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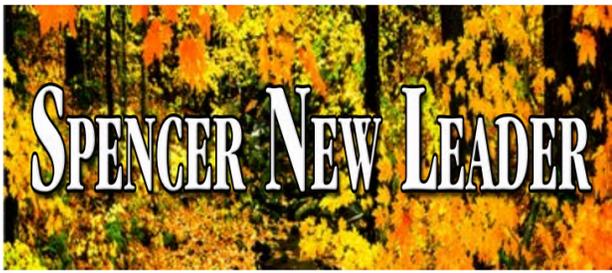
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Program will save customers substantially

WEST BROOKFIELD — West Brookfield residents and business owners will save more than \$213,000 over the next year thanks to the newly created West Brookfield Community Choice Power Supply program.

The town of West Brookfield, with the assistance of Colonial Power Group, Inc., is pleased to announce it has entered into a two-year agreement to bring energy cost-savings to the town's residents and small businesses through this initiative.

"We are excited that our residents and small business owners will be able to realize lower energy costs through the power of bulk purchasing," said Executive Secretary Johanna Swain. "By implementing this energy program, we are able to achieve price stability and lower overall energy costs for our community."

Participating residents and businesses in West Brookfield will see an annual savings of approximately 13.4 percent in their monthly energy bills during the first year and the program will provide a combined average savings of nearly \$8,400 per month for the town's homes and businesses during the contract term.

"The West Brookfield Community Choice program provides price sta-

bility, local control, and competition while also lowering the burden of energy costs for West Brookfield's residents and business community," said Mark Cappadona, president of Colonial Power Group, Inc. "We commend West Brookfield's Board of Selectmen and Executive Secretary Swain for their forward-thinking approach to energy purchasing. By taking this action, they are helping to save residents and business owners money on their electricity costs."

Under the program, residents will not notice any change in their electricity service. The only discernable difference will be that Verde Energy USA, of Norwalk, CT, the selected electricity supplier for the Community Choice program, will be printed under the "Supply Services" on monthly bills. Residents and small business owners will continue to receive one bill from National Grid and to send payments to National Grid for processing. There will be no interruption in billing, power, or customer service.

Colonial Power Group is the leading aggregation consulting firm in Massachusetts. Municipal electricity aggregation allows cities and towns

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Courtesy photo.

After a lot of hard work in rehearsals, Knox Trail Middle School students are eager to perform a play later this month.

Middle school nightmares gets staged treatment at KTMS

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Get ready to take a journey back to middle school, where you can relive the excitement and challenges that go along with the daily grind of students navigating the early adolescent years.

Later this month, Knox Trail Middle School students will present a play titled, "The 10 Best and Worst Things About Middle School." Written by M.G. Davidson, the play portrays the triumphs, personal improvements — and of course the

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Herren urges students to avoid the drugs

BY GUS STEEVES
 STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Chris Herren knows all too well that how we commonly perceive addicts is wrong.

For years, until going sober nine years ago, he was one.

"Many of you have the attitude of 'I'll never be that guy,'" he told hundreds of students in Bay Path's gym. "That comes from how we present addiction — we show the worst day," when a person's close to death, not how it begins: with sneaking around and dishonesty to loved ones.

To Herren, the latter is the important part, especially since so many teens have already passed it, although they may not yet be addicts. In his case, it came at age 13, when he and a friend stole his father's beer and went behind the garage to chug it. After finishing, they crushed and buried the cans, but when they came around the corner to resume playing hoops, Herren's mother was there. He said she wanted to give him a hug, but he turned and ran because he didn't want her to smell the beer on his breath.

Herren knew, even then, that was the thing that would hurt her most, since



Gus Steeves photo

Chris Herren talks to freshmen and seniors at Bay Path.

she had to regularly deal with his alcoholic father and his drunken combativeness, which Herren often heard from his bedroom.

High school was a time when he felt "a need" to party, but he said what he remembers most wasn't having fun, it was what he did "at the end of the night — the hour, half-hour, so I could sober up" and hide the evidence of intoxica-

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Police ready the town for potential threats

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — No one wants to think about the possibility of an active shooter situation when they attend a concert, sporting event, school, or movie theater, but an attack can happen anywhere and police want residents to be prepared.

Schools nationwide have implemented comprehensive protocols advising students and staff how to handle various threats. They even practice the techniques they learn during annual drills, but police have discovered this preparedness often does not extend to the workplace or municipal centers. Hoping to change that, Spencer Police Sgt. Michael Befford has trained employees of some of the town's largest businesses in readying themselves for threats.

"It's unfortunate that people have to prepare themselves for this now, but

it's important to develop a mindset that can keep you and others safe in these situations," Befford said.

Having already trained employees of FLEXcon and Cornerstone Bank, Befford is eager to work with other local companies and residents as well. He is currently gauging interest from the community to determine the scope of his next set of training discussions.

Befford trains residents using the ALERRT model (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training). The model encourages residents to follow a series of steps to escape an active shooter situation, the first involving avoidance of the threat and evacuation when possible. The second step instructs individuals to utilize barricade options to discourage easy entry for a shooter, while the third step involves measures of personal defense

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Bay Path seeking solar leases

BY GUS STEEVES
 STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Bay Path Tech is looking at leasing dozens of acres on its campus to become one or more solar arrays.

According to Principal Cliff Cloutier, they target properties comprise about 73 acres in two larger and three smaller pieces in two main areas. The larger two, totaling 40 acres, are north of the school "near the old lagoon," he told last week's School Committee meeting. The rest are across Muggett Hill Road, where the plan is to "keep away from

the road as much as possible and hide it in the back," he said.

"It's clear there's a market for this even if we don't use the electricity," said Superintendent John LaFleche, who noted the school already buys solar credits from an array on Boy Scout property and doesn't need the power. "Under the new SMART regulations, you can put 5 MW on one contiguous parcel," so the total project could include 10 MW. But at this point it's not clear how much of it the member towns will have to approve.

The "SMART regulations" LaFleche

cited are the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target rules, which the state filed in August and are available online at www.mass.gov/eea/docs/doer/rps-aps/225-cmr-20-draft-clean-081117.pdf. Under those rules, the state is aiming to add "1600 MW of new solar generating capacity," with a lot more flexible rules for projects under 25 kW. Up to 25 kW, projects can get funding for 10 years; larger projects, for 20 years, and the state is requiring the distributors to "concurrently issue competitive solicitations" for proposals of 1-5 MW each totaling about 100 MW, due later this

month. The state sets "ceiling prices" based on sizes; in the 1-5 MW range, it is 17 cents per kWh, with bonuses for various things, according to the draft regulations.

To qualify, all projects must start producing power after Jan. 1, 2018; they can get bonuses if they are "co-located with an energy storage system" that's at least 65 percent efficient or if they're serving a low-income community, among other things. There are also provisions for floating solar arrays,

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SPENCER SNIPPETS

RED DOOR FAIR

The Christ Episcopal Church, Main Street, North Brookfield holds its annual Red Door Fair Saturday, Nov. 11 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Raffles, Christmas, baked goods, sewing & knitting, exquisite items, Rada knives. Lunch served.

EB ELEMENTARY FAIR

It may be difficult to believe with the unseasonably warm temperatures lately, but winter is on the way – and also its many local traditions.

East Brookfield Elementary School's fourth annual Winter Festival is set for Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event offers the perfect opportunity for last-minute Christmas shoppers to find a wide assortment of items, with dozens of crafters and vendors in attendance.

Gift wrap is available for items, and there will also be food at the event, which has drawn an increasingly large

crowd in each of its first three years. Additionally, the event will include kids crafts, an activity room, and pictures with Santa Claus from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The school is located at 410 East Main St.

GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

The Bereavement Center at The Overlook in Charlton. Saturday, Nov. 4, 1-4:30 pm. The first holidays after the death of a family member are always dreaded and difficult. We can't take that pain away but we can share some strategies to help you cope. Please join us by calling Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

VFW MEETING

The Rochdale VFW Post 7556 will hold their monthly business meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 08, at 7:00 p.m. at the post at 713 Pleasant Street, Rochdale. Business meetings are held monthly

on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL LEICESTER TURKEY DINNER

Stop by for the annual 'Turkey Dinner' for area seniors, sponsored by Senator Michael O. Moore. The event is free and open to local senior residents. The event is Tuesday, Nov. 21 noon-1 p.m. at Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave.

OFFICE HOURS

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume will hold office hours at the following locations

Tuesday, November 7: Spencer Housing Authority- Howe Village at 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 7: North Brookfield Senior Center at 11:15 am

Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with him to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may

need assistance with. Please feel free to contact the office if you would like a private meeting. (617) 722-2090, ext 8803.

MEDICARE INFO

There will be a Regional SHINE informational session on Monday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Spencer Senior Center 68 Maple St.

SANTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton, Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Tickets \$5, children under 5 free. Free 5x7 family picture with Santa Claus professionally taken by Casson-Foster Photographers. You will receive an e-mail approximately one week after the event, notifying you that your photo is ready to be picked up in the main office at Bay Path. Raffle available.

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Walk supports research on rare disease

On October 15 at 9:00 am a large crowd gathered at Worcester's Green Hill Park to support the Bokis family of Spencer and other families in the first annual Walk for JM.

Chris Bokis, president of the new Massachusetts' chapter, and his family helped to organize the event to support research and awareness of the little-known disease also affecting their daughter Mikayla.

Groups of family and friends offered support for the family and the cause.



Michelle and Mikayla Bokis.

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Chris Bokis, welcoming the crowd.



Team Mikayla



Amy Paul photos Mary Queen of the Rosary Church in Spencer group wearing pink, Mikayla's favorite color, in support of her at the walk for JM.

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Friends seek new members

EAST BROOKFIELD – Residents hit the books last weekend in support of their local library, with hundreds of titles finding new homes as part of the annual East Brookfield Public Library book sale.

The Oct. 28 event drew a strong attendance, as there was a book for everyone to enjoy or purchase as a gift. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the East Brookfield Library in their quest to augment the library's annual budget.

"This is a fabulous event, and we were very excited about the turnout," said Gail Dolan, a member of the Friends. "We saw a lot of people there who we see all the time, and also some new faces as well."

Working with tight budget constraints, all libraries in small communities share the challenge of finding funds for materials and programming. Library officials always strive to offer eclectic programs and activities for

guests of all ages, and money raised by the Friends goes a long way toward funding those items. Of course, none of it would be possible without the dedication of residents who donated books and purchased them at the sale.

"People have helped us so much over the years. We have a small group, but we are happy to do whatever we can to help supplement the library," Dolan added.

The book sale also featured baked items and a raffle. The Friends thank everyone who volunteered, donated items, and purchased books at the event.

If you are interested in joining the Friends and assisting the library, call (508) 867-7928. The group currently has five members and is always seeking new residents eager to volunteer.

"We want to hear new ideas on what can be done to help the library," Dolan said.

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to pool the electrical consumption of all ratepayers in their jurisdictions and competitively procure lower cost electricity supply on behalf of the participants. The aggregation allows the municipality to obtain better pricing than individual residents and business owners could due to economies of scale. Colonial Power works with state officials, utility executives, and energy industry leaders to facilitate the purchase of electricity at a rate lower than basic service rates. Since July 2013, Colonial Power has saved households and businesses across New England a total of nearly \$11 million on their elec-

tric bills.

Colonial Power Group, which serves more than 60 municipalities in Massachusetts, was chosen to design, implement, and administer the program on behalf of West Brookfield. Verde Energy USA was selected through a competitive process. The cost savings for West Brookfield residents and businesses will begin with the December 2017 meter reads (January 2018 billings).

No action is required by ratepayers to participate in this cost-saving program. The program will be operated on an opt-out basis, meaning that all West Brookfield residential and business customers currently on National Grid's basic service will be automatically enrolled into the program unless they choose to opt out.

Friday's Child



Joey is an insightful twelve-year-old boy of Caucasian descent. Joey enjoys sports and likes to play football, basketball and soccer. He also loves animals and takes special care of one of the therapy dogs, Ellen, at his current placement. Joey is a bright child who generally does well in school.

Legally freed for adoption, Joey needs an experienced two parent family that will provide a structured home with clear expectations and rules. Joey may

need post adoption contact with his sister who is one year older than he is. Joey would do best in a home where he is the only child or with other children that are significantly older.

Westfield Adoption Party

Have you ever considered adopting a child from foster care? Join the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at the Westfield Boys and Girls Club on November 5th from 1:30-3:30 pm in Westfield. Families are invited to meet children and sibling groups of all ages who are waiting to be adopted, and to speak with their social workers. Whether you are considering adoption for the first time or have already completed MAPP training, this event is for you! To register, email web@mareinc.org.

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Should I rush to get my home on the market before the holidays?

Traditionally we will see a slow down in the market starting just before thanksgiving and then picking up after the new year. So the answer to the question could be yes or no. I always suggest looking at the inventory of similar homes because if there are no similar homes in your area then you may want your home to go on the market because someone relocating from another area is going to relocate regardless of what holidays come up. If your home is not on the market then you may miss out on a great opportunity. The other thing to consider is that during this time-

frame you will most likely only have serious buyers because only serious buyer want to trek through snow and cold weather to look at homes. At the same time, if you are looking to buy a home as well then you may have less homes to view as many people take their home off the market in the fall and winter.

I always suggest not to rush to get your home on the market as it may not show as well as it could and thus caus-



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ing you to take a lower price for the home. If you decided today to move I would suggest making any necessary repairs, stage the home for pictures and then reevaluate the market when the home is ready to market to decide if it is the right time and this way you can win the beauty competition because that is what you are entering when your home

goes up for sale. I was looking at an article last year posted on Realtor.com that said staged homes sell 88% faster and for 20% more money than homes that were not staged for the sale. This tells me staging is important to the sale of your home.

So there is really no cut and dry answer to this question. If you meet with a Seasoned Realtor that is familiar with your market and your situation they should be able to guide in what is the best decision for you and your home.



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Chess Knight meets the first Monday of each month from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. All level of chess players are welcome to attend! Some chess boards are available to share, or bring your own. Registration requested.

Sign up today for the following programs!

Monday November 6
Teen Mania at 3:30 pm, fun and games!

Mondays, November 6 and 13

Sign up today for Express Yourself! Song writing. This 2-part class will inspire your creativity! Express Yourself! Songwriting Part 1 will be held

from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Ages 12-Adult, express yourself using various techniques to free your voice from your heart and head. Monday, November 13 Express Yourself! Songwriting Part 2 will be held from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Ages 12-Adult, create, share, and hear songs composed in the second part of this workshop. Instructor: Laura Ramsey. Express Yourself! Songwriting! Register for BOTH Parts 1 & 2. Registration Required. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration Required.

Tuesday November 7
Free Toddler Story Hour (18 months-35 months) is from 10:00 am -10:45 am. Pre-k for (ages 3 and up) is at 11:00 am. Sign-up any time.

Open Mic (Music and Poetry) will be held from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Adults and teens are invited to register to perform. We also need an audience, so plan on coming for the fun!

Wednesday November 8
Walk with the Librarians: St Mary and Holy Rosary Cemetery. Mary

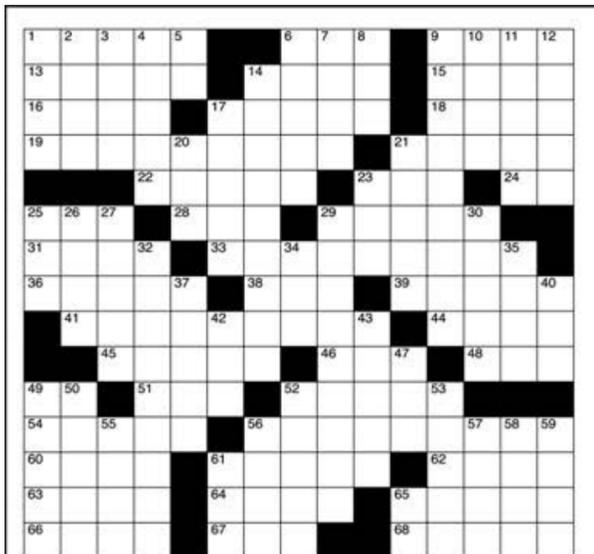
Baker-Wood will highlight some of the families buried there. Meet at Highway Department on Meadow Rd. The walk will be held from 8:30 am - 9:30 am.

Bouncing Babies is from 10:00 am-10:45 am. Drop in for ages birth to 24 months & their caregivers. Meet other caregivers, share stories, songs, & rhymes

Make a paddle boat, race it on the water! This after school program is from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm.

Wednesday, November 15
Make it at the Library: Create Upcycled Book Wreaths
Adults (Grades 9+) are invited to attend from 1:00 pm -2:30 pm (November 15th) and/or Thursday, November 16 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. All supplies are provided, unless you have a specific book you would like to bring. Registration required. Sponsor: Friends of the Library

Register for these programs by calling or visiting the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer, at (508) 885-7513 or by going online at www.SpencerPublicLibrary.org.

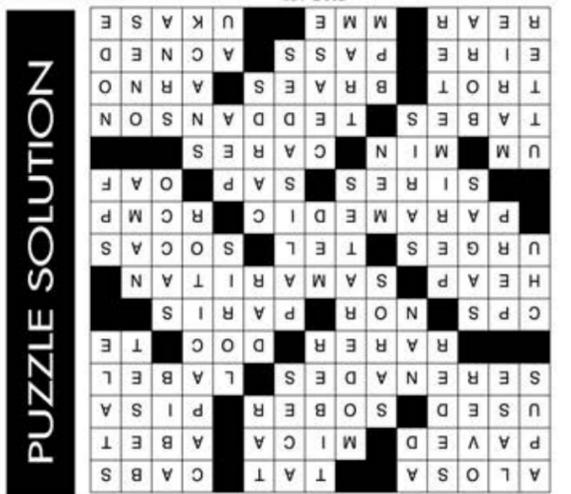


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- 6. Body art (slang)
- 9. Taxis
- 13. Covered with asphalt
- 14. Mineral found in granite
- 15. Assist
- 16. Handled
- 17. Not drunk
- 18. Home to a famous tower
- 19. Songs
- 21. A way to designate
- 22. More infrequent
- 23. Medical man
- 24. Tellurium
- 25. Cycles/second
- 28. Neither
- 29. Home to a famous tower
- 31. Former Ravens tight end Todd
- 33. One who helps
- 36. Tries to persuade
- 38. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 39. Political distance (abbr.)
- 41. Emergency first aid worker
- 44. Canadian law enforcers
- 45. Fathers
- 46. Drain of resources
- 48. An awkward stupid person
- 49. Home of the Wolverines
- 51. Chinese
- 52. Gives a hoot
- 54. Emaciation
- 56. "Sam Malone"
- 60. Horses do this
- 61. Hillsides
- 62. River in Florence
- 63. Republic of Ireland
- 64. Lapse
- 65. Blemished
- 66. Backside
- 67. Woman (French)
- 68. An edict of the Russian tsar

CLUES DOWN

- 1. The Bird of Paradise
- 2. Emit coherent radiation
- 3. Above
- 4. Passover feast and ceremony
- 5. Commercial
- 6. Rome is on its banks
- 7. Kershaw and King Felix are two
- 8. Seaman
- 9. Stores an electronic charge
- 10. Teething babies need ___
- 11. Threaten persistently
- 12. Not fresh
- 14. Presides over
- 17. Astronomical period
- 20. Harding's self-proclaimed mistress Britton
- 21. Nocturnal primate
- 23. Patriotic American women
- 25. Vietnamese river
- 26. Suspect
- 27. Heroic tales
- 29. Fences of wooden stakes
- 30. Venzetti's partner
- 32. Outermost parts of an area
- 34. Type of student
- 35. Noncoding RNA gene
- 37. Frocks
- 40. Sunscreen rating
- 42. Opposite of women
- 43. Needed to play games
- 47. A partner to carrots
- 49. Absolute
- 50. Disgraced French aristocrat Antoinette
- 52. End
- 53. Food eaten between meals
- 55. Cold wind
- 56. Streetcar
- 57. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 58. Singles
- 59. Intersecting point
- 61. Beats per minute
- 65. Gold



VETERANS DAY IN SPENCER

NORTH BROOKFIELD

American Legion Invites Community to Veterans Day Ceremony

The Sawyer Mathieu Kearns American Legion Post 41 in North Brookfield invites all veterans and residents to a Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 at 11:00 a.m.

"The American Legion Family of Post 41 and Unit 41 is excited to open our doors to the community this Veterans Day," Post 41 Commander Raymond Dupell said. "This event will not only honor veterans and their families, but emphasize our past, present, and future of service to the community."

All area veterans, their families, and members of our community are invited to attend. Veterans are encouraged to wear their medals and/or their uniforms. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Post 41 currently numbers 70 members plus 55 in the affiliated American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. The post is located at 163 Main St., below Subway in the old Star Theater building.

For more information contact Keith A. Tytula at (419) 277 5328 or email at keithtytula@aol.com.

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Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 American Legion will hold its annual veterans' night parade Saturday, Nov. 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Line up will be at 6 p.m. at the Legion post, 175 Main St., Spencer. Parade will begin at 6:30 and continue down Main Street through the center to Spencer to Elm Street, to Chestnut Street over to Maple Street and back to Main Street to end at the American Legion. All civic groups and town organizations are invited to participate.

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\$470,000 62 Thompson Pond Rd, Muir, Robert H, and Muir, Diane G, to Nevalsky, Edward, and Nevalsky, Angela.

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\$215,000 57 Grove St, Mcwhorter, Michael, and Mcwhorter, Sherry, to Lanoue-Carrizo, Lorena, and Lanoue-Carrizo, Hannah.

\$206,500 40 Irving St, Day Stephen A, to Mcginn, Howard, and Mcginn, Jayne.

\$143,404 12 Oakland Dr, Kenneway, Pauline A, to FNMA, Nancy J.

\$40,000 21 Cherry St, Wells Fargo Bank NA Tr, to Vieira, Ademar, and Alvarenga, Viviane.

BROOKFIELD

\$390,000 118 Rice Corner Rd, R A Corriveau Inc, to Lebrun, Jeffrey, and Lebrun, Christa.

\$230,000 42 N Brookfield Rd, Smith, Dennis E, and Smith, Ann L, to Strickland, Joshua P.

EAST BROOKFIELD

\$400,000 182 Lakeview Ave, Boudreau, Barbara A, to Goudreau, Janine M, and Goudreau, Darryl A.

\$296,901 301 Podunk Rd, Richard, Michael P, and Richard, Michelle L, to Martinelli, Thomas O, and Mccarthy Kelli L.

WEST BROOKFIELD

\$1,000,000 89 Kennedy Rd, Morrell, Timothy S, and Morrell, Jane, to Blaine, Kevin, and Morrell, Melissa.

\$155,500 34 Kennedy Rd, Nodoro, Lucy, to Boyd, Steven T.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

\$310,000 97 Bigelow St, Kiszka, Michael W, and Kiszka, Rebecca A, to Mcwhorter, Michael S, and Mcwhorter, Sherry L.

\$230,000 97 Brookfield Rd, Smith, Dennis E, and Smith, Ann L, to Strickland, Joshua P.

\$150,000 12 Cider Mill Rd, Conrad, Leroy G, and Conrad Jean A, to Conner, Alex J, and Logan Jessica A.

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\$372,000 159 Henshaw St, Ruggieri, Anthony M, and Ruggieri Jessica A, to Storm, Daniel P, and Storm, Sarah C.

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Support group grassroots effort for families

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – It's hard to know where to turn for support when a loved one is dealing with substance abuse challenges. Family members often feel desperate, isolated, and helpless, but a local support group wants them to know they aren't alone.

For over a year, the Talk, Tears and Tea support group has been meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meetings are held in the community room at the Leicester Police station (located at the back of the building for privacy), and group members discuss an array of issues they have all dealt with while supporting loved ones going through turmoil. The opioid crisis hasn't just affected individuals addicted to drugs or alcohol, but also their friends and loved ones trying to help them.

Whether you attend every

support group meeting or only show up sporadically, all residents whose families or friends are affected by addiction are welcome to join. There are always new members getting involved, and the group welcomes residents of surrounding towns as well.

"The group plays a vital role with families that have loved ones struggling with the disease of addiction," said Leicester's Susan Krikorian, who founded the group. "Family members are frightened and feel alone – and even though this epidemic does not discriminate, people still feel the stigma related to substance abuse. The hardest part of this group is walking through the door the first time. A person coming in is scared, overwhelmed. They don't know where to turn."

The group has relied heavily on social media to spread the word, promoting its meetings to residents of Leicester, Charlton, Sturbridge, Spencer,

and the Brookfields. No one in the group is a professional counselor, and the meetings are aimed at providing residents with an informal environment to share their ordeals with people who have gone through similar situations.

Because each group member has been affected by addiction in a different way, their stories can inspire and inform. Though no two stories are exactly alike, the advice given from one person can often apply to everyone.

"We are not professionals, but each of us has or had someone in their lives that were on the same journey as the person walking through the door," Krikorian added. "We take our experiences and help others gain their lives back. When our loved one is in the throes of addiction, we tend to lose ourselves in trying to fix them. We worry 24/7, we enable them, and we are manipulated by them. Their addiction becomes

our addiction, leaving us not really living for ourselves anymore."

The group is also helpful in terms of providing families with knowledge on where to seek treatment, as well as how to talk to a person struggling with addiction without confrontation. Many families are afraid to intervene or don't know where to seek help, often remaining silent until it is too late.

Group members want residents to know there is a place to turn for help, and that they don't have to be ashamed to get the conversation started.

"At the moment they walk in, we give them a place to feel safe and open up to others who know exactly how they are feeling. Our goal is to help members get part of their lives back," Krikorian said. "We want our members to know that miracles can happen – never give up on hope."

The group has also recent-

ly begun adding guest speakers at its meetings, and it will continue inviting specialists in treatment and others who know how to combat addiction.

"Our meeting is confidential – anything that is discussed does not leave the room," Krikorian added. "Bonds are established in this room. Trust is there and will not be broken."

The group also has a private Facebook page (Talk, Tears, and Tea) where no one but the members can see postings. People can also ask for help online, and members can reach the facilitators on the Facebook page or via email at skrikor@icloud.com.

Anyone that has a loved one or a friend struggling with addiction is welcome to get involved. Due to the nature of group conversations, members should be 18 or over to join.

The Leicester Police station is located at 90 South Main Street.

Energy fund gearing up for winter

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, a cooperative effort between the state's sponsoring energy companies and their customers to help households in temporary financial crisis pay their energy bills, announces that its 2016-17 "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign raised \$448,003 in contributions. Most importantly, the donations to the campaign provided energy assistance to 1,233 Massachusetts households in need.

"Raising close to a half million dollars for thousands in temporary crisis shows the commitment of the Fund's sponsoring energy companies and the true giving spirit of our sponsors' customers," said Patrick Murray, chair-

person of the 2017-18 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and customer satisfaction and regulatory compliance lead supervisor for National Grid. "Donations from other sources, including companies and foundations, also added to the community effort to 'Give the Gift of Warmth' to all our neighbors in need."

The fund is often the last resort for families who have not qualified for federal and state assistance programs. The Salvation Army, which administers the fund, pays the energy provider directly for households whose gross income falls between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels. For example, in the upcoming 2017-18 GNEF campaign

year, a household size of four would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$66,115 and \$88,153 to qualify.

Since its establishment in 1985, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund has raised over \$21 million and helped more than 87,250 families in need pay a month's energy expense. For more information, visit www.magoodneighbor.org.

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund opened for all applicants beginning Wednesday, Nov. 1. Households in need who meet the eligibility guidelines are encouraged to visit the Salvation Army Center nearest to their home to request assistance.

Energy customers in Massachusetts

can "Give the Gift of Warmth" by using the Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found in their utility bills during the winter months or through an "add a dollar" program offered by some companies which allows customers to increase their monthly utility bill payment by one dollar or more. Customers can also donate online by visiting www.magoodneighbor.org or simply make a check payable to "Good Neighbor Energy Fund" and send it Good Neighbor Energy Fund, c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021-1408.

Festival planning underway



Courtesy photo

The committee is planning the next edition of FOGT

Representatives from The Cancer Center at Harrington were recently presented with a \$14,000 check from the 2016 Festival of (Giving) Trees.

The Festival is an annual event in Southbridge which features more than 100 uniquely decorated trees on display. Raffle tickets are sold and participants can enter to win one or more of the beautifully-decorated trees.

"We are so pleased to be given this money, which will help our patients and their families as they receive weekly and often daily cancer treatments," said Pam Zouranjian Connor, administrator for the Cancer Center. "The Festival of (Giving) Trees is such a wonderful event for our community and we are grateful for their generosity."

Each year, many decorated trees are donated by local businesses, but anyone in the community is welcome to donate. Many trees are entered to honor a loved one who is currently battling cancer or has passed from the disease. Harrington HealthCare has been participating in the event for the past several years, creating a larger display of gifts and prizes, typically totaling more than \$3,000.

"We are always happy to present our check to the Cancer Center at Harrington. We are so fortunate to have this state-of-the-art cancer treatment facility right in our backyard," stated Janet Garon, Festival of (Giving) Trees chairman and president. "It is because of the generosity and support of the hundreds of volunteers, and thousands of people that attend our annual event, that we are able to offer these contributions to our recipient agencies year after year. Many thanks to you all."

The mission of the Festival is to raise money to help the Silent Spring Institute, the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition and The Cancer Center at Harrington. Over the past 19 years, the Festival of (Giving) Trees has raised and donated over \$500,000 to these beneficiaries.

The 2017 Festival of (Giving) Trees will be held Nov. 30 through Dec. 3 at LaSalle Reception Hall in Southbridge. For more information, visit sparkling-trees.com.

Gobi delivers impassioned testimony for East-West Rail project

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) testified in front of the Joint Committee on Transportation in favor of a bill she co-sponsored with Senator Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow) that would study the feasibility of constructing a high speed rail line from Springfield to Boston.

Senator Gobi pointed out that in the time between the committee coming to order and her rising in support of the bill, a train could have left Springfield, picked up passengers in Palmer, Worcester, and Framingham, dropped them off in Boston, picked up new passengers, and headed back to Springfield. The timeframe she highlighted was roughly one and a half hours.

She went on to discuss the benefits of rail service to the central and western parts of the state. Reducing gas emissions from autos, access to affordable housing stock for professionals working in Boston, access to new jobs for residents currently living in the more rural areas of her district, and increased access to healthcare specialists were all highlighted as benefits of the project.

The committee must now decide whether or not to give the bill a favorable vote and send it to either the House or Senate for debate.

For more information, please feel free to contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540 and for news like this and more, visit Senator Gobi's website at www.senatorannegobi.com and sign up for her newsletter.

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provided they aren't in "natural water bodies" and "do not interfere with the continued use of the water body for its designed purposes."

Bay Path's project seems like it would fit under the standards for "other pervious open space," which require the developer to leave all soils in place; use minimal quantities of concrete, asphalt and "footings and other permanent penetration;" and "avoid creating a negative impact to soil and water best management practices" including causing

erosion.

LaFleche said his goal is to seek proposals in early November for a 20-year lease, but he'd like to have a solar-experienced lawyer in place to help negotiate the deal. He noted he has already talked to Southbridge and plans to modify their standard request for proposals.

"One of the more important facets of the lease" is removal and disposal of the panels, he said. "Is it hazardous waste 20 years from now? Who knows what it is 20 years from now."

LaFleche said it could take about two years before any panels actually start producing energy.

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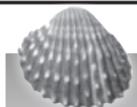
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CLASSROOM CORNER

Funding a school down to the Wire



Courtesy photo.

Lexi Mercier is all smiles after her impressive performance during the mini-mile at the Winning for Wire event last week.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – In an event that united the schools and the town for a common cause, participants from all corners of the community came together to raise funds for Wire Village School.

Held at David Prouty High School, the first ever Winning for Wire event was a well-attended fund-“racer” on Oct. 22. Many parent and community volunteers came out early to ready the Prouty fields, fueled by coffee provided by Wire Village School Principal Linda Stanelun. Additionally, the DPHS and Knox Trail Middle School cross country squads teamed up to volunteer at the

event.

Meanwhile, coaches from the Spencer Soccer Club took time out of their schedules to line the course, along with local coach and Wire Village dad Russ Kennedy donating his DJ services to pump up participants.

For event organizer and Wire Village parent Jen Schold, it meant a lot to receive the support of volunteers from throughout the community. The other schools in the district made every effort to show that they are behind the Wire Village team, especially those involved in athletic programs.

“DPHS cross country coach Diana Ford was instrumental in design-

ing the course, as well as track coach Steve Prouty’s diligent work measuring, mapping and marking,” Schold said. “Winning for Wire signs were created and donated by the Bay Path graphics department in conjunction with the Olsen family. They also created thank-you banners for the many sponsors of this event and donors to the winner’s basket.”

Additional event sponsors included the Spencer Exchange Club, FLEXcon, Howe Lumber, Barnes Enterprises, Honey Bee Orchards, and many of Spencer’s restaurants and businesses.

The event kicked off with a mini-mile kids activity and a warmup

provided by local fitness instructor Nancy Degnan. Eighteen youngsters crossed the mini-mile finish line, with Josh McLaughlin taking first place overall. His brother Shaun finished just one second behind him.

Richard Pope and Penny Barrel took first place for the 5K male and female divisions. The rest of the 5K results can be obtained by visiting RaceWire.com.

“It was a perfect day for the race. We are hoping to continue next year and have the fundraiser keep growing,” said Ford, who was thrilled to take part in the event along with her cross country runners to support the cause.

All money raised at the event will support Parents at Wire Village School (PAWS) in their quest to fund several items throughout the year. These include monthly teacher grants for items that enhance their students’ learning experiences, assistance with funding for field trips, playground expansion plans, and other programs and activities for Spencer’s students.

“So many great people and groups rolled up their sleeves and got sweaty to accomplish something difficult together,” Schold added.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

The Brookfield Council on Aging meets, as usual, on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Brookfield Congregational Church.

The Brookfield Seniors’ program follows at 11:30 A.M. Refreshments are always available.

Don’t forget Tai Chi, available every Tuesday morning at 8:30 A.M. in the Brookfield Town Hall. Good exercise for all.

BROOKFIELD SENIOR SERVICES for November
Brookfield Council of Aging

The Brookfield Council on Aging will be meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Congregational Church. The Seniors will be meeting later in the church at 11:30 a.m. that morning. We will be folding bags for illumination night and playing Bingo and other games as well as puzzles. Refreshments always!

Tai Chi: Meets every Tuesday in the Town Hall at 8:30 A.M.

Foot Clinic: with Dr. Quigley meets this month on November 21 at 1:30 p.m.. You must call Rikki LaMonda at 508-867-4578 for appointment. Leave a message.

Use of Laptops available at Library for seniors whenever it’s open.

Library provides delivery on Fridays, call (508) 867-6339. Service provided by Friends of the Library.

A Medi Car is always available for doctor appointments. Call the West Brookfield Senior Center at (508) 867-1407.

Brookfield Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the basement of St. Mary’s Church off Howard Street.

UNICEF Club names secretary



Kelsey Tillotson

UNICEF Club for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy named Kelsey Tillotson, of Spencer as club secretary.

Tillotson earned her medical assisting certificate at Grafton Job Corps and her high school diploma at Penn Foster High School in 2015 with a 3.6 GPA. Tillotson has worked for Patriot Direct Family Medicine, in Natick since April 2017. Her expected graduation at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is June 22, 2018.

Tillotson had the opportunity to go Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, with the UNICEF Club to meet club members from all over the New England region, brainstorm collaboration opportunities, work through challenges, showcase the amazing work that they have done in the past and discuss goals for the year ahead.

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inevitable embarrassing moments – of being a middle school student. From gym class debacles, to lost homework panics, to pop quizzes and missed classes, middle school often serves as the source of recurring nightmares. But it’s also a foundation for great success moving into high school, and KTMS students hope to show the good, the bad, and the regrettable during their production.

The play will be presented on both Thursday, Nov. 16, and Friday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Wire Village School in town. Under the leadership of KTMS fifth grade English teacher and play director Jacob Lewis, a cast of 16 students has mastered multiple parts. Unlike other plays, the students have the benefit of closely identifying with these characters and their struggles.

For Lewis, the play has also provided a unique opportunity to see his students’ creative sides.

“The most rewarding part is getting to know students outside of the academic atmosphere of the classroom, and seeing them shine in a different light on stage,” said Lewis, who has taught for three years at KTMS and eight years overall.

The performers, representing grades

5-8, have worked hard to perfect their roles. It isn’t easy to transition back and forth from different characters, but the kids have put in many hours of preparation. Not only will their efforts translate into a strong production, but the hard work will also give them valuable experience for future productions. Many of these students will likely be seen on high school, college, or perhaps even professional stages in the future.

Of course, it’s always a challenge to arrange a middle school play and balance students’ academic and athletic commitments. The dedication of the cast has been on full display during rehearsals, with each student coming ready to work.

“Most challenging has been arranging rehearsal scheduling to fit each student’s availability while getting things done in time,” Lewis added. “I have been really impressed by how committed they are to the production. They put in 100 percent at every rehearsal, and have worked hard to learn their lines and remember their staging.”

Tickets for the productions are \$5 per person at the door.

Living in New York City, M.G. Davidson is a playwright, director and theater instructor who has written multiple plays. Additional Davidson works include “The 10 Best and Worst Things About High School” and “So You Wanna Be a Cheerleader.”

POLICE

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that can be taken to combat a gunman.

Befford understands that no one wants to envision themselves coming face to face with an attacker, but it is critical to be prepared to protect yourself and your family or coworkers, he said. Though school shootings generate extensive media coverage, almost half of all U.S. mass shooting incidents between 2000-15 occurred at occupational venues, according to Texas State University research. Many of these incidents involved disgruntled former employees, while several others were domestic violence situations that spilled into the workplace. Because jobs involve set times, locations, and rituals every day, they can be an easy target for attackers, experts said – but there are plenty of readiness measures that can be taken to keep yourself safe.

Preparedness can also help you prevent an incident before it happens, Befford said. Police departments nationwide have been stepping up patrols around venues drawing large crowds, but they can’t see everything. Whether you’re at a concert or in your office, it’s important to keep an eye out for suspicious people and items.

“It’s all about developing a mindset of being prepared and aware of your surroundings,” Befford told the New

Leader. “You always want to look out for unaccompanied bags or backpacks – and make sure you know where the exits are. We have all been to concerts and sporting events, and you always figure you’re in a safe environment. Unfortunately, this is the reality we have to deal with now. You never know when or where it can happen, so you need to be as prepared as possible.”

Befford described last month’s massacre in Las Vegas as a mindset changer in terms of readiness exercises for mass shooting events. It’s difficult to prepare for a gunman shooting from elevation, and awareness of exits and potential areas to seek refuge within a venue will be heavily emphasized at future training sessions across the U.S.

At the workplace, meanwhile, it’s important to be aware of all points of entry, as well as places to hide in the instance of an emergency where you can’t immediately escape. Befford’s preparedness events will not include drills, only discussions, but they are vital tools to get the conversation started, he said.

If you are interested in taking part in a training event, call the Spencer Police Department at (508) 885-6333 and dial extension 211. There is no cost for the trainings. You will be called back with further details once the level of interest is ascertained.

Residents and businesses are welcome to contact Befford.

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Fruit Variety

Scrambled Eggs 1
Bacon
Whole Wheat Toast
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Sausage, Egg & Chees on an English Muffin 2
4oz Yogurt
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Homemade Coffee Cake 3
4oz Yogurt
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

French Toast with Syrup 20
4oz Yogurt
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Ham, Egg & Chees on an English Muffin 21
4oz Yogurt
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 14
4oz Yogurt
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Scrambled Eggs 15
Bacon
Whole Wheat Toast
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Homemade Coffee Cake 16
4oz Yogurt
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Sausage, Egg & Chees on a Biscuit 17
4oz Yogurt
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Blueberry Pancakes 27
with Syrup
4oz Yogurt
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Bacon, Egg & Chees on a Croissant 28
4oz Yogurt
4oz Fruit Juice
Fruit Variety

Scrambled Eggs 29
Sausage
Whole Wheat Toast
4oz Fruit Juice
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with Assorted Toppings
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Daily Lunch Alternates: Salad Bar, Assorted Grinders, PBJ Sandwich, Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, and Hummus with Vegetable Crudité & Pita
Tuesday & Friday: Assorted pizza
All meals are served with a choice of 8oz low fat milk

Nutrition Tip: Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Nachos 1
Seasoned Ground Beef & Cheese on a bed of Tortilla Chips Served w/ assorted toppings Black Bean and Corn Salad Fruit Variety

Teriyaki Chicken Strip 2
Vegetable Fried Rice
Bok Choy
Fortune Cookie
Fruit Variety

1/2 Day 3

Shepherd's Pie 6
Seasoned ground Beef and Corn topped with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy WW Dinner Roll Fruit Variety

Buffalo Chicken Tenders 7
WW Dinner Roll
Baked French Fries
Carrot Sticks w/ Hummus
Fruit Variety

Turkey Bacon Melts 8
Tender slices of Turkey, toasted with Bacon & Cheese Tossed Salad Fruit Variety

Macaroni & Cheese 9
Elbow Pasta in a Creamy Homemade Cheese Sauce WW Dinner Roll Sweet Peas Fruit Variety

Baked Potato Bar 13
Choice of Sweet or Idaho Potato w/ a side of chili Assorted Toppings Corn Bread Fruit Variety

Mozzarella Sticks 14
Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit Variety

Chicken Parmesan 15
Breaded Chicken topped with Marinara Sauce and Mozzarella Cheese over a bed of Pasta Mixed Vegetables WW Dinner Roll Fruit Variety

Roasted Turkey 16
w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Glazed Carrots Bread Stuffing Cranberry Sauce Blueberry Crisp

Swedish Meatball 20
in a Savory Gravy Served over Egg Noodles Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Variety

Grilled Cheese 21
Tomato Soup
Baked Hash Brown
Fruit Variety

1/2 Day 22

happy THANKSGIVING

Spaghetti & Meatballs 27
Pasta Topped With Meatballs and Marinara Sauce Garlic Bread Steamed Broccoli Fruit Variety

Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich 28
on WW Bun
Baked Sweet Potato Fries
Veggie Sticks w/Hummus
Fruit Variety

Assorted Calzone 29
An Assortment of Calzones filled with meats, veggies and cheese Marinara Dipping Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit Variety

Brunch For Lunch 30
Pancakes w/ Sausage Links or Bacon & Cheese Quiche Hash Brown Patty Strawberries

THANK YOU VETERANS
Veteran's Day Observed

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HERREN
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tion with eye drops, breath freshener and the like so his mother wouldn't know.

At the same time, he recalled seeing his friends who didn't drink or drug and would tell himself, "They have something special I'm missing. How can they have fun without it, and I struggle?"

Today, Herren gets it. He sometimes sees audience members make a point of their sobriety -- and sometimes sees them laughed at, a reaction he always objects to, asking the laughers why they feel the need to laugh at someone who doesn't need drugs to feel good. One of those incidents, in which a few kids in purple thanked him for speaking up and supporting their pledges to stay sober, led to the founding of Project Purple within his umbrella project, the Herren Foundation.

He looks kids in the eyes as he talks, and often sees some cry as his story hits home. He also scatters painful stories he's heard from students through his own -- young people who turn to cutting themselves or even kill themselves, by accident or intention, to escape whatever they're experiencing.

"There are kids in this gym who are struggling. That's a fact," Herren said. Sometimes, kids will speak up with personal stories after he speaks, but not today. Far more often, they contact him afterward by email; he noted he has a staff of counselors who actually respond to such issues.

Getting to this point took a long time. As he got older, Herron graduated to sampling other drugs, and eventually found Oxycontin in college. When he couldn't get that from his dealer, he turned to heroin, which short-circuited a promising career with the Boston Celtics, nearly killed him several times, and prompted him to steal from his own family.

"There was never a night ... where I looked in the mirror and said, 'I'm so proud of you. You must feel so good about yourself, Chris,'" he told the

crowd. That has changed. Today, the only time he ever feels attracted to the idea of drinking or doing drugs is "when I don't want to be myself."

Herren means that in a good sense because he now knows who he is. But he knows from experience that's exactly why many people do substances -- because they hate their lives and are in pain.

"If I find it, I'm not punishing, yelling, or taking [things] away because of it," he said. "I'll tell them how much I love them and ask one question: 'Please, tell me why, man? Why does my son need to do drugs to hang out with friends he's known since age 5? Why don't you feel good just being yourself?'"

While Herren was specifically referring to how he'd react to his own children using something, he noted anyone can use a similar approach to dealing with their friends in pain. During the brief question period, he noted that while some teens don't have a parent they can trust at home, there are always adults at school who can help them, and if a teen finds a friend in trouble, they should bring that person to one of those adults.

"This is a really tough thing for a lot of kids to go through," said Principal Cliff Cloutier afterward. "As he said, a lot of kids hold their feeling back. We hope, deep down it affects more kids to make the right decisions for their future."

Teacher Dina LePage, sponsor of Bay Path's Students Against Destructive Decisions chapter, said she'd been trying to get Heron to speak here for three years before succeeding. In the past, the school has had similar speakers, including Springfield's Joe Morrison, who had the same message from a different background -- "He had nothing, and how he was surviving was by selling drugs," she recalled.

"To think there is not a drug issue at this school would be very naïve," LePage said. "We often don't know what kids' lives are like. Bringing this message to them now will help give a positive spin to their lives in the future."



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EDITORIAL

East...or west?

We live in an interesting area of the country. Sociologists and historians agree that if the settlement of the continent had begun on the west coast rather than the east, this area would still be mostly uninhabited and left wild and unattended.

The rocky soil and equally rocky weather was horrendous for farming; and though the fishing industry took off and does continue to this day, it was, and is, a dangerous profession better suited to warmer waters with less rigors. Should the settlers not have discovered the thrills of the 'glorious cod' and settled instead on some southern form of fish instead, or a west coast denizen, the Georges Bank would still teem with its wildlife unabated.

Perhaps only the lobster, relative of the lowly spiders and tastiest from the cold clime waters, would be still sought from the northern realms.

We just wouldn't have risked it. We wouldn't have eked out the rocky existence, the horrible winters, the starvation and deprivations if we could instead have settled on Santa Barbara's coast and moved slowly eastward into the breadbasket of the United States.

There would be no need to be here. The shipping centers and industry aimed toward Europe would be further south, the Carolinas and Virginia; not New York, New Jersey, Providence and Boston.

Why ever would someone settle their world headquarters there, where the cost of heating a building and lighting it and maintaining it through harsh winters and hurricanes and nor'easters and sou'easters could impact you so?

So perhaps we should consider ourselves...lucky?

We who love New England, who couldn't imagine living anywhere else. Who love the quirky weather and yes, the snow and the cold and the change of seasons. We no longer have to deal with rocky soil for the most part, we can simply admire the stone walls created by the hard work of many hands and bent backs.

And we can bless the Europeans who made the effort to settle, rather than perhaps Chinese deciding to become colonialists. Our entire country could have become a different place.

From a different direction entirely. And our area, a wilderness still.

Mitchell: sell the rights

To the Editor:
I was saddened to read about the financial problems keeping Luther Hill park from being available for the kids. That made me wonder if Spencer could take a cue from the big cities, and in order to get the money to run the park, why not sell naming rights?

I'm sure the kids would have just as much fun playing and swimming at Whitco Park, or Santander Park, or even Dunkin Donuts Park.

I suppose the one person who might object is Luther Hill, and while I'm sure he was a nice guy, I suspect he is long dead and probably won't notice the change.

JOHN MITCHELL
SPENCER



TOUCH DOWN!
CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Morin-Flannery: time for Toys for Kids

To the Editor:
We are getting ready to kick off the 2017 Christmas season and it is our hope to have helped to make a Spencer child's Christmas a happy one. Last year more than 200 needy Spencer children received gifts for Christmas through the efforts of this generous community. We cannot do it without your help. Monetary donations, new toys and family/child sponsors who "adopt" them are what makes our world go around.

We are now under the Spencer Exchange Club's Charitable Trust Foundation and we had to tweak our name a bit. Spencer Toys for Tots is now called Spencer Toys for Kids. With this merge, we are able to use their 501©3 status so we will not have to pay tax on the toys we purchase. This helps us a lot! I've been a proud member of Spencer Exchange Club for 20 years and the generosity of its members are second to none!

Spencer Toys for Kids has been helping needy Spencer families for more than 50 years. We have a main distribution the third week of December but we will fill all needs right up to Christmas. Children 13 years old and younger receive 2-3 gifts & stocking stuffers (if we are able). Applications will be available starting the first week of November at Spencer Post Office, Spencer Town Hall (clerk's office) & ERA Key Realty (415B) Main St. We have also downloaded them to our Facebook page.

Monetary donations can be sent to: Spencer Toys for Kids, PO Box 186, Spencer, MA 01562.

100% of these donations go right to the kids. We have no administrative fees!

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Spencer Fire Department,

Spencer Post Office, Spencer Savings Bank (main office) & ERA Key Realty.

If you would like to "adopt" a family let us know! We will supply you with a child/family "wish list". This part of our program is amazing! Last year we had 135 kids sponsored! This enables us to do a little bit better for the kids that are not sponsored. I wish you could see the wonderful gifts that come in. In my family, my kids sponsor kids in lieu of gifts for each other. It's a great feeling!

My office at ERA Key Realty Services becomes Santa's workshop in November and December where we collect, sort and distribute to the families. We are grateful to the owners for allowing us to take over the building and sometimes the staff to get this done.

We have a handful of dedicated shoppers who run with the rest of the lists and purchase items with such great care with your monetary donations. They shop the sales, multiple stores and even venture out on Black Friday to get the most bang for your buck. They do this year after year and we are lucky to have them.

Handmade items like mittens and hats are always great!

Follow and like us on Facebook Spencer Toys for Kids. We will keep you updated on our page as to what is going on during the Christmas season with our program.

This program runs as well as it does because we are blessed with people who care in this community. Let's work together to help make a needy Spencer child's Christmas a happy one. Thank you!

DONNA MORIN-FLANNERY
SPENCER TOYS FOR KIDS DIRECTOR

Think ahead to the holidays

Letter to the Editor:

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. It is, by far, my favorite holiday – no gifts, no cards – just food, family and friends. Those of us who are blessed to be looking forward to this day of thanks need to think about those who have little to be thankful for – just another day of struggle. But, we can do something to help make their day special.

Please consider putting a meal together for a needy family. This is what my family has put together for the past several years:

A Turkey (12-16 lbs, fully frozen the Sat before Thanksgiving) – wait for a low price per pound.

1 large box of instant potatoes and 2 boxes of stove top stuffing.

Squash and turnip (1 large each or two if small).

2 cans of green beans (always have something green – that's a rule).

2 cans of cranberry sauce.

1 lb. box of pasta (any kind) and 1 qt. of sauce (meat sauce is the best) – for those who don't like turkey.

Package of rolls or loaf of bread

(check the sell or use by date).

Dessert – bag of cookies, package of sticky buns or something similar.

Type or down-load some how-to directions – cooking a turkey, cooking squash and turnip and making gravy.

If you are a really good shopper, you can spend \$25.00 or less. If you cannot afford a meal, consider donating some of the items. If you don't know where to donate, call your church, town hall, police or fire depts. or any organization that serves the community. The best time to donate is Sat the 18th or whenever you are instructed. When you donate make sure you bring your kids or grand kids with you – never too young.

After your meal in over and the women sit down to watch football and the men and kids clean the table and do the dishes (another rule), I guarantee your day will be enhanced beyond your wildest dreams.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

ANONYMOUS

Why "Hate Speech" is, and should remain, constitutional

Alexander Hamilton once wrote, "The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for, among old parchments, or musty records. They are written, as with a sun beam in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power."

One such is the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights, which in part says, "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech."

Since neither the executive or judicial branches can make law, only Congress (Art. 1, Section 1), or in the case of the judiciary rule in such a way as to make law, the federal government can impose no restriction on speech and neither can the states as the 14th Amendment made the Bill of Rights applicable to them as well.

Under liberty, speech cannot be quali-



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fied by government into types of speech as good, bad, harmful or hateful. Segments of society cannot authorize government to forbid speech they disagree with. It is left to the individual to do it for himself by turning off the television, radio, Internet or not attending an event expected to have such and leaving it when it does. Peer pressure harnesses most unacceptable speech but moving from offensive speech can deal with the rest.

If government could qualify speech into types, levels of restriction would follow with anti-government speech listed as one of the first. The Founding Fathers were at the top of the list in pre-

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Checklist for helping you choose a financial professional



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For reasons likely to remain obscure, October 30 is Checklist Day. But while the origins of this observance

may be a mystery, the value of checklists is clear: They help us organize our time and break large jobs into manageable steps. You can use a checklist for just about any significant endeavor – including the task of choosing a financial professional to help you achieve your important goals.

Here's what such a checklist might look like:

Find someone with the proper credentials. Make sure a prospective financial professional has the appropriate securities registrations.

Find someone who has worked with people like you. You'll want to seek out a financial professional who has experience working with people in circumstances similar to yours – that is, people of your financial status and with essentially the same goals and attitudes toward investing.

Find someone who will communicate with you regularly. During the course of your relationship with a financial professional, you will have many questions: Are my investments performing as they should? Should I change my investment mix? Am I still on track to meet my long-term goals? Plus, you will have changes in your life – new children, new jobs, new activities – that will affect your financial picture and that need to be communicated to your financial professional. Consequently, you need to be sure that whomever you work with is easy to reach and will be in regular contact with you. Many financial professionals meet with their clients at least once a year to discuss the clients' portfolios and recommend changes, as needed, and also make themselves available, through phone calls and email, for any questions or concerns their clients may have.

Find someone who will honor your preferences. Some financial professionals follow certain philosophies. For example, you might find one advisor who tends to favor aggressive investing, while another one might be more conservative. There's nothing wrong with either approach, but you'll want to be sure that your preferences take precedence in all recommendations and guidance you receive from a financial professional. And many professionals won't express any of their own preferences at all, but will instead follow a course of action based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Find someone connected to other professionals. Your investment plans don't exist in a vacuum. Over time, you will likely need to integrate elements of your investment strategy with your tax and estate planning strategies. When this happens, you may find it advantageous to have a financial professional who can work with tax and legal professionals to help you meet all your needs in these areas.

Find someone whose compensation structure is acceptable to you. Financial professionals get paid in different ways – through fees, commissions or a combination of both. Which method is best for you, as an investor? There's no one "right" answer – but you will certainly want to understand exactly how your financial professional will get paid and how this pay structure will affect your interactions with him or her.

You may find this checklist to be useful when you interview financial professionals. Take your time and make sure you're confident about your ultimate choice. After all, you're hiring someone to help you reach your key goals, such as a comfortable retirement, so you'll want to get the right person on your side.

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North Brookfield Savings Bank announces new branch managers

North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the recent hire of Tina Allen and Kimberly Brown in the role of branch manager.

"I am confident that both our customers and our staff will benefit significantly from the knowledge, experience and excellent customer service that Tina and Kim bring with them to North Brookfield Savings Bank," said Donna Boulanger, president & CEO of North Brookfield Savings Bank. "We are happy they are joining our team and we look forward to the growth and success they will contribute to the Bank, our customers and our local communities."

Allen, a long-time resident of West Brookfield, has been hired as the branch manager of the Ware branch, located at 40 Main St. on Route 9. In her role, Allen will be responsible for ensuring customers received the best service possible and communicating available products options that would best serve their needs. In addition, she will be responsible for opening accounts, scheduling and the supervision of the Ware branch teller line to make certain it is operating



Kim Brown, West Brookfield branch manager



Tina Allen, Ware branch manager

efficiently.

Allen previously served as a branch manager for North Brookfield Savings Bank's Belchertown and Ware locations from 2013 to 2015 where she displayed strong leadership skills and was an enthusiastic community volunteer. Her experiences prior to North Brookfield Savings Bank include over 20 years in the

hospitality industry, where her strong customer service skills, attention to detail and her love of working with people developed.

"I am most looking forward to reacquainting myself with the wonderful customers here at the Ware branch and becoming actively involved once again in the community," said Allen. "I aspire to make

sure that we always go above and beyond for our customers, that we fulfill all their banking needs, and that they always enjoy visiting our branch."

Brown, of North Brookfield, MA, has been hired as Branch Manager of the West Brookfield Branch, located at 128 West Main Street on Route 9. In her new role, she will manage the day-to-day operations of the branch including overseeing the teller line, scheduling and account opening. She will lead by example, provide the absolute best customer service, build relationships and offer support to the local community.

Brown most recently served as assistant branch manager of Webster Five Cents Savings Bank Worcester branch where she managed the branch staff and overall operations. In addition, she worked closely with the training and development of new and existing employees. In total, Brown's experience includes close to 20 years in the banking and financial industry. She holds a certificate in supervision from Quinebaug Valley Community College and has a certificate of completion for the OMEGA loan training

program.

"I am so pleased to continue my banking career in the communities that I live and enjoy," said Brown. "I anticipate working closely with the branch staff to ensure that North Brookfield Savings Bank remains a strong asset to the West Brookfield community. I very much look forward to developing relationships with the people of this wonderful town and offering my support to the community through volunteerism."

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New building soon open

SOUTHBRIDGE — In just a few weeks, Harrington HealthCare System will open the doors to its new Child and Family Services Center in Southbridge.

The healthcare system has leased the former CarQuest Auto Parts store at 139 South St. After the renovation is complete, the facility will house mental health counseling and group sessions for children and adolescents, ages 4-24, and their families.

The move gives Harrington's Department of Mental Health an opportunity to present a new, expanded family treatment facility to the community.

"The new center really won't be anything like our current office space on Pine Street. This renovation will showcase a bright, inviting place where families can feel good seeking services," said Katie Adams, Harrington director

of mental health.

Adams said in 2016, she focused on expanding their school-based programs and services. The initiative had great success, but over time, led to growing pains within the department.

"The demand increased really quickly and we weren't able to meet it. Now, we are building a staff large enough to really service the schools that are requesting a presence," she said, adding her staff will be shifting from six to 12 clinicians when the building opens.

Adams hired several new members to her team, licensed clinical social workers and mental health clinicians and marriage and family therapists. She is also expanding the range of specialties offered for child and family services, including more expansive cognitive therapy. Through a grant, Adams was

able to send several of her staff to receive training in child trauma.

"We want to continue to expand our relationship with the local school systems, as well. Our new team has great experience and more to offer clinically," Adams said.

When finished, the 6,500 square-foot space will include 12 therapy offices, two group rooms, an administration suite and a large common waiting area.

The new Child & Family Services is expected to open by late November.

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Featured Specials of the Day

Wednesday, November 1
Hamburger on WG Roll, Lettuce & Tomato
Potato Wedges, Oven Roasted Carrots
Mandarin Oranges & Craisins

Thursday, November 2
1/2 Day of School ~ No Lunch Served
NEW THIS YEAR
Order a bagged lunch to go & Pick it up before you leave!

Friday, November 3
WG School Made Pizza—Cheese or Pepperoni
Romaine Salad, Green Beans & Mixed Fruit Cups

Monday, November 6
Popcorn Chicken, Assorted Sauces, French Fries
Baked Beans, Strawberry Cup & Pear Cups

Tuesday, November 7
Turkey, Ham or Tuna on a WG Grinder Roll
Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Puffs
Crunch Carrots, Craisins & Pineapple

Wednesday, November 8
Chicken Stir Fry w/ Broccoli, Carrots & Pea Pods
Brown Rice Pilaf, Roasted Green Beans
Peach Cup & Fresh Apples

Thursday, November 9
Beef Tacos w/ Crunchy Shells
Lettuce & Tomato, Salsa & Sour Cream
Buttery Corn, Peach Cup & Raisins

Friday, November 10
No School Today
Veterans Day Observed

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SPORTS

Wolverines tie David Prouty; reach districts for first time in 15 years



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David Prouty's Kailyn McCue bats the ball in the air while on the move.



Hannah DiPilato of Leicester stick-handles the ball down the field versus David Prouty.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Last year, a couple of late season ties hurt the Leicester High varsity field hockey team's chances of qualifying for the Central Mass. Division 2 sectional tournament, as the Wolverines fell

two points short after compiling a 6-8-4 record. But when Leicester tied David Prouty Regional, 1-1, in their regular season finale on Friday, Oct. 27 at Eugene R. Hurley Athletic Field, it felt like a win.

That was because the tie gave the Wolverines a record of 7-7-4

and 18 points, which was just enough to qualify them for the upcoming district tournament.

"I found out the last time that Leicester field hockey made districts is 2002, so it's been 15 years," said head coach Katie LaPrad. "Some of these girls weren't even born."

Needless to say, the Wolverines are more than thrilled to be heading to the playoffs.

"It's one of those things where it's exciting for them," said LaPrad. "To let them know that they're a district-bound team for the upcoming seasons, just to build that confidence in the program, is really important."

The two teams played a scoreless first half before Leicester began to apply plenty of offensive pressure early in the second half. Then, with 21:31 to play, the Wolverines got on the scoreboard first. Leicester was awarded a penalty corner and Grace Marc-Aurele fed a pass into Caitlin Kemp. From there, Kemp passed the ball back to Marc-Aurele and Marc-Aurele — positioned on the left side of the circle — took a shot that snuck into the left-hand corner of the cage.

"We did a give-and-go in the circle," Marc-Aurele, a senior co-captain, said of the scoring play. "She passed it back to me and I saw the open corner — left corner is always the best way to go — and I just went for it."

Prouty didn't back down, though, and netted the equalizer with 7:09 to play. Junior Kailyn McCue found some open room in the circle and blasted a shot in.

That made the last seven minutes quite nerve-racking for the Wolverines because another strike from the Panthers would end their season prematurely. And Prouty generated a penalty corner with 2:52 to play, but their chance was denied.

"I thought I was going to have a heart attack at 28," LaPrad joked.

The final buzzer then sounded shortly thereafter and Leicester was able to celebrate their long-awaited accomplishment.



Leicester's Michaela Davenport gets low to send the ball away on a free hit.



Faye Kuszewski of David Prouty runs up to the ball to gain possession versus Leicester.

"It's incredible. To be a senior on this team, to come this far with this team for the last five years, it feels amazing," said Marc-Aurele.

LaPrad knew that her team could contend for a district tournament spot when they handed Tantasqua Regional a 1-0 loss in the second game of the season.

"Pretty much the win against Tantasqua was the difference," she said. "That's the one that stands out to us because that

was a loss last year." "Such a confidence boost beating a team we've never beaten before," added Marc-Aurele.

The Panthers, meanwhile, saw their season come to a close with a record of 1-13-4. But, as the tie with Leicester showed, Prouty always played hard until the very end.

"They've come so far. They never give up," said head coach Donna Hayes. "We're just really proud of them."

Oxford beats Panthers for fourth straight win, postseason appearance

SPENCER — A 3-1 loss to Leicester High on Oct. 11 dropped the Oxford High girls' varsity soccer team's record to 4-8-2, nearly eliminating them from postseason contention. But the Pirates have been doing nothing but winning since the defeat, rattling off three straight victories to set up a win-and-in game versus David Prouty Regional at Eugene R. Hurley Athletic Field on Friday evening, Oct. 27.

"We're playing good soccer right

now. If we do have our 'A' game and my eighth graders and ninth graders play like juniors and seniors, then we're pretty good," Oxford head coach Bob Fuqua said before the regular season finale versus the Panthers.

And the Pirates did have their 'A' game, as Gina Parmenter scored twice in the game's first eight minutes to stake Oxford to a 2-0 halftime lead. The Pirates wound up with a 6-0 victory as Oxford finished 8-8-2 to accumulate 18 points, which is necessary to reach the Central Mass. Division 4 sectional tournament.

"We could make a little bit of noise," Fuqua said of his young team playing in the playoffs, which consists of one senior, six juniors, five sophomores, seven freshmen and five eighth graders.

David Prouty's season ends at 3-13-2. "I think the season comes down to one thing: we graduated 11 kids last year," said head coach Mike Moroney. "We ended up predominantly starting freshmen and sophomores this year."

Moroney added that the season turned into a "rebuilding year," which he was fine with.

"We've got a very young team and we're going to move forward. I'm really proud of the progress. The girls are all better players now than when they first started," he concluded.

— Nick Ethier



Nick Ethier photos

David Prouty's Megan Cyr wins a footrace to the ball versus an opponent from Oxford.



Erin Parenteau of David Prouty gets in front of Oxford's Skyla Hodson and plays the ball off her stomach and to the ground.



Malorie Spence of David Prouty plays the ball at her feet.



David Prouty keeper Jenna Petruzzi dives after the ball just before an Oxford player can kick it into the net.



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Leicester High varsity field hockey team

For the first time in 15 seasons, the Wolverines reached the Central Mass. sectional tournament. Leicester qualified for districts after tying David Prouty Regional, 1-1, in their regular season finale on Friday, Oct. 27 to accumulate the necessary 18 points. Congratulations!

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SPORTS

Leicester, Padeni make a statement against Pirates, 47-27



Leicester's Andrew Braley brings down Oxford quarterback Joel Erickson for a sack.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — Youthful exuberance collided with explosive experience on Friday, Oct. 27 when the Leicester and Oxford high school varsity football teams squared off behind the high school. Explosive experience — in this case also known as Wolverines — prevailed, 47-27.

The game was a rarity in the sense that the on-field product far exceeded the pregame hype. The stakes were high, especially for Oxford, which despite entering the game undefeated, needed a win to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 7 playoffs. It was a big game for Leicester, too, as a win would make them the No. 2 seed in D7 and guarantee a home playoff game. The Wolverines are set to host No. 3 West Boylston High (6-2) on Saturday night, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

Both teams — even though they wouldn't admit it publicly — had been looking to and building toward the showdown for weeks. That was apparent, even to the untrained eye, in the 42-minute first quarter in which Leicester scored 33 points and the teams combined to score 46.

The game also served as a showcase for two of the best running backs in Central Mass. — if not the two best — in Leicester senior Kyle

Padeni and Oxford junior Niko Murray.

The duo did not disappoint. Padeni, who called the victory a "statement win," finished with 168 yards, which included touchdown runs of 7, 18, 35 and 37 yards.

"We had to win this one to show we're the real deal," Padeni said. "We just wanted to come in, close out the regular season with a 'W' and get ready for playoffs. I say it every week, but this was the biggest game of the year for us."

Murray carried the ball 30 times, gained 204 yards and scored on runs of 43 and 72 yards. Murray, who figured in every Oxford score, also returned a kickoff 85 yards for a TD and tossed an 83-yard scoring strike to Ryan Walsh, who had gotten behind the Wolverines' defense.

"We thought going in that Niko was legit and we knew Padeni was legit. They both lived up to their advanced billing," Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths said. "Niko is awesome. To me they are the two best running backs in Central Mass."

Griffiths was asked if he could choose either Padeni or Murray to be on his team — but only one — who would it be?

"I'd take them both," Griffiths said with a laugh. "I've been telling Niko for a

couple of years now — because I'm friends with the family — that if he came to Leicester it would mean free Hot Dog Annie's for the rest of his life. He hasn't taken me up on my offer, though. Apparently Gordon Cook and Carl's Oxford Diner has won out."

Padeni scored from 35 yards out on the third play of the game and Nolan Power added the first of his five extra points on the night to give Leicester a 7-0 lead just 74 seconds into the game. Oxford tied the game, 7-7, on their first play from scrimmage, a 72-yard Murray run that started on the left side and finished on the right.

Leicester (6-2) went back ahead, 14-7, with 4:46 left in the first quarter when Padeni, who was almost tackled for a loss, scored from 18 yards out. Oxford answered again, this time on the second play of the ensuing drive, Murray finding Walsh all alone behind the Leicester defense for an 83-yard pass and run touchdown. The Pirates missed the extra point, however, allowing Leicester to cling to a 14-13 lead.

The Wolverines pushed their lead to 20-13 on the first play of the ensuing drive, junior quarterback Dan Mero hitting senior wide receiver Billy Roberts with 3:58 left in the first quarter. Roberts said taking it to Oxford early and often was part of the plan.

"We had to come out and hit them hard so they would lay down," Roberts said. "And that's exactly what they did."

Leicester added another touchdown on the first play of its next drive, Padeni going in from 37 yards out to extend the lead to 27-13 with 2:19 left in the first. The Wolverines added to their lead on Oxford's next drive, Tyler Grebel intercepting a Joel Erickson pass and returning it 42 yards for a touchdown and a 33-13 lead as play — finally — headed into the second quarter.

Leicester pushed its lead at halftime to 40-13 on a 45-yard touchdown run by Bryce Gosselin.

Oxford made things interesting in the second half, scoring a pair of touchdowns — one in the third quarter, one in the fourth, to cut the Leicester lead down to 40-27 with 10:40 left in the game. Murray scored on the aforementioned kickoff return to start the half, and then he added a 43-yard scoring



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Tyler Grebel of Leicester sacks Oxford quarterback Joel Erickson.



Leicester's Dan Mero looks down the field for an open receiver to pass the ball to.

scamper on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Leicester answered Murray's fourth quarter touchdown with one of its own, an eight-yard run by Padeni with 7:15 to play to push its lead to 47-27, effectively ending the Pirates' comeback hopes.

"They're a very explosive team," Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson said of Leicester. "Padeni was a lot better than I expected him to be. They're a good football team. We knew that coming in.

"We were a lot of little mistakes away from it being a closer game," Clarkson continued. "I would have liked to see the game end as one possession game, a one score game. But we won the second half; I was happy to see that. It was 40-13 at halftime and it ended 47-27. We needed this game; we needed a fight, a real challenge to show us where we're at."

Oxford (7-1) will host a non-playoff game on Friday, Nov. 3 versus Uxbridge High.

Quaboag field hockey edges Warriors, reaches districts for 33rd straight year

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — A strong possession game coupled with a second half goal were enough to lift Quaboag Regional's varsity field hockey team to a 1-0 victory versus Tantasqua Regional at the Cage on Friday, Oct. 27.

The amount the Cougars possessed the ball and kept it away from the Warriors was what won them the game, according to head coach John O'Neill.

"There were times where we were OK, and then there were times that we were a little shaky. A shutout is a shutout, but I think that contributed to us possessing the ball...and I think that was our best defense," expressed O'Neill.

The continuous possession started to translate into strong second half scoring chances for the Cougars. Crisp passing and forcing penalty corners then led to the lone goal. Passing the ball in the Warriors' defensive zone, Quaboag was able to rally a couple shots at

Tantasqua goalie Molly Ryan until midfielder Leah Robillard got a clear shot off and rocketed it toward the net. The ball redirected off Ryan and into the back of the cage for the deciding goal.

"I think Darian Shepherd was the catalyst in the second half. She started to carry the ball better, which created a few things for us offensively. I thought Allana Roy, Carly Duff was fabulous and Leah Robillard, I thought the four of them were the spark of our team today," O'Neill explained. "They provided the spark and everyone else just filled in the pieces."

The Cougars (8-7-2) are district tournament bound for the 33rd straight season in O'Neill's immaculate 34-year coaching career at Quaboag. The Cougars are

young, so the three seniors may need to lead by example come playoff time.

"The only year that we haven't made districts was my very first year," O'Neill said. "Going further we have to do a better job recognizing our passing lanes and we have to do a better job with communication. We are a very young team, we have three seniors and everyone else is younger with a combination of freshmen, eighth graders and sophomores, sprinkled with a few juniors. We graduated a few seniors that we went to the finals last year with, so we have a few growing pains. People are going to look at our schedule and say we had a down year, but we had one of the toughest, if not the toughest Division 2 schedule out of everyone in Central Mass."

Despite the loss for the Warriors, they played well against a very talented Cougars team and showed promise as they put together their best game of their season on Senior Day.

"Amazing, they worked so hard. This was a team when I came had a lot to work on and they have grown so much," said head coach Shelby Green. "This is the best game I have seen them play, their passing was on point, they were talking, and they wanted it so badly. It was a good game all-around and Quaboag is a good competitor. It is always a good game to play against them."

The close loss to Quaboag was similar to how their whole season has gone. Finishing with a record of 3-13-2, many of their games were decided by a goal. The Warriors have a very bright future under Green, their first-year head coach. She is pleased with the strides her team has shown all season and expressed one thing that has to be focused on going further.

"I think that they have grown a ton

over the season. I think I brought a different aspect to Tantasqua field hockey and we have a lot of changes that we have made this year, so I think we are growing every day and every game. If

you look at our scores they're super close every single game and we are working and now we are just focusing on getting the ball in the back of the net," she concluded.

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SPORTS

Indians control the clock to take down Tantasqua



Tantasqua quarterback Colin Eliason pitches the ball off to Sebastion O'Leary.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Clinging to a two-point lead versus Tantasqua Regional, the Bartlett High varsity football team started a drive at its own 24-yard line with 5:39 to play. The Indians were looking to kill some time off the clock, which is exactly what they did. Bartlett ran 11 straight running plays, converting a pair of fourth downs in the process, to run off the entire game clock. The end result was an 8-6 victory at the Reservation on Friday, Oct. 27.

"This one's pretty sweet. They're a good football team,

Tantasqua, and we were talking all week about what a great defense they are," said Bartlett head coach Dane Laboissonniere before citing the final drive. "We managed to kill the clock when we needed to. We had a couple of short fourth down conversions and we just trusted the defense in case we didn't get it."

But the Indians did get those first downs, both from Brett LeBeau on plunges up the middle.

"A guy like Brett has been a starter for us since the eighth grade," Laboissonniere said of the senior. "He's the dude we rode."

The victory was even more important for Bartlett because they clinched a spot in the Central Mass. Division 8 sectional tournament. The 5-3 Indians grabbed the No. 3 seed and will play at No. 2 St. Bernard's High on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

"Give [the credit] to Bartlett, they came here to play," said Tantasqua head coach Jon Hargis after his team dropped to 1-7. "They had to win to get into the playoffs."

Hargis thought back to the beginning of the third quarter when the Warriors led, 6-0, and were driving deep into the Indians' territory. Instead of grabbing a two-score lead, Tantasqua's drive stalled and Bartlett became the better team from that point forward.

"We were driving in the third quarter...inside the 20... and had a holding call that pushed us to second-and-18," explained Hargis. "A fumbled snap turned it into third-and-18 and then they stopped it. Then they kind of controlled the ball."

The Indians tied the score with 9:56 to play in the fourth quarter when Jesse Torres capped an eight-play, 72-yard drive with a 27-yard scoring spurt. Torres ran up the middle and then used a spin move to bounce out to his left to open space for the TD.

LeBeau punched in the two-point conversion on a rush to give Bartlett an 8-6 lead, which held up after the Indians forced



Colin Eliason of Tantasqua throws the ball down toward the right sideline.

two Tantasqua punts and then bled the clock out.

Laboissonniere was pleased with his team's defensive performance.

"They were everywhere," he said of players like LeBeau, Nate Whipple, Dominick Algieri, Antonio DeResta, Johnny Torres, Kyle Fafard, John Bsoumai, Eric Vazquez, Will Harding and Logan Paranto. "They really studied the game plan."

The Warriors could never muster enough offense after their second quarter touch-

down, which featured quarterback Colin Eliason hitting Ryan Bonja on a pass from 3 yards out.

"I told the team that this moment will define the rest of our season," explained Hargis. "Across the board we need to ask ourselves if we're going to continue to build the program and move forward."

Hargis also had kind parting words for Bartlett as they now prepare for the playoffs.

"Bartlett's a heck of a program and I wish them the best," he concluded.

Spartans sweep SWCL cross-country championships



Tantasqua's Dani Blodgett had a strong seventh place showing at the SWCL cross-country championship meet.



Kaspar Mazeika of Tantasqua was his team's top performer in the SWCL championship meet with a 20th place finish.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER — On Friday, Oct. 27, Memorial Beach once again hosted the annual Southern Worcester County League cross-country championships. The boys' and girls' varsity teams traversed the 2.91-mile course, and

Uxbridge High reigned supreme.

The boys' race was first, and the Spartans accumulated 33 points, 26 fewer than second place Millbury High to take the team title. The top five runners per team count (with their placement acting as their score) and Uxbridge placed third, fourth, seventh, ninth and 10th to total 33 and take the title.

The girls' race was much closer. The Spartans and Grafton High both scored 59 points, so the sixth best runner's score was the tiebreaker. Uxbridge's Danielle Healey placed 23rd, while the Indians' Emily Siemen took 36th. Team totals and the top 20 finishers in each race are as follows:

Boys' Team Results

1. Uxbridge, 33 points
2. Millbury, 59
3. Bartlett, 67
4. Tantasqua, 144
5. Grafton, 144
6. Oxford, 165
7. Auburn, 205
8. Quaboag, 212
9. Northbridge, 216
10. Leicester, 251

Boys' Individual Results

1. Vincent DiDomenica, Millbury, 16:02.7
2. Jared Orrell, Oxford, 16:04.3

3. Stephen Sanches, Uxbridge, 16:35.5
4. Ryan Semle, Uxbridge, 16:42.7
5. Johnathan Wilson, Bartlett, 17:18.7
6. Avinash Bissoondial, Millbury, 17:23.2
7. Patrick Burke, Uxbridge, 17:24.2
8. Aidan Gilmore, Grafton, 17:27.3
9. Colin Caso, Uxbridge, 17:29.4
10. Thomas Burke, Uxbridge, 17:38.3
11. Brandon Boucher, Bartlett, 17:54.2
12. Samir Azzoui, Bartlett, 18:02.3
13. Brad Richer, Northbridge, 18:04.3
14. Noah Azzoui, Bartlett, 18:07.4
15. Dominic Beyer, Millbury, 18:14.1
16. Matthew Lorion, Millbury, 18:16.9
17. Liam Carlson, Quaboag, 18:19.0
18. Calvin Cieslak, Quaboag, 18:19.9
19. Nicholas Fernandes, Uxbridge, 18:22.6
20. Kaspar Mazeika, Tantasqua, 18:23.0

Girls' Team Results

1. Uxbridge, 59 points
2. Grafton, 59
3. Millbury, 61
4. Tantasqua, 81
5. Leicester, 106
6. Quaboag, 155
7. Auburn, 201
8. David Prouty, 237

Girls' Individual Results

1. Abigail Hamilton, Grafton, 18:48.8
2. Amma Ronan, Northbridge, 18:54.1
3. Ryann Molinari, Grafton, 19:21.7
4. Anabelle Nelson, Millbury, 19:31.9
5. Emily Moughan, Leicester, 19:33.7
6. Sam Carroll, Grafton, 19:41.5
7. Dani Blodgett, Tantasqua, 19:45.2
8. Heather Fontaine, Quaboag, 19:47.4
9. Hannah Jones, Uxbridge, 20:31.5
10. Anastasia Achiaa, Uxbridge, 20:50.8
11. Jena Taubert, Millbury, 20:52.5
12. Lannaya Brandt, Tantasqua, 21:27.3
13. Allison Pogorek, Millbury, 21:30.0
14. Kathleen Redgate, Uxbridge, 21:32.7
15. Kathryn James, Bartlett, 21:46.3
16. Bridget Redgate, Uxbridge, 22:01.9
17. Elise Croteau, Uxbridge, 22:11.5
18. Ellie Hills, Leicester, 22:16.5
19. Mia Boucher, Millbury, 22:17.5
20. Lindsey Card, Oxford, 22:18.9



Quaboag's Heather Fontaine was the eighth place finisher at the SWCL girls' cross-country championship race.



Leicester's Emily Moughan keeps her lead on Millbury's Anabelle Nelson before finishing fifth in the SWCL championship.

Tantasqua golf shines at district tourney; Berthiaume and Sosik advance to states

The Tantasqua Regional varsity golf team finished third at the Central Mass. Division 1 district tournament, which was held at Highfields Golf and Country Club in Grafton on Monday, Oct. 23. The Warriors combined to shoot a 319 total, which included scores by Noah Berthiaume (76), Michael "Chip" Sosik (77), Terrence Baker (82) and Ryan Slade (84). With two teams moving on to states, Algonquin Regional and St. John's High finished six shots ahead of Tantasqua with 313 totals. Algonquin won the overall team championship as the schools matched cards of their fifth best schools

Individually, Berthiaume finished in a tie for second overall and Sosik had the third best score (T4 finish) as both players qualified for the State Individual Championship, which was played along with the team championship at Haverhill Country Club after press time.



The Tantasqua Regional varsity golf team finished in third place at the Central Mass. Division 1 district tournament.



Noah Berthiaume and Chip Sosik of Tantasqua both qualified for the State Individual Championship after impressive finishes in the Central Mass. district tournament.

Courtesy photos

SPORTS

Gonyea's goal helps Auburn slide past Minutemen and into district tournament

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Nick Gonyea scored the game's only goal in the 17th minute of the second half and Coleman Picard made three of his 11 saves in the final three minutes as the Auburn High boys' varsity soccer team defeated Bay Path Regional, 1-0, on Oct. 26 at Memorial Field.

With the win the Rockets improved to 8-6-3 and qualified for the Central Mass. Division 3 sectional tournament.

Gonyea, a junior striker for Auburn, scored on a run upfield after the Rockets had gotten control of a loose ball at about midfield.

"It was a great setup," Gonyea said. "I got a flick-on from Parker Plona after he got a chip from Zach LaPointe."

Once Gonyea got the ball from Plona he did the rest, splitting two defenders, making Bay Path keeper Aiden Sabinelli commit to the right side of the net and unleashing a hard, low shot that zipped into the far corner of the goal.

"The ball felt great coming off my foot," Gonyea said. "Once he went right I knew I had to go left and I got a nice clean shot off."

Picard, who had played well all game, ratcheted up his effort a notch as time ticked away.

After making a save on Jalen Rojas with three minutes to play, and Joe Starr with two minutes to go, the sophomore keeper saved his best for the end. With less than a minute to play Picard made a diving save on a loose ball about eight yards out in front of the Auburn net as Bay Path senior captain August "Gus" Koebke frantically attempted to reach the ball ahead of Picard.

"I saw it quick, came out hard and got to the ball before he could get to it; I just took it away from him. I knew I had to get to the ball first," Picard said. "The coaches have been working with me — coach [Hans] de Klerk and coach Leo [Miranda] — about being aggressive when I'm in net. They have stressed how I need to come out and get the ball. We've been working on it in practice and all that practice paid off in this game."

Auburn head coach Chris Bailey said the play of the Rockets' defense was the prime reason his team won the game.

"Our defense as a whole was tremendous. That's a good team and our defense probably played the best they have played all year," he said. "Coleman did a good job; he's an athletic kid and he's worked with coach de Klerk quite a bit this year and his improvement has been tremendous."

Bay Path head coach David Martinson also praised the play of Picard.

"Those were good chances and their keeper came up big," he said. "There were some outstanding plays there. Coach Bailey does a great job with his team, so I expected it to be pretty tough. Their defense played well and they contained well, we just missed some opportunities that we needed to take care of. I thought it was a pretty even battle back and forth."

The Minutemen, which entered the game needing two points to qualify for postseason play, fell to 7-7-2 with the loss. Bay Path then lost to the Advanced Math and Science Academy, 6-1, on Oct. 27, and Keefe Tech, 5-2, on Oct. 30 in their regular season finale to finish the year with a record of 7-9-2.



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Bay Path's Kris Mekal, left, and Auburn's Samuel Almeida tangle while both going for the ball.



At right: Sean Fleming of Bay Path puts the stop on Jadon Latino of Auburn's move.



Joseph Starr of Bay Path fights for possession of the ball.



Bay Path's Tyler Anderson steps in front of Auburn's Jadon Latino and heads the ball up the field.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bay Path highlights local golf contingent with state final appearance

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, the Bay Path Regional golf team took part in the Central Mass. Division 2 district tournament at Gardner Municipal Golf Course. There, they tied Grafton High for second place, as each teams' top four golfers totaled 320 strokes. The Indians won the tiebreaker with a better fifth score, but the Minutemen still advanced to the state final tournament as a team since the top three moved on. Additionally, Jon Sterczala will also compete for the individual title after shooting a 74 at Central Mass. Other counting scores for Bay Path included Ryan Vigeant's 81, Ben Bombard's 81, Keith Duval's 84 and Colin Allain's 85.

The Division 3 championship was also held Oct. 24 at Blissful Meadows Golf Club in Uxbridge. David Prouty Regional's Colin Nosek played as an individual and carded a 90, which was good for T14 in a field of 55 golfers. Leicester High's Robert Kemp followed with a 92, which was T20.

Worcester State University to host various baseball clinics in 2018

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Ted Turkey Trot right around the corner

The fifth annual Trot with Ted — a 5k/10k run and walk — benefits the Tantasqua Education Foundation and is scheduled for

Sunday, Nov. 26 at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$25 for pre-registration (postmarked by Nov. 12) and \$30 for day of the race with a mail-in family cap of \$75. Race-day registration opens at 8 a.m. A kids' fun race, crafts and raffles will follow inside of Tantasqua's gymnasium. All proceeds from Trot with Ted go to the Tantasqua Education Foundation. Visit TedFound.org for more details.

Ski or snowboard at Wachusett Mountain

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Leicester Rec Basketball holding final signups

Final signups for Leicester Rec Basketball will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 1-3 p.m. at the Town Hall with a fee of \$60 per person.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Oct. 23

Wachusett 2, Tantasqua 1 — Dan Rickson scored a second half goal for the Warriors, but it wasn't enough to get past the Mountaineers and their two first half goals from Laszio Dorogi in a boys' varsity soccer matchup.

Tantasqua 8, Burncoat 1 — The Warriors defeated the Patriots to advance to the Central Mass. Division 1 girls' varsity soccer sectional tournament. Tantasqua, who improved to 8-6-2, had Meghan Meserole and Julia Howard each score two goals. Eva Wengender, Melissa Izzio, Keira Bergeron and McKensie Avanesian also scored.

Oct. 27

Tantasqua 6, Shepherd Hill 0 — The Warriors won their boys' varsity soccer matchup with the Rams, as Dan Rickson led the way with a pair of goals. Tantasqua is now 11-6.

Oct. 28

Tantasqua 1, Algonquin 0 — Dan Rickson's goal was the difference as the Warriors boys' varsity soccer team ended its regular season with a victory over the Tomahawks. That puts Tantasqua's record at 12-6 heading into the Central Mass. Division 1 sectional tournament.



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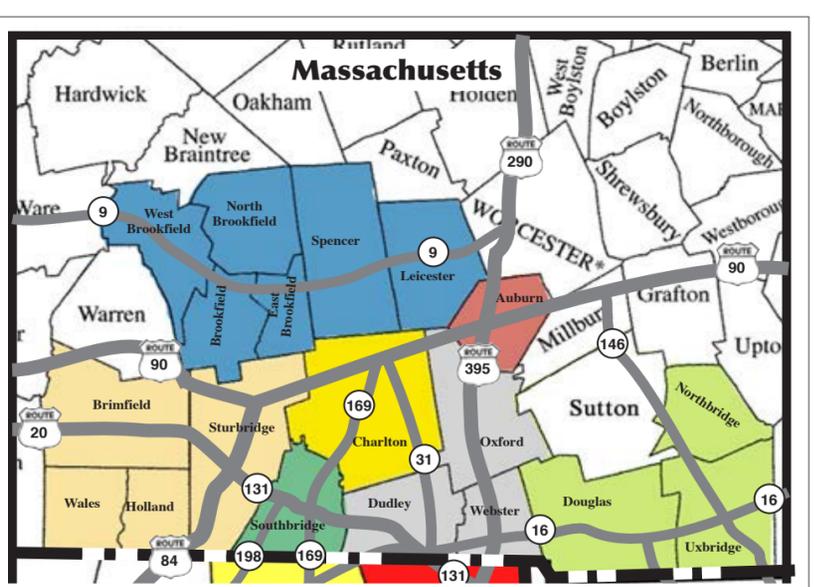
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November is tautog month in Massachusetts & Rhode Island, and this week's picture of an angler fishing on the Island Current out of Snug Harbor Marina last week with a pair of monster tautog is a good example of the fish that are out there. Some anglers wait all year for the tautog fishing to climax, providing some great fishing and eating. Crabs are the number one bait at this time of year for tautog fishing, but hooking the bait stealing bottom feeders, is not easy unless you use circle hooks. Number three circle hooks will have you hooking almost every tautog that nibbles at you bait if you do it right. Lifting the bait very slowly when a bite is felt will have the circle hook hooking the fish in their thick rubbery lips.

Anglers that have their first encounter with a tautog feel

as though they have hooked bottom until the fish realizes that there is someone at the other end of the line. Using heavy action fresh water rods, with 50 pound test power pro line, and a 6 foot 40 pound leader will provide the angler with the ultimate thrill of fishing for these bottom dwellers. Tautog can grow to 18 pounds or better but the average fish is four to six pounds. The daily limit is six fish per angler on party boats, but private boats can only retain 10 fish for two anglers or more in Rhode Island waters.

Cleaning tautog is easy and unfortunately there is a lot of waste as the fish have a very large body cavity. After removing the fillets the rest of the fish can be boiled down for a good fish chowder. The fillets need to be checked for bones and removed if they are found. My favorite recipe for tautog is to cut the fillets into good size chunks and drop them into a pot of boiling water that has two tablespoons of white vinegar added. The fish needs to be fresh!! Cook for approximately two minutes or until the fish flakes using a fork. Add salt & pepper to your taste after draining the chunks, add

melted butter, and you will have the taste of lobster. If you do not fish and would like to purchase some tautog for your family you will need to travel to the closest fish market on the coast, as it rarely makes it to local markets because of the high demand for this great tasting fish.

Archers are harvesting numerous deer throughout the valley, and turkey hunters also are filling their permits with numerous birds weighing in at over 20 pounds! Deer hunters are reminded not to hang their harvested deer in their garage that is attached to the house. As the body of the deer cools, numerous ticks can fall off and become a hazard for the family and pets.

Goose hunting has been very good with hunters filling their daily limits on each trip. Sightings of large flocks of Canada geese are a lot more frequent than in previous years, which is an indication that the late season will be better than last year. Once the ponds and lakes freeze up, the birds will be forced into local fields & rivers to feed. Field shooting provides the ultimate goose hunting experience as far as this writer is concerned.

The new goose hunting regulation this year, for the early season only, was a benefit to numerous hunting expeditions, which allowed hunting up to 1/2 hour after sunset. Often the geese started their evening flights after the sunset closing time.

Sea duck hunting opens Nov. 20 in Massachusetts! Hunting sea ducks can provide a lot of action for sportsmen that can handle the sometimes brutal weather conditions. Weather like this past Sunday often drives sea ducks inland providing some fast shooting. A good retrieving dog is also needed. In my younger years, sea duck hunting was a good part of my life during the winter months, but I no longer can handle the harsh hunting conditions. Some of my friends lost their lives sea duck hunting after capsizing in their boat. It is indeed a dangerous sport, but the excitement of hunting sea ducks in nasty conditions always brought you back for more.

Trout fishing had slowed a bit last week at some of the hot spots that received a fall stocking of fish. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club opened their private pond to members after



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Monster tautog out of Snug Harbor

a recent fall stocking, and only three trout were caught all day. Fall trout fishing should pick up after the high water recedes back to normal.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

Kudos to Coffee!

The humble cup of coffee.

It's a simple pleasure that baristas elevate to an art, painters depict on canvas, and philosophers have sung the praises of throughout the ages. So what's so virtuous about the everyday cup of Joe we sip every morning? Plenty, according to reliable health studies which show a steaming mug of java may go way beyond a satisfying pick-me-upper.

If your daily dose of caffeine has become nothing more than a breakfast ritual, the following coffee facts may prove to be more of an eye opener than that morning cup of coffee!

Joe Jogs Memory: If you love your coffee, you now have another excuse to drink high octane java! Here's the latest buzz on caffeine: A cup of joe can jog your memory, especially if you're over age 65, say researchers at the University of Arizona. In a study, memory performance declined significantly between morning and afternoon in seniors who didn't drink coffee or drank decaf. Those who had a cup of the high octane stuff showed no such effect.

Dodge Diabetes: According to WebMD, one to three cups of coffee per day can reduce risk for diabetes by up to nine percent. Up the cups to six or more daily and men's risk for diabetes is cut by 54%, while woman's is reduced by 30% as compared to non-coffee drinkers. While not fully confirmed yet, several studies suggest that it's the chlorogenic acid found in coffee that help stave off Type II Diabetes, which is the non-inherited form of the disease.

Drink to Think: A ten year study by the University of Bristol revealed coffee drinkers really may be better thinkers! The report said a cup of coffee can help in the performance of tasks, requiring sustained attention. It further helped enhance a person's ability to perform these tasks, during low alertness situations such as at night or when a person has a cold.

Buzz Boost: Did you know a safe caffeine buzz can give your workout a boost? According to the American College of Sports Medicine, consuming caffeine equivalent of between two to six cups of coffee one hour prior to exercise, increased both the endurance and performance of athletes during both prolonged and short-term exercise sessions. If you drink caffeinated beverage,

drinking one before your workout may help you run or walk a little farther or cycle a little longer. Studies have shown that moderate caffeine intake about 300 milligrams, the equivalent of three cups of drip coffee, may be safe in most adults. But be sure to drink plenty of water before, during and after your workout to remain adequately hydrated.

Jovial Java: Are you aware caffeine can also be an effective antidepressant? Just don't drink more than a couple of cups of coffee a day or the effect can be counterproductive.

Steam Therapy: Taken in normal doses, caffeine has shown to have several other beneficial effects: Home remedy books advise drinking a cup of hot steaming coffee to suppress an asthma attack while waiting for proper medicine to kick in. The caffeine acts on the bronchial tubes contributing to the expansion of the muscles, thus relieving the severity of the attack in some cases.

Halt Headaches: Before you reach for a pain pill, try drinking a cup of strong coffee to combat your migraine or tension headaches. Caffeine has long been used in over the counter pain relief products because it dilates the blood vessels, helping to relieve migraine pain. In addition, coffee is a diuretic, helping to eliminate toxic substances from the body.

Diet Drink: Coffee is the perfect diet beverage! It's not only low in calories (skip the cream and sugar, please); it acts as a natural diuretic to help shed water weight. In addition, the caffeine in coffee revs up your metabolism, which helps burn calories.

Java Rx: Did you know medical data shows coffee is rich in antioxidants? In fact, a well known study from the University of Scranton proclaimed coffee America's number one source of health boosting antioxidants! Here's the scoop: The beneficial "free radical sweepers" are also found in coffee aroma after brewing. According to research carried out in Switzerland by the Lausanne-based Nestle Research Center, consuming coffee up until 20 minutes after brewing will deliver 300 phytochemicals, (antioxidants),



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Risks: Several studies indicate that people who drink coffee on a regular basis are up to 80% less likely to develop Parkinson's disease. According to research performed at Vanderbilt University's Institute for Coffee Studies, it's the caffeine that offers the protection. In fact, VU reported based on this evidence drugs to treat Parkinson's, containing a derivative of caffeine are currently being developed.

Want more? Additional research reveals compared to not drinking coffee, at least two large cups of coffee daily can translate to a 25% reduced risk of colon cancer, a significant drop in liver cirrhosis risk, and nearly half the risk of gallstones!

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Directions: Pour coffee into a large zipper plastic bag or bowl. Add both extracts to coffee. Stir well to thoroughly blend extracts into coffee. Store coffee in plastic bag or airtight container in refrigerator or freezer until ready to use. Brew coffee as usual.

Variations: Decaffeinated coffee works just as well. And don't be afraid to try your own favorite flavors!

The "Buzz" on Coffee

*Coffee is the second most traded product in the world after petroleum.

*It takes five years for a coffee tree to reach maturity. The average yield from one tree is the equivalent of one roasted pound of coffee.

*One shot of espresso uses approximately 45 coffee beans.

*The expression "a cup of Joe" was coined during WWII, when American servicemen (G.I. Joe) were identified as big coffee drinkers.

*When coffee became scarce during the Civil War, soldiers who wanted a cup of coffee had to resort to roasting and brewing sweet potato and Indian corn.

*Out on the range, cowboys brewed coffee by putting grounds into a sock, plunging it in cold water and heating it over campfire.

*Research from the University of California found that the steam rising from a freshly brewed cup of coffee contained as many antioxidants as three fresh oranges.

*In 1657, British ads for coffee claimed that the beverage was a cure for scurvy and gout.

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HAROLD

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revolutionary times, thus their obsession to forbid a place for government in speech. If government decides these things we are not free, as it will always decide in favor of enhancing itself.

Colleges and universities are places where intellectual debate should flourish and be encouraged. Learning requires the free flow of ideas. Viewpoint diversity, now absent in so many universities, is critical. Restricting viewpoint is tantamount to burning books in medieval times.

Student unrest in many universities last spring demonstrated what is becoming obvious; institutions of higher learning are becoming radicalized and project intolerance for anything but a liberal view. Too few permit conservative or libertarian speakers and far fewer constitutional speakers.

College is supposed to be a big tent housing all types of thinking so that the student can gravitate to what he thinks best after all sides are presented. Although everyone gives lip service to this statement, there still exists a preferred philosophy. Most colleges insist

that they adhere to the idea of intellectual diversity, but the literature suggests otherwise, that the vast majority of colleges and universities are weighted in favor of one ideology and professors to one political party. Many political science textbooks acknowledge this. In my field, it is rare when professors present more than the preferred philosophy.

There exists a consensus of what a "good education" consists. Students are immersed in race consciousness, feminism, multiculturalism, environmentalism, collectivism, globalism, political activism, class warfare, global warming, acceptance of sexual deviations as normal, and minimization of the importance of Christianity. The end product, the student, must come to accept the above script. It is also in virtually all textbooks. It's not that any of these notions are bad, in and of themselves, but it is the nearly universal absence of the opposing view that is most troubling.

It is no wonder that in a just completed study of 1500 students; a majority felt that the First Amendment should not protect "hate speech" (which translates to speech they disagree with). In the geographically diverse survey covering college students from 49 states, John Villanor found that "Freedom

of expression is deeply imperiled on U.S. campuses. In fact, despite protestations to the contrary (often with statements like "we fully support the First Amendment, but...), freedom of expression is clearly not, in practice, available on many campuses, including many public campuses that have First Amendment obligations."

As mentioned, to the question, "Does the First Amendment protect 'hate speech'?" Most said no. This was so across all three political affiliations liberal, conservative and independent.

Other observations were noteworthy as well. Most, 62% of Democrats and 39% of Republicans also agreed that it was appropriate to shout down a controversial speaker to which they disagreed. With respect to the use of violence to shut down a speaker 20% of Democrats and 22% of Republicans agreed. Most incorrectly believed that the First Amendment required a presentation of a counter view. It does not. Worst yet, as college is supposed to be a place of competing view points, most also expected their institution to provide a learning environment that "shelters them from offensive views." Nonsense! College is supposed to prepare students for the real world, which has no filters.

This is especially disconcerting as students today do not know the most rudimentary parts of the Constitution and the consequence of this ignorance is serious. As pointed out by the Villanor Survey, "What happens on campuses often foreshadows broader societal trends. Today's college students are tomorrow's attorneys, teachers, professors, policymakers, legislators, and judges."

"The sacred rights of mankind," as expressed by Alexander Hamilton, in this instance freedom of speech, is not hidden in old parchment but is, "as with a sunbeam," in the Constitution. It clearly denies government a function in addressing speech — even so-called "hate speech."

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Spooky nights in scary school



Kevin Flanders photos.

Sisters Haven Frenette, age 5, left, and Haylee Frenette, also age 5, show off their costumes.



The Marshall family, of West Brookfield, demonstrates some Princess Power!

WEST BROOKFIELD – Families enjoyed a spook-tacular celebration in advance of Halloween, stopping by West Brookfield Elementary School for a night of scares and fun.

Students typically dread the idea of attending school outside normal hours, but last week they were eager to visit WBES. The Oct. 27 event featured a costume parade, face painting, Halloween-themed games in the gymnasium, and of course plenty of candy. Kids were also excited to show off their costumes ahead of the big night.



Adam Benkert, age 6, left, and William Podkowka, age 6, get ready for the costume contest.



Youngsters eagerly line up for the face painting station in the cafeteria.



Braydon Deremian, age 7, left, and his brother Zachary, age 5, give their costumes an early appearance ahead of Halloween.



Guests are in good hands thanks to future firefighter Hayden Scott, age 4, of West Brookfield.



The school is well protected thanks to members of the Goodwin family, with a police officer and Batman represented.



Colby Chaplis, age 5, of West Brookfield, shows off his Halloween spirit.



A night with dad! Rowan Barkoskie, age 2, of North Brookfield, gets a lift from his father Sam.



Three friends gather outside the cafeteria, though the taco better hope his buddy the shark doesn't get hungry.



Nicholas Merriam, age 7, left, and Kamryn Chenevert, age 6, both of West Brookfield, get ready to head into the school.



A touchdown may have been recorded recently, as Gronkowski is all smiles. At left is Owen Stevens, who spends the evening with his friend Cole Waz.



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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Considerations Driving Major Evolution In Agriculture

(NAPS)
Farmers have been called the original conservationists because they have a rich history of tending to the delicate balance between soil and water that sustains life for all. Their love of the land drives what may well be the next major evolution in agriculture.

Most industries strive to do more with less, and agriculture is no different. Today's farmers use advanced tools and technologies that focus on the basics of plant science: how to make plants more efficient at taking up the essential nutrients they need. These new tools include products that increase fertilizer efficiency, make nutrients more available to growing crops and even create "hunger pangs" within those crops that signal plants to grab more nutrients.

By increasing nutrient use efficiency or ensuring more nutrients go to the plant, these technologies not only improve crop yields but also benefit the environment, especially soil health and water quality. Nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus that might otherwise wind up in waterways are instead left in the soil in significantly reduced amounts where they can be used by the plants that need them.

"Advanced science allows us to create new interactions among biological, chemical and physical relationships that benefit plant growth and output," said Greg



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Thompson, president and chief operating officer for Verdesian Life Sciences, an industry leader and global supplier of plant health, biological and nutrition technologies headquartered in Cary, North Carolina. "At the same time, the positive environmental characteristics of these innovations are helping farmers improve their sustainability and conservation efforts, which they desire as stewards of natural

resources and which are also being demanded by consumers and food companies."

The product and technology portfolio offered by the company focuses on minimizing modern agriculture's environmental footprint while simultaneously helping farmers to remain profitable. "Conservation on farmland can seem hard to define. We define sustainability and conservation as continuous

improvement on every acre around water quality and soil health," Thompson added. "Our purpose as an organization is to help farmers adopt and follow best practices that support environmentally, economically and socially sustainable crop production. Being a good environmental steward and operating a profitable farm are not mutually exclusive."

"Farmers want to see

their fertilizer and nutrients leave the field in a grain truck at harvest—not be left in the soil or washed away in drainage," said Mike Wilson, specialty products marketing manager and agronomist for Wabash Valley Service Company, a major supplier of farm inputs and agronomic services for farmers in Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. "This new category of nutrient use efficiency products is every

bit as revolutionary as the first John Deere plow."

Wilson works closely with roughly 2,500 customers who farm across several environmentally sensitive watersheds. Each has a nutrient management plan that Wilson's team helps farmers develop and implement. These plans are designed to maintain high crop yield potential while implementing the best possible environmental stewardship practices with fertilizer applications.

"We meet our environmental objectives by only applying the minimal amount of fertilizer needed to make a crop and we're very careful as to what, when, where and how much is applied," Wilson explained. "We also use new fertilizer efficiency technologies to get the most out of every pound of fertilizer applied by increasing the nutrient use efficiency of nitrogen and phosphorus—more in the plant means less in the environment."

This latest agricultural evolution benefits consumers by maintaining a plentiful and affordable supply of healthy and safe food, clean drinking water and productive, sustainable soils that will feed and nourish us for generations to come, Wilson noted.

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OBITUARIES

Gertrude M. (Nealer) Kennan, 88



N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D - Gertrude M. (Nealer) Kennan, 88, a local artist, passed away on October 21, 2017 in St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

Gertrude is predeceased by her husband of 61 years Herbert W. "Stretch" Kennan in 2010. She leaves 2 sons Herbert Jr. of Oakham and Randy of Telluride, CO.; a daughter Joy K. Quist of North Brookfield; 5 grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by a brother Reedy Nealer, Jr.

Gertrude was born in North Brookfield the daughter of Reedy and Anna Nealer. She attended St. Josephs Elementary School and graduated from

North Brookfield High School. She worked as a secretary for JC McInnes Dept. Store in Worcester, later for Klevin Shoe Co in Spencer in the payroll Dept. and she was a well known local artist throughout Worcester County. She won several awards over the years and created numerous private paintings. Gertrude was a former member of the Spencer Artist Assoc., a present member of the Massasoit Art Guild, a longtime member of the former Worcester Extension Service and an active member of St. Josephs Church. She will be truly missed by all.

A calling hour was held on Monday, October 30, 2017 from 9:30-10:30AM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. The funeral followed with a Mass at 11:00AM in St. Josephs Church 296 N. Main St. N. Brookfield. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Margaret Ethel (Booth) Murray, 90



N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D - Margaret Ethel (Booth) Murray, 90, passed away peacefully at home on October 24, 2017 surrounded by her family.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 67 years Donald J. Murray; 2 daughters Anne (Murray) Dygon and Catherine Murray; a son James Murray & his wife Leslie and 6 grandchildren.

Margaret was born on January 17, 1927 in North Brookfield the daughter of James and Annie (Hay) Booth. She graduated from North Brookfield High School Class of 1944

as Valedictorian and later from the Worcester City Hospital for Nursing as a RN in 1947. Margaret thoroughly enjoyed swimming and gardening. She would usually be the first one to take a dip in Lake Lashaway in early spring and the last one to swim in the fall. She enjoyed boating and swimming on Lake Lashaway throughout her life.

There will be a private funeral and burial as requested by Margaret. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Second Chance Animal Shelter po Box 136 East Brookfield MA 01515 or Overlook VNA, 88 Masonic Home Rd, Charlton MA 01507. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is directing arrangements.

Robert Lee Merriam, 94



N O R T H O X F O R D - Robert Lee Merriam, 94, of Merriam District, died peacefully on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, after a short illness. He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Winifred Lillian

(Davis) Merriam of North Oxford; two children, James Merriam and his wife Linda Merriam of Harwich, and Linda Karellas and her husband Dr. Andrew Karellas of Oro Valley, AZ; four grandchildren, Carrie Merriam LeBlanc, Joshua Merriam, Kristen Sherman, and Heather Karellas; one great-grandson, Mattie Merriam; and two step great-grandchildren, Deven and Riley LeBlanc. He was born on the family homestead in North Oxford, son of the late William Ralph and Carrie (Lee) Merriam, was a lifelong resident of North Oxford. He attended Worcester Boys Trade High School in Worcester, and received recognition from Governor Paul Cellucci at Union Station as a high school graduate. He was a U.S. Army Air Force Veteran of World War II.

Mr. Merriam worked at Morgan Construction in Worcester for over 30 years, retiring in 1987. He attended Greenville Baptist Church and North Oxford Baptist Church.

Mr. Merriam was a member of the Holiday Rambler Trailer Club and the North American Family Camping Association - Worcester Chapter. He was a member of the Oxford Lodge of Masons, the Morgan Retirees Group, the Greendale Men's Club, and the American Legion Post 462.

A funeral service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Military burial will follow at Gore Cemetery in North Oxford. Calling hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the funeral home prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Greenville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 396, Rochdale, MA 01542.

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Michael M. Desjourdy, 69



W H I T I N S V I L L E - Michael M. Desjourdy, 69, passed away on Mon. Oct. 30, 2017 at UMass Memorial Hospital in Worcester after an illness. He is survived by his partner in crime and the love

of his life, wife of 49 years Kathleen A. (Sullivan) Desjourdy.

Michael is also survived by 3 children; Robert George and his wife Mary of Spencer, Ameer Desjourdy and her husband Troy Preble of Lexington, and Leslie Chaves and her husband Joe of Charlton, 5 grandchildren; Robert and his wife Shannon, Timothy and his companion Harmony, Mackenzie, Harry, Stella, and Ethan. He was predeceased by 3 siblings; Joseph and Jack Desjourdy, and Maryann McCrory.

Born in Whitinsville on July 24, 1948 he was the son of Alfred and Rose (Duso) Desjourdy and grew up and

lived in Whitinsville most his life until his move to Charlton in 1999. He worked as a machinist for the Reed Rolled Thread Dye Co. for 30 years until his retirement. Michael was a kind, quiet, and funny guy, a family man above all, he loved spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He also enjoyed watching Jeopardy, traveling to the Caribbean, and playing with his cockapoo "Lola".

His funeral will be held from Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St. Whitinsville on Thurs. Nov. 2 with a Funeral Mass at 11am. in St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross St. Whitinsville. Calling hours at the funeral home will be held prior from 9-10:30am. In lieu of flowers donations in Mike's memory may be made to: Boston Higashi School, 800 North Main St, Randolph, MA 02368 or online bostonhigashi.org To leave a condolence message for the family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

William K. Pratt, 92



W E S T W A R R E N - William K. Pratt, 92, of A Street, passed away on Friday, October 27, 2017 at the home of his daughter in Marstons Mills.

He leaves one son, Kenneth Pratt and his wife Laurette of Ware;

one daughter, Nancy Pratt-Hellwig and her husband Mark of Marstons Mills; a brother, Howard Pratt and his wife Sylvia of West Warren; a sister, Norma Pratt of West Brookfield; five grandchildren, Michael, Michelle, William, Zoe and Rose; four great-grandchildren, Alex, Mackenzie, Emma and Evan and many loving nieces and nephews who always called him Uncle Billy. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 65 years Eleanor L. (Starzyk) Pratt and four siblings. He was born in West Warren, son of the late William J. and Anna (Chabot) Pratt and was a lifelong resident.

Bill retired from Shop-Rite grocery chain and worked for Popular Markets, First National and several other stores as a department manager and skilled meat cutter.

He proudly served in the United

States Army during W.W. II, and received the Purple Heart medal after being wounded in the D-Day Invasion in Normandy, France. Bill never talked about this experience till much later in life. He was an unsung hero.

He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in West Warren. He loved his family, his home, the beach, the trees, and appreciated the beauty of everyday life. Bill was a true gentleman who will be so missed.

A Funeral Mass for William will be held on Friday, November 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM in St. Thomas Aquinas Church in West Warren. Calling hours will be held Thursday, November 2, 2017 from 5 to 7 PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. Burial with Military Honors will be in St. Paul's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in William's memory may be made to the Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. varnumfuneralhome.com

Diane J. (Brown) Jewell, 63

B R O O K F I E L D: Diane J. (Brown) Jewell, 63, of Hobbs Ave., died peacefully, Monday, Oct. 30 at her home. She leaves her loving husband of 47 years, Robert W. Jewell and her family. Diane was the daughter of Marjorie and the late John Brown of Boylston. She worked in health care for most of her life and has touched many people

through selfless acts of kindness and caring. Diane will be dearly missed.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. A graveside service followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

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Louise Blanchard Means, 74



B R O O K F I E L D - Louise Blanchard Means, 74

Louise "Weesie" Blanchard Means of Brookfield, died Monday, October 23, 2017, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1943, Weesie was the only child of the late Blanchard W. Means, a Professor of Philosophy at Trinity College Hartford, and the late Louise Chandler Means, a philanthropist for the developmentally disabled and conservation.

Weesie was developmentally disabled all her life, but became a friend to and made a positive impact on many over her lifetime by her kindness and simplicity.

Approximately 20 years after her father's death, Weesie and her mother moved from Hartford to Elm Hill Farm, their summer home, and lived there until shortly before her mother's death in 2009. Louise and Weesie enjoyed each other's company immensely, being seen around town and on trips throughout New England in matching coats and hats like two sisters. Weesie showed a love of music derived from her mother who was herself the daughter of Thaddeus Rich, an acclaimed violinist and assistant conductor of The Philadelphia Orchestra. Weesie would often show her happiness by humming and singing, which brightened the mood of whomever she was with.

She was the last of a long family line going back to the 18th Century to live at Elm Hill Farm, most of which is

now preserved as the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Elm Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, given by her mother in 1998, and as the Elm Hill Farm Historic District, designated by the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. Through her mother's vision and generosity and the efforts of the Blanchard Means Foundation, Hope Homes and Rehabilitative Resources, Inc., Weesie was able to live her later years comfortably with other developmentally disabled adults in a group home built on the one-time family property.

Weesie leaves behind her long-time devoted guardian and cousin Peter Chick and his wife Cynthia, and cousins Virginia Giddens, Carolyn Means, and Frances Means. Peter Chick would like especially to thank Sarah Bergeron, Weesie's caregiver, for her devoted and loving attention to Weesie and her needs, as well as Bonnie Keefe-Layden, former CEO of Rehabilitation Resources, Inc., for all that she did to make Weesie's last home possible.

There are no calling hours and interment is private. A Memorial Service for Weesie will be held on Friday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. in Brookfield Congregational Church, followed by a reception at the church. Relatives, friends and the community are invited. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in the name of Louise "Weesie" Means to Brookfield Congregational Church, P.O. Box 457, Brookfield, MA 01506-0457. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, November 4

CHRISTMAS FAIR: St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 296 Main St., North Brookfield on Saturday, Nov. 4 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The day will include bake sale, handmade crafts, flea market, baskets and raffles galore! Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and includes homemade soups, great sandwiches and delicious apple pie.

HOLIDAY VENDOR & CRAFT SALE: Charity raffle to support Toys for Tots, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer. Free admission.

Sunday, November 5

ANNUAL AUCTION: Quinebaug Valley Singers (QVS) second annual Auction will be held Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge. Auction items can be previewed at 1:30 p.m. and the Auction will take place from 2-4 p.m. The QVS Auction event will include refreshments, musical entertainment with choral and instrumental pieces, and an opportunity to bid on high-quality items, gift baskets, services, and gift certificates from popular local retailers and venues in both live and silent auctions. A \$10 registration fee for a bidding paddle may be purchased at the door, or in advance from any QVS member. Proceeds benefit Quinebaug Valley Singers, a local community chorus, www.qvsingers.org. For more information, or to purchase your bidding paddle in advance, please contact Linda (lammf151@gmail.com) or Carol (carolcurtin77@gmail.com) the QVS auction co-chairs. To donate items or services for the auction, please contact Jeanne (jadler@charter.net).

November 10, 11 & 12

THE SUN WILL COME OUT... "Annie" a musical, presented by The Theatre Guild of North Brookfield. Nov 10 & 11 at 7:30pm and Nov 12 at 2pm at the N. Brookfield Elem. School Aud. Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Seniors (62+) and Children under 12. Call Joe at 508-331-9031 for more info. Tickets available at the door.

Friday, November 11

WITH "HOPE IN HANDS" FOR THE LEICESTER FOOD PANTRY: St. Joseph's parish hall Thanksgiving INGATHERING Saturday, Nov. 11; dry food donations may be dropped at St. Joseph's from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Prior to the 11th, dry good donations may be dropped off at The Hair Force, 1103 Main St.; Christ Episcopal Church, 1089 Stafford St.; Entwistle's Garage, Main St.; or Leicester Recycling Center (every other Saturday). **DONATIONS NEED TO BE 2 WEEKS BEFORE THANKSGIVING** so the volunteers can assess and get ready 150 plus baskets to be delivered.

STRAWBERRY HILL FAIR: The First Congregational Church of Leicester at 1 Washburn Square (across from Town Common) will hold its annual STRAWBERRY HILL FAIR on Nov. 11 from 9 AM till 2 PM. The Fair will feature holiday decorations, homemade knitted items, second hand

treasures, gift baskets, raffles, country store, toys and games, baked goods, cafe', crafts and more. Please come and enjoy a few hours at our Fair. www.leicesterfcc.org

TURKEY RAFFLE: The North Brookfield VFW Post 3439 will be having our annual Turkey Raffle on Veteran's Day 11-11-2017 at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The VFW will also have a 50/50 raffle.

RED DOOR FAIR: The Christ Episcopal Church, Main Street, North Brookfield holds its annual Red Door Fair Saturday, Nov. 11 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Raffles, Christmas, baked goods, sewing & knitting, exquisite items, Rada knives. Lunch served.

Sunday, November 19

PITCH PARTY: The Leicester Lions Club hosts its Thanksgiving Pitch Party Sunday, Nov. 19 at the Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave. beginning at 1:30 p.m. Entrance is \$4 plus a non-perishable food item. Proceeds to benefit Lions charities and the Leicester community.

Tuesday, November 21

ANNUAL LEICESTER TURKEY DINNER: Stop by for the annual "Turkey Dinner" for area seniors, sponsored by Senator Michael O. Moore. The event is free and open to local senior residents. The event is Tuesday, Nov. 21 noon-1 p.m. at Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave.

Saturday, December 2

EB ELEMENTARY FAIR: It may be difficult to believe with the unseasonably warm temperatures lately, but winter is on the way - and also its many local traditions.

East Brookfield Elementary School's fourth annual Winter Festival is set for Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event offers the perfect opportunity for last-minute Christmas shoppers to find a wide assortment of items, with dozens of crafters and vendors in attendance.

Gift wrap is available for items, and there will also be food at the event, which has drawn an increasingly large crowd in each of its first three years. Additionally, the event will include kids crafts, an activity room, and pictures with Santa Claus from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The school is located at 410 East Main St.

ONGOING EVENTS

Deja New: Art, Antiques, & Collectibles Vendor Marketplace open on Wednesday from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm in the St. Joseph's Rectory building for its first season. In addition, a farmer's market will be open from 3:00-6:00 pm that day. Stop in and check out our vendor products! All proceeds will benefit the non-profit "24-7 Community Partnership" which will provide funds to programs for the needy, including the Leicester Food Pantry.

VFW MEETING: The Rochdale VFW

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

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

ECONOMY SHOP: 1st FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 207 Main St., Spencer; (508) 885-2149. Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 pm; Friday 8 a.m. to noon. Come in to see our new Fall line.

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, (508) 859-8083. The "New To You" Thrift Shop. Hours: Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS: Richard Sugden Library in Spencer has the following weekly programs. For more information contact the library at (508) 885-7513.

Looking for a fun and educational activity to do with your toddler or preschooler? Come to toddler story hour at 10 a.m. and meet other parents, enjoy songs, stories, and activities with your 18 months to 3 year old. Caregivers must remain in the room with their toddler. Preschoolers (ages 3-5) come at 11- caregivers must remain on the same floor. These are free programs but do require registration which you can do when you arrive. Today's themes are drums and rhythm.

Join us at Bouncing Babies on Wednesdays from 10-10:45 a.m. for a rollicking, good time! Meet other caregivers, share stories, songs, & rhymes. It's for ages birth to 24 months & their caregivers. Program followed by open play time. The free Afterschool Fun program is today from 4-4:45 p.m. for children from k-grade 5.

Tune in Together on Thursdays is a music and movement program for toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers, sponsored and presented by CFCE. Meets from 11 a.m.-noon.

Paws and Pages encourages children to become better readers by sharing a book with trained therapy dogs. This program is possible because of the generosity of trainer, Barbara Laborde and her canine helper. Come between 4-4:15 p.m. on Thursdays to reserve a spot.

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child programs from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays and Wednesdays at the North Brookfield Elementary School, New School Road, North. The program runs on school calendar and closes for vacation and inclement weather according to North Brookfield School calendar. This free program is sponsored by the Spencer, Wachusett, North and East Brookfield

Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield Elementary School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. For more information, please call CFCE at (508) 885-2934 or e-mail Wachusettcpc@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

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

N-37: Bingo at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. Along with our regular games we feature two winner take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payouts of \$600 and \$500 respectively. Good food and soft beverages are available at Judy's Kitchen. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

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

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



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<p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY - 36 Fish Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch w/Huge Split Level Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm w/Skylights! Open Cathedral Ceiling Kit/Din & Living Rms w/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 3 Full Baths! Huge Steel I Beam Clear Span 2 Car Garage! 1.1 Acres! Oil Heat! Shed! \$299,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY - 20 Williams St! Nice 7 Rm Cape w/3 Car Garage! SS Appliance Kit w/Cabinets & Corian Counters! Frplc Liv Rm & Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Sunroom w/Hot Tub/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Tile Bathrooms! Business Furnace! Town Services! Fenced Backyard! \$244,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER - 59 East Main St! Best Street for Business in Webster! Highest Traffic Count! Ideal for Most Business Applications! Complete Recent Remodel Inside & Out! Formally a Polish Deli & Convenience - Fully Equipped As Such - Full Kitchen! With Almost New Equipment - \$395,900.00 Without - \$299,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>DOUGLAS - 93 Monroe St! 10.97 ACRES! Updated 1887 8 Rm Farmhouse! Flexible Floor Plan! Loads of Charm! Frplc Liv Rm! Fam Rm w/Cathedral! Slider to Deck! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 2 Car Attached Garage! Additional 3 BAY, 50x85, GARAGE BUILDING! \$594,500.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY - 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit! Frplc Dining Rm! Living Rm w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! \$359,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER - 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Room! Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near! Walk to Schools & Churches! \$114,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>CHARLTON - 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Frplc Fam Rm w/Hrdwds! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Total! 16x30 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! \$344,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER - 39 Cudworth Rd! Everything on One Level - 5+ Room Ranch Set On Nice 47 Acre Lot! Cabinet Packed Kit Dining Area w/Slider to Deck! Spacious Liv Rm! Comfortable Master! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! 1st Flr Laundry! 2 Car Garage! Town Services! Easy 395 Access! \$212,900.00</p>
<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 42 Cushing Rd! 7 Rm Ranch! Cabinet Kit w/SS Appliances & Tile Flr Dining Area w/Corner Hutch! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Den w/New Carpet! New Electrical Service! Partially Finished Basement! Garage! Screened Porch! Shed! Town Services! \$239,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 141 Gore Rd! Rte 16! 1.88 Acres! Prime Exposure! Business Opportunities! Zoned Commercial! 165' Road Frontage! 18332' 4 Car Garage! 12X20' Workshop! 1 Rm Colonial! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Din/Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Slides! NEW FURNACE! Needs Roof, Updates to Electrical & Cosmetics! \$119,000.00</p>			<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 56 Chase Ave! Well Maintained 2 Fam! 64 Rm! 3/2 Bdrms! Applianced Eat-in Kits! Formal Din Rm! Carpeted Liv Rm! Large Bedrooms! Updated Full Bath! Skylight! Hrdwds! 6 Panel! 20' Oil Heat! Furnaces 1 Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electrical! Fenced Yard w/Patio! \$219,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 28 Colonial Rd! Immaculately Maintained 8 Rm Colonial Access to Webster Lake! Applianced Kit! Dining Area! Dining Rm! Fam Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower! 2.5 Baths! C/O! \$279,900.00</p>		
<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Killdeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdwd Flrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 14X20 Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaped! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! \$524,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Contemp Ranch, 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Lake Views from Most Rooms! Hrdwd & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brunarban Custom Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/New Bath! Frplc Fam Rm! Deck w/Custom Bar! 2 Car Garage! \$639,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/Hardwood Flr! Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! Lake Facing Master w/Master Bath! Upstairs 3 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! Lower Level Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Sauna & Full Bath! 3 Car Attached, 1 Car Detached! Security! Generator! Boat House! \$1,195,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - Reid Smith Cove! WATERFRONT LOT! South Shore Rd! Build Your Dream Home or Summer Retreat! Set on Quiet Road, Surrounded by Woods! Sloping Lot Down to Level! Waterfront! 7,200' Lot! 57' on the Water & Road! Town Water & Sewer Available! \$229,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 30 S. Point Rd! 91' Waterfront! Yr Rd 7 Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home! Panoramic Views of South Pond! NEW KIT w/Dble Frplc Din & Liv Rm w/Lake Facing Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Walkout Lower Level w/Fam Rm w/Summer Kit! NEW Int. Paint! Recent Roof & Siding! \$349,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Contemp! Panoramic Views! Most Rm! Open Fr Plan! Frplc Liv Rm! 4 2nd Flr Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplc Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent Clair, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage! BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! \$424,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 271 Killdeer Island Rd! Middle Pond! 120' Waterfront! Facing West! Beautiful Sunsets! 1 Rm Yr Rd Cottage! Open Fr Plan! Cabinet Kit & Din Rm out to Lake Facing Deck! Liv Rm that Walks Out to Small Balcony! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! Level Lot! Access! All the Lake has to Offer! \$279,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - Access! 124 Gore Rd! 440' Waterfront! Great Location! Direct Highway Access! 3.4 ACRES! UNDEVELOPED LAND w/EQUISITE VIEWS! Explore the Area! Build a Restaurant, Hotel, Condominiums! Cozy 4 Rm, 2 Bdrm Home! Oversize 2 Car Garage w/2nd Floor! \$399,000.00</p>
<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Pond Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frplc Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! \$749,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 88 Laurelhollow Dr! Reid Smith Cove! One of the Lake's Best Lots! Beautiful 10 Rm, 3,686' Contemp! 104' Waterfront, 228' Rd Frontage, 33,628 Sq. Ft. or .77 Acres! The Best on Market! Gradual Sloped Land to Beach/Shore! Private Rd w/Woods Across Street! Location, Slope to Water, View & Exposure, Things You Can't Change, After that it's One's Imagination! Front, Back, & Side Yards, Space to Room, Entertain, Park & Expand! Main Level, White & Black Granite Kit, Center Isl w/Gas Range & Sink, Wall Ovens! Din Area! Lake Facing Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral Open to Sun Rm w/Water View! Lake Facing Office/Possible 4th Bdrm! Half Bath! Upstairs, 3 Bdrms, 2 Bathrooms! Amazing Lake Facing Master, Bath w/Whirlpool, Steam Shower, Dble Vanity, Cathedral w/Skylight & Laundry! Walk-out Lower Level w/ Frplc Fam Rm, Summer Kit & 3rd Full Bath, 3.5 Total! C/O! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage & More! \$1,100,000.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 18 Bates Crossing! South Pond! Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Eastern Exposure! 8 Rm 3,100' Custom Contemporary! 2.43 Acres! Substantial Privacy! Home Features Endless Possibilities! Open Fr Plan w/Magnificent Views from Every Rm! 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! European Kit w/Center Isl! Modern Frplc Liv Rm w/Glass Sliders Open to Waterfront Balcony! Master Bdrm w/en-suite Bath, Separate Shower, Jacuzzi Tub, Walk-in Closet & Attached Laundry! Lower Level Bdrms Share Private Bath! C/O! Attached Garage w/Work Space! Detached 2 Car Heated Garage w/Workshop! Greenhouse! Panoramic Lake & Estuary Views! \$950,000.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Beachfront! Townhouse! 6Rms! 1.874! Open Floor Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Hrdwds! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplc Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent Clair, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage! BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! \$424,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 334 Killdeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained 7 Rm Colonial! Applianced Oak Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Cathedral Ceiling 3 Season Sunroom! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 3Bdrms! 2 Baths! Sandy Beach! \$469,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Lakeside Ave! 100' Waterfront! Huge Views of South Pond! Western Exposure - Fantastic Sunsets! In Time for Summer! 5 Rooms of Rustic Charm! Real Log Summer Cottage! 10,924' Lot! Allows for Room to Expand! Remodel! Tear it Down! Build New! \$359,900.00</p>		

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<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 38 WEST POINT RD</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>On Killdeer Island with 90 feet of water frontage on North Pond! This 3-4 bedroom, 2 car garage! All town services. House would make a good rehab or complete tare down, nice location justifies either. assisted sale \$449,900.</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 18 BATES XNG</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>Privacy, view, and a lot of Land! 2+ acres! level waterfront with a natural shoreline, no walls. Private Lagoons! 3,100' Contemporary 3 bedrooms, 3 baths! Large open kitchen, cathedral ceiling with skylites and fireplace, overlooking tra. Bates Cove! Master Bedroom with Jacuzzi Tub, large walk in Closet! Central Air/2 Car Heated Garage! Experience Nature at it finest! assisted sale \$950,000.</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR</p> <p>1st Time Offered in Reid Smith Cove, Spectacular 3700+/- SF, 13 Rm/4.5 Bath Lake Home, Uniquely Designed for Lake-Style Living! Private Setting, Ideal Location, .68 Acres, 92' of Natural Shoreline, Prof. Landscap, Multiple Decks, Lakeside Cabana, 3 Mstr BR Suites w/Elegant 1st Flr Mstr - all w/ Private Baths, Finished Walkout LL w/Living & Billiard Rms & Summer Kitchen! Call Sharon at 508-954-7222 for More Information! \$1,150,000.</p>	<p>LAND!</p> <p>WEBSTER/DUDLEY BUILDABLE LOTS</p> <p>Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Town Water & Sewer. \$52,000</p> <p>Webster Lake - 0 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Garage on lot \$144,900.</p> <p>Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer \$229,900</p> <p>Oxford - 4 Leicesters St., 8.47 acres, mostly cleared \$149,900</p>	

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DUDLEY



2 Family, ? - 3-1, ? - 2 -1, 1 Acre Lot, Solar Panel, Available immediately move-in

21 Intervale Rd ~ \$232,500

OPEN HOUSE SUN 10AM-NOON

DUDLEY- LAND

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 3 1/2 Acre Lot
 2 1/2 Acre Lot
 ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED

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OXFORD



Condo, Hardwood floor, Updated Kitchen, Fireplace, Garage

1 Carol Dr ~ \$189,900

OXFORD



Suitable for Commercial or Residential
 Ideal Location for Medical Facility or Condominium

Main Street ~ \$495,000

Open House Directory

ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5				
DUDLEY				
21 Inwale Rd	M	10-12	\$232,500	Maria Reed 508-873-9254/ReMax Advantage 1
6 Fourth Ave	S	10-12	\$229,900	JoAnn Szymczak 508-943-7669/ReMax Advantage 1
OXFORD				
1 Carole Dr	C	12-1:30	\$189,900	Maria Reed 508-873-9254/ReMax Advantage 1
WEBSTER				
86 Upper Gore Rd	2-3		\$314,800	Maribeth Marzeotti/ReMax Advantage 1 508-864-8163
THOMPSON CT				
73 Pasay Rd	S	12-1:30	\$169,900	Maribeth Marzeotti/ReMax Advantage 1 508-864-8163

To have your open house listed in this directory please contact Sandy at 508-909-4110

FOR SALE

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 12-1:30PM



73 Pasay Road Thompson, CT, \$169,900
 2-3 BR ranch, cathedral ceilings, large bedrooms, 4.5 acres.

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 2:00-3:00PM



86 Upper Gore Rd, Webster. Great house for entertaining! 3 BR, all new renovated kitch, baths, carpet, windows! 3 car garage. Potential Webster Lake view. \$314,800.



Maribeth Marzeotti
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Brenda Ryan Broker-Owner
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Mary Jo Demick
Spiro Thomo
Vivian Marrero-Dorcas
Robin Giguere

201 SOUTH STREET, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA
 508-765-9155
 FAX: 508-765-2698

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Auburn: Fabulous New Construction at an affordable price in AUBURN! Handsome Colonial with 7 rooms 3 bedrooms 2 baths with garages. Large kitchen with granite, tile floors, recessed lighting. Master bedroom with walk in closet. Finished family room in lower level! Energy efficient! Wonderful builder to work with! **\$339,900.**



Sturbridge: One of a kind beautiful Condo loaded with costly upgrades. Exquisite Condo with 8 rooms 4 bedrooms 3 baths. Each closet has been upgraded with closet organizers. Lower level all finished including Jacuzzi/hot tub. Living room, bedrooms and lower level have built in cabinetry custom made for the seller. Attached 2 car garage. So much storage! Location a premium for commuters! **\$299,900**



Auburn: BEAUTIFUL totally renovated Ranch with 5 rooms 2 bedrooms. Hardwood floors. Open living room, dining room & Kitchen-great for entertaining! Kitchen cabinets, counters, & ss appliances all done within 8 years. Spacious updated bath with ceramic tile floor. Vinyl sided, updated roof, windows, central air. NICE NICE HOME! **\$219,900.**



Southbridge: Newer (2007) Home in desirable newer neighborhood! 5 room 3 bedroom 2 bath Ranch! Vaulted Ceiling Living room. Master bedroom with beautiful master bath! Some hardwoods. Lower level fully finished-great additional space for family room, office, exercise room. New Deck. Large Level fenced backyard. Central Air. Move in condition! **\$239,900.**



Sturbridge: Contemporary Colonial-unique layout! 6 rooms 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 bath! Huge living room with stone fireplace, sliders to deck. Brand new Stainless steel appliances in kitchen! Front to back step down family room! Updated roof & septic. Exterior painted in 2015. BEST PART 1.07 acres of PRIVATE LEVEL YARD! MINUTES TO PIKE & RT 84 to Hartford! **\$229,900.**



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 Find the homes of your neighborhood



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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4



9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
ANNUAL HARVEST FAIR
BETHEL LUTHERAN

CHURCH
90 Bryn Mawr Ave. Auburn, MA
Handmade knits and vintage linens, white elephant attic treasures, bake shoppe, homemade pies, candy, cakes and cookies. Pickles and cheese. Holiday shoppe and crafts

ALBANIAN KITCHEN & BAZAAR

10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Bake table featuring traditional Albanian pies, cookies and other favorites, theme baskets, used books, this 'n that table, illustrated children's books by author Ruth Sanderson and an Albanian-style café (eat in or take out.)
ST. NICHOLAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
126 Morris St.
Southbridge, MA

ENTRANCE EXAM NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

8:30 a.m.
Pre-register online at www.nda-worc.org
425 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA

ST. ROCH'S PARISH HARVEST FAIR

334 Main Street (Oxford Center)
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
White Elephant Table, Crafts, Used Books, Baked Goods, Raffle Items, Delicious Food, \$\$ Money Raffles \$\$
Come for lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

GIGUERES NEW TRAMPOLINE FACILITY
OPEN HOUSE (NEW WEBSTER LOCATION ONLY)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
New trampoline facility - 10 Olympic quality trampolines
Come jump on our trampolines.
Sign up for classes, book a birthday party
7 Viking Rd., Webster, MA
508-980-1987

HARVEST FAIR
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Bake table, crafts and jewelry table, Attic treasures
Coffee shoppe
9-11:30 a.m.
Meatball sub luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
64 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA
508-752-2376

TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD
9:00 p.m.
Local classic rock/contemporary band
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

SAINT JOHN PAUL II PARISH BAZAAR
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Trinity Catholic Academy
11 Pine St., Southbridge, MA
Children's games, crafts, Village bake shop, jar deal, theme baskets, parish table, Jewelry, silent auction,

huge community raffle table, and entertainment, Karol's Kafé
Open for breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
A great variety of items for lunch
Free admission, ample parking
Handicapped accessible.
508-765-3701

QUINEBAUG VALLEY SINGERS
SECOND ANNUAL AUCTION
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Preview items at 1:30)
Federated Church of



Sturbridge & Fiskdale
8 Maple St., Sturbridge, MA
Light refreshments, musical entertainment
\$10 registration fee for Bidding Paddle
For more information contact
Linda (lamfam151@gmail.com) or Carol (carolcurtin77@gmail.com)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

NATE KENYON
9:00 p.m.
Rising Nashville star!
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

10 am - 3 pm
PICTURES WITH SANTA
Children & pets welcome
KLEM TRACTOR, INC.
117 West Main St.
Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

ONGOING
YOGA CLASSES
Monday evenings

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Woodstock Elementary School Gym
Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 11, 18
\$56 (7 classes), \$35 (4 classes)
\$10.00 "Drop In"
Diane Converse @ 860-315-5175 or recreationdirector@woodstockCT.gov

THE QUIET CORNER GARDEN CLUB

meets the first Monday in each month at the South Woodstock Baptist Church
Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock from 7-8:30 p.m.
Informative programs each month from gardening tips, wildlife preservation, garden crafts, etc.

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

Trivia Night

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44)
Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

HEXMARK TAVERN
AT SALEM CROSS INN
260 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA
508-867-2345
www.salemcrossinn.com

TRAP SHOOTING
Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Open to the public
\$12.00 per round includes clays and ammo
NRA certified range officer on site every shoot
AUBURN SPORTSMAN CLUB
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA
508-832-6492

HUGE MEAT RAFFLE
First Friday of the month
Early Bird 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
1st table: 7:00 p.m.
Auburn Sportsman Club
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA
508-832-6496



TRIVIA TUESDAYS
at 7:00 p.m.
Cash prizes
308 LAKESIDE
308 East main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

TRIVIAL THURSDAY
No cost to play. Cash prizes
Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
CHESTER P. TUTTLE POST AMERICAN LEGION
88 Bancroft St., Auburn, MA
508-832-2701



LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Dena Marie Nelson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp. dated March 10, 2006, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38567, Page 76, affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated October 25, 2011 recorded in Book 48323 Page 179.; said mortgage was then assigned to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. by virtue of an assignment dated December 6, 2011, and recorded in Book 48323, Page 177; and further assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2 by virtue of an assignment dated December 19, 2013, and recorded in Book 52007, Page 112; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 02:00 PM on **November 28, 2017**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 57 Borkum Road, Spencer, MA 01562. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, located on the easterly side of Borkum Road, bounded and described as follows: Lot 3 Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Borkum Road at the northwest corner of the lot herein described and the southwest corner of Lot 2 as shown on said plan; THENCE S. 33° 56' 24" E. three hundred eighty-three and ninety-two hundredths (383.92) feet along said Lot 2 to a point in a stonewall; THENCE S. 11° 13' 35" W. one hundred twenty one and twenty four hundredths (121.24) feet along said stonewall to a point at the northeast corner of Lot 4 as shown on said plan; THENCE N. 47° 56' 54" W. four hundred one and forty six hundredths (401.46) feet along said Lot 4 as shown on said plan to a point in a wall

in the easterly line of Borkum Road; THENCE N. 30° 51' 18" E. one hundred thirty seven and sixty seven hundredths (137.67) feet along said stonewall along the easterly line of Borkum Road to a point; THENCE N. 36° 07' 32" E. sixty two and thirty three hundredths (62.33) feet along the easterly line of Borkum Road to the point of beginning. Containing 1.296 acres, more or less. Being more particularly designated on plan of land in Spencer, Mass., prepared for Ronald R. Bercome dated October 19, 1984 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 529, Page 22. See Deed Recorded Herewith Book 38567 Pg 74
Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC, ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned

sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: October 19, 2017 U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2 By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center Suite 225D Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 53552 (NELSON) FEI # 1078.02215 11/03/2017, 11/10/2017, 11/17/2017
November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017
November 17, 2017

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Roger and Cynthia Larson for the property located at 9 East Main Street, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to manufacture a winery business to produce wine and cider at the above nonconforming address in General District. This requires a special permit as per sections, -3. Use Regulations, § 3.25 Industrial, (2) (et al).

The public is invited to attend.
Renee Adams White
Clerk

November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Brook Garden Inc., for the property located at 198 West Main Street, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to run a small engine repair shop at the above conforming address in General District. A special permit is required -3. Use of Regulations, 3.24 Automotive Sales and Service, (2) (etal). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Bartholomew Riel and Elisa B. Riel to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., a DE Corp., its successors and assigns, dated August 29, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39716, Page 345 subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of MA, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51302, Page 220, subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53470, Page 258 and subsequently assigned to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55583, Page 229; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on November 14, 2017 at 63 Chestnut Street, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Spencer with the buildings thereon situated on the south side of Chestnut Street, and is bounded, as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner thereof, on the South side of said Chestnut Street; Thence Southerly about 99 feet by land formerly of J.B. Ethier; Thence Westerly about 24 feet land formerly of Jaothim Ethier; Thence Northerly about 33 feet and Westerly about 66 feet by land formerly of Augustus Delude; Thence Northerly 66 feet, by land formerly of said Delude to the aforesaid street; Thence Easterly by the South line of said street, about 89 1/2 feet to the place of beginning, granting also whatever right we may have to the use of a well on land Southerly of above tract and excepting whatever right of way there may be over 14 feet in width across the west side of said tract. For title reference see deed recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 31945, Page 72.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.** Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

MTGLQ Investors, LP
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-003706
October 20, 2017
October 27, 2017
November 3, 2017

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Delia Connaughton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns., dated May 17, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41170, Page 366 subsequently assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2007-HY7C Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-HY7C by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48101, Page 242; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on November 14, 2017 at 135 Flagg Road, East Brookfield, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land on Flagg Road in East Brookfield, being Lot 1, described in a Plan of Land in East Brookfield, Massachusetts prepared for David P. LeBlanc and Linda V. LeBlanc dated March 15, 2002, and recorded in Plan Book 780, Plan 51, at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds on May 7, 2002. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named grantor(s) by deed recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 31898, Page 283.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.** Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as trustee for the certificate holders of the CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2007-HY7C Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Series 2007-HY7C
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
15-009068
October 20, 2017
October 27, 2017
November 3, 2017

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Neil White for the property located at 117 Shea Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to construct a 15'x24' carport at the above pre-existing nonconforming property in Rural Residential District requires a Special Permit as per sections, -4. Dimensional Requirements, subsection 4.2 Schedule of Dimensional Requirements, (et al).

The public is invited to attend.
Renee Adams White
Clerk
October 27, 2017
November 3, 2017

Notice of Public Hearing- Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit (Renewal) -Applicant/ Owner: Peter Zukas. Location: 89 Smithville Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R30/01. The applicant is looking to renew their Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H1.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

Variance- Applicant/Owner: Vitold Zenkus. Location: 113 Ash Street, Spencer Assessor's Map R28/21. The applicant is looking for a variance under Sections 5.1 and 7.3 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw as the lot does not meet the current zoning standards for minimum lot size and minimum lot frontage to allow construction of a new single family home. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

Special Permit-Applicant: Steven Briggs Owner: Stephen Boyle and Tracy Griffin. Location: 36 A Laurel Lane, Spencer Assessor's Map U31/47. The applicant is looking to obtain a Special Permit under Sections 4.4.1.B under Accessory Use of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to construct a three bay garage with storage area on a vacant lot across the street from their primary residence. The property is located in the Lake Residential zoning district. Interested Parties may review applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays. The ZBA is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885-7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.

October 27, 2017
November 3, 2017

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:

James and Mary Bollivar have filed an Amendment to an Order of Conditions with the Spencer Conservation Commission for property located at 104 McCormick Road, Spencer, MA. Ken Pickering has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a patio with a roof located at 20 Lake Whittemore Drive, Spencer, MA.

Karl Unger has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace an existing fire pit, construct two patios, and construct a retaining wall located at 18 Lamoureux Lane, Spencer, MA.

Worcester County 4-H has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to clean out discharge area of discharge pipe located at McCormick Road/Buckhill Dam, Spencer, MA.

George Poudrier has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct an addition and remove five trees located at 21 Westland Drive, Spencer, MA.

Scott Richardson has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a single family home located at 72 Donnelly 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, November 15, 2017, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
November 3, 2017

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17 SM 005345 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Randy S. Burdett

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq): **Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2004-NC1,**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered **14 Lyford Road,** given by **Randy S. Burdett and Marilyn J. Burdett to New Century Mortgage Corporation,** dated **December 3, 2003,** and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **32405,** Page **37,** as affected by a **Loan Modification Agreement dated March 31, 2010 and recorded in said Registry in Book 46451, Page 140,** and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **November 27, 2017** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on October 12, 2017

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

(17-005449 Orleans)

November 3, 2017

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2000

Docket No. WO17P3337EA

Estate of:

Jeanne M. Moulton

Also Known As:

Jeanne Marie Moulton

Date Of Death: September 4, 2017

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Timothy J. Morris of Spencer MA

Kelly J. Hitt of North Brookfield MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Timothy J. Morris of Spencer MA

Kelly J. Hitt of North Brookfield MA

have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

November 3, 2017

Town of Spencer Notice of Public Hearing

The Spencer Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on November 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA to review a proposed article on the November 16, 2017 Annual Town meeting Warrant that seeks to amend Article 6, Section 5 of the General Bylaws to require property owners and/or occupants to remove snow and ice from sidewalks in the Business District on both sides of Main St. from 96 Main to 188 Main and both sides of Mechanic from Main St. to Cherry St. A map of the area is available on the Town Website at www.spencerma.gov or in the Town Administrator's Office.

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November 3, 2017

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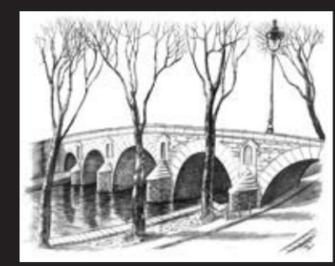
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Creating A Pet EMERGENCY First Aid Kit

Here are some helpful items* to consider when making an emergency first aid kit for your pet. Store the items in a waterproof container. Make sure to note the seasonal items (e.g., winter blankets, season appropriate medicines, etc.) and expiration dates.

- A book detailing animal first-aid procedures and tips
- Copies of your pet's medical/vaccination records
- Contact information for your:
 - Veterinarian
 - Veterinary emergency clinic
 - ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435)
 - Friend or family member who is familiar with your pet

GENERAL ITEMS



PET-SPECIFIC SUPPLIES



- Spare leash and collar
- Cloth muzzle
- Prescribed medication records-
It is always a good idea to have an extra supply of pet's prescribed medications.
- Bottled water & bowl
- Bag of food (Be sure to mark the date of storage to replace as needed)
- Dog waste bag, paper towels, antibacterial soap

- Gauze rolls and adhesive tapes - Used to control bleeding and provide support for suspected bone fractures or breaks
- Bandage scissors
- Self-adhesive bandages (does not stick to fur)
- Antiseptic products - Used on cuts and scratches to prevent infection and relieve pain
- Cotton balls
- Gauze pads (for wound cleaning)
- Instant ice pack
- Saline solution
- Blanket
- Pet carrier

FIRST-AID SUPPLIES



OVER-THE-COUNTER ITEMS



- Milk of magnesia, activated charcoal for ingestion of poisons
- Anti-diarrheal pills
- Flea and tick medicine
- Sedatives
- Artificial tear solution
- Veterinarian suggested allergy medicine, such as Diphenhydramine
- Anti-itch cream
- Water-based sterile lubricant
- Animal bug spray
- Styptic pencil to stop bleeding
- Rubbing alcohol
- Epsom salt
- Glucose paste or corn syrup for animals that are diabetic or have low blood sugar

Keep in Mind...

When an animal becomes ill or requires emergency first aid care, the veterinarian should be contacted immediately.

- Thermometer
- Tick remover
- Tweezers
- Nail Clippers
- Needle-nose pliers
- Syringe
- Eye droppers
- Pen light/ Flashlight

USEFUL TOOLS



REMEMBER!

- Injured pets may be scared, in pain, or confused
- Even the most gentle pet may bite or scratch
- Take precautions to avoid getting hurt:
 - Avoid mouth
 - Do not smother the pet
 - Stay calm, slowly move, and handle carefully
 - Stop if pet becomes agitated
 - Use a muzzle, but only if animal is not vomiting
- If possible, secure animal in a carrier during transport.
- To avoid distraction and provide comfort, have someone ride with you or drive to the veterinarian.



* This is a comprehensive list of suggestions; you may include any items that best fit your needs
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PETS

Helping Your Pet Survive An Emergency

(NAPS)

If you're like many pet parents, it's probably crossed your mind lately about what would happen to your animal if a natural disaster strikes.

The experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer this advice: Make a plan and prepare a disaster kit for your pet. This can help make things safer for you, your pet and any first responders.

Make A Plan

1. Find out what shelters and assistance are available to accommodate pets.
2. Microchip your pets and register the microchip with the manufacturer.
3. Get a pet carrier for each of your pets and put his or her name, your name and contact information on it.
4. If you'll be sheltering at home with your pet, find an interior room with few or no windows and make sure it's pet friendly.

Make A Kit

The experts on animal care at Henry Schein Animal Health have these hints to help you create an emergency first aid kit for your pet.

- A book on animal first-aid
- Your pet's medical records
- Contact information for your veterinarian and a friend or family member familiar with your pet
- Spare leash and collar
- Food and water for at least two weeks
- Food and water bowls and a manual can opener
- Prescribed medication
- Gauze rolls and pads and adhesive tape
- Scissors
- Antiseptics
- Cotton balls

- Instant ice pack
 - Saline solution
 - Blanket
 - Dog waste bag, paper towels, antibacterial soap, litter box and litter
 - Milk of magnesia and activated charcoal
 - Anti-diarrheal pills
 - Flea and tick medicine
 - Sedatives
 - Artificial tear solution
 - Anti-itch cream
 - Water-based sterile lubricant
 - Animal bug spray
 - Styptic pencil
 - Rubbing alcohol
 - Epsom salts
 - Thermometer
 - Tick remover
 - Tweezers
 - Nail clippers
 - Needle-nose pliers
 - Syringe
 - Eyedroppers
 - Flashlight
 - Pet toys and bed (familiar items can help pets feel more comfortable)
 - Current photo of pet
 - A description of the pet, including age, sex, neuter status, colors and approximate weight.
- Remember, injured pets may be scared, in pain or confused, and even the most gentle pet may bite or scratch. Try to stay calm, move slowly, and handle your pet carefully. If possible, secure him or her in a carrier during transport.
- Learn More
Download an infographic on emergency preparedness at <https://www.henryscheinvet.com/firstaid>.

Close The Lid On Cat Litter Odors

(NAPS)

According to the ASPCA, there are more than 85 million pet cats in America. If one (or more) of them is yours, you may have noticed one aspect of cat companionship that's less than delightful: the litter box. Fortunately for cats and their humans, following a few steps can help keep the odor down and the litter box use up.

What You Need To Know

To help keep your home from smelling like cat litter, you need to have the right number of litter boxes and deal with them promptly and properly.

- Veterinarians recommend you have at least one more litter box than you have cats: two boxes for one cat, three for two and so on. That will make sure your cat always has a place to go.
- When adding the litter, don't overfill. Most cats prefer two inches of litter or less. Too deep, and your cat may not like his or her footing and opt to go elsewhere.

If your cat does miss the litter box, don't panic. If it's a onetime thing, treat the affected area with water, vinegar and mild soap and blot dry. If it happens a lot, consider moving your litter box, retraining your cat, or visiting the vet to make sure it's not a medical issue.

- Be diligent about cleaning the litter daily. One thing

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Contest For Cat Lovers

You can be part of the mission to banish cat litter odors from homes at #StopCatLitterSmell. Throughout May, the brand will give away 10 pails a week for four weeks across its social channels, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, with one overall winner receiving over \$2,000 worth of prizes, including \$1,000 toward a chosen cat rescue, \$1,000 to splurge on your cat, and a Litter Genie Pail with a year's supply of refills.



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Litter Genie® is available in Petco, PetSmart, Target, Walmart, Amazon.com, Chewy.com and other retailers where pet products are sold. For further facts and tips on cat care and litter odor control, go to www.littergenie.com.

For more details on how to enter the #StopCatLitterSmell competition, go to @littergenie on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

A little care on your part can help you enjoy the company of your feline friends without your company noticing litter box odor.

Keep Your Dog From Dining In The Litter Box

(NAPS)

If your home is like most, you share it with at least one animal friend. According to a recent Harris Poll, 62 percent of Americans have at least one pet; half of cat owners also have a dog; and a third of dog owners also have a cat.

Dogs and cats living together, however, can lead to a problem: Dogs like to dine out of the cat's litter box.

The reason may be boredom or instinct but most often it's due to a nutritional deficiency. Typically, cat feces contain lots of protein and fat and give off an odor that's very appealing to dogs. The result is a nasty habit that could lead to health issues if not corrected.

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PETS

Foods that cats and dogs should never eat

Nutritious diets are essential to long-term pet health. Many well-intentioned pet owners feed their pets foods they believe are nutritious, only to learn that certain foods, even those deemed healthy for humans, can be quite dangerous to dogs and cats.

Cats and dogs metabolize foods and other substances differently from humans. WebMD reports that each year, there are more than 100,000 cases of pet poisoning in the United States. Many of these instances were caused by household substances that may seem perfectly harmless. Medications, cleaning products and certain foods can poison pets. Dogs tend to be at higher risk for food poisoning, particularly because they



are less discriminatory with regard to food.

Before caving into the temptation to share snacks with their pets, pet owners should recognize the common foods the ASPCA and other pet welfare organizations list as the most likely to contribute to pet poisonings worldwide.

- **Chocolate:** Chocolate is accountable for roughly one-quarter of all toxic exposures. Chocolate contains methylxanthines, which are found in cacao seeds. When ingested by pets, methylxanthines can cause excessive thirst and urination, panting, vomiting, diarrhea, abnormal

heart rhythm, and seizures. Serious cases can be fatal. Dark chocolate and baking chocolate are especially dangerous for pets.

- **Grapes/raisins:** Grapes, raisins, sultanas, and currants, whether raw or cooked, can cause kidney failure in dogs. Not all dogs are affected. However, these fruits should be avoided. Symptoms include lethargy, diarrhea and vomiting within 24 hours of consumption.

- **Hops:** Commonly used for brewing beer, hops have become a greater risk for pets now that home brewing as a hobby or side business has become popular. When ingested, hops can cause a rapid heart rate, anxiety, vomiting, and other abdominal symp-

toms. Essential oils and tannins in hops also can cause high fever when pets ingest them.

- **Macadamia nuts:** These nuts can cause depression, vomiting, tremors, and hyperthermia in dogs.

- **Milk and dairy:** Do not give dogs and cats milk to lap up, and avoid giving them high amounts of cheese and other dairy foods. Pets do not possess significant amounts of lactase, the enzyme that breaks down lactose in milk. Therefore, diarrhea and digestive upset is likely to occur when pets consume dairy.

- **Onions/garlic:** These aromatic ingredients are not a good idea for pets, particularly cats. Onions contain an ingredient called thiosulphate, which is toxic to cats and

dogs. The ingestion of onions and onion-related foods can cause a condition called hemolytic anemia. This is damage to red blood cells that causes the cells circulating throughout the pet's body to burst.

- **Xylitol:** Keep pets away from sugarless gums and candies that contain Xylitol, which also may be used in toothpaste. The substance causes insulin to release in most species, which can lead to liver failure.

Pet owners should be aware that the foods they eat regularly may not be safe for their pets. Always consult with a veterinarian before giving pets foods commonly eaten by humans.

Recognize and relieve sources of pets' stress



Stress can affect anyone, even household pets. Although life may seem foot-loose and fancy free for companion animals, they have their share of stressors as well.

It may be hard to believe that dogs, cats, birds, and other animals can suffer from stress. But certain situations or scenarios may trigger a stressful response in pets, and pet owners should learn to recognize such stressors and do what they can to help pets avoid them.

Research indicates that stress, especially constant sources of stress, can impact pet health and well-being. A 2011 study published in the Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology found that when dogs are under stress, their bodies release an excessive amount of the fight or flight hormone norepinephrine. This can alter gut bacteria and interfere with gastrointestinal tract motility. Resulting diarrhea can compound stressful situations and exacerbate the situation.

The pet advice site Pet-Happy says that, during stressful situations, pets' blood pressure may climb, breathing may become more rapid, heart rate may increase, and the immune system can become less effective — instances that would also occur in humans. Various studies show that stress can be a contributing factor to disease.

Animals experience stress for different reasons and exhibit stress in ways that set them apart from one another and their human companions. The following is a breakdown of what may contribute to stress in birds, cats and dogs.

BIRDS

According to James Morrissey, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary

Medicine at Cornell University, birds are very good at picking up stress in people, which may contribute to their own stress. It can be challenging to determine what is causing stress in birds. However, the appearance of stress bars on feathers, the sudden onset of aggression, fearful behavior, changes in appetite, and destructive behavior can indicate that stress is present.

CATS

Cats can become stressed over situations their owners may not consider major. Loud music and noises, changes in food or litter brands, having new carpet or furniture installed, or a number of visitors in the home may be stressors, says Pam Johnson-Bennet, author and cat behavior expert. Some of the easiest stress symptoms to spot include excessive self-grooming, urine spraying, aggression, extreme vocalization, and eliminating outside of the litter box.

DOGS

The British Small Animal Veterinary Association's "Manual of Canine and Feline Behavioural Medicine" says that some of the most common dog stress triggers are novelty, housing changes, loud noises, changes in household members, and changes in schedule. Dogs may exhibit stress through appetite changes, isolation, digestive issues, lethargy, and increased sleeping.

Once stress is identified apart from any other health issues, pet owners can take steps to reduce it. Providing a security spot to which the pet can retreat, regular exercise, mental stimulation, and gradual changes to routine, diet or other things a pet has relied on can help.



A warm coat, a cozy spot to sleep and limited time spent outdoors can keep pets safe during winter.

How to keep pets safe in winter weather

The arrival of cooler temperatures sparks various changes. Chilly air and precipitation can be dangerous, especially to pets that are unaccustomed to extreme changes in temperature.

Pet owners may be well aware of the hazards of warm weather, including the threat of leaving pets in hot cars. But cold weather also has its share of risks. Heed these tips to keep pets safe and secure.

- **Schedule a well visit.** The American Veterinary Medical Association suggests scheduling a visit with a veterinarian to check for any medical issues. Cold weather can aggravate symptoms of certain conditions, such as arthritis. A thorough examination can shed light on potential problems.

- **Keep homes humidified.** Going in and out of the house and moving from cold air to dry indoor heat can affect pets' skin. Itching and

flaking may result, causing pets to scratch at such areas. Maintain humidity in the home for comfort. The ASPCA also says to reduce bathing to help preserve essential oils on the skin.

- **Protect paws outdoors.** Pet paws are sensitive to sand, ice, snow, and chemical ice melts. Massage petroleum jelly or another protectant onto paw pads, or consider the use of pet booties.

- **Keep pets indoors more often.** Pets should not remain outdoors for long stretches of time in frigid temperatures, even if they are accustomed to roaming during other seasons, advises The Humane Society of the United States.

- **Provide options for sleeping.** Come the winter, cats and dogs may need new sleep spaces to avoid drafts and stay warm. Give them other spots they can call their own.

- **Consider a sweater or**

vest. Some pets are more tolerant to the cold than others. However, some dogs and cats may benefit from a sweater, vest or coat designed for pets to offer a little more insulation.

- **Update identification and contact information.** Snow and ice can mask scent cues that help pets find their way home. Update contact information and make sure pets' collars are on tightly.

- **Keep coolant and antifreeze locked away.** Coolant and antifreeze are lethal to dogs and cats and should be kept out of reach. Clean up any spills from vehicles promptly.

- **Provide fresh food and water.** Pets may burn more calories trying to stay warm. Be sure the animal has a little extra food and plenty of water to stay sated and hydrated.

Winter weather requires pet owners to make changes so pets can remain happy and safe.





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