, putting a huge strain on ratepayers as systems age and require expensive upgrades to ensure the delivery of safe drinking water. Only nine out of 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts currently have more than three water or sewer districts. The study is expected to provide an in-depth analysis of each district, including physical assets, financial operations, and future challenges in order to provide recommendations that will benefit the districts and their ratepayers going forward.

McGovern brought the Economic Development Administration to the table two years ago to begin discussion of federal involvement, and has advocated for the town during the application process with the EDA's local office. The federal investment is in addition to \$100,000 that has been secured by State Senator Michael O. Moore for the same study, as well as \$10,287 from the Town of Leicester.

"This is fantastic news for the town of Leicester and I'm proud my office

was able to help secure this important federal investment," said Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA). "We have water infrastructure in Massachusetts that's older than some states. Yet the reality is that municipalities just don't have the money to bring things up-to-date. I've sat across the table from countless local leaders who are pinching pennies trying to bring safe, clean drinking water to their residents, and quite frankly, it shouldn't be that way. I'm proud that this grant is going to identify improvements to help us build a more sustainable and safe water system in the years to come."

"Resolving the issues with the drinking water and wastewater systems in Leicester should not be approached in a piecemeal fashion," said State Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury). "Instead, a full review of these utilities should be completed to unite the patchwork of services in an efficient, viable model that meets the needs of the community. This critical grant funding will complement state and local funds to help address many problems facing these districts, and to assist with

responding to ratepayers' concerns. Thank you to Congressman McGovern for his leadership in helping to support the community's grant application."

"This is the culmination of a thoughtful and cooperative process between the Town, the water/sewer districts, and our elected representatives at the state and federal level. I would like to thank Congressman McGovern, Senator Michael Moore, Representative David LeBoeuf, and Debra Beavin of the EDA for their tireless efforts in helping us obtain the funding for the study," said Leicester Town Administrator David Genereux.

The working group will now craft a request for proposals and hire a consultant to conduct the study.

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# Memorial decals pay tribute to fallen officer

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – The police department continues to find new ways to honor the life and legacy of fallen Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr., most recently with new memorial decals.

Last month, Town Administrator David Genereux and State Rep. David LeBoeuf attended a ceremony where the commemorative decals were unveiled. Members of the Tarentino family were also in attendance to place the decals on police cruisers. Town officials and residents alike are thrilled by this creative idea for an additional memorial.

Officer Tarentino, who was killed in the line of duty in Auburn in 2016, previously served on the Leicester force from 2007-14. Many of the officers and staff in Leicester, including Police Chief Ken Antanavica, worked with Tarentino throughout his tenure in town. As a Leicester resident as well, Tarentino was able to utilize his role to give back in many ways.

Now, thanks to memorials large and small, Officer Tarentino’s legacy will inspire the next wave of officers in Leicester.

“The decals will be something our officers will see every time they use a Leicester cruiser and serve as a reminder of the comradery and friendship we all had with Ron,” Chief Antanavica



Courtesy Photo

Leicester Police cruisers were recently outfitted with memorial decals honoring fallen Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr.

said. When senior members of the department eventually retire and new officers are hired, LPD leaders know the decals will be a great way to preserve Tarentino’s memory. During the dedica-

tion of the memorial monument outside the police station two years ago, Chief Antanavica emphasized the importance of never forgetting Tarentino’s sacrifice. The Chief and his staff continue to stress the importance of those words

today. The idea for the decals came about when Chief Antanavica and a group of other first responders were attending the wake for fallen Worcester Fire Department Lt. Jason Menard. LPD leaders worked quickly, and less than a month later the process was complete. For department leaders, it means a lot to continue finding ways to honor Tarentino. Not only was he a brother in blue, but he also contributed extensively to the community, getting active in youth sports, volunteerism, and support of local businesses.

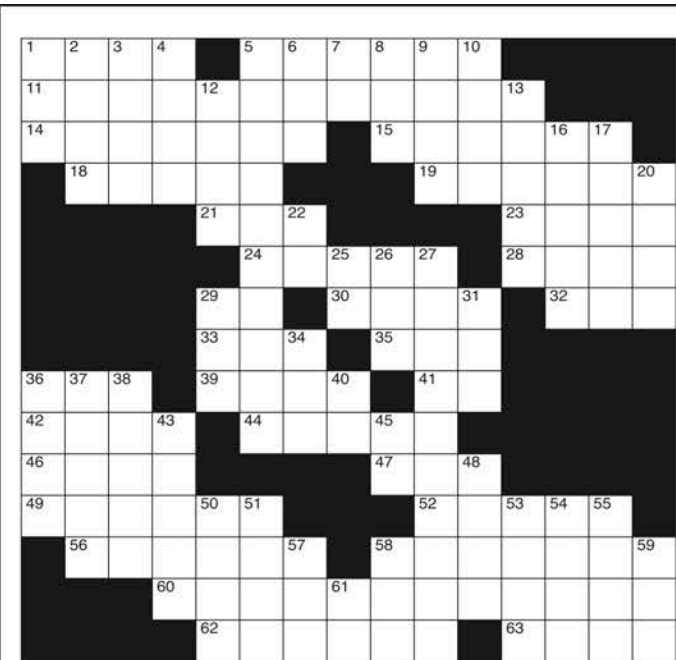
Police throughout the state, including Leicester and Auburn, honor Tarentino by taking part in several charitable memorial events each year. These include a 5K road race in Leicester, a softball tournament in Webster, a motorcycle ride in Leicester, and a gala in Worcester. The decals serve as another way to keep Tarentino at the forefront of residents’ minds, officials said.

To learn more about the Ronald Tarentino, Jr., Charitable Fund and how you can get involved, visit [www.TarentinoCharitableFund.org](http://www.TarentinoCharitableFund.org). Monies raised each year help fund memorial scholarships and support organizations that offer assistance to families of first responders and veterans.

## ICE

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enced significantly less icing. Still, Northbridge saw roughly 30 customers lose power on Fowler Road, Highland Street, and Cooper Road. National Grid quickly responded to restore power to all customers within a day.

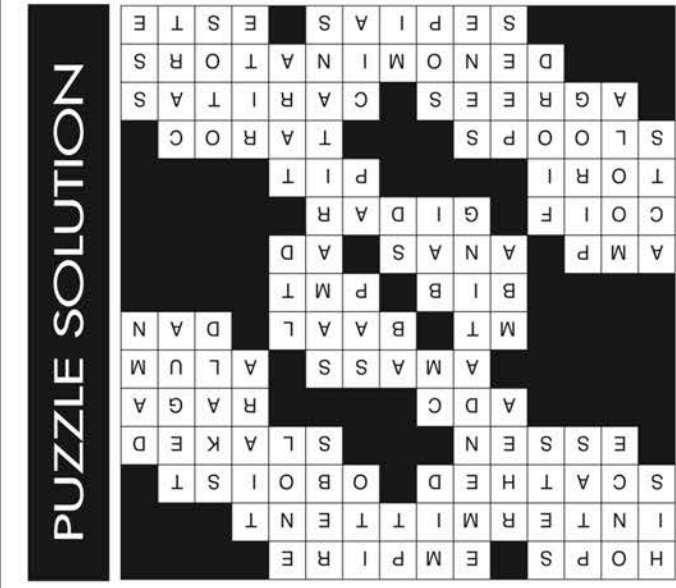


### CLUES ACROSS

1. Beer ingredient  
5. Popular FOX TV show  
11. Recurring from time to time  
14. Criticized severely  
15. Musician  
18. German urban center  
19. Quenched  
21. Human gene  
23. Indian music  
24. Accumulate  
28. One who graduated  
29. Atomic #109  
30. Semitic fertility god  
32. Sportscaster Patrick  
33. Child’s dining accessory  
35. Payment (abbr.)
36. Guitarist’s tool  
39. Dabbling ducks  
41. Commercial  
42. Style someone’s hair  
44. Biu-Mandara language  
46. Actress Spelling  
47. Large hole in the ground  
49. One-masted sailboats  
52. Tropical Asian plant  
56. Concurs  
58. Latin term for charity  
60. The number below the line in a fraction  
62. Reddish browns  
63. This (Spanish)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Belong to he  
2. One time only  
3. Parent-teacher groups  
4. Puts in place  
5. Editing  
6. In the course of  
7. Helps injured people (abbr.)  
8. OJ trial judge  
9. Resist authority (slang)  
10. Formerly alkenols  
12. “Cheers” actress Perlman  
13. Jewelled headdress  
16. Viking Age poet  
17. Vanuatu island  
20. Wish harm upon  
22. Unit of length  
25. Blood type  
26. Drain  
27. Do-gooders  
29. Advanced degree  
31. Business designation
34. Chinese-American actress Ling  
36. Performs on stage  
37. Slang for money  
38. Large Russian pie  
40. The Mount Rushmore State  
43. Narrow inlet  
45. News organization (abbr.)  
48. Scarlett’s home  
50. Micturates  
51. Monetary unit  
53. Any customary observance or practice  
54. Sons of Poseidon  
55. Facilitates grocery shopping  
57. Standard operating procedure  
58. Former OSS  
59. Midway between south and southeast  
61. The Wolverine State



## Toys for Joy Donations

The East Brookfield/Brookfield Toys for Joy program was able to assist 39 children from 18 families. The committee wishes to thank all of the businesses and citizens for their continued commitment to this program. Without you, we would not be able to make this happen.

### THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE DONATIONS.

Kitty Gliniecki	\$ 25.00
Peter Martell	\$ 25.00
SG/JA Gendreau	\$ 25.00
Donna Neylon	\$ 40.00
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Ann Auger	\$ 50.00
Roy P Preston III	\$ 50.00
In Memory of the Melesky Family & Robert T. Salem	\$ 50.00
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North Brookfield Savings Bank	\$250.00
Brookfields’ Lions Club	\$250.00
East Brookfield & Spencer Railroad	\$250.00
Lamoureux Ford	\$500.00
Toy Donations Shelly & Wes Robbins – Holiday gathering toy drive	
Lamoureux Ford – Toy drive	
North Brookfield Savings Bank – Toy Drive (special thanks to East Brookfield Police Department for pickup	

East Brookfield Elementary School Kindness council, along with Parents of children in East Brookfield Elementary School (special thanks to Chrissy Lavin)

To all those who dropped off toys at the town halls, Library & Fire departments  
To the Brookfield Community Club for donations for the families (special thanks to Lois O’Leary)

For those who adopted families (who wish to remain Anonymous) and:  
Kristen Ward & Megan McManus

To our shopping superheroes and Toy Room Organizers:  
Peter & Patti O’Neil, Debby Silliman, Heather & Jordan Gablaski, Sue Lydick & Mary Wyne

To our distribution day helpers:  
Tammy & Tim Josti

Toys for Joy Committee of East Brookfield/Brookfield  
Donna & Roger Lafleur  
Debbie Morgan

## Senior Center hosting Sweetheart Dance again

SPENCER – During the doldrums of winter, local seniors will once again have the opportunity to get out and have some Valentine’s Day fun.

For the last four years, the Senior Center has seen increasing interest in its Sweetheart Dance. This year’s dance will be extra special, landing directly

on Valentine’s Day (Friday, Feb. 14). The dance will start at 5 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The event will include a catered dinner and plenty of music and dancing. Seniors from throughout the area always enjoy dressing up and taking in a night on the town. For singles, it’s a great place to have fun with

friends and meet new people.

An array of musical selections will be provided by Sounds by Rich. The entry cost is \$10 per person (two tickets will be available per person).

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SPENCER — Wire Village School has released its honor roll for the first trimester of the 2019-2020 school year.

### Honor Roll

Gianna Bedard, Oliver Bird, Tyler Brunet, Faith Doucette, Gabriel Flannery, Jayden Giwa-Bello, Ashley Kennedy, Leah Kozak, Skylah Kuszewski, Tristyn Masterson, Nora Miller, Alyssa Olsen, Alexia Rondeau, Ava Rondeau, Ava Rossik, Samuel Schold, Logan Verity

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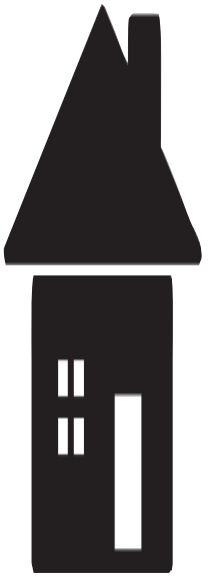
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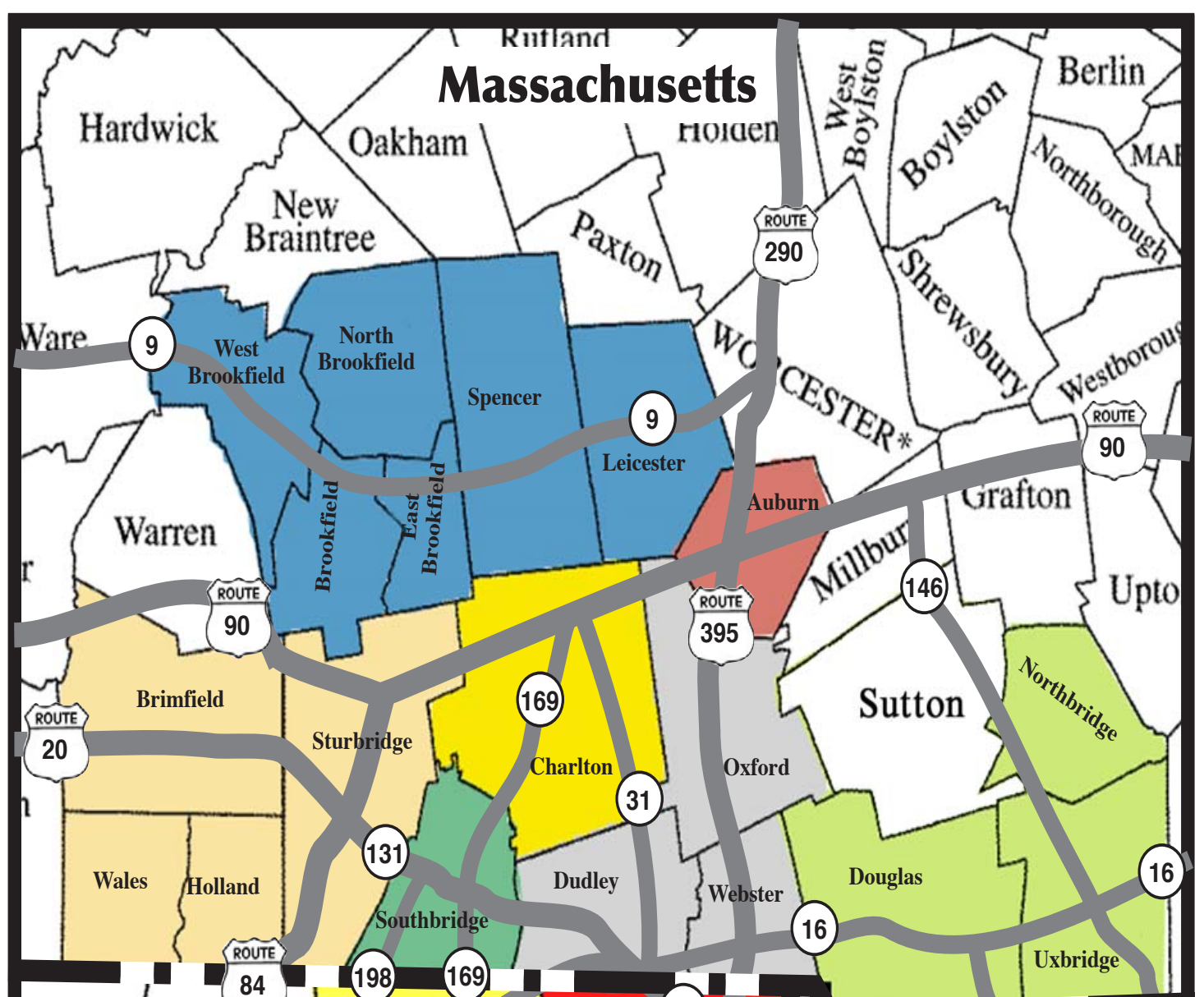
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# Santa Run brings holiday joy to Leicester

Courtesy Photos

LEICESTER — The fire and police departments teamed up to bring holiday joy during the annual Santa Run. The Dec. 21 event wowed youngsters and their families with several vehicles passing through their neighborhoods. And thanks to the police department, the Grinch was apprehended to avoid any mischief. Meanwhile, the organizers of the town’s Christmas display donated fuel and candy for the event. “This was a huge success, and our reward was seeing the joy on everyone’s faces,” read a statement released by the police department. “We have decided to release the Grinch to let him enjoy his holiday. Thanks to you, we have showed him that Leicester Christmas spirit is second to none.”



Local families enjoy the annual Santa Run.




The Grinch was safely locked away to allow for a fun day.



The fire department and police department teamed up for the annual Santa Run.

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## Friday's Child



**Damon**  
Age 14


**Hi! My name is Damon and I have a good sense of humor!**

Damon is an affectionate teen boy of African American and Lebanese descent. He can seem shy when you first meet him, but Damon thoroughly enjoys the company of others once he warms up and feels comfortable. Damon has great mannerisms, and he likes to show his appreciation for those he cares about. Currently, Damon's favorite activity is playing video games, but he is also very athletic and likes to ride his bike. In school, Damon has historically done well. His teachers report he gets along well with other students, and he is respectful in the classroom.

Damon is legally free for adoption and would thrive in a home with at least one male caretaker. His social worker is open to considering families with or without other children. Damon would be most successful in a family that can provide him with structure, routine and predictability. It would also be beneficial if Damon could be exposed to activities outside of the home. Damon will need to maintain contact with his adult sister and grandparents once he is placed.

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### ANTANAVICA

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task.”

More than 40 years ago, when Antanavica was dispatching part-time with the department while still in college, Leicester’s chief of police was Jack Woods. Impressed by Antanavica’s work, Woods convinced him to become a part-time officer – and he hasn’t looked back since.

“As I worked, I grew into the job and loved working in this community,” Antanavica told the New Leader. “I grew up in Leicester, and my heart and soul are dedicated to the people of this community.”

Antanavica’s appointment wasn’t the only one made within the department last month. With the appointment of Paul Doray to the role of lieutenant, the department made history by establishing this position for the first time. The department previously had a chief and five sergeants, one of which was assigned to administrative duties. The new-look structure of the department features a chief, a lieutenant, and four sergeants.

“These are some exciting times. We will be promoting a sergeant shortly and establishing a list for future promotions. We are also in the midst of hiring full-time officers,” Antanavica said. “Everyone jumped on board to be part of the restructuring of duty assignments, and so many people took on new

tasks within the department, which made the whole transition a very smooth event.”

Lt. Doray has been with the department for 25 years. Chief Antanavica and town officials are thrilled by the new leadership structure of the department. They look forward to completing several ongoing projects and beginning new ones. These include recently installed mobile data terminals in patrol units, as well as ALPR devices (automated license plate readers) that are being equipped on two front-line patrol units.

Moreover, the department is moving forward with hiring a new patrol officer, in addition to promoting another officer to sergeant (two positions currently vacant due to retirements).

“We are also working closely with other town departments to streamline shared services and to save the community tax money,” Antanavica said. “We are also working with the town and schools to bring a school resource officer on board in the near future.”

Antanavica is grateful to have learned from several officers and chiefs who came before him. These included Hurley, who helped steer the department through many challenges during his career. Hurley also played an integral role in introducing several technologies to the department.

“Chief Hurley did a great job keeping the

department ahead of what is on the horizon in police work,” Antanavica said. “We will continue to follow that path by upgrading technology and expanding our detective division to stay one step ahead in keeping our citizens safe.”

The department has enjoyed several major accomplishments over the last 20 years, including the construction of a new police station and the installation of a new radio system. The radio project was just completed last year, significantly enhancing officer safety.

“With all these advancements that were achieved by teamwork within the Leicester Police Department and the community, I can say I am proud to be the chief of this well-rounded, well-respected police department,” Antanavica said.

The Chief also wished to thank Det. Tim Fontaine for his tireless work in several roles each day.

“Det. Fontaine has been a huge asset to the entire department. He not only works as a detective, but also wears many other hats within the department, as do all the administrative staff, officers, sergeants, and clerks,” Antanavica said.

Several guests joined the police department and selectmen during the appointment ceremony, including Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early and State Representative David LeBoeuf.

### CEMETERY

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el and Sagendorph Mausoleum. Some of the town’s most historic gravesites would be vulnerable to damage from the elements and vandalism.

Cemetery leaders are calling on residents and business owners to help protect the site and preserve a critical piece

of Spencer history. The leadership team wants to ensure that the site continues to receive the maintenance and care it deserves.

Forms seeking assistance will be mailed to lot owners and local businesses. If you are interested in joining the effort to save the cemetery, call 508-885-9537. You can also send an email to [PineGroveCemeterySpencerMA@gmail.com](mailto:PineGroveCemeterySpencerMA@gmail.com).



# North Brookfield Savings Bank thanks community for supporting toy drive

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings is pleased to announce the overwhelming success of its Annual Toy Drive, which was held during November and into December of 2019. In total, the Bank collected more than 2,900 toys thanks to the generous customers, community members and NBSB employees who shared some kindness and supported their communities by making donations. In addition, North Brookfield Savings Bank donated \$1,750 to local toy programs to further help those in need during the holiday season.

For the Toy Drive, the bank accepted donations of new and unwrapped toys for children at any of its branch locations. This year's donations from community members included several impressive items such as bicycles, scooters, and oversized stuffed animals among many other various board games, puzzles, dolls, trucks, crafts and toys. All toys collected were donated to local toy programs in local communities, to ensure that children in need were able to receive holiday presents.



North Brookfield Savings Bank branch locations each collected toys for their local communities to help spread joy and holiday cheer. Shown are just a small portion of the toys collected and donated to families in need. From left to right are North Brookfield Police Officers Kyle Cassavant and Jeffrey Martin, Brianna Kilborn of North Brookfield Savings Bank, North Brookfield Police Officer Richard Caron, North Brookfield Savings Bank Branch Manager Tammy Gustafson and North Brookfield Police Sergeant David Churchey.

"Each year, we look forward to supporting our communities during the holidays by partnering with local toy dona-

tion programs. This gives us the chance to join together with our neighborhoods to share kindness and bring joy

to community members in need," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger.

"This year was no different. We truly appreciate the efforts of all the local organizations that manage these programs.

The generosity of our customers, community members and employees is heart-warming. Thank you all for making our Annual Toy Drive a great success once again."

North Brookfield Savings Bank proudly partnered with the North Brookfield Police Association's Toys for Joys Program, the East Brookfield Toys for Joy Program, the West Brookfield Police Association Holiday Toy Program, the Ware Police Department Christmas for Kids Program, the Belchertown Holiday Toy Program, and the Palmer Lions Club Holiday Toy Program.

With their established core values at the hearts of everything they do, North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to continually give back, show support, share kindness and be an integral part of their local communities. To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's community giving efforts and all of the convenient banking products and services offered, visit [www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com](http://www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com).

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## Emergency fuel assistance in North Brookfield

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Founded in 2008, NB Hearts for Heat has since provided emergency fuel assistance to 186 qualified North Brookfield families.

If you know any North Brookfield resident who needs emergency fuel assistance, have them complete our 2020 application available online at <http://www.heartsforheat.org/NorthBrookfield/assistance.html>. To access the brochure that highlights additional heating support, open <https://www.heartsforheat.org/NorthBrookfield/> and click on Click here. The

brochure and application can also be found at the Hoston Free Library, Town Hall, Police Station or the Senior Center in North Brookfield.

NB Hearts for Heat will provide one, possibly two, deliveries of fuel oil (or the equivalent in natural gas, pellets, electricity, cord wood, or propane) to qualified NB residents. Each applicant must apply to WCAC (508-754-1176) first. While our eligibility requirements are more flexible than WCAC's, applying for aid through WCAC is a necessary prerequisite

and can be accessed through <http://www.wcac.net/hv/apply-for-fuel-assistance/>.

Hearts for Heat is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Donations can be mailed to: NB Hearts for Heat, P.O. Box 44, North Brookfield, MA 0153. North Brookfield Savings bank will again match up to \$2000.00. Hannaford Supermarket is donating all funding from the January kiosk collection to Hearts for Heat. Thank you for your continued support.

## North Brookfield Hearts for Heat hosting spaghetti dinner

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The 12th Annual Hearts for Heat Spaghetti Dinner is being held on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 5-7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School Cafeteria. The snow date is Feb. 29. As usual, the Hayden Masonic Lodge, NBPTO, Hannaford's Supermarket, NB Honor Society, and Valley View students will be joining

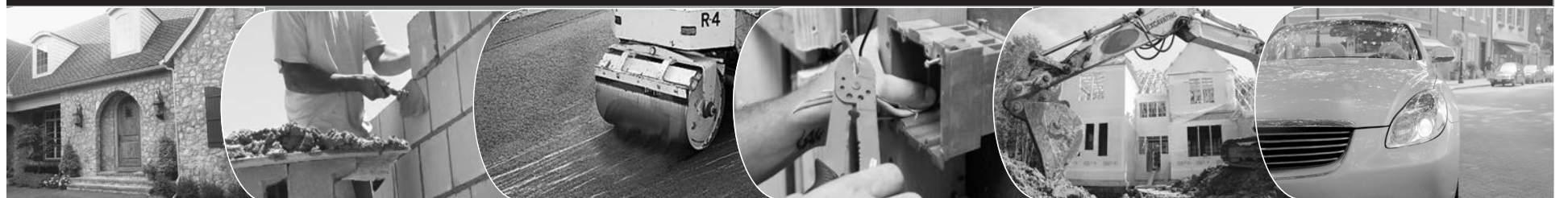
forces. The Otters will again be providing the musical ambiance. Tickets are \$8 or \$25 for a family of four or more and are sold only at the door. Takeout is available.

Raffle items include Boston Celtics and Red Sox tickets, a Celtics basketball signed by Brad Stevens, \$100 lottery tick-

et basket (donated by North Brookfield Savings Bank) and Berkshire Blankets. Gift certificates include: Jim's Pizza, Angel Nails, St. Jeans Package Store, Salem Cross Inn, Subway, Marks of Asgard Tattoo, Roland's Radiator, Inishowen Farms, Spencer Greenery, Transform Warm Yoga, and more.

North Brookfield Savings Bank will match up to \$2,000 in donations. One hundred percent of donations are used for fuel purchases (cord wood, oil, pellets, natural gas, propane, and electricity) for qualified N. Brookfield residents. Payments are paid directly to the supplier. Hearts for Heat is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

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Before we  
look forward,  
a quick  
glance behind

What fun it is to take a quick trip through time and get a kick out of New Year's resolutions from yesteryear.

For many, the start of a new year brings the mark of a new beginning. There's nothing like the feeling of a clean slate to offer you up a hefty dose of motivation.

Taking it way back to the ancient Babylonians, who began their year in March, it was said that people would make promises to their gods at the start of each year as well as return anything borrowed including paying all debts.

The Romans can take credit for changing the start of the new year to January. The reason? January was derived from the name Janus, which is the two-faced god who looks backwards into the previous year and ahead into the new one. In addition, Janus was known as the patron and protector of gates, doorways, endings and new beginnings. For the Romans, the majority of resolutions stemmed from having positive morals, such as treating others with kindness. Later New Year's celebrations involved prayers and fasting.

Fast forward to the settlers in Colonial America, who avoided the hoopla of New Year's and even refused to call January by its proper name, referring to it instead simply as the first month. For these folks, the new year brought a state of contemplation of the past, present and future.

During the 20th Century, resolutions began to shift. One common change many wanted to make during the early 1900's was to "cuss less."

During the 1950's, women resolved to pay more attention to their beauty routines and to finish more mystery novels.

As we said goodbye to the '50's, skipped over the '60's and headed straight to the '70's, people were taking more stock in social resolutions, such as making time for friends and meeting new people. In addition to the social uptick, people were vowing to have more self respect and more confidence-based resolutions were forming.

During the go-go 1980's, when self-centeredness arguably reached an all-time high in American society, people were resolving to gain more acceptance of oneself. More focus was put on staying physically fit and maintaining fashion. It is no secret that the fashion in the 1980's rivals all.

It was all about quitting vices, like smoking and drinking in the '90's; however, it is noted that many never stuck to those resolutions for long. During this time, people also vowed to spend more time with family, eat healthy and get out of debt.

Present day resolutions include less screen time, eating less processed foods, maintaining a higher level of physical fitness than in years past, reading more books and shopping local. It seems that many people are interested in bringing things back to a simpler time to reduce the stress of the modern times we live in.

The trick to maintaining a promise to oneself takes many avenues, each an individual journey. When looking back on your life, what do you want to see?

A quote from Annie Dillard seems to sum it up best: "How we spend our days, is how we spend our lives."

How things have changed yet stayed the same is a nod to human nature and the innate drive to be better in all we do.

# VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to the truth about God

To the Editor:

Mr. Lacaire, no one knows God completely and those who do know God are those who are faithfully submitted to God through Jesus.

Paul, a convert through God, an apostle of Jesus, teaches us in Romans 6: 3-5, 8: 17 and Philippians 3: 10 that we will know Him in the fellowship of His suffering. This means the more we submit the more intimate we become.

I don't know if there are any answers, evidence that will satisfy you, your questions your doubts unless you are truly open to believe.

To begin, God, Jesus, is not a religion, God, Jesus, is a pure spirit. Religion cannot satisfy God, only love and faith from our heart through His Son Jesus.

Each of the three Gospels I am submitting is a witness to the resurrection of Jesus, they include accounts of the resurrection, and there are differences among the accounts. These differences do not discredit the scriptures, but simply suggest that the three accounts were written independently rather than collaboratively.

Matthew 28: 1-10: two women go to look at the tomb and found the big stone rolled back so they could get inside and see that Jesus had risen from the dead, the angel was sitting on the stone and told the women that Jesus was not there, He had risen.

Mark 16: 1-8: after the Sabbath ended the women went to the tomb early in the morning to anoint Jesus body as a sign of love, devotion and respect. When they got to the tomb the stone was rolled back and the angel sat on the stone and said Jesus is not there, He is risen.

John 20:1-8: early on the 1st day of the week while it was still dark Mary went to the tomb and saw the stone had been moved, so she come running to Peter and the other disciple crying they have taken the Lord and don't know where they have taken Him. The men went into the tomb and saw the linen lying there folded. As Mary wept looking into the tomb she saw two angels in white seated where Jesus body had been and asked Mary why are you crying? She said they have taken my Lord away and when she turned to leave she saw this man and thinking he was the gardener, she said, sir, if you know where he is please tell me, and Jesus said to her "Mary" and she cried out in Aramaic "Rabbon" [which means teacher] and Jesus said to her do not hold on to me, I haven't yet returned to my Father and your Father,

my God and your God.

None of the accounts describes the actual resurrection. What we do know of the resurrection is from witnesses of the open tomb and that Jesus has risen.

If the resurrection is false, we are of all men most pitiful, because we have staked our faith on a lie. If the resurrection is true, it validates Jesus teachings and ministry as well as our faith. There is a number of reasons to believe in the resurrection, however, we cannot prove it, except through the eyes and heart of faith and the testimony of the witnesses.

Mr. Lecaire, if you don't believe from your heart in faith you have two options in life. If you are convinced there is no God you can live your life as you wish and when the time comes to die, you just die, just like going to sleep, we don't know or see anything, its over. However, if there is a God, and when you die you will find yourself in another world, heaven before God, Jesus, or, hell before Satan the devil, and let me remind you, if you die without repentance there is no second chance. The choice is yours, do you live carefree and immoral or carefully and morally faithful believing God is alive and eternal? Are you willing to take that chance, choice? I choose to believe and live for God, Jesus and eternally in heaven.

Now that we have reviewed the facts of the resurrection of Jesus I would like to review the facts and ways how to receive eternal life.

There are some people who hope and believe they will go to heaven, eternal life, they believe they are a good person and God is love He understands, however, they do not know God's Word from the Bible that only through Jesus can we come to God. [John 14: 6] To obtain heaven, salvation we must believe and accept Jesus in faith from our heart. If you are not sure! Ask yourself, do some soul searching, do you think and or talk about God to yourself, your family, your children, do you go to a Bible believing church? To go to heaven with God you must make a confession to God, Jesus and you must not doubt, if you doubt you will not receiver anything from God, we must come before God in faith, apart from faith we cannot expect anything from God. James 1: 6-8]

Whatever we want from God 1 John 5: 13-14 teaches us what God's will is for us and how to receive God's blessings, eternal life, heaven. Amen!

ROLAND BLAIS  
BROOKFIELD

No war, please!

To the Editor:

Every vote for a president that I have cast since Ronald Reagan has been for the candidate that seemed to be the closest to a "peace" candidate. And no, I did not vote for either Clinton or Trump in 2016. Clinton was an obvious violent neoliberal extremist, Trump did not appear as violent, but was disgusting in every other way a human could be. I, and I think one other person in Spencer, proudly voted Green in 2016.

Trump's abhorrent nature and venal appetites are in full display with this latest act of war against the world. One presumes that Trump would rather see a few or maybe many thousands of lives destroyed to save his pathetic hide from the righteous efforts to remove him from office. What better way to avoid this fate than to start a war which has no certain ending and no defined purpose. Desperate acts of violence have now replaced any pretense of reason in this rogue administration.

The right and the left in this country may disagree upon many issues from immigration reform, universal health care and the capitalist economic system. But one thing any rational person would conform to is that Donald Trump is unworthy and too incompetent to hold

the high office of President. And I don't really care if the Democrats have made their case, or whether all the internal memos have been exposed. The man is beyond redemption, and has brazenly committed high crimes and misdemeanors openly publicly and unremorsefully. He needs to be removed from office.

Those of you who slavishly support this man are complicit in his crimes. God did not give us Donald Trump to save us. Those of you who subscribe to your petty religions ought to know that the anti-Christ would be sent to deceive a mighty nation. I wonder who and what that could be.

More importantly, to continue to allow this dangerous fool to career around the world trashing everything in sight is the height of folly on our parts. Once again, I have to state that love, not violence has to be the inspiration which leads to change. Remember the eleventh commandment: love you one another.

The biosphere is teetering on the edge of destruction. Quite bluntly, few of the world's population will survive the next ten years. Don't spend your "last days" mindlessly hating and killing people whom you don't even know.

ROBERT EMERSON  
SPENCER

Withdrawing from Stabilization Fund is a risky proposition

To the Editor:

It is my understanding that Spencer is thinking of holding a Special Town Meeting in February to vote on an article that states that about \$350,000 will be taken out of the Stabilization Fund to pay for a sprinkler system for the Maple Street Senior Center. I am opposed to taking this money from the Stabilization Fund. I feel that this should done as a debt exclusion so that the money comes out of the General Fund.

The Stabilization Fund is established as a savings account for the town and is generally only used for extraordinary events such as a tornado that decimates the town services. When we established a town manager type of government many years ago, the fund was almost depleted. It has been built up to a reasonable amount since then. The fund affects

the bond rating for the town and because our bond rating is excellent, we are able to get a very favorable interest rate when we borrow money.

I feel that taking this money out of the Stabilization Fund will be costly in the long run. We are facing more borrowing for the road repairs, and will be facing a large borrowing for either significant updates to David Prouty High School or a new school. Taking money from this fund could affect our bond rating adversely. This represents poor financial planning in my opinion.

I strongly urge the Board of Selectmen to consider putting a debt exclusion on the May ballot rather than leave the decision to a special town meeting which requires only 50 voters.

CAROL MCPHERSON  
SPENCER

Protect yourself  
against  
long-term  
care costs



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If you're fortunate, you'll live independently and in good health throughout your retirement years.

However, if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as a stay in a nursing home, would you be financially prepared?

To answer this question, you may want to evaluate two variables: your likelihood of needing long-term care and the cost of such care. Consider the following:

Someone turning age 65 today has an almost 70 percent chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

Clearly, these numbers are worth thinking about. If you needed several years of long-term care, the expense could seriously erode your savings and investments. And keep in mind that Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of long-term care costs. Therefore, you may want to evaluate the following options for meeting these expenses:

Self-insure – You could "self-insure" against long-term care expenses by designating some of your investment portfolio for this purpose. However, as the above numbers suggest, you'd likely have to put away a lot of money before you felt you were truly protected. This could be especially difficult, given the need to save and invest for the other expenses associated with retirement.

Long-term care insurance – When you purchase long-term care insurance, you are essentially transferring the risk of paying for long-term care from yourself to an insurance company. Some policies pay long-term care costs for a set number of years, while others cover you for life. You can also choose optional features, such as benefits that increase with inflation. And most long-term care policies have a waiting period between 0 and 90 days, or longer, before benefits kick in. You'll want to shop around for a policy that offers the combination of features you think best meet your needs. Also, you'll want an insurer that has demonstrated strength and stability, as measured by independent rating agencies. Here's one final point to keep in mind: Long-term care premiums get more expensive as you get older, so if you're interested in this type of coverage, don't wait too long to compare policies.

Hybrid policy – A "hybrid" policy, such as life insurance with a long-term care/chronic illness rider, combines long-term care benefits with those offered by a traditional life insurance policy. So, if you were to buy a hybrid policy and you never needed long-term care, your policy would pay a death benefit to the beneficiary you've named. Conversely, if you ever do need long-term care, your policy will pay benefits toward those expenses. And the amount of money available for long-term care can exceed the death benefit significantly. Hybrid policies can vary greatly in several ways, so, again, you'll need to do some research before choosing appropriate coverage.

Ultimately, you may decide you're willing to take the chance of never needing any type of long-term care. But if you think that's a risk you'd rather not take, then explore all your coverage options carefully. There's no one right answer for everyone – but there's almost certainly one for you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support is appreciated

To the Editor:

It is always nice to have a friend step up and vouch for claims one might have made which may have seemed, to some, a bit of a reach. So it was for me last week as I read Ms. Gaucher’s letter in which she supported my long-expressed and sincerely-held conviction that the Faux Five (Yarok, Rosenberg, Miller, Cohen, and Bagg--as well as Washington) are not actual persons but, rather, the fictitious creations of one left-wing nut with too much time on his hands and who wants, by sheer volume of rhetorical effort, to monopolize the ed and op/ed pages of this newspaper.

Not only did Jennifer Gaucher substantiate my assertions, but she went further and revealed the truth of the matter--which I had chosen to not mention previous to her revelation, as I did not want to make it look as though I were hiding behind her. But, as she explained in her letter, it was Jen who first began to smell a rat with regard to this ongoing, weekly hoax. It was she who, after having been rudely insulted by one of the bogus “contributors,” decided to find out once-and-for-all if these people actually existed, and if they lived where they claimed to live. It was she who visited the town halls, checked records, did Internet searches, spoke to many officials and residents of these towns; and it was she--a bright and courageous woman and former town official--who reached the conclusion that the newspaper and the people who read it were being played for fools by whomever it is that has dishonored

the paper and himself for a couple years now by sending in letters to the editor under false pretenses. Once she had completed her private investigation of these so-called public-spirited letter writers, she gave me a call and said simply, “John, these people are all frauds, there is not a shred of evidence to corroborate their residency or existence no matter where they claim to live. It’s a complete hoax.” That was my epiphany, and I’ve made it one of my missions ever since to rip the masks off these impostors, and return the New Leader Letters Section to one in which one can have confidence you are reading real letters from real individuals who are who they claim to be. Another mission, of course, is to live long enough to see Trump resoundingly re-elected in landslide proportions.

I’ve always been a supporter of Jen Gaucher in her political life, as well as a friend who, though we may disagree on some issues, we wholeheartedly concur on most. She is an outspoken advocate of fiscal sanity and personal liberty, and is a true patriot who knows it doesn’t get much better than what we have here in America for those who want to work hard and be good and grateful citizens of this country. She is refreshingly direct and one who doesn’t suffer fools lightly.

I had to laugh at a moronic comment made in these pages a few months ago by someone claiming that letters opposing the Faux Five had disappeared, and that those of us on the Right were obviously afraid to engage the superior wit and wisdom of the

Faux Five. Among those this crazed writer castigated as being cowardly was the name Jennifer Gaucher. I immediately thought, “Oh, buddy, how stupid can you be?! Jennifer Gaucher a coward?! You would rather, without a weapon, face a cornered and angry fisher cat in the woods than insult this woman to her face.” But, that’s the way liberals roll, isn’t it? Make personal, derogatory remarks about a real person in the newspaper while expecting to never have to explain yourself face-to-face to the object of your calumnies.

As readers of my diatribes know, I am not in any way whatsoever in favor of women serving in ground combat roles in the U.S. military (Marine/Army infantry, airborne, armor, artillery, special operations, etc.), and I believe continuing efforts to force this social engineering onto the services will ultimately end in a disaster where good warriors will unnecessarily die while in service to this politically correct idiocy. However, I have to say, that of the many women I’ve known over a long life, one who I think could’ve actually done the job and kept up with the boys without having to depend on extra help would’ve been Jen Gaucher: tough enough, smart enough, and determined enough to earn the respect of the others in the platoon. To label her a coward is as absurd as this fake character Har-Yarok (who absolutely no one in our little town of a couple thousand has ever heard of) claiming to be a resident of Connie Mack’s “Baby Town of the Commonwealth.”

You could disinter Peter Falk, put

him in Colombo’s raincoat and set him to knocking on doors in a quest to solve this mystery re-the Faux Five. Put Dick Tracy on the case. Bring in Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson--it wouldn’t matter. They would all concur: the woman from Spencer did all the hard work, and her findings are conclusive: There is not now, nor has there ever been any one named Yarok, Rosenberg, Miller, Bagg, or Cohen who lived where the liar who composes their letters claim they live. Total frauds.

They declined on nine occasions to come and meet me, they have a standing invitation to introduce themselves to Ms. Gaucher, or, even better, the newspaper could clear the matter by inviting them, Jennifer, and myself to have a friendly--and safe!--rendezvous at their office to put the whole issue to rest. What do you want to bet that meeting will never transpire?

Thanks, Jen, for the boost. Enhanced credibility is never a bad thing.

JOHN McRAE  
EAST BROOKFIELD

*Editor’s note: In response to Mr. McRae and Mrs. Gaucher’s allegations that the so-called “Faux Five” are fictitious, we feel compelled to re-iterate, once again, that the New Leader has seen no credible evidence to support that claim, and has no intention of censoring or ignoring submissions from those five individuals.*

To the Editor:

Just before the Christmas, etc. Holidays, we witnessed history in the making--the impeachment of President Trump. One small element of this historical moment brought me back to the Spencer Senior Citizen Center just before another holiday, the Fourth of July, 2018.

On that day, Congressman Jim McGovern held one of his community meetings. Overall, the meeting went well, with views and information shared. The impeachment process provided proof that McGovern kept a promise he made at the 2018 Spencer meeting. In it he indicated that, if re-elected and the Democrats gained a majority in House of Representatives, he as chair of the important House Rules Committee. If so, he promised to return the committee to a Democratic--Republican cooperating process.

(At the time of the Spencer meeting, the scandal-ridden Pete Sessions chaired the committee. He basically shut Democrats out of the Rules Committee processes and decision making.)

Back to the impeachment. As part of the impeachment process, the McGovern chaired Rules Committee had the responsibility of finalizing the impeachment document. Next another committee would submit it for a vote before the full House of Representatives.

As the televised meeting for this finalization began Chair McGovern, a liberal Democrat, and the senior Republican, the respected conservative Congressman Tom Cole of Oklahoma, indicated they differed politically. However they praised one another for the open, cooperative way the Committee had performed this (and other) tasks. (McGovern voted for and Cole against impeachment). As another example of cooperation Cole, of Native American ancestry, praised McGovern for his efforts to improve their conditions.

To paraphrase McGovern this is how Republican Conservatives and Democratic Liberals should and could

work together to further American Democracy -- to disagree but do so in a way that aids, not undermines, American Democracy, for “Divided We Fall.”

As an example of a “Divided We Fall” approach, consider the Christmas holiday season New Leader “Digital Deception” letter.

First, it attacks those not in agreement with the views expressed in the letter. This included;

- Academics (Cole, a Fulbright scholar, has a Master’s degree from Yale and has been a college professor)
- Democrats
- Public servants
- Liberals, and
- Those who disapprove of Trump’s Presidential performance. This has remained at more than 50 percent of Americans since the beginning of his administration

Basically, the letter calls on readers not to respect or work with the majority of the adult American population.

Trying to divide Americans like this has two outcomes: (a) it makes us angry at one another and (b) it helps the Russians and other foreign powers who want to see a divided America fail.

Then the “Digital Deception” letter goes even further. Coached or otherwise, it personally attacks individuals, with pen names or otherwise, who submit letters that have views different from its own.

Worse still it describes activities and proposes actions aimed at hindering the publication of Letters to the Editor that have a different, often more fact-based outlook.

Who best represents America and its values: Congressmen Cole and McGovern of letters such as “Digital Deception?”

KEVIN KANE  
SPENCER

Random observations

To the Editor:

As a new subscriber and area resident, I have come to look forward to reviewing the variety of editorials that are published each week. I note that writers often note their history and resume as adjunct to their views. In that spirit, I am a 14th generation New England WASP who grew up in an Eisenhower conservative household. The death of JFK, in a high school he had dedicated as our Senator six years earlier, is also an influence

It has been my privilege to have traveled much of the world, and have found US dollars welcome virtually everywhere, getting to see how people really live and what they think, is more of a challenge. My trips have taken me to places I might be less inclined to visit today, but it is only recent that I am less proud of the behavior of my homeland. Both the Iran nuclear freeze and Paris climate accords were hard fought leadership wins. Addressing either nuclear proliferation or climate issues, will require strong and consistent leadership. walking away from these agreements, Kurdish allies and a herky jerky NATO commitment, makes US leadership on such important issues, highly in doubt.

The current administration is increasingly reminding me of the apprentice, a show where people are given the challenge and responsibility of jobs for which they have little or no qualification. I note an advocate for charter schools, with no public education experience, is in charge of it, a former governor who advocated elimination of department of energy, runs it, original Sec of State, former Exxon CEO, fired after being called dumb as a rock, Secretary of transportation (Moscow Mitches wife) sister of CEO of largest Chinese shipping company--there is more--but you get the gist. It prompts me to doubt if I get the true meaning of “draining the swamp.”

I won’t weigh in on the many notable international corruption cases that have merited so much attention

by the POTUS, as we are on the eve of a prayerful and judicious senate trial, as hopefully we will finally “get to the bottom of it” Testimony by people with first hand information, would be beneficial.

Another issue often addressed in your editorials is abortion. As a grandfather who treasures grandchildren, and lost my last granddaughter to still-birth, I am very pro-life. That said, I had a girlfriend who claimed her room mate used abortion as contraception, but I have heard compelling stories of persons terminating pregnancies after prayerful and serious considerations. I expect that science has determined a point of cognizance somewhere between conception and birth, and that should mark the end of abortion as an option, but I am not comfortable making a law to take such a serious personal decision away, especially being old enough to remember back alley butchery.


The Senate that could not confirm Judge Garland in the last year of Obama’s presidency, Is addressing almost no house passed bills, is confirming conservative judges, at a rate the Bar association says is a mill as most of them have insufficient experience to merit appointment.

At some point, the House may forward impeachment articles to the Senate (but I can see a scenario where they don’t), at which point senators will take a solemn oath to weigh the evidence and make a ruling. Interestingly, those who complain of lack of first and testimony, have little interest in hearing any, and are as likely to adhere to this oath, as they are to the one they took to support and defend the constitution. When that happens, this provision might as well be removed as practice will have made it null and void.

We are living the ancient Chinese curse-- “May you live in interesting times.”

Happy New Year.

KEN KIMBALL  
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# Warm weather puts ice fishing on hold



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Ice fishing took a hard blow this past two weeks, with no safe ice in the valley or on the Cape because of the warm weather and rain. Some anglers were headed up north last week and found some safe ice, but by the time you read this column, that too will be gone. Jerry Gareri headed to his camp in Maine last week and found six inches of good ice that was covered with six inches of snow. After shoveling the snow to make room for his ice traps, he cut his holes only to find the water bubbling up from the hole, and sometimes pushing his trap from the hole. It was tough fishing, but he managed to catch a few fish.

It may be a good time to take out the Rod & Reel, and if you have a small boat in storage, you may consider taking it out to do a bit of fishing, as some ponds are totally free of ice. The warm weather is expected to continue for a few more days, with

no real cold weather expected to return in the near future. Talk of the 60 degree temperatures this week can push ice fishing back even further.

This week's picture shows a few of the beagle owners back in 2013 attending a trial at the Central Mass. Beagle Club in Sutton. Numerous trials are still held today at the club's fenced in area. Listening to the hounds as they trail the elusive rabbit brings a lot of joy to the owners, and can become competitive when judges try to score the dogs as they trail the rabbit. Owners of the beagles can travel long distances from other states to enjoy the complete and fun days on weekends at the club. Plenty of good food is always available.

This past week, Dan Fraser shot a huge coyote in the valley with his black powder gun. He sent a photo, but it was deemed a bit too gory for publication. This coyote was a killing machine capable of killing domestic dogs and cats, and could possibly kill a young child, under the correct conditions. The coyote season in Massachusetts closes on March 7. Sportsmen had

hoped to have the coyote season year round, but have had trouble convincing Mass. Fish & Wildlife to keep the season open. Their numbers are increasing annually in the state, and the situation is only going to get worse.

Coyotes kill numerous deer annually, especially fawns. A couple of local hunters were able to find the deer they shot the next day during archery season, after tracking them a long distance. Unfortunately, the deer were 80 percent consumed by coyotes in just one day. Coyotes also kill numerous wild turkeys and other ground nesting birds annually. It is a sure sign that the coyote population is on the increase.

Local residents are also observing less song birds at their feeders in the last few years. Feral cats are responsible for killing millions of song birds annually throughout the United states. The balance of nature has been negatively affected by man. Destruction of their habitat and global warming is all too real when we watch the devastation in Australia.

Local sportsmen's clubs are actively pursuing the crossbow bill



and the Sunday hunting bill again this year, and have sent every State Representative and State Senator a letter asking them to support the two bills. It is long overdue!

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their annual Founders Day supper on Jan. 18 at the club house on White Court in Douglas. A Prime Rib dinner will be served with all of the

trimmings. Homemade pies and pastries are sure to satisfy all in attendance. For tickets, call the club at 1-508-476-7204. Tickets are only \$15 each. Do not miss this great meal and gathering.

Captain Mel True will be holding his second annual Fishing Expo on Feb. 8 & 9 at Whites of Westport. Check him out on his Web site, CaptainMelTrue.com.

On Jan. 24-26, the New England Fishing Expo will be held in Boxboro! Doors open at 1 p.m. on Friday. Check it out on their Web site at nefishingexpo.com!

*Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

# Antique, collectibles and auction news from 2019



ANTIQUES,  
COLLECTIBLES  
& ESTATES  
.....  
WAYNE TUISKULA

As we enter 2020, I thought that I'd share antique news stories from 2019 for the last time.

Locally, a man attempted to bring a gun on a flight at Logan Airport on Christmas Day, according to CBS Boston.

Fortunately for all involved, the man explained that it was an antique gun inherited from his grandfather. When he explained his situation to the TSA screeners, they allowed him to return it to his car.

Bloomberg reported that a German World War II "Enigma" machine was auctioned last month. "The three-cipher rotor design was considered unbreakable until the early 1940s. It could scramble letters into any one of 17,576 combinations, except the use of the original letter."

The machine which wrote code that was thought to be unbreakable brought \$106,000. The Enigma, known as the "Hitler mill" because of its hand crank, was purchased by an Irish collector. Hitler's military ordered the machines to be destroyed to keep them out of the hands of Allied forces. Winston Churchill also ordered captured machines to be destroyed. Very few survived, making them quite rare today.

In a previous column, I wrote about the rare painting by Italian artist Cimabue that was found on an elderly French woman's wall. USA Today reports that "Christ Mocked" sold for \$26.6 million. The winning bidders may never see it though. The French newspaper Le Monde reported that Chilean collectors in the United States who "specialize in Italian masterworks" outbid the Metropolitan Museum of New York for the painting. The French cultural ministry has since blocked the sale of the painting, which they now consider a national treasure. The French government is attempting to raise funds to



pay the \$26.6 million that the painting sold for. The auctioneer is concerned that the country may not be able to raise the funds. Sadly, the woman who owned the painting passed away shortly after the auction. Her heirs will have to pay \$10 in inheritance tax when the sale is consummated.

A relatively new piece of electronics is expected to bring over \$1 million when it goes on

the auction block, according to comicbook.com, polygon.com, and other collectibles and gaming websites. The rare Nintendo Playstation was produced from a collaboration between Sony and Nintendo. According to reports "a couple hundred prototypes were produced of the Super NES CD-ROM System, colloquially known as the SNES-CD or Nintendo Play Station." The

auction house spokesperson stated that this is the first time one of these prototypes has come to auction. The consignor was reportedly offered \$1.2 million by a Norwegian buyer but turned it down.

A sealed rare copy of "Mega Man" sold for \$75,000 in November making it "the most valuable sealed game sold at auction." You may want to rethink putting some of your old video games in your next garage sale.

There is still time to consign for our major auction on Jan. 30 that will be held in Worcester. I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your antiques" class on March 3 at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School. Other events are being scheduled. Please see [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these and other events.

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# 2020 will be awesome!

How do I know? Read on ...

Outcomes in life are largely based on our belief systems. What we believe will happen, our subconscious mind goes to work to make happen. If you are a weekly reader of my column, you have heard this from me in some state or form, dozens of times this year. It is worth repeating because it is the central ingredient in the recipe of your result and there's plenty of research to back this claim. There are no absolutes in life. We cannot control external forces that have an impact on our year. Our belief systems shape how we respond, and it is our responses that shape our year.

I believe with every cell in my body that 2020 is going to be an incredibly positive year. I have goals and plans, and I've surrounded myself with positive and optimistic friends who support my beliefs and mission.

You will never attain and maintain more than you think you deserve.

Really? Really. Your mind won't allow it. Think about it ... if you think you are incapable believing you deserve or can accomplish something, why would you try?

Your belief systems drive who you are, what you are and where you are in life. So, why not convince yourself you can and will have an awesome 2020?

How? If you want to change who you are or where you are in your life, change two things.

Change what you put into your mind. What you read, listen to or watch, impacts what you believe about yourself.

Only hang around positive people who believe the best about themselves and you.

Don't hang around with naysayers. Former Vice President Spero Agnew called them, "Nattering nabobs of negativity." Want to have a great year? Align yourself with others who want the same for themselves and for you.

I know ... it sounds simple and it is. Simple, yes. Easy? No.

You won't read this column and magically change what you believe about yourself and the world around you, but you can begin the process of changing your mindset from negative to positive ... from pessimistic to optimistic. You begin by planning what you allow inside your head and who you hang around in 2020.

Resolve that 2020 will be awesome!

"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve." - Napoleon Hill

I shared the following story previously, but it is appropriate to repeat it now.

There was once a traveler who was walking from a village in the mountains to a village in the valley.

As he walked along, he saw a monk

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working in a field, so he stopped and said to the monk, "I'm on my way to the village in the valley, can you tell me what it's like?"

The monk looked up from his labor and asked the man where he had come from.

The man responded, "I have come from the village in the mountains."

"What was that like?" the monk asked.

"Terrible!" the man exclaimed, "No-one spoke my language, I had to sleep on a dirt floor in one of their houses. They fed me some sort of stew that had yak, dog or both in it and the weather was atrocious."

"Then I think that you will find that the village in the valley is much the same," the monk noted.

A few hours later another traveler passed by and he said to the monk, "I am on my way to the village in the valley, can you tell me what it's like?"

"Where have you come from?" enquired the monk.

"I have come from the village in the mountains."

"And what was that like?"

"It was awesome!" the man replied, "No-one spoke my language, so we had to communicate using our hands and facial expressions. I had to sleep on the

dirt floor, which was a great, new experience. They fed me some sort of new stew. I had no idea what was in it but just to experience how the locals lived was great. The weather was freezing cold, which meant that I really got a taste of the local conditions. It was one of the best experiences of my life."

"Then I think that you'll find that the village in the valley is much the same," responded the monk.

Life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond. How we respond is based on what we believe. Don't allow the challenges of life to take away your joy and do not allow a negative belief system to determine the quality of your year.

My wish for you in 2020 is that you will expand your beliefs about your life and potential to be more optimistic. I want you to believe the best is coming so your mind can work to make it so.

You must believe something in the new year. Why not believe in the power of your potential and that 2020 will be your best year ever?

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# Give your Christmas tree a second life in the landscape



## GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Once your holiday celebrations have passed and the decorations go back into storage, it is time to deal with your real Christmas tree. Don't drag it to the curb to be hauled away by the trash collectors. Give it a second, even third life, in your landscape. No live Christmas tree? Don't worry! I'm sure your friends and neighbors will share theirs.

Start recycling all those needles that landed on the floor. Sweep them up and use them as mulch in the garden. Place them directly on the soil or on top of the snow. As the snow melts, the needles will be right where they belong. And don't worry, they will not make the soil too acidic. In fact, as they breakdown they will add organic matter to the soil.

Move your cut Christmas tree outdoors after the holidays. Use it as a windbreak or for added shade to prevent drying of tender evergreens. Strategically place your discarded tree on the windward side of rhododendron, boxwood, and needled or broad-leaf evergreens subject to winter burn. Place it on the south side of these plants to shade



Melinda Myers Photo

Adding berries, fruit and seeds to your recycled holiday tree provides needed food for the birds to enjoy.

them from the drying winter sun.

Remove and use the branches as winter mulch over bulbs and perennials. Layer the boughs over the plants and frozen soil to keep the soil consistently cold. This reduces the risk of early sprouting and winter damage that can occur during winter thaws.

Or set the tree in the landscape for a bit of added greenery. Secure it in a snow pile or use stakes and guy wires if the soil is not frozen. Then add a bit of food for your feathered visitors. Decorate the tree with fruits, berries, and seeds the birds can enjoy. Hang strands of cranberries and slices of oranges on colorful yarn and homemade bird ornaments to complete the edible display. The birds will enjoy the added food and shelter and you will enjoy watching these visitors to your landscape.

Then save the tree for trellising beans and peas in the garden. The vines will grow up and over, masking the bare tree branches. Growing vertically saves space and makes harvesting easier.

As spring arrives, consider chipping and shredding your tree into mulch for trees and shrubs or pathways in the landscape. No chipper? You and your neighbors may want to rent a chipper to shred these and other prunings for use as mulch in your landscapes.

And, if this is not possible, check for recycling resources

in your community. Many municipalities have special pickups for Christmas trees. These are chipped, shredded and made available for citizens to use in their landscapes.

Always check on any alerts of live Christmas trees and greens shipped in from other regions of the country. These may contain pests that can infest your landscape or harm native plantings and local Christmas tree farms in your area. The Department of Natural Resources or your local Extension Office should have information on any such threats. They can provide information on proper disposal.

And once you discover the value of this free resource, you may find yourself collecting a few more from neighbors who buy locally grown trees. Although, if your family is like mine, they may ask that you wait until dark to drag your treasures back home.

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# SPORTS

## Perry’s leadership helps push Pirates past David Prouty



David Prouty’s Lindsey Soter releases a free throw attempt versus Oxford.

**BY KEN POWERS**  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Through the first five games of the Oxford High girls’ varsity basketball team’s current season, Micaela Perry had been a little bit of everything for the Pirates. She had been a senior, a starter, a captain, a shooter, a defender and a passer.

In game No. 6, against David Prouty Regional at the Roger. D Bacon Gymnasium on Thursday, Jan. 2, with her team trailing by two points at halftime, Perry decided to focus on the one thing she knew she could control — being the leader of this three freshmen, two sophomore, two senior team.

Perry became just the leader she envisioned herself to be, scoring 10 of her team-high 16 points in the final two quarters to lead Oxford past the Panthers 36-29. It was the Pirates’ first win of the season.

“It feels good to get a win. We worked really hard in practice all week, so it felt good to follow up all that hard work with a win,” Perry said afterward. “I feel a responsibility to lead when I’m out there because I’m a senior and a captain, but I feel like everyone leads in their own way on this team; we work very well together.”

Oxford head coach Joe Pietrzak enjoys watching Perry shoot the 3-pointer — she drained three against David Prouty and now has 24 on the season — but he appreciates the way his feisty guard plays defense, too.

“In our 1-3-1 defense Micaela plays the middle wing and she causes a lot of trouble for the other team’s offense. Against David Prouty she stepped in the passing lanes very well,” Pietrzak said. We ran the floor well tonight; better than we have all season, and that was because of our defense.

“Our defense not only allowed us to run the floor well, but to get some easy buckets in transition,” Pietrzak continued. “A lot of those were a result of Micaela disrupting Prouty’s ability to bring the ball up the floor.”

Oxford (1-5 overall, 1-4 in Southern Worcester County League C Division play) led 9-5 after the first quarter but trailed 16-14 at halftime.

Perry put the Pirates back in front, 17-16, less than two minutes into the third quarter, dropping in a right-side 3-pointer following one of Prouty’s 11 turnovers in the period. Less

than a minute after Perry’s trey Oxford freshman Alexis Steiger scored her only basket of the game — a fast-break layup — off a steal by Perry to push the Pirates’ lead to 19-16.

The Panthers (3-3 overall, 2-3 in the SWCL C Division) tied the game, 19-19, with 3:18 left in the period, on a free throw by Gabby Soter (a team-high 16 points) and a put-back basket off an offensive rebound by junior Serena Roberts.

Oxford, however, scored the game’s next six points on a pair of layups by freshman Ciara Gendron (6 points), which were sandwiched around a layup by sophomore Olivia Clarkson (5 points). The Pirates led 25-22 as play headed to the fourth quarter.

Perry scored a layup, a 3-pointer and two free throws in the final period, helping Oxford to push its lead to as many as 12 points (34-22) with 3:40 to play on an old-fashioned three-point play by Clarkson, who was fouled while driving to the basket and then sank the free throw.

David Prouty head coach Johanna Annunziata sent Soter and fellow sophomore Jenna Petruzzi to speak with this reporter after the game. Both players felt Oxford’s pressing defense, which resulted in 26 David Prouty turnovers, and the Panthers’ lack of communication with one another, were the key.

“We didn’t react to their press as well as we should have; we weren’t prepared for it,” said Petruzzi, a David Prouty captain along with Erin Parenteau and Raquel Ortiz. “We need to talk to each other more, communicate better, on the floor when a team is pressing us. And we need to work harder in practice. We need to work as hard in practice as we’re going to have to play in games.”

Soter was frustrated after the game that the Panthers didn’t capitalize more on the 27 turnovers that Prouty forced Oxford to commit.

“We had a lot of steals, but we didn’t capitalize on them because we didn’t finish tonight. We missed a lot of layups and that hurt our chances to win this game,” Soter said. “This loss is definitely an opportunity to make ourselves more mentally tough and come back more together as a team and move forward as a team.”



Gabby Soter of David Prouty slips past an Oxford defender on her way to the basket.



David Prouty’s Olivia Pepin sets her feet before shooting a midrange jumper.



Jenna Petruzzi of David Prouty eyes the basket and then releases a layup.







# SPORTS

## Youthful Auburn picks up important win versus Westborough



Auburn's Joel Miller controls the puck in the neutral zone while skating down into Westborough's territory.



Caleb Bartlett of Auburn looks to stick-handle past a Westborough defender.



Auburn's Nolan White skates past a Westborough defender and heads toward Westborough's goal.



Alec Leduc of Auburn stick-handles the puck while on the offensive attack.



Dillon Winkelmann of Auburn dumps the puck into Westborough's zone.



Auburn's Tommy Rembiszewski zeroes in on a Westborough player for a hit.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — After a poor performance in a 3-0 loss to Hudson High on Thursday, Dec. 26, the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team needed nothing more than to right its ship versus Westborough High on Saturday, Dec. 28 at the Horgan Arena. The Rockets were taking on a 1-5 Rangers' squad, and Auburn (which also includes student-athletes from Millbury High, Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional as part of the cooperative agreement) got the job done to get back into the win column.

Dominic DiPadua, Nic Spanos and Alec Leduc scored the Rockets' goals, and Tyler MacKoul picked up the shut-out in net in the 3-0 victory.

"The good thing is we came out with the 'W' and we're 2-2-1," Auburn head coach Glen Bombard said of the team's now .500 record. "This was a big, important win for us. We needed this 'W.'"

The fact that the Rockets played well and got the job done seeing as how inexperienced they are can potentially go a long way for the team this season.

"In this game here, for about a period and a half, I saw a lot of good stuff. What people don't realize is I only have four kids that have ever played varsity hockey before," Bombard said of Dillon Winkelmann, Joel Miller, Caleb Bartlett and Colin Lutz. "The other ones have played sparingly here and there."

"It's still a work in progress," continued Bombard. "This week we finally get to settle down and have a whole week of practice. We can actually sit and go through some stuff instead of just throwing these guys into the wolves and bury their heads with stuff. If we were experienced we'd be fine, but being as inexperienced as we are...it's a lot."

A sophomore co-captain, Winkelmann said the team played a much-improved game versus Westborough and continued to show signs of a solid team going

forward.

"We didn't perform well [versus Hudson] and we performed a lot better today," noted Winkelmann. "We picked up some big points here. The younger guys are stepping it up — everyone is stepping it up — goals are coming, assists are coming, everything."

Auburn got on the board with 11:13 to play in the first period when they took advantage of their first power play opportunity. There, Shawn Bradway slid a pass to Bartlett, who ripped a shot on net. The shot was saved by the Rangers' Patrick Riley, but DiPadua was there to poke the rebound in.

It appeared that the Rockets had doubled their lead early in the second period — again on the power play — when Nolan White put the puck into the net, but the goal was waved off due to a dislodged net. But Auburn did make it 2-0 before the end of the period when Spanos ripped a one-timer in the slot past Riley. The goal was set up by a pass

from Zach Schirm over to Miller, who then made a nice feed from behind the goalmouth onto Spanos' stick.

The Rockets put the game away with 12:05 remaining in the third period when Alex Stencel passed the puck along the right side to Leduc, who sniped a shot top shelf past Riley's glove.

All that was left in doubt was MacKoul's potential shutout, and he made sure of it with a sensational save with five minutes to play. Westborough's Owen Lenkauskas received a pass on a two-on-one and his wrist targeted the net. But MacKoul slid over and got his chest protector on the shot to preserve the shutout.

"Tyler's been a key, a huge key," Bombard said of MacKoul. "He's a solid goaltender. He's a hard-working kid."

And now with the team back to .500, Bombard is hoping for the Rockets to continue improving.

"We're hanging in there and we're getting better," he concluded.



# SPORTS

## First win for Bay Path against rallying Tigers

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

DOUGLAS — With both teams in desperate need of a victory, it was no shock that the Bay Path Regional and Douglas High boys' varsity basketball teams battled to a close, hard-fought game on Monday, Jan. 6.

The Tigers built a big lead early, the Minutemen then went ahead by double figures in the second half, and they held on late to win 69-63.

"It's been kind of frustrating the last couple of games. We've had three close games in a row. In the fourth quarter with less than a minute to go we've been in the game with a chance to win all of them and we haven't come through at the end," said Bay Path head coach Al Greenough, whose team finally won and is now 1-4 after narrowly losing to Southbridge High, Auburn High and Parker Charter. "It's a young team and we're still growing, still learning. We'll work on how to protect a lead better, but it's the first time we've had a lead like that this year. I'm just happy at this point that we hung on and got the win."

Douglas head coach Dan Spring will

take away multiple tidbits from the close loss, including the strong start and finish, as well as the struggling middle quarters.

"You show them the tape and how we had the good start and how we had the comeback where we were playing as a team," he began. "When we weren't playing as a team, when we weren't taking care of the scouting report and forcing them where we wanted to force them, then it went bad. Hopefully we can learn from it."

Tigers' sophomore Matt Landry scored his team's first nine points and finished with 12 in the first quarter as Douglas built an 18-9 lead. But the Minutemen began their comeback in the second quarter as they closed the deficit to a single point (27-26) at the half.

Then, in the first minute of the third quarter, Bay Path grabbed the lead and never lost it when senior Ben LaPointe drove to the basket and finished off the layup.

"He has a very quick first step and being a lefty, too, a lot of defenders aren't expecting that," Greenough said of LaPointe, who saw 16 of his 18 points come on drives to the basket. "He takes advantage of that and he was big for us tonight."

Cam Hafner, a Bay Path sophomore, then caught fire in the third quarter, where he netted 10 of his 17 points. A personal 7-0 stretch by Hafner gave the Minutemen a 35-27 lead, and they held a 49-38 advantage heading into the final frame.

There, Bay Path held an 18-point lead at 56-38, but Douglas began to mount its comeback. Three straight baskets by



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Ben LaPointe drives inside the 3-point line on his pursuit to the basket.

junior Christian Antonioli trimmed the deficit to 56-44 with 4:30 remaining.

Antonioli was a much-needed spark off the bench, as he finished with 14 points.

"He's very good," Spring said of Antonioli. "He can step out and hit the 3, he can do the dirty work inside, he's smart, can pass, can defend, block shots."

The Tigers continued to rally and, with 1:50 to play, Landry connected on a 3-pointer to make it 63-54. Seconds later, Douglas dug out a steal and Landry converted a three-point play as it was now 63-57.

Bay Path sophomore Dylan Cotton (9 points) next made two free throws to extend the lead to 65-57, but Landry drained another 3-pointer to make it 65-60 with a minute to go.

The Minutemen couldn't score on the ensuing possession, and Douglas sophomore Tommy George made it a one-score game at 65-63 on a 3-pointer with 30 seconds remaining.

But Bay Path held on thanks to four free throws off the fingertips of sopho-

more Jomar Torres (14 points).

Greenough said that the key to victory was limiting Douglas to just 11 points in the third quarter, which built them a lead that ultimately was enough to cling to.

"At halftime we just reiterated the fact that man-to-man defense is what is our bread and butter. We created a few turnovers in the second half and built a lead, which is good," he said.

For Douglas, Landry finished with a game-high 36 points.

"He can flat out score and he's been on varsity since he was an eighth grader," Spring said of Landry, who added that he can blossom into a Dual Valley Conference All-Star if he fine-tunes the other aspects of his game.

But a loss is a loss, and the Tigers are now 1-4.

"These are games that we have to start winning. If we don't start doing it as a team it's not going to happen," Spring concluded.



Cam Hafner of Bay Path slides a pass down the court to teammate Anthony Barbale.

## Rockets hang tough in loss to Algonquin



Nick Ethier photos

Marlena Eichelroth of Auburn collects the puck along the boards and skates up the ice with it.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Two clear points of emphasis emerged following the Auburn High girls' varsity ice hockey team's game versus Algonquin Regional at the Horgan Arena on Thursday, Dec. 26. The first was how well goalie Rachel Proulx played, and the second was how the Rockets fought hard until the final whistle.

Proulx made an eye-popping 55 saves — yes, 55 — and Haley Vadenais scored with 4:29 remaining to break the Tomahawks' shutout bid.

Algonquin went on to win the game, 6-1.

"She played a very good game," Auburn head coach Pete LaPrad said of Proulx. "She's very young, she's only a freshman. She's really coming around doing a nice job. In girls' hockey, a goalie can

carry a team. It's probably the most important position on the team.

"It's really good to see her have a good game," LaPrad continued. "We've had a rough start this year, but she's gotten a lot stronger."

None of Proulx's goals allowed were first-shot opportunities.

"It's the team's job to clear the puck and make sure there isn't a second and third shot,"



Auburn goalie Rachel Proulx flashes her glove to make a save against Algonquin.

explained LaPrad. "Every one of those goals was a rebound goal."

And LaPrad was glad that Vadenais found the back of the net with just minutes to spare.

"Haley, she's an assistant captain; young, sophomore, excellent player, excellent leader — you can't say enough about her," he said. "I'm glad we broke the shutout with her scoring a goal."

The Tomahawks peppered the Rockets' net from the get-go, but Proulx had her shutout intact until just 3:25 remained in the opening period. There, Kerryn O'Connell poked in a rebound goal after two saves from Proulx. Amy Macglashing had the assist.

Then, with 2:58 to play in the first period, Algonquin doubled its lead to 2-0. Heather Hodgkins assisted on Natalie Peterson's goal.

The Tomahawks then doubled their lead to 4-0 in the second period when O'Connell and Peterson each scored their second goals of the game. Maggie O'Brien assisted on Peterson's tally. Proulx was immense in the period, though, flashing her glove multiple times with beautiful saves.

Auburn also killed off all three Algonquin power plays in the period — including a prolonged 5-on-3 attempt — and finished a perfect 4 for 4 on the penalty kill.

"Going down two penalties, 5-on-3, against a team like that and killing it was quite a good thing — something to build

on," said LaPrad.

The Tomahawks' Olivia Bower made it 5-0 early in the third and O'Connell finished off a hat trick for Algonquin's final goal. Sabrina Ferro and Macglashing assisted on O'Connell's goal.

Auburn then gained some momentum as the clock ticked down. First, Avery Knott unleashed a slap shot from the left point, where goalie Kaitlin Mathews (9 saves) needed to kick out her left pad to make a nice save. Vadenais' goal followed just a few moments later.

Algonquin improved to 1-0-1 as the Rockets knew they were up against a strong nonconference opponent.

"They're a strong team, but we play strong teams," said LaPrad. "The first period we were a little panicked, second period it got a little bit better and third period was our best period without question."

LaPrad's team has done well against conference opponents.

"Every conference game we've been in has been very close," he said. "We played Oakmont to a 1-1 tie and we played Woodstock Academy and lost 4-3."

Auburn, which is now 1-3-1 five games into its season, also has student-athletes from Grafton High, Notre Dame Academy, Shepherd Hill Regional, Tantasqua Regional, Blackstone-Millville Regional and Douglas High playing as part of the cooperative agreement.



Auburn's Avery Knott makes a play on the puck in the first period versus Algonquin.



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## Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11  
12:08-12:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:27 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), weather update; 1:33-2:21 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:01 a.m.: disabled mv (Greenville Street), assisted; 6:16 a.m.: disabled mv (Greenville Street), assisted; 7:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:25 a.m.: accident (Donnelly Road), report taken; 7:58 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 9:39 a.m.: DPW call (Pine Acres), slippery conditions; 10:01 a.m.: mv lockout (Borkum Road), assisted; 10:30 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:43 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 10:47 a.m.: fraud (Greenville Street), SS scam call; 10:53 a.m.: mv lockout (Chestnut Street), assisted; 11:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Clark Street), dead dear/side of road; 11:31 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), bank fraud; 12:24 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 1:36 p.m.: larceny (Chestnut Street), stolen package; 1:52 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:00 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 2:28 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 3:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), dog killed raccoon; 3:53 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 4:23 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 4:33 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 4:41 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Church Street), CO in residence; 7:44 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 8:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), boyfriend/complaint; 8:28 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:50 p.m.: accident (Maple Street), info taken; 9:41 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Road); 11:32 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 11:39 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12  
1:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), barking dog; 1:48 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:41 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 2:54 a.m.: building checked, secure; 4:30 a.m.: DPW call (Charron Street), icy conditions; 5:05 a.m.: 911 call (Donnelly Road), spoken to; 7:16 a.m.: 911 calls (West Main Street), accident/East Brookfield; 7:18 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD/assistance; 9:39 a.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road), dogs left in cold; 9:39 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 10:09 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 10:18 a.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), info taken; 10:46 a.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), info taken; 10:53 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:00 a.m.: 911 call (Route 49), hang-up; 11:10 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:56 a.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), sick raccoon; 11:58 a.m.: fraud (Chickering Road), scam call; 12:42 p.m.: mv lock-out (Lincoln Street), assisted; 1:11 p.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), misdial; 2:12 p.m.: parking complaint (Lincoln Street), info taken; 2:12 p.m.: DPW call (Pleasant View Road), no water; 2:29 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 2:30 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 3:12 p.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 3:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), unwanted party; 3:41 p.m.: LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:41 p.m.: FID card issue (West Main Street), assisted; 4:12 p.m.: juvenile matter (Wilson Street), investigated; 4:48 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 5:26 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), family issue; 5:46 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), bank robbery/Leicester; 5:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:47 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:01 p.m.: DPW call (Charron Street), icy conditions; 6:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), child w/phone; 6:05 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Charlton Road), info taken; 6:34 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), John R. Geraci, 29, 32 Prospect Street, Spencer, larceny under \$1200, breaking/entering into mv/boat in nighttime, arrest; 7:22 p.m.: mv lockout (Ash Street), assisted; 8:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), assisted; 9:50 p.m.: mv complaint (Donnelly Road), erratic operation; 10:36 p.m.: suspicious mv (McCormick Road), info taken; 10:51 p.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 11:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), family issue; 11:22 p.m.: suspicious persons (Cornfield Road), Kyle P. Blouin, 20, 19 Prospect Street, Spencer, trespassing, arrest; Francis W. Frigon, Junior, 33, 38 Town Farm Road, Brookfield, trespassing, breaking/entering building in the nighttime, arrest; 11:58 p.m.: residential alarm (High Street), services rendered.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13  
1:03 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 2:02-2:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:22 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 2:24 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:00 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:12 a.m.: 911 call (East Charlton Road), accidental; 8:00 a.m.: DPW call (Northwest Road), icy conditions; 8:16 a.m.: lost/found (North Spencer Road), lost wallet; 9:31 p.m.:

medical/general (Pleasant Street); 9:34 a.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), speeding; 10:42 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:12 a.m.: 911 call (East Charlton Road), open line; 11:38 a.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operation; 1:01 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), found cellphone; 1:18 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:50 p.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 2:50 p.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), accidental; 4:25 p.m.: suspicious persons (Bixby Road), investigated; 4:42 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 5:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:24 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), accidental; 5:31 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), loose cat; 6:20 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operation; 6:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), family issue; 7:17 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental 8:48 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), spoken to; 9:47 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:08 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), open line; 11:27 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14  
1:16-2:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:42 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; 2:48 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), no contact; 3:20 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:40 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no emergency; 9:33 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 9:34 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 10:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Water Street), store/customer issue; 12:09 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), hunting inquiry; 12:13 p.m.: mv complaint (Chestnut Street), mv blocking road; 12:31 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 12:58 p.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 2:01 p.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), branch on wires; 2:10 p.m.: DPW call (Mechanic Street), road damage; 2:46 p.m.: odor of gas (Maple Street), services rendered; 2:52 p.m.: fire (Jolicoeur Avenue), water in basement; 2:53 p.m.: DPW call (Cooney Road), culvert blocked; 3:05 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog bite; 3:58 p.m.: 911 call (Bell Street), accidental; 4:03 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), loose dog; 4:49 p.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 4:50 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:28 p.m.: mv complaint (Barclay Road), erratic operation; 8:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), dog inquiry; 8:58-9:19 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:35 p.m.: medical/general (Hoe Village), 9:35-9:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:21 p.m.: accident (Chestnut Street), report taken.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15  
12:04-12:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:44 a.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 12:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:49 a.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), rem. debris/tarp from road; 12:55-1:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:26 a.m.: suspicious persons (North Spencer Road), info taken; 7:23 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 7:26 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 8:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), blocked in; 10:39 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), unk. issue; 11:06 a.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), tree issue; 11:14 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:38 a.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 11:54 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), unruly resident; 12:28 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), unk. issue; 12:45 p.m.: FD notification (Roys Drive), water im basement; 12:59 p.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), accidental; 3:12 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 4:45 p.m.: abandoned 911 all (Prospect Street), no emergency; 5:24 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 6:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), services rendered; 7:17 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 7:29 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 8:24 p.m.: commercial alarm (Route 49), services rendered; 11:19-11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16  
12:07-12:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:17 a.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 1:36-2:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:15 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street), lift assist; 7:18 a.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), icy conditions; 9:00 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:24 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:30 a.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), property retrieval; 10:33 a.m.: fire alarm (Lamoreaux Lane), services rendered; 10:37 a.m.: open door (Lyford Road), secured; 12:06 p.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), info taken; 12:41 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:49 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 1:19 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 1:29 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:00 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:32 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 2:48 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 2:50

p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:08 p.m.: animal complaint (McDonald Street), loose dog; 3:12 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Maple Street), illegal burn; 4:15 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 4:29 p.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 4:46 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 5:48 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), scam call; 5:51 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 6:38 p.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 7:20 p.m.: mutual aid (Pleasant Street), DCF req. escort; 9:09 p.m.: fire alarm (Paxton Road), services rendered; 9:14 p.m.: disturbance (G.H. Wilson Road), noise complaint; 9:23 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), info given; 9:49 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 10:57 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:17 p.m.: medial/mental health (Franklin Street); 11:19 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17  
12:55-1:05 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:27 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 1:52-2:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:30 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:09 a.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), icy conditions; 9:47 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 10:01 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:18 a.m.: officer wanted (Main/Maple streets), lights swithced over; 11:28 a.m.: mv lockout (Wilson Avenue), assisted; 11:36 a.m.: 209A service (Pleasant Street); 1:59 p.m.: mv lockout (Greenville Street), assisted; 2:12 p.m.: fraud (Deer Run Road), online scam; 2:15 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 2:18 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 2:57 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:02 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 5:15 p.m.: 911 call (Cherry Street), misdial; 5:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info taken; 6:12 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), info taken; 7:48 p.m.: building checked, secure.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12  
2:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/revoked registration, uninsured mv, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 4:12 a.m.: ambulance (Lake Drive), transported; 8:28 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:58 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street) written warning; 9:51 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:27 a.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), ticket issued; 11:17 a.m.: summons service (Henshaw Street), served; 11:30 a.m.: summons service (Soojians Drive), served; 12:47 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojins Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation/2nd offense, trespassing, criminal application issued; 1:22 p.m.: investigation (Fairview Drive), services rendered; 1:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Lawrence T. Norman, 40, 20 Maple Street, #1, Worcester, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 1:49 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 2:19 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), spoken to; 2:48 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:06 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:11 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:24 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), services rendered; 3:29 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:40 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 3:54 p.m.: accident (Paxton Street), no action required; 4:30 p.m.; welfare check (Boyd Street), services rendered; 5:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/revoked registration, unregistered mv, mv towed; 7:18 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13  
7:47 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:24 a.m.: assist citizen (Willow Hill Road); 9:58 a.m.: mv stop (Moosehill Road), citation issued; 10:03 a.m.: mv stop (Towtaid Street), verbal warning; 10:31 a.m.: welfare check (Lake Drive), services rendered; 10:33 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:33 a.m.: disabled mv (Whittemore Street), no action required; 12:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 3:12 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, criminal application issued; 4:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:15 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), mv towed; 5:31 p.m.: assist other agency (Church Street), services rendered; 6:40 p.m.: mutual aid (Wellington Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 11:34 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14  
1:35 a.m.: assist other PD (Paxton Street), message delivered; 2:12 a.m.: assist other PD (Green Street), services rendered; 6:41 a.m.: welfare check (Towtaid Street), investigated; 7:51

a.m.: lockout (Rawson Street), assisted; 8:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:44 a.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), report taken; 10:18 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 10:25 a.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), verbal warning; 10:47 a.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 1:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:37 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 5:15 p.m.: accident (Pine Street), mv towed; 6:35 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no service; 6:39 p.m.: erratic operation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 9:19 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 9:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, failure to notify RMV of name/address change, mv towed.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15  
12:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:39 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed. 1:53 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, mv towed; 6:17 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 12:56 p.m.: debris in road (South Main Street), removed; 4:36 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 5:00 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:03 p.m.: mutual aid (Austin Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 5:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:29 p.m.: ambulance (Hemlock Street), transported; 5:59 p.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 7:50 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), report taken; 8:16 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 8:40 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:52 p.m.: welfare check (Monterey Drive), spoken to; 11:06 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 11:49 p.m.: ambulance (Lake Drive), transported.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16  
4:04 a.m.: abandoned 911 (Towtaid Street), spoken to; 4:56 a.m.: breaking/entering mv (White Birch Street), report taken; 5:25 a.m.: suspicious person (White Birch Street), spoken to; 7:09 a.m.: mv off road (Main Street), unable to locate; 9:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:32 a.m.: ambulance (Crestwood Road), transported; 10:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Paxton Street), services rendered; 10:51 a.m.: breaking/entering mv (Sconset Avenue), report taken; 10:53 a.m.: breaking/entering mv (White Birch Street), spoken to; 11:20 a.m.: investigation (White Birch Street), services rendered; 2:05 p.m.: investigation (Brickyard Road), services rendered; 2:28 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 2:42 p.m.: breaking/entering mv (White Birch Street), report taken; 2:45 p.m.: ambulance (Olney Street), transported; 3:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:38 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:22 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 6:13 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 9:51 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), no action required; 11:22 p.m.: mutual aid (Maple Street, Spencer), transported to hospital.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17  
8:26 a.m.: breaking/entering mv (White Birch Street), spoken to; 11:27 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:32 a.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 2:32 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:29 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwin Street), transported; 4:34 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 4:47 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), peace restored; 5:55 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), mv towed; 11:50 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18  
5:49 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), spoken to; 9:34 a.m.: assist citizen (South Street), report taken; 10:09 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), verbal warning; 10:09 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:21 a.m.: investigation (Brickyard Road), services rendered; 10:34 a.m.; suspicious activity (Pond Court), unfounded; 10:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/revoked registration, uninsured mv, mv towed; 2:52 p.m.: suspicious activity (Auburn Street), investigated; 3:38 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:48 p.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), unfounded; 4:09 p.m.: chimney fire (Gleason Way), services rendered; 4:24 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:01 p.m.: summons service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 5:04 p.m.: summons service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 5:37 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:55 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 6:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 6:33 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 9:12 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 11:20 p.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), verbal warning.



# Cleaning Tips Cut Chore Time

It's that time of year again. For many, the roster of New Year vows often includes a commitment to clean up! The good news is our lives are busy, and cleaning standards are (thankfully) more realistic than in the past. The bad news is, the house still has to be cleaned! Read on for some old and new tips geared to cut your basic cleaning chores down to size!

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If you want to make the most of your cleaning efforts, take a tip from the pros. Experts advise working in one room at a time, and to focus on one task. Avoid starting several rooms at once. If you stick to cleaning one area, you will likely remain inspired to finish it. Always start in one corner of the room and work clockwise from the ceiling down. You'll be amazed at how quickly the job goes.

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Experts claim heat can double the effectiveness of alkaline household cleaners. To clean tubs in half the time, fill the tub with an inch or two of very hot tap water and allow it to sit for a few minutes, then drain and apply cleaner as usual. This tip also works for tiles, so you might want to run a very hot shower before tackling tiles on shower walls.

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After you wash the painted walls behind the kitchen stove, apply a generous coating of furniture polish. Buff it in well. Next time grease spatters on the area, all it will take is a swipe of a paper towel to clean it up.

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Are you seeing spots? A good buff of car wax on shower tub doors prevents water spots and cuts down on

cleaning. How does it work? Fiberglass and glass are both porous. The wax helps seal up the pores, discouraging spots.

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Forget the ladder, try this tip to clean high walls and ceiling fans: Simply place an old nylon stocking over your dust mop. When you are done, just throw away the stocking and the mop is ready for its next task.

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Are your electronic gadgets "shocking?" No more rug shocks from the TV or computer station if you mix together in a spray bottle: 1/4 cup commercial liquid fabric softener; 1/4 cup ammonia and two cups water. Just spray as you would the commercial version on rugs, shoes, etc.

Note: Do not spray directly onto electronic equipment.

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Did you know a dab of silver polish paste easily removes crayon marks from vinyl flooring?

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Fab Four: We all have favorite cleaning aids, and these four "must haves" are true classics that cut to the chase and get the job done:

1. Mr. Clean Eraser. Most everyone knows the effectiveness of this miracle pad is amazing, which is why it should be a staple in your cleaning tool box. It's most impressive ability is wiping away permanent marker from a variety of surfaces. It also cleans up textured refrigerator handles with a



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mere swipe or two, and burnt food stains on a glass stove top come off easily with a light scrubbing. Also, stains on porous porcelain sinks and Fibreglass tubs clean up quickly and easily.

But before you start scrubbing, try it on an inconspicuous area as it can dull and damage Formica and other surfaces.

2. Spot Shot Carpet Cleaner: Another "miracle" cleaner that works wonders. Spray this aerosol (or pump version) cleaner and carpet stains seem to (truly) disappear before your eyes!

3. Scott's Liquid Gold: An oldie that still makes an instant impression! It polishes up kitchen cabinets like nothing else. Use the spray version on counter tops after cleaning for a sparkling shine. Renew wood surfaces with a few quick swipes of the cloth.

4. HandiWipes: A babyboomer childhood staple that stands the test of time. These strong dish cloths don't breed bacteria like sponges. They are easily dried out over the faucet after each use and can be washed and reused many times.

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Homemade Glass Cleaner  
This homemade version of a classic commercial window cleaner is a real money saver. It works well and the addition of the blue food coloring tricks the brain into thinking you're still cleaning with the pricy brand!

Ingredients: 2 cups water; ½ cup

rubbing alcohol; one tablespoon ammonia; blue food coloring (optional)  
Directions: Mix everything together in a spray bottle. Use as you would a commercial window cleaner.

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Daily Shower Spray Cleaner  
This works as well as the name brand shower spray and it dries super fast!

Ingredients: three tablespoons liquid Jet Dry (for dishwashers); water  
Directions: Combine Jet Dry and water in a spray bottle to fill. Spray shower walls after every shower.

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This is my first column in the new year. Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays or at least tolerated them as they can become overwhelming at times. I wasn't hosting this year so it was much more relaxing, especially with some time off. Life is good.

I'd like to invite you to check out page 2 this week for the Milestones of Businesses. The oldest is our Spencer paper, first established in 1872, with several name changes along the way. Next is JOHN'S BARBER SHOP in North Brookfield, established in 1925! That's a lot of haircuts! CORMIER JEWELERS has been in business for 71 years, since 1949, now 3rd generation! QUABOAG REHABILITATION AND SKILLED CARE CENTER is close at 62 years! They've cared for generations of families! The youngest of these is FIVE LOAVES BAKERY & CAFE who changed ownership in 2019 but is still offering delicious goodies, fresh homemade breads, lunch, and amazing dinners on Mechanic Street in Spencer.

Another business change in ownership is EB FLATTS in East Brookfield. Stop by and welcome Sarah & Jeremy to this great restaurant and check out their new menu items... and they are hiring! Visit the restaurant to pick up an application.

Like a deal? SALES 4 TAILS, 363 East Main Street in East Brookfield (across from Lamoureux Ford), is having a 50% off storewide sale now through January 18th! Jewelry, books, furniture, clothing, housewares, appliances, and all kinds of stuff all at 1/2 price! Stop by today! Proceeds go to helping animals in need.

Save the date for the upcoming NEW ENGLAND FISHING EXPO, January 24-26 at the Boxboro Regency Hotel & Conference Center, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough, MA. Tickets are \$12 for adults; children 12 and under are free! See the ad for more info or visit NEFISHINGEXPO.com.

The January 17th issue of the Spencer New Leader will be distributed to every household in Spencer, Leicester and The Brookfields for Total Market Coverage (TMC) distribution. This is a great week to advertise!! The deadline for Section A and most of the directories is Friday noonish; the front of Section B can be reserved by Tuesday 10 am. If you have any questions about this issue or would like to reserve space, please contact me.

Also very exciting, the 2020 Business, Community & Restaurant Guide will be in next week's papers! Again, thank you to the businesses advertising in the 2020 Guide. Hope you like the cover...thank you to everyone who submitted photos for our cover contest!

Have a great week!!

June Simakauskas  
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# CALENDAR

## Wednesday, January 15

**LEICESTER WOMEN’S CLUB:** 11:30 a.m., Leicester Country Club. Cost for lunch is \$15. A trip to the Leicester Public Library will follow the luncheon. Please call Maureen at (508) 864-6871 by Friday, Jan. 10 for reservations.

## Saturday, January 25

**SECOND ANNUAL MURDERY MYSTERY DINNER:** Join the Brookfields Rotary Club for our second annual Murder Mystery Dinner at Ye Olde Tavern, located on the common in West Brookfield. This year’s theme is “Trouble at the Tropicabana.” For only \$25 per person you can enjoy a fun evening of food and entertainment. The evening will include an interactive production by the “Murder to Die For Players” from Barre, a family style chicken dinner, and a raffle. The fun begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25. Proceeds from this event will help support the humanitarian and community service projects of Brookfields Rotary. Tickets are available by calling Lynn at 413-262-8783 or Kathy at 508-867-0522. Due to limited space no tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, follow our club at [www.brookfieldsrotary.org](http://www.brookfieldsrotary.org) and on Facebook.

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

## ONGOING EVENTS

**MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO:** The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement

in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at [massasoitartguild.com](http://massasoitartguild.com) for more information!

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

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

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

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

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

**THRIFTY:** St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, 508-859-

8083.New 2 You Thrift Shop. Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon., Thursday 3 to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. We have added Thursday hours.

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

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

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

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

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

**IT’S A LUNCH DATE:** The East

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

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

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

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

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

# 4 reasons to skip topping off at the filling station

The familiar click of the nozzle when filling up at the gas station is recognizable to anyone with a few miles of driving under their belt. Once that nozzle clicks, just about every driver faces the decision of whether or not to squeeze a few extra cents’ worth of gas into their vehicles or remove the nozzle from their vehicles, place it back where it belongs and head off on their way.

Such scenes play out every day across the globe, and it’s likely that the majority of drivers try to squeeze a few extra drops into their tank. While topping off can seem like a financially savvy way to delay your next trip to the filling station, doing so may only cost drivers and the planet they call home. The following are four great reasons to skip topping off the next time you pull into a

filling station.

1. Topping off costs you money.  
According to the Environmental Protection Agency, drivers who top off at the pump are likely paying for gas they’re not getting. That’s because gas station pumps have vapor recovery systems that feed gas vapors back into their tanks in an effort to decrease air pollution. So any gas that drivers try to pump into their tanks after the nozzle has clicked may only be drawn into the vapor line and fed back into the gas station’s tanks and not your vehicle’s fuel tank.
2. Topping off may damage your car.  
Topping off won’t just hurt your pocketbook; it can potentially damage your vehicle as



well. Fuel tanks need extra room inside them so gas can expand while the car is being operated. Without room to expand, gas may evaporate into the vehicle’s vapor collection system, which can damage the system and produce greater gas emissions, thereby harming the planet.

3. Topping off can affect the air you breathe.  
If you had a choice, would you pay extra for more air pollution? Likely not. But the EPA notes that this is pre-

cisely what many people are doing when they top off their gas tanks. When vehicles’ fuel tanks are overfilled, gas vapors can escape into the air and produce toxic air pollutants. That adversely affects air quality, which ultimately affects your health as well.

4. Topping off can cost the gas station money.  
Many drivers may wonder why gas stations, who would seemingly benefit financially from topping off, post signs that forbid topping off. But the EPA

notes that gas stations are likely to lose money due to drivers squeezing an extra few cents’ worth of gas into their vehicles. That’s because topping off can damage the station’s vapor recovery systems, causing them to operate improperly and requiring potentially costly maintenance.

Topping off at the filling station may seem like a savvy move. But drivers, their vehicles and the planet are best served by taking the pump handle out of the tanks at the familiar sound of the nozzle’s click.

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# OBITUARIES

## Albert J. Guenette, 93

SPENCER- Albert J. Guenette, 93, of Spencer, died Saturday, Dec. 28 in Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Katherine M. (Pizon) Guenette. He is predeceased by his brothers; Alfred, Arthur and Phillip Guenette and sisters Angelina Pelkey and Lillian LaMonda.

Albert worked at Babco Recycling in Worcester for many years prior to

his retirement. He was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish in Spencer. At his request, no funeral services are planned. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136, E.Brookfield, Ma. 01515.

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## Brenda A. Rott, 79



WORCESTER - Brenda A. (Kubiatoski) Rott, 79, of 340 May St., died Monday, Dec. 23 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

She leaves her four children; Nicholas Rott and his wife Barbara, Daniel Rott and his wife Wendy, Candice Ross and her husband Michael and Thomas Rott and his wife Kelly, 4 grandchildren; Zachary, Rebecca, Nicole and Jeremy. Brenda cherished her children & grandchildren and spending time together always made her happy. Brenda was a large part of the Barnstead Fire Department as an EMT in her early years and then a legal secretary for many years. She was very active at her residence

at Tatnuck Park in Worcester. Her favorite hobbies were traveling, sewing and needlepoint.

Born in Paramus, NJ., she was the daughter of Stephen J. and Maryanna (Kwiatkowski) Kubiatoski.

A Celebration of her life will be held at Tatnuck Park, 340 May Street, Worcester on Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 12:00-2:00 PM and the Barnstead Parade Fire Department, Barnstead Parade, NH on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 12:00-2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to; Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136, E.Brookfield, MA 01515.

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

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## Lena H. Flewelling, 77



BROOKFIELD - Lena H. (Greer) Flewelling, 77, died on Monday, December 30, 2019 in UMass Memorial Health Center University Campus.

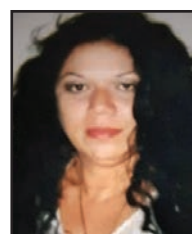
Lena was born in Debec, Canada the daughter of the late Murry and Helen (Anderson) Greer. She was a nurses aide for many years at several nursing homes including Lincoln Manor

in Spencer and the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton until she retired.

She is predeceased by her husband Norman F. Flewelling, Sr. and a son Norman F. "Butch" Flewelling. She leaves 2 sons Paul and David; a daughter Bonnita; several grandchildren, and family in Canada.

A graveside service for Lena was held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 12:30PM in Brookfield Cemetery.. Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Irma Santana, 58



WORCESTER - Irma Santana, 58, passed away on Sunday December 29, 2019 at the UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester;

She is survived by twosons: Jose Huertas of Maine and Michael Santana of Lawrence; three daughters: Maira Santana of Lawrence, Jessica Santana of Worcester, and Carmen Huertas of Spencer; two brothers: Felix Santana of Florida, and Edwin Santana of Lawrence; her sister Maria Tirado of Hopkinton; she also leaves many grandchildren, great-grandchildren,

relatives and friends; she was predeceased by her mother Ramona Batista and her brother Richard Santana.

Irma was born in Utuado, Puerto Rico on December 26, 1961; she was a hardworking lady, working as a waitress for many years. Irma will be deeply missed by her family and friends, but she will remain in our hearts forever.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guestbook is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle of remembrance.

## Fred "Bumpa" Lambert, 69



SPENCER- Fred "Bumpa" Lambert, 69, of Howe Village, died Sunday, Jan. 5 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester surrounded by his family. He leaves his wife of 37 years, Mary A. (Maringo) Lambert,

his children; Derek M. Lambert, Lisa A. Lambert Blodgett, Kenneth J. Sandstrom Jr. and Heather A. Fournier and her husband Paul all of Spencer, his grandchildren; Derek, Makala, Dylan, Evan, Alec, Drew and Zoey, and a great granddaughter Aleah, his sisters Donna Kelleher and her husband Stephen of Worcester and Nancy Grant and her husband Kevin of Spencer, several nieces and nephews.

Fred was a lineman and a cable splicer for Verizon Telephone Co. in Worcester for over 30 years and enjoyed an early retirement. He was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers during his time at the phone company.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Mathew D. and Marjorie H. (Hoar) Lambert and later served his country with the Air National Guard.

Fred was loved by many people for his quick wit and humor, he always had a smile on his face. Fred in his earlier years, was an avid skier, enjoyed golf, he loved playing with his grand kids and was a New England Sports Fan his whole life. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his family at Old Orchard Beach every summer as well as the many trips he took over the years with friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main St., Sturbridge on

Friday, Jan. 10th at 6:00pm, a reception and Celebration of his Life will follow at the Host Hotel.

Per Fred's wishes there are no calling hours. Please omit flowers. Contributions can be made to Nazareth Home for Boys, 77 Mulberry St., Leicester, MA. 01524.

J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is assisting the family with arrangements.

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## Anthony F. "Tony" DeMarco, Sr., 88



WORCESTER - Anthony F. "Tony" DeMarco, Sr., 88, of 485 Grove St., died Monday, December 30 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester after a brief illness.

He was the husband of Joan L. (Whitman) DeMarco who died in 2012.

He leaves two sons, John J. DeMarco and his wife Lisa of Holden, Anthony F. DeMarco, Jr. of Worcester, two daughters, Darlene M. Frigon and her husband Wayne of Worcester, Debra A. Collaro of Nashua, NH, two brothers, a sister, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was pre-deceased by four brothers; Joseph, Louis, Sam and Jay DeMarco.

Tony was a proud Veteran and served his country in the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Italian American Veterans Post #3

and the East Side Improvement Club both in Worcester.

Tony was born in Worcester to Annunziatto & Angelina (Gioella) DeMarco.

He worked as a shipper-receiver for BEE Plastics in Leominster for 30 years, retiring in 1986.

As a young man, Tony was an avid candle pin bowler and held many local and state records. Tony participated in the Worcester Over 65 Senior Softball League for many years.

At the request of the family there are no funeral services. Burial will be private in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton and at the convenience of the family.

Donations may be made to the US Veterans Affairs Administration, 150 S Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester, are assisting the family with arrangements.

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## Patricia J. Gosselin, 83



STURBRIDGE - Patricia J. (Broadbent) Gosselin, 83, of Sturbridge, died on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, at her home with her family by her side.

She leaves her son, Gary Curtis of Sturbridge and his companion Sandy Menard; four daughters, Karen Lavallee of Worcester, Gayle Arduini of Worcester, Andrea Arduini of Charlton, and Robin (Curtis) Sandman of Southbridge; her step-son, James Gosselin and his wife, Donna of Northbridge, a step-daughter, Ruth Dumas of Grafton, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She also leaves her sister, Anne Marie (LaFountain) Tremblay and her husband Rev. John Tremblay of Vermont, and several nieces and nephews. She was prede-

ceased by her husband of 37 years, John F. Gosselin just this past August, and her step-son, John Gosselin in 1990. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Stanley V. Broadbent and Alice C. (Bucklin) LaFountain.

Patricia worked as a graphic artist at the Worcester Science Museum for several years. Along with her husband John, they also owned and operated Gosselin Tree Farm. She enjoyed being outdoors, and was a naturalist at heart. She was also a gun enthusiast and enjoyed shooting. She was a member of the Audubon Society, and the Lake Quacumquasit Association.

At her request, funeral services will be held privately.

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

## Lisa A. DeVries, 59



SPENCER- Lisa A. DeVries, 59, of Spencer, died peacefully, Sunday, Dec. 29 in Beaumont Skilled Nursing & Rehab in Northbridge, after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 32 years, Kenneth DeVries, her daughter Alicia L. Hashey and her husband Eric of Spencer, two sons Kenneth DeVries and his wife Justina of Charlton, and Daniel DeVries of Spencer, her four brothers; Vincent Tonelli of Petaluma, Calif., Timothy Tonelli and his wife Laura of Dudley, Michael Tonelli and his wife Jennifer of Northbridge and Allen Tonelli and his wife Katherine of Medway, her four sisters; Cheryl Ferrelli and her husband Matthew of Uxbridge, Lynn Troiano and her husband Michael of Millbury, Tammi Ouillette and her husband Michael of Northbridge, and Traci Paletski of Marlboro, her four grandchildren;

Alexis, Ella, Kenneth and Amelia, and many nieces and nephews.

Lisa was a REALTOR and agency administrator for ERA Key Realty in Spencer for many years.

Born in Framingham, she was the daughter of Vincent and Phyllis (McIntyre) Tonelli and later graduated from Assabet Valley Reg. Technical School in Marlboro. She was a long-time volunteer for the Spencer Toys for Kids program. She loved playing with her grandchildren and spending time with her family and friends, reading, gardening, fishing, boating, and golfing.

A Celebration of her Life will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Toys for Kids, P. O. Box 186, Spencer, MA. 01562.

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**OXFORD** – 27 Rocky Hill Rd! Move Right into this 6 Rm Ranch! Bright, Fresh Kitchen! Dining Rm! 20' Living Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Nice Bathrm! Deck w/Awning! All the Work has been Done! Roof, Siding, Windows, Insulation, Gas Furnace, Gas Hot Water Heater, AC, Front Porch Windows, Door, Living Rm Floor, Skylights, Kitchen, Bath & Dining Rm Floors! 2 Bdrms w/ Wall Carpeting & the Interior Freshly Painted 10/2019! Quick Closing Possible! **\$269,900.00**



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**DUDLEY** – 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrm Colonial on 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frplc Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16x21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**



**WEBSTER LAKE** – 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Hrdwd Floor & Dining Area w/Slider to Deck! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Front to Back Living Rm Overlooking the Lake w/Cathedral Ceiling, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplc & Hrdwds! 1st Flr Lake Facing Master Bdrm w/Slider to the Deck & Access to the Screened Hot Tub, w/Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Commode Closet! 1/2 Bath & Separate Laundry Rm Nearby! Walk-out Lower Level w/Full Kitchen, 22' Lake Facing Family Rm w/Sliders to the Patio/Lake! 2 Lake Facing Bdrms w/Sliders to the Patio/Lake! Full Bath! Oversized 2 Car Garage! LP Gas Heat/Hydro Air! Generator! Private Boat Ramp! Docks! Don't Delay! **\$910,000.00**



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



**SUTTON** – LAKE SINGLETARY WATERFRONT! 5 West Sutton Rd! 8 Rm Cape! 3 Bedrooms! Screen House at Waters Edge! Gradual Access to the Water! Well Maintained! Kit, Formal Dining Rm! Spacious Fireplace Living Rm! Den! Sun Rm! Updated Windows! Brand New Furnace w/Hybrid Hot Water System & New Septic Just Installed! Quick Closing! **\$449,000.00**



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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. **\$289,900.**

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**POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD**



Cape gutted to the studs and remodeled, 3 Br, 1 bath; 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **NEW PRICE \$249,500**

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

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

**WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD**



**SORRY, SOLD!**

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

**WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS**

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

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

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**HOLLAND - 6 MAIDEN LN**



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

**WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD**



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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 Jodi F. Lloyd to Central One Federal Credit Union dated January 8, 2010 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 45345, Page 203, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purposes of foreclosing the same, said premises and the buildings thereon, will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 P.M. on the 29th day of January, 2020 on the mortgaged premises at 15 Ingram Road, Cherry Valley (Leicester), Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

“The land with the buildings thereon known and numbered as 15 Ingram Road in Leicester, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being Lot 2A as shown on a Plan entitled “Plan of Land in Leicester, Massachusetts, prepared for James Dawe”, Scale: 1”=40’, dated December 30, 1992 by George E. Smith, Jr., Surveying and Engineering, 20 Oneida Ave., Worcester, MA 01606, recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 667, Plan 17, said land being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner of the herein described premises on the northwesterly line of Ingram Road; THENCE North 82° 33’ 57” East along land now or formerly of Thibeault, 297.56 feet to a point at the northeast corner of the herein described premises, which point is the town line between Leicester and Worcester; THENCE South 20° 27’ 30” East along said town line, 50.00 feet to a point at the southeast corner of the herein described premises;

THENCE South 69° 32’ 25” West, 113.82 feet to a point;

THENCE South 27° 54’ 00” East, 11.12 feet to a point;

THENCE South 62° 06’ 00” West along land now or formerly of Taylor, 160.00 feet to a point at the southwest corner of the herein described premises, which point is on the northeasterly line of Ingram Road;

THENCE North 27° 41’ 00” West along said Ingram Road, 150.00 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 26,796 square feet of land according to said plan.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by Deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 36666, Page 28.”

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable 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 the Law Office of Joseph R. Jenkins, 116 Flanders Road, Suite 1100, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. All bidders must exhibit said required deposit to the auctioneer immediately prior to the auction sale in order to qualify as a bidder.

Said premises will also be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights of way, easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, to the extent that the same are in force

and applicable, outstanding taxes, tax titles, municipal or other public liens or assessments, water bills, sewer bills, liens or claims in the nature of liens, all existing encumbrances of record created prior to this mortgage, and the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any. It shall be the bidders’ sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning the compliance with applicable zoning regulations. The mortgaged premises, if occupied, shall be conveyed subject to existing occupancies and/or tenancies. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

This sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the Attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms and Conditions containing the above terms at the sale.

If the highest bidder fails to complete the purchase of the premises on the terms provided in this notice and in the Memorandum of Terms and Conditions signed following the sale, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the premises to the second highest bidder (or each subsequent highest bidder thereafter) who will then have five (5) business days to deliver the deposit specified above to the Mortgagee’s attorney as herein indicated, and to agree to a closing date for payment of the remaining balance of such subsequent highest bid and transfer of the deed that is within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Central One Federal Credit Union  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its attorney  
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Invites sealed, separate bids on furnishing bus transportation for a period beginning July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 for the purpose of:

**Regular, Special Education, Athletic, and Extra-Curricular Transportation**

Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 10 New School Drive, North Brookfield, MA 01535, as of **Thursday, January 2, 2020, beginning at 12:00 p.m. (noon) local time.**

Sealed bids must be received at the Superintendent’s Office no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) local time, on Monday, February 10, 2020**, and bids will be opened at that time. The clock in the Office of the Superintendent shall be considered official. No late bids shall be accepted. No faxed bids shall be accepted. Bids will be presented to the School Committee at a meeting on or after this date.

Bid envelopes are to be clearly marked **“North Brookfield School Committee Regular, Special Education,**

**Athletic, and Extra-Curricular Transportation”.**

The North Brookfield School Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids, and to take any action deemed by them to be in the best interest of the North Brookfield Public Schools. All bids shall comply with the Invitation for Bids issued by the North Brookfield School Committee. Bids submitted will be binding for sixty (60) days subsequent to the time of the bid opening. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, §5. EOE

January 3, 2020  
January 10, 2020

**TOWN OF SPENCER  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR FY 2021**

The Town of Spencer, acting through its Chief Procurement Office and the Town Assessor is requesting proposals for completion of Spencer’s FY 2021 property value update. Proposals for this project will be accepted until 4:30 pm on February 3, 2020 in the Office of the Town Manager, 157 Main Street, Spencer, Massachusetts 01562. The proposals should be separated and clearly marked as TECHNICAL PROPOSAL – TOWN OF SPENCER, FY 2021 VALUE UPDATE and PRICE PROPOSAL – TOWN OF SPENCER, FY 2021 VALUE UPDATE.

The Town will consider the most advantageous proposal from a responsible and responsive proposer taking into consideration price and non-price proposals. The Town of Spencer reserves the right to reject any/all proposals if it is in the Town’s best interest to do so.

January 10, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
Docket No. WO15P2001PM  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR’S ACCOUNT  
In the matter of:  
Erica L Kresco  
Of: West Brookfield, MA  
Protected Person/Disabled Person/  
Respondent**

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

**You have the right to object to the account(s).** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/21/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s)

Additionally within 30 days after said return day (or within such time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the

Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

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

Date: January 02, 2020

Stephanie K Fattman  
Register of Probate

January 10, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
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(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. WO19C0662CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:  
Catiria Ivette Bonilla Rivera**

**A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Catiria Ivette Bonilla Rivera of Spencer MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Catiria Ivette Rivera**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/04/2020. 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: January 03, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate

January 10, 2020

**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:

Bill Krukowski has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission for roadway improvements located along Cherry, Wall & Lloyd Dyer 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, January 22, 2020, 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.

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get the wrong that is  
done to me and You who  
are in all instances of my  
life with me, I want to  
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and confirm once more  
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terial desire may be. I  
want to be with You and  
my loved ones in Your  
perpetual glory. Amen, In  
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# Pickup trucks remain popular among car buyers



Pickup trucks have long been among the most popular vehicles sold, and Statistica states the number of new pickup trucks sold in the United States continues to grow. Between 2015 and 2016, 2.7 million pickups were sold, and some 2.24 million of those were full-sized pickups. According to the data and statistics site GoodCarBadCar, Canadian sales of pickup trucks jumped by 8 percent in 2016, equating to roughly 27,000 additional units sold.

A recent study from the Automotive News

Data Center found the big three pickup manufacturers, which include Ford, GM and Dodge, sell an average of 6,500 trucks every day in North America. The automotive news resource The Drive points out the Ford F-150 has been the best-selling truck for 40 consecutive years.

While the popularity of pickup trucks may be evident to today's motorists, just who is behind the wheels of those trucks may come as a surprise. According to a recent study from MaritzCX, covering the 2016 model

year, more people from affluent families are opting for pickup trucks than economy cars. The Ford F-150 was the most popular vehicle among households earning more than \$200,000 a year. Jeep Grand Cherokee, Honda Pilot and Jeep Wrangler were also tops among high-income Americans.

Other factors also may be contributing to the popularity of pickup trucks. A survey from Insure.com asked 2,000 licensed drivers ages 18 and up to rank the kinds of vehicles driven by the most attractive members

of the opposite sex. The survey found that women prefer drivers of black pickup trucks.

Motorists who have never before driven pickup trucks but are mulling whether or not to join the truck-loving masses can consider a host of factors as they begin looking for trucks.

- Size: Pickups are larger than many other vehicles and tend to be heavier. As a result, when driving a pickup, leave more space for braking and do not tailgate.
- Blind spots: Because pickup trucks are lon-

ger than cars, they may have larger blind spots. Drivers should adjust the mirrors to diminish as much of their blind spots as possible. Also, give ample notice when changing lanes or making turns.

- Reverse: Upon purchasing a pickup, first-time truck owners may benefit from practicing driving in reverse so they can grow accustomed to doing so in a truck.
- Hauling gear: Be sure to properly restrain items that are hauled in the pickup truck bed, or invest in a bed cover so

nothing is lost and safety is not compromised.

- Inclement weather driving: Pickup trucks have very little weight in the back when their beds are empty. This can cause trucks to fishtail on wet or snowy roads. Alleviate this by placing some sandbags in truck beds before driving in poor weather.

Pickup trucks are among the most popular vehicles on the road, but drivers may need to alter their driving habits when operating them.

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**TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS**  
7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up  
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