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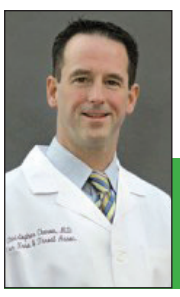
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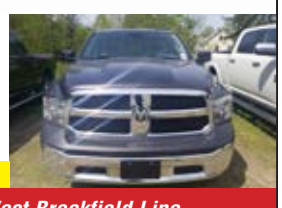
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Opening of pot retail derails traffic in Leicester

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Officials were forced to call an emergency meeting after droves of retail marijuana customers caused major traffic problems.

From the moment Cultivate Holdings, Inc., was greenlighted for retail sales along with only one other business in the state, officials knew traffic would be heavier than usual in Leicester. But no one was expecting the mass influx of customers from throughout the state eager to purchase recreational marijuana products.

Beginning on the first day of retail sales, Nov. 20, long lines of customers regularly overflowed the Cultivate parking lot and caused massive backups on surrounding roads. By the second week into the retail operation, residents were so upset that the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board decided to call an emergency meeting.

At the Nov. 26 meeting, dozens of residents complained about long lines of vehicles blocking their driveways and delaying a typically easy cross-town commute. Police have since improved the situation by directing Cultivate customers off

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U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Connor D. Loessin

ON THE FLIGHT DECK

Naval Air Crewman (Helicopter) 2nd Class Shane Skowron, from Brookfield conducts pre-flight checks on an MH-60R Sea Hawk, with Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 71, on the flight deck aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). The John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points.

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Moroccan teacher Bouchra Ait Msguine is spending the year teaching Arabic at Leicester High School.

Bringing an international culture to Leicester

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Continuing to advance an already strong cultural program, Leicester High School is benefiting from its latest international guest educator.

LHS students and staff alike are absorbing information from Bouchra Ait Msguine, an Arabic teacher who is visiting this year from Morocco. Her stay is made possible by the Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP), which is run by the U.S. Department of State.

The highly competitive program is designed to increase the study of world languages within U.S. schools. Not only must international teachers

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New committee to focus on town center

North Brookfield wishes to announce the establishment of its Downtown Development Committee (NB-DDC). Working in conjunction with The Architectural Heritage Foundation (AHF), the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House (FOTH) have sponsored creation of a group focused on stimulating redevelopment of North Brookfield's town center, and fundraising efforts aimed at town house renovation. The DDC will seek funds to improve the curb appeal of downtown North Brookfield, and create conditions that attract new businesses to the area.

The committee will hold meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the NB police station. These meet-

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Show support with this special 'Hoyt' plate

HOLLAND – After several years of supporting the local father-son racing duo of Dick and Rick Hoyt, Massachusetts residents now have the opportunity to show their Team Hoyt support each time they get behind the wheel.

The Hoyt Foundation has been working with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to produce a new specialty license plate for Massachusetts motorists. The license plate design depicts Holland's Dick Hoyt pushing his son, Rick Hoyt, in his familiar running chair. Despite his quadriplegia and cerebral palsy, Rick hasn't let anything hold him back, accomplishing his dreams with his father always at his side.

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Town of Douglas wins outstanding citizenship award

Senator Louis Bertonazzi Foundation - Citizenship Award						
Rank	Town	2017 Local Election	2018 Local Election	2018 Sept Election	2018 Nov. Election	Final Total
1	Douglas	1.89%	44.93%	13.20%	61.56%	**30.40%**
2	Mendon	21.35%	12.20%	17.57%	67.71%	**29.71%**
3	Upton	18.78%	11.01%	16.79%	70.32%	**29.23%**
4	Uxbridge	25.74%	9.20%	20.17%	60.82%	**28.98%**
5	Millville	14.10%	20.57%	19.73%	57.93%	**28.08%**
6	Grafton	17.35%	13.10%	16.86%	64.33%	**27.91%**
7	Hopedale	13.97%	4.38%	19.36%	71.11%	**27.21%**
8	Sutton	12.60%	11.06%	16.67%	67.91%	**27.06%**
9	Milford	17.35%	17.71%	14.70%	57.27%	**26.76%**
10	Oxford	15.74%	16.14%	15.81%	59.14%	**26.71%**
11	Auburn	9.25%	12.78%	16.99%	64.88%	**25.97%**
12	Bellingham	10.38%	2.73%	25.35%	65.19%	**25.91%**
13	Westborough	12.42%	9.03%	16.60%	63.78%	**25.46%**
14	Northbridge	2.99%	9.94%	14.01%	71.45%	**24.60%**
15	Blackstone	15.96%	2.31%	19.87%	54.94%	**23.27%**
16	Charlton	7.46%	8.48%	14.40%	59.68%	**22.50%**
17	Southbridge	18.82%	13.70%	10.03%	41.21%	**20.94%**
18	Dudley	6.81%	4.17%	14.20%	58.20%	**20.84%**
19	Webster	11.05%	9.57%	12.30%	50.36%	**20.82%**

The elections of 2017-2018 have been held. The votes have been counted and finalized and the winner of the Senator Louis Bertonazzi Outstanding Citizenship Award with an average voting percentage of 30.40% is the town of Douglas.

The award is earned by the town that turns out the highest percentage of voters in each community who actually voted in the four 2017-18 elections. It enables the town to be officially recognized as the "Best Voting Community" of the 19 competing towns for that time period. Past winners of the award have been Sutton, Upton twice, Mendon and Northbridge twice.

As a result of their victory the Douglas Town Clerk and Board of Registrars will receive a check from the Foundation for $1000 to be used as they see fit to increase future voter turnout. The Douglas Board of Selectmen will be presented a plaque to be displayed for the next two years in the Douglas Town Hall. And the people of Douglas, who earned the award, will receive a huge banner proclaiming Douglas as the "Best Voting Community" 2017-2018 to be displayed as they see fit.

As the accompanying chart shows, Mendon, Upton, Uxbridge, Millville, Grafton, Hopedale,

Sutton, Milford and Oxford comprised the upper tier of challengers. The middle group of finishers was Auburn, Bellingham, Westborough, Northbridge, Blackstone and Charlton. Southbridge, Dudley and Webster trailed the field.

The chart also shows that the winning final average was 30.40% while the lowest final average was 20.82%. All 19 towns but the winner were in the 20% range.

The aim of the contest is to offer another small incentive for people to exercise the privilege of voting: a privilege won and maintained by the courage and sacrifice of so many over the history of our country.

Arrangements will be made through the Douglas Town Clerk to make the presentation to the Douglas Board of Selectmen in January.

The Senator Louis Bertonazzi Foundation Board of Directors is made up of Dr. Carl DiGregorio, Chairman; Michael Diorio, Treasurer; Atty. David Bertonazzi, Clerk and members Gail Crimaldi, Cynthia Casey, Joseph Nigro, Janice Guerriere, Julie Richards, Tom Cullen and Louis Bertonazzi, Ex Officio.

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Volunteers working to keep others warm

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – As the days keep getting shorter and the temperatures continue to fall, a group of local residents is working hard to help the homeless stay warm this winter.

Led by Monique Pappas, the owner of Creative Communications Art Studio in town, the group sews blankets and prepares care packages each year for homeless individuals and families. After receiving donations from community members, the group sorts items into packages known as blessings bags and gives them to the Net of Compassion organization in Worcester.

The blankets are donated along with each blessings bag, providing homeless families with warmth and basic necessities during the most punishing time of the year.

"I can't stand the thought of people who are outside in the cold. I wanted to do whatever I could to help out," said Pappas, who started sewing blankets for the homeless eight years ago.

Since then, Pappas and her family members have been joined by a dedicated group of volunteers. Local organizations and businesses have helped out as well, and Pappas is calling on the community to continue donating money and materials. One blanket can take up to three hours to complete, requiring group members to get started early in order to be ready for winter.

The group is always seeking new members.

"It is a labor of love, and we want these people to know they are loved," added Pappas, who lives in Leicester. "I am in constant contact with Net of Compassion. They know exactly what is needed and where it's needed. They do an excellent job."

Pappas and her volunteers understand that there are many reasons contributing to homelessness. But regardless of the individual circumstances that led them to live on the streets, they all must grapple with harsh winter conditions. With help from organizations like Net of Compassion and community donations, they can make the long, dark winter a little warmer.

Each blanket features a Christmas bow and the signature of the person who sewed the blanket. During the season of giving, Pappas and her team want to make sure those who need assistance most desperately aren't forgotten.

"We want to give these people some of the most basic needs and offer a little hope that things can get better. I couldn't imagine spending every day out in the cold," Pappas said.

The group will next meet on Saturday, Dec. 15, to sew more blankets. Items are

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Christmas cheer not dampened by gloomy weather

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – The town's White Christmas tradition was turned into a soggy, foggy celebration this year, but residents from throughout the area still found ways to have fun.

Despite the rain on Dec. 2, the event went on as planned at the town center. What normally would have been a bustling town Common was instead a gloomy, mostly empty field by mid-afternoon. Still, members of Boy Scout Troop 118 were ready to serve hot cocoa to occasional passersby.

The majority of guests spent the day indoors, as open houses were held at several businesses, churches, and municipal locations. The always popular elf hunt went on as planned, with youngsters like 7-year-old Caden Charron, of West Brookfield, searching for the elusive elves.

Despite the rain and reduced attendance, guests were still able to enjoy a walk through the town center with family. The tree lighting and musical events also took place, and the dismal weather did nothing to discourage guests' appetites.

"I purchased the clam chowder, corn chowder, chili and a hot sausage on a roll. They are all excellent," said Selectman Daniel Bigda. "Despite the weather, people did attend the Christmas show in the town hall. I am sure people walked away with some Christmas cheer."

The event always includes several town officials who enjoy the opportunity to support local businesses. They also take time to visit the many volunteers who serve food at the fire station and churches.

This year's event featured a new celebratory wrinkle, as guests brought pieces of the White Christmas tradition back to their own homes. Every four years the White Christmas in West Brookfield Committee releases a new commemorative ornament, and this year the committee honored the 200th anniversary of Lucy Stone's birth.

All ornament sales will support future White Christmas in West Brookfield events.

Looking ahead, residents and officials alike are hoping for better luck in 2019 after both the Asparagus Festival and White Christmas events were drenched this year.

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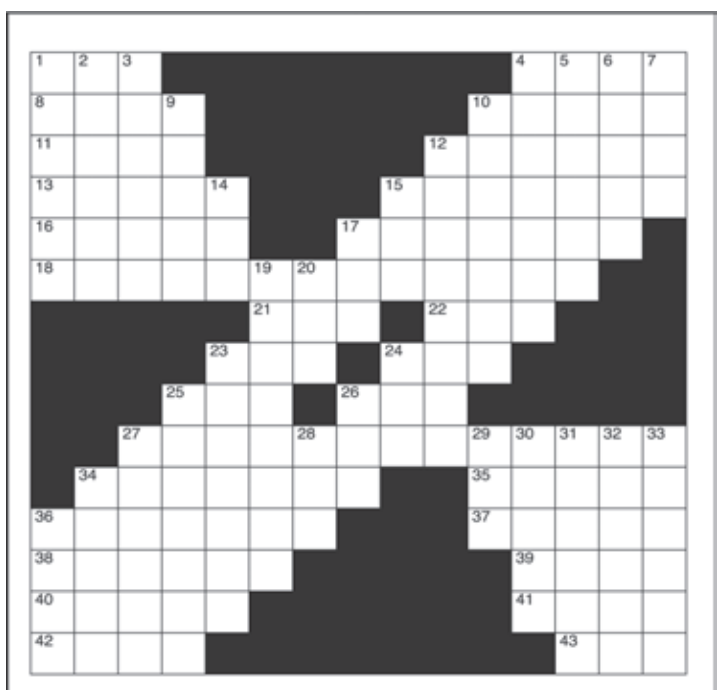
Members of Boy Scout Troop 118, based in West Brookfield, brave a rainy afternoon on the town Common. It wasn't a White Christmas in West Brookfield this year, but guests still enjoyed themselves.



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1. A great lunch
4. German composer
8. Expresses pleasure
10. Unit of energy
11. Genus of beetles
12. Type of respect
13. City in Netherlands
15. Showing lack of skill
16. Irish surname
17. Exaggerated or affected sentiment
18. Diversion
21. Journalist Tarbell
22. Wrath
23. Current unit
24. Sixers' Simmons
25. Makes honey
26. Tributary of the Rhine
27. Once home to a notorious wall
34. Gets back
35. She was beheaded in France
36. Cheer
37. Tropical Asian palm
38. Darker
39. Figures
40. Old World trees
41. Protects a broken bone
42. Dried-up
43. An enclosure for swine

CLUES DOWN

1. Blab
2. __ Bacall, actress
3. Declaration of an intention to inflict harm
4. The most direct route
5. Affirm to be true or correct
6. Rift
7. Oil company
9. Alphabetic character
10. Large marsh bird
12. Hollywood event
14. Scottish port
15. French river
17. Something frustrating (abbr.)
19. More in time
20. Payroll company
23. Pokes holes in
24. A way to steal
25. Blacken with dirt
26. Autonomic nervous system
27. A lab tech's tool
28. A place to stay
29. UK school
30. Moroccan
31. Where rockers work
32. Most friendly
33. In a state of turbulence
34. "Bridget Jones" actress
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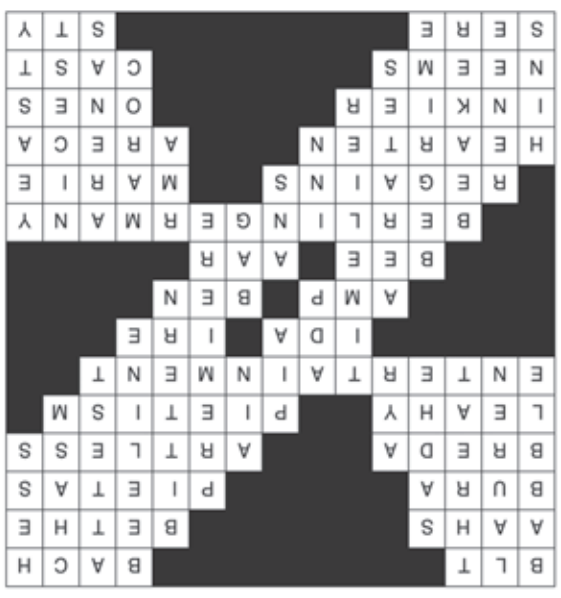

Berthiaume announces office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume will hold office hours at the following locations for January 2019

Tuesday, January 15: Oakham, Senior Center, 9:00-9:45 am; New Braintree Town Hall, 10:00-10:45 am; North Brookfield Senior Center 11:00am-12:00pm

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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 Donna if you would like a private meeting, (774) 402-4742

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Tips to turn forestry finds into rustic holiday décor

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

The holidays are here and that means decking the halls (and front doors) for the yuletide season. With a "back to basics" movement in full swing, there's never been a better time to consider creating natural wreaths and swags from locally sourced "found" materials. In fact, nearly everything you need to pull together a rustic holiday décor is likely as close as your own backyard (or back roads)! The New England forest is a valuable source of evergreen branches, pinecones, bark and other materials that form rustic forest wreaths - rich in fragrance, texture, and old fashioned eye appeal. Read on for tips to choose, adorn and create a holiday wreath!

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Fresh Evergreens: Nature's evergreens, vividly apparent among a blanket of fresh white snow, are celebrated by bringing their festive fragrance and natural beauty into the home at yuletide. Pine and fir varieties are plentiful in New England, and each brings their own qualities to the decorating mix. When foraging through your local woods (be sure to ask owners for permission), seek out broken or fallen branches, as this not only eliminates chopping chores, it's an ecofriendly choice. Choose (or prune) branches from about six inches up to foot long, and always bring home more branches than you think you'll need. Fuller wreaths always look better; and any leftover branches can be made into swags or used to adorn the holiday table!

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Boxwood, laurel, fir, arborvitae, juniper and pine are all classic holiday evergreens. If the preference is for strongly scented greens, choose juniper, pine, or balsam fir varieties. Spruce, and yew also emit a fresh tree fragrance but not as strong. Some of the best wreaths are constructed of mixed evergreens. Look for healthy branches with little or no needle loss. Careful pruning won't harm the trees and shrubs, but be sure to look for fallen or broken branches before cutting. Don't have woods nearby? Local Christmas tree farms often have spare branches for free or purchase.

If greens cannot be used immediately, store branches outside (preferably in the snow) until ready to use. Pliable greens, such as princess pine and arborvitae can be rejuvenated by dipping or spraying with water prior to use. Once you've collected the greens, shake them clean and lay them out on a clean floor or large table space (expect plenty of fallen needles and debris). Snip off sections of each branch to form generous "bundles" of greens.

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Natural Embellishments: pinecones, holly, bittersweet, and wild yew branches with their distinct bright red berries are just some common "forest freebies" that are very festive. If your search is started early in the season, look for acorns, seed pods, pig nuts, and miniature crabapples, all of which add texture and color to holiday wreaths. The addition of dried fruits, such as dried apples and lemons also contribute an impressive dose of eye appeal.

Keep in mind holly, yew berries, mistletoe berries, ivy plants and bittersweet are only some forest materials that are poisonous. Any of these plants used on wreaths and swags should be kept out of the reach of children and pets.

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Wreaths with Swag: Fresh, moist greens with a strong fragrance and pliable needles make the best wreaths. To construct a wreath, cut the greenery into six inch sections. Use your creativity when assembling a wreath and don't be afraid to merge an array of evergreens. Greenery will be attached to a wreath form, such as a 3D wire wreath form, which is hollow inside, a double wire frame, or simply a homemade wire circle made from a coat hanger. Even narrow grapevine wreaths can serve as a suitable form, as the evergreens are both wired and tucked into the wrapped grapevine. Tie bundles of greens together to form a bouquet. Place each bundle on the form, overlapping each bouquet to produce a thick, full wreath. Attach each individual bouquet to the form with a florist wire. Twist around each bundle a two or three times to fasten it to the frame, working your way around the wreath. No florist wire? Improvise with metal trash bag ties.

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The crowning glory of a wreath is its embellishments. Wrap wire around pinecones, bittersweet and berry branches, etc. to fasten them to the wreath. Dried fruits can be stabbed with metal wig picks and attached to the lush greenery. Or, if you prefer, most materials can be hot glued onto greenery. Just be sure to attach to a thick, stable bundle. Homemade bows are easily tied or glued onto the completed wreath.

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If you plan to hang the wreath on an outside door that also has a screen door attached, be sure to measure the allowance between the two doors. While a fluffy balsam wreath is a holiday beauty, a narrower princess pine wreath may deliver just as much festive décor and better fit into your space.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

bankHometown kicks off 16th annual Pajama Drive

OXFORD — bankHometown kicked off its 16th annual pajama drive on Nov. 26 with a challenge to residents to help support local children in need of new pajamas or slippers.

Until tomorrow, Dec. 15, all 13 bankHometown branches will be accepting pajama donations for children sizes 4T and up, as well as small and medium sizes in men and women. Pajamas must be in complete sets (top and bottom) or an appropriate nightgown. The pajamas and slippers will go to local shelters throughout central Massachusetts and northern Connecticut.

"We believe in giving back to our community all year round, but especially for children during the winter and holiday season," said Matthew Sosik, President and CEO of bankHometown. "This initiative is to give children in our communities the warmth and comfort they may need during the cold winter nights."

The pajamas and slippers are sent to local schools in central Massachusetts and northern Connecticut, as well as the TEEG (Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group) in Thompson, CT.

bankHometown was founded in 1889 and is headquartered in Oxford. bankHometown has 13 branches located throughout central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. For more information, please visit www.hometowncoop.com.

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AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

Saturday December 15

SANTA VISITS THE FARM: December 15th from 1pm to 7pm. Holiday open house at the Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas with hot mulled cider and holiday cookies. Come get your holiday shopping done. Unique gifts at the country store. Santa want s to hear what you want for Christmas! Come tell Santa your wishes and get your photo taken with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. Photographer Kayla of Kayla Photographer & Art will be there to capture the moment. Santa will be in a private room.

HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL: Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St, Oxford will hold its annual Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. Chances on Baskets will be $1 each or 6 for $5. A free ticket will be given for a donation of food, hats or gloves/mittens which will be given to the Oxford Food Shelf. In addition to Baskets, we will have Christmas hats and stockings which can be embroidered with a name for $5. A hearty lunch will be available for $5 as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on request. Contact Carol Uppgard for more info at 508-987-5680.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: the sixth annual holiday craft fair, presented by the Auburn Recreation and Culture Committee is planned Saturday, Dec. 15 with a snow date of Dec. 16; at the Auburn High School, 99 Auburn St., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 80 craft vendors to get you into the spirit, Santa will make an appearance, and other activities for the kiddos as well. Food available, schedule of events at www.auburnguide.com.

Help for home heating available

WCAC's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) fuel assistance and Energy Efficiency programs assist homeowners and renters with home heating bills, past due balances on utility bills, and in some cases receiving forgiveness credit and making monthly payments. Energy efficient weatherization, heating system repair and upgrades can help to stretch energy dollars.

LIHEAP officially opened November 1st and will accept applications through April 30th. Assistance can be applied towards home heating bills incurred anytime during that time frame. Eligibility is based on the number of individuals who live in a household, their combined income, housing status and fuel type. Help is available whether a household heats with oil, gas, wood or propane.

All first time applications must complete a face-to-face interview. New applications can be submitted at the Worcester Office located in the Denholm Building, 484 Main St., Worcester without an appointment weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. New applications also accepted by appointment at outreach sites in Southbridge, Webster, Spencer and West Warren. Please refer to WCAC's website for details information about required documentation to apply.

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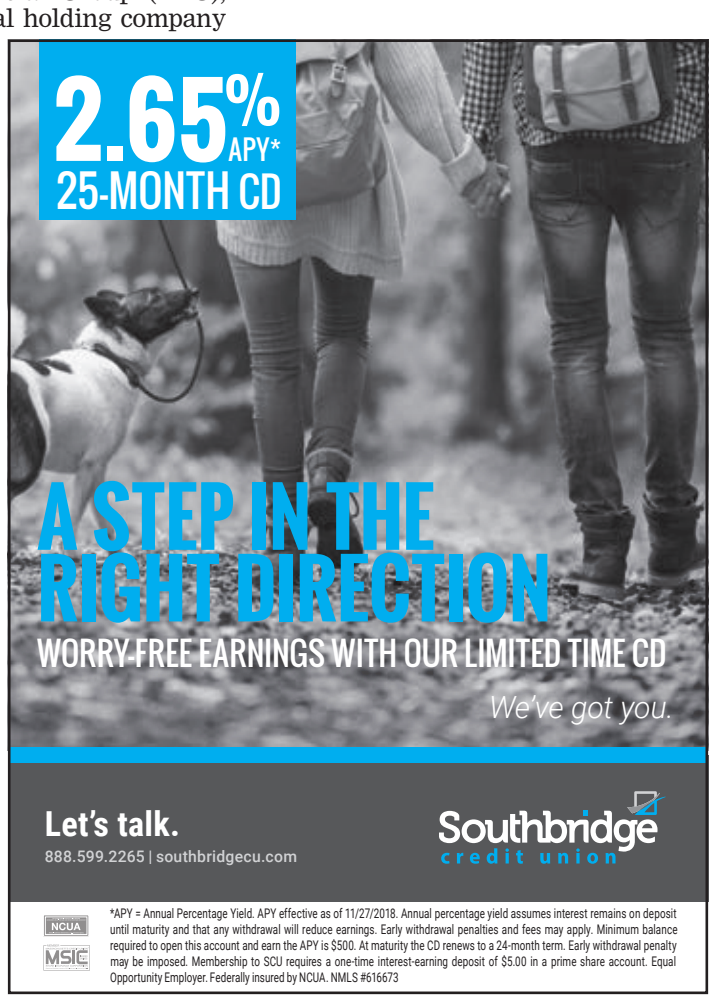
If you or someone you know is struggling with home heating bills, WCAC may be able to help!



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CLASSROOM CORNER

Student initiative benefits two towns

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WARREN – Two Quaboag Regional High School students are using what they learned at Project 351 to improve their own communities.

Selected last winter as Quaboag's Project 351 representatives, Elias Berthel and Julissa De Leon traveled to Boston in January to take part in the annual initiative. They joined eighth graders from across the state in a day of community service projects, but that was only the beginning of their mission to give back.

Now freshmen at QRHS, Berthel and De Leon have brought the skills they learned in Boston back to central Massachusetts. After organizing a successful clothing drive in the spring, the pair is currently running a two-town food drive at both of the district's elementary schools and the high school.

The ultimate goal is to bring in enough donations to restart the food pantry in Warren. It has meant a lot to both students to transition from helping other volunteers with projects to leading their own community-wide effort.

"Project 351 has been such a great opportunity. It has provided me with the knowledge on how to become a better leader and helped me strive to help others, starting with the people in my community," said De Leon, who lives in Warren. "I strongly believe, through this experience, we have greatly impacted many people by giving them a helping hand and also guiding them to realize they can do the same."

Both students worked hard to prepare for the food drive. Unlike their trip to Boston, where projects were arranged by teams of staffers, the two students took the lead on their fall project. The multifaceted effort demanded coordination from many angles.

"This project required a lot more planning than our last project," Berthel said. "During our clothing drive, Project 351 supplied us with a designated drop-off spot and a specific organization that our donations would be going toward. The food drive we are currently doing required us to find local food pantries to donate the food to. Julissa and I were up to this challenge and found two food pantries, one in West Brookfield and one in Warren."

The project also required the students to think outside the box to promote their food drive.

"Having some creativity is necessary for this food drive because we want to find the best way to encourage people. The goal is to motivate as many people as possible to want to help the community as much as we do," De Leon added.

Even though this is the last Project 351-related service project the students will take part in, the skills and knowledge they gained over the last year will help them in future service endeavors. They not only learned how to organize their own project, but they found out what it is like to be considered a community leader.

The students are excited to mentor future Project 351 ambassadors as the program welcomes its 2019 class next month.

"Project 351 has helped me grow as a person and has helped me realize what needs to be done in my community," Berthel said. "Looking back on my year of service, I realize what a difference I made. I am glad I got to take part in something so much bigger than myself, and I am eager to serve as a mentor to future generations."

The high school food drive will run until Dec. 21. For more information about Project 351, visit www.Project351.org.

Courtesy photo

Quaboag Regional High School Project 351 ambassadors Elias Berthel and Julissa De Leon are congratulated by Assistant Principal Joe Salvadore.

Leicester Middle School announces honor roll

The following students have earned a place on the honor roll at Leicester Middle School.

GRADE 8

High Honors: Sofia Acero, Johnathon Beford, Abigail Bernabei, Ayva Connor, Cole Delage, Abby Doku, Emma Rose Fournier, Nikolas Gillaspie, Nakita Grammatic, Annalisa Hair, Tyler Herron, Annie Hunt, Deven Kularski, Genesis Lajoie, Hailey Lazarevic, Molly Ledbetter, Ariana Levitan, Derek Mahoney, Jacob McGrail, Victor Moisan, Lily Ann Peterson, Grace Reinke, Ana Ruggieri, Abraham Samukai, and Samuel Witkowski.

Honors: Ayden Beique, Danielle Birchett, Nicole Blais-Bennett, Dakota Boulay, Jack Bullock, Emilia Casello, Jonathan Dahlgren, Joely Fontaine, Sophia Gallati, Olyvia Gustafson, Eleanor Hills, Izabella Kulla, Sean Le, Juliana Linehan, Stephen Matavao, Jason Milgate, Sean Moon, Kathleen O'Brien, Rhyen Perry, Erick Portillo Munoz, Deegan Powers, Tanisha Rodriguez, Haley Soden, Ainsleigh Spaulding, Jacob van Lingen, Andy Vega, Tiffany White, Jacob Whitworth, and Emma Witkowski.

GRADE 7

High Honors: Molly Baker, Caden Birtz, Allie Blair, Chloe Bouchard, Jack Brady, Grace Bujak, Hannah Collette, Owen Collette, Jaelyn Conley, Michael Connly, Matthew Direnzo, Gia Gully, Peyton Knott, Hannah Kularski, Meghan Le, Mason Letourneau, Charolette Libby-Toler, Jasmine Ngo, Nora Oliver, Eric Ortiz, Sophia Osborn, William Panepinto, Logan Potter, Elizabeth Price, Adam Skoglund, Gabrielle Stuart, and James Sweeney.

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GRADE 6

High Honors: Kayla Bouchard, MacKenzie Bowen, Allison DeCelle, Dylan Delage, Ryan Delage, Valerie Fanion, Lorenzo Francis, Jacqueline Gallant, Vivian Giles, Alexis Herbert, Jaden Jaillet, Jack Ledbetter, Madeline Milionis, Alexander Ngo, Coddan Nguyen, Nicole Nguyen, Sedona Richard, Jenna Savoie, Elizabeth Sosa, and Cooper White

Honors: Vincent Alexander, Sean Alves, Jaiden Burrell, Cara Clottey, Jacob Cruz, Jacob Dolimount, Kathryn Dolimount, Jason Fournier, Quinn Giggey, Evan Gustafson, Layla Gustin, Benjamin LaPointe, Dylan Lapointe, Julia Lazzara, Luke Linton, Gia Norcia, James O'Neal, Vaughn Paquin, Jordan Patterson, Tyler Pierce, Gavin Pronovost, Fatimah Robbins, Nya Santana, Shawn Sheldon, Ella Smith, Mariel Swenson, Taylor Waterman, and Alexis Wilson.

Leicester High School announces honor roll

The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the first quarter at Leicester High School.

GRADE 12

High Honors: Megan Gaucher; Melanie May; and Emily Oliver.

Honors: Dimitre Boateng; Mark Bugbee; Matthew Ceely; Hannah DiPilato; Emily Fonatine; Taylor Fontaine; Kyle George; Juliana Golemo; Thomas Guinee; Miranda Guslin; Michaela Hippert; Hanna Horn; Kaitlyn Jackson; Caitlin Kemp; Emma Knight; Olivia Lachapelle; Colleen Lamprey; David Lavallee; Amdrew Le; Elise Leveillee; Mary Lopriore; Katelyn McKay; Emily Moughan; Alyssia Peloquin; Thomas Perro; Lydia Pettit; Evegenia Psarras; David Ranucci; Erica Reilley; Zachary Reynolds; Jacqueline Robidoux; Natasha Rollo; Jack Soucie; Meaghan St. George; Brenna St. John; Eric Stevens; Kyle Tarentino; Nicholas Walls; Samantha Walsh; Hannah Wickson.

GRADE 11

High Honors: Adam LaBombard and Ava Richard.

Honors: Jenna Alboro; Rigoberto Alfonso; Giselle Boateng; Catherine Brouillard; Riley Brunelle; Devyn Butkiewicus; Richard Cehon; Hannah Cleveland; Myrah DeCelle; Aliciea Diaz; Haylee Diliddo; Tony Doan; Samuel Griffiths; Aaliyah Hernandez; Madison Hippert; Anastazia; Lach; Connor Lachance; Kayley Laflamme; Cilia Lannon; Jack Larson; Thomas Mackenzie; Marena Matavao; Lydia Maxwell; Justin McLeod; Daniel Mero; Brenda Nguyen; Riley Nicholson; Connor Niddrie; Ally O'Neill; Jack O'Neill; Nida Orloff; Tej Patel; Nolan Power; Elijah Pye; Joslyn Rutter; Elise Rydezewski; Antonio Santana; Erika Sciascia; Abigail Snow; Katheryn Stapel; Makayla Strzelewicz; Ryan Stuart; Lucas Tetreault; Riley Whalen.

GRADE 10

High Honors: Liam Pataky and Delaney Sherman.

Honors: Kya Birtz; Charley Blair; Sydney Brooks; Matthew Brown; Sean Brown; Ryan Butler; Isabella Connery; Spencer Cote; Alex Cruz; Nicholas Falke; Marissa Gebhardt; Connor Hayes; Ava LaPointe; Tyler McKay; Joshua Orsi; Alyssia Pham; Jenna Soden; Isabella Sosa; Jacob Stolberg; Jacob Zawalich.

GRADE 9

High Honors: Riley Boisvert; Maria DiMeglio; Rian Fadden; Erin Gerber; Alexis Goodney; Grace Guinee; Abigail Johnson; Morgan Merrell; Zavier Morales; Lindsey Salek; Jane Toohil; Shannon Tuson.

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West Brookfield Elementary announces honor roll

The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the first trimester at West Brookfield Elementary School.

GRADE 6

High Honors: Jack Allen; Allison Duszlak; Isaac Gravel; Abigail Jolin; Zoe Little; Madison Luce; Ella Martin; Sadie May; Kristofer McDaniel; Norah McElroy; Parker Tunley; Juliana Sutter; Hart Waz

Honors: Juliette Boos; Trentin Buzzell; Connor Cheras; Olivia Collins; Reilly Comptois; Anthony Fazzuoli; Olivia Gravel; Lauren Grover; Elise Kopec; Joshua Leaming; Hailey Letourneau; Katherine Merrill; Matthew Miller; Kaydance Moran; Samuel Oveka; Robert Pakseresht; Jordan Rice; Emily Savage; Katelynn Swistak; Caydence Tetreault

GRADE 5

Honor Roll: Jayla Bercume; Brooke Buzzell; Kenadi Chenevert; Aubrey Childs; Greigh Cloward; Emma Dion; Brady Guimond; Morgan Lakota; Olive Moulton; Ava Ostrout; Madeline Potvin

Honor Roll; Jaylin Bailey; Trevor Bigda; Shelby Bridges; Connor Burgess; Erin Convery; Anthony Ducasse; Chelsea Duszlak; Landon Hogan; Evangeline Iwaniec; Gianni Manzaro; Nathan Mathieson

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ings are attended by representatives of the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) once a month. CMRPC is a state agency dedicated to helping small towns that lack the resources to fund their own economic development boards. Their personnel will work with NB town officials and the DDC to clarify goals for the downtown development project, and will also help implement strategies to meet those goals.

CMRPC will identify grants for the DDC to pursue, as well as offer assistance in writing grant applications. One of the grants the DDC is presently looking into will provide funds to reconfigure as well as repave the streets, and redo the sidewalks of North Brookfield's town square. This effort utilizes a state organization called Complete Streets, which will work with the DDC to design and implement these parts of the project. The NB Board of Selectmen and the town highway department will also have integral involvement in this process.

The recently formed DDC plans to explore and develop other ways in which to improve the downtown district, including conducting surveys of NB townspeople to find out what type of businesses they would like to see in their community. It will also explore options for streamlining town zoning regulations to remove obstacles for prospective businesses, and find ways to incentivize landlords to attract new business tenants.

Throughout these processes, the DDC will act as liaison between the board of selectmen, the planning board, the CMRPC, town municipal departments, and the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House. Each of these groups has a vested interested in revitalizing North Brookfield and have been supportive of DDC efforts. Citizens and others wishing to contact the Downtown Development Committee are welcome to attend scheduled meetings, which are always open to the public.

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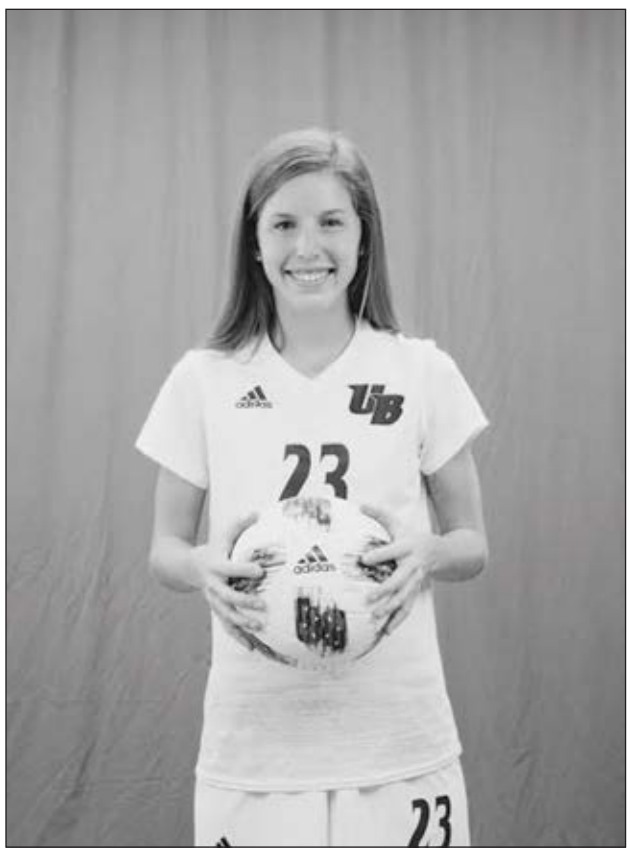
Dreams come true for East Brookfield athlete



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East Brookfield's Abigail Befford and her University of Bridgeport soccer team are national champions.

Abigail Befford, of East Brookfield, right, won a national championship with her University of Bridgeport soccer team this year.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – When Abigail Befford and her University of Bridgeport women's soccer teammates came together for preseason meetings this past summer, they set a goal of becoming the first team in program history to win a national championship. Four months later, the team has turned its dream into a reality.

The team made history on Dec. 1, clinching the NCAA Division II national crown with a 1-0 shutout of previously undefeated Grand Valley State University, the top-ranked team in the country. Despite being outshot 18-5 in the championship match played in Pittsburgh, PA, Bridgeport came away with the stunning upset and completed their dream season.

For Befford, a sophomore midfielder who attended Tantasqua Regional High School, it was exciting to play on a close-knit team that gained momentum as the year progressed. Though every team starts off the season with championship aspirations, the Bridgeport squad maintained a sharp focus on accomplishing each of its goals leading up to the title game.

"Back during preseason in August, we gathered as a team in the locker room and together we came up with our own legacy," Befford said. "Our purpose was to grow and develop as a team, and our responsibility as a team was to provide a home away from home and to do the small things first. We then wrote the expectations for the season. We started with the small things and worked up to the overall goal in the end, which was to be the first team in Bridgeport soccer history to win a national championship."

Each time the team picked up a victory and moved another step closer to accomplishing its goal, teammates checked the item off their list. As months passed and wins amassed, the team realized that a national championship was no longer just a distant dream. Still, the team took it one game at a time and didn't allow distractions to creep in.

When Bridgeport ultimately took the field for the national championship against Grand Valley State, a club that had defeated them 6-0 on Sep. 9, team members knew they would have to play their best game to emerge victorious. Similar to the rest of the season, the team focused on the game in increments and made the most out of each play.

That step-by-step mentality proved critical throughout the year, Befford said.

"It went from preseason, to game by game, to win our conference, to win East Coast Conference semifinal and final, to making it to the NCAA tournament, to NCAA Sweet 16 Regionals, to Elite 8, to Final 4, and then to the National Championship," Befford said.

Befford chose the University of Bridgeport because of its strong soccer program and proximity to her hometown. Her dream had always been to play soccer in college, but now she belongs to a team that accomplished a feat eluding all previous Bridgeport soccer athletes.

The team finished with a 20-4-1 record, including four postseason victories decided by one goal. Whenever a clutch tally or a big save was needed, the team always rose to the occasion.

"Everyone works for each other – no one is out there for themselves. I have never been more proud to play for a team and can't wait for the next two years ahead," said Befford, who is majoring in health science with a concentration in exercise science.

Bridgeport team members hail from throughout the country and the world. Not all teams are able to find the right chemistry during the season, but the Bridgeport squad developed a close bond as it pursued its first ever championship.

"Our team is very different, living in different places all over the world, speaking different languages, but the love for the game brought us all together," Befford said. "We all knew our responsibility was to provide a home away from home, and each player and coach can say we did just that."

Reflecting on her career before Bridgeport, Befford thanks her family, coaches, and teammates for helping to shape her career. There have been plenty of early mornings and long road trips for all Bridgeport team members, but the countless hours of hard work paid off in the form of a national championship.

"I owe everything to my parents for helping me get this far in my soccer career," Befford said. "I am beyond blessed and grateful for their support and motivating words all season long. When looking at the University of Bridgeport, it was the perfect distance from home for my family to make the trips for games and for me to come home for the long weekends."

Looking ahead, Befford plans to get a master's degree in occupational therapy after graduating from the University of Bridgeport. For now, she is focused on preparing for next season and defending the school's first ever national title.

Friday's Child

Selena

Age 5

Hi! My name is Selena and I like to color!

Selena is a sweet, smart and determined five-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. Her favorite activities include doodling, coloring and counting. She is able to count up to 20!

Selena is on the Autism Spectrum. She has some words, but is not yet able to utilize expressive language. Selena has impressed her caregivers with her ability to retain information like letters and colors, as well as her ability to follow directions that she is given. Selena is currently enrolled in a public school setting where she is receiving extra supports.

Legally freed for adoption, Selena's social worker is open to exploring a family of any constellation where Selena can be the youngest or only child in the home. An ideal family for Selena will be able to advocate for Selena's needs, seek appropriate resources, and provide her with unconditional love and support. They must also be willing to maintain contact with Selena's birth parents in Massachusetts.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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EDITORIAL

Traditions

What are holiday traditions in your family?

Some of that depends on whether your family observes a religious aspect to the holidays or not of course; and therefore which of the holidays matter to you.

The end of the calendar year is rife with holidays. They are, whether they mean something deeply and truly important to us or not, part of our lives.

The modern world is inundated with messages bombarding us 24 hours a day, some of them so subtle we aren't even aware of them. Some of them engrained into us; to the point we think everyone else around us must do and think the same we do and we are startled when we discover they don't.

Example: we all know, or think we know, Santa Claus.

But there are people who would prefer not to have that tradition in their homes.

Yet how do they keep it out?

And, how do they justify their reasons for the choice not to play into it?

It's a small thing in it's way.

But we do it. We all do it. And the expectations are huge.

One of the hugest (like that word?) is that Santa brings the biggest, most expensive gifts…and they are monstrous. TVs; video equipment; bicycles; even puppies. The concept is that Santa brings what the parents can't or won't. He's something that guy.

But what happens when the kids compare notes later. When someone finds out Santa managed a mega-toy or huge pile of toys at one house; but could only manage a single, smaller toy at a less affluent house? Why the disparity?

How is that fair?

How do the kids justify it?

Do they get it? Do they blame the parents? Or an unfair practices Santa?

Which is why there are people in the world, especially the USA, who have quietly told their children that Santa skips their house altogether. That no matter what they have been told about Santa, it isn't entirely so, and their own family just aren't part of it.

It can be done. It has been done. It is being done.

It isn't easy.

And there can still be gifts.

It is between the members of a household who want to acknowledge one another with a token of respect and love. Not with an obligation and an expectation.

So what is your tradition?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Committee: well wishes

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Hope to see everyone back on the links April 27th, 2019, at 9:00, at Quail Hollow.

THE TOUR COMMITTEE

Christmas Cookies

IN THAT GREAT TIME

PATRICK MOON

In that great time, there was a hand mixer on sale and I thought it would complement my cookware for under $15. There was a cheaper hand mixer with less power, and the sales lady said it was the one she used, and why pay more for something that works well and is less expensive? But when I worked renovating houses, Alan warned me that if the price was close, always buy the more powerful engine…it would pay for itself over time. So I spent the few extra bucks and got the mixer with higher wattage and more RPMs.

Yesterday I decided to unbox the mixer and make maple walnut cookies. The recipe was simple. I had all the ingredients, and the smell of cookies would make for a festive air.

"Butter and margarine should be at room temperature." While I followed this direction, it was only later that I realized that I was in a down jacket and that my regular kitchen temperature was subarctic. No problem. It might have been a tad cooler than requested but as I turned on the oven, the temperature was destined to rise as with global warming. I was ready.

I glanced at the instruction pamphlet. Next to the mixer "safeguards" (which could have been labeled "electrocution made easy") was the common sense admonition for first time users to always begin with the lowest speed and work up. Of course. Mixing flour and butter would make thick dough, so a lower speed would tax the engine less. There was manly logic to this baking.

Braced with this knowledge, I began to mix the ingredients.

Imagine my surprise when the mixer jumped out of my hand and began to throw flour and dough across the kitchen at the lowest speed. An alien observer would have seen both surprise and uncoordinated flailing as I sought to halt the flying goo...

(You might ask at this point why an alien observer would be focused on a humble kitchen in the first place. Let us not presume on the interests of aliens.)

The jet whine increased, as did the splats of dough now smacking into walls.

There was no Red Power Off button! All the buttons looked the same!

Ah, there was the answer… a button marked Ejector! I hit the ejector button…the jet engine whine climbed a little higher. Flour and dough continued to fly. Somehow I had moved the rotation speed of the beaters up the scale… to number 6 in fact. On a flight deck, this was the equivalent of a 6G takeoff. Great for jet flight, not so much for baking. In a panic, I pressed the ejector button harder… again... and again… finally, the whirring beaters shot to the floor.

I took a deep breath and surveyed the kitchen.

The even dispersal of white gobs sticking to the walls and ceiling was a satisfactory indication of RPM power. Excellent tool choice, I thought. But perhaps I should have familiarized myself with the mixer a little more by reading the directions. Perhaps there was a little more sophistication attached to this baking thing. Perhaps…ah what the hell. A little clean up and the Nabisco factory would be back on schedule!

I stepped gingerly to wipe more dripping dough from the wall but failed to notice a Brylcreem sized dab on the floor. Any physics student could predict that this dab of lubrication would transfer my weight quickly and efficiently. I thought of this as my feet rose above my head and gravity completed my head thumped journey.

Gazing up from the floor at the globular mayhem that was now my kitchen, I noted that I had been at work less than ten minutes and yet, like some mythical force, like the Star Thrower of legend, I had managed to spin dough clumps into spiral galaxies. I had started to bake cookies but had transmuted myself into the god of a dough-spun universe.

Or perhaps dark forces were at work.

The voice came unbidden in a whisper: "Use the force, Pat."

What, to add the walnuts?

Let us skip the description of the final product.

Suffice to say that my cookies could replace the heat tiles on a space shuttle.

I have concluded that baking cookies is not my forte. It is not my fivete either. I'm pretty sure my baking prowess ranks up there with jet engine maintenance. That is a skill I am unlikely to master as I have added the whine of a jet engine to my list of auditory anxieties. On the plus side, it has reintroduced centrifugal force as a subject of interest.

I am conscious of iconic scenes in British war movies where one soldier turns to another as they watch a human silhouette disappear into no man's land.

"My God, Sergeant…he's just a cook!"

"Don't be daft, Harry," says the gruff sergeant in close-up. "He baked maple walnut cookies. The Boche are done."

Perhaps computer repair at a nuclear facility is a better match for my skills…

Fly, my darling, fly: A note on divorce for the holiday season

MIND OF A CURIOUS GIRL

ANNIE SANDOLI

Mommy told me I could fly. She said I could do anything I set my mind to. When I was a tiny, blonde, wide-eyed bundle of energy, she would push me in the little red airplane swing in our backyard.

Daddy told me I could fly. He took me to the airport often, and I would run through the breeze, my arms out like a bird's wings. He took me for my first flying lesson on my 13th birthday.

My family is no less dysfunctional than any other family. I am actually quite confident that is is more dysfunctional than many. But somehow, the distrust never outweighed my love. The tension never outweighed my love. The anger never outweighed my love.

Divorce isn't easy for any child, at any age. It doesn't matter what day of the year it is, it is always complicated and never painless. However, there is something about the holidays that brings up just a little more sadness, a little more heartache, and a little more longing for your parents to be together, or at least be friendly with each other for your sake. I spent year after year wondering why my parents loved me so much even when I made mistakes, but couldn't do the same for each other.

Strumming chords on her 12-string, my mom told me musicians are trouble, don't date one. Then I became one.

Playing his Yamaha baby grand, my dad told me women are trouble, don't trust one. Then I became one.

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Three factors to consider when making charitable gifts

FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

The holiday season is here, which means gift-giving is probably on your mind. In addition to making gifts to your family and friends, you also may be interested in contributing to charitable organizations. But before you donate financial assets, such as stocks, you will need to consider several factors, including taxes, your portfolio balance and the reputation of the charity. Let's look at these areas:

Taxes – Your donations to qualified charities (those that are considered 501(c)(3) organizations by the Internal Revenue Service) can give you tax deductions – if you itemize deductions on your tax return. However, due to recent tax law changes, the standard deduction for 2018 has almost doubled, to $24,000 for married couples, and to $12,000 for single filers. As a result, you may be less likely to itemize deductions, so you could have less incentive, at least for tax reasons, to make charitable gifts. However, if you give appreciated stocks, you may be allowed a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift on the date of the transfer, even if your original cost was only a fraction of today's value. Plus, you may not be subject to the capital gains tax you might have to pay if you eventually sold the stocks.

Also, depending on your age, you might be able to use your traditional IRA as a charitable-funding vehicle. Once you turn 70-1/2, you generally must begin taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions or RMDs – from your traditional IRA. (Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime.) These RMDs from your traditional IRA are taxable, but you may be able to exclude up to $100,000 of RMDs per year from your taxable income if you transfer the funds directly to qualified charitable organizations.

In any case, consult with your tax advisor before donating appreciated assets to a charity.

Portfolio balance – When you donate financial assets to a charity, you are also taking them away from your portfolio. This could be an issue, especially if you repeatedly donate the same types of assets. For example, if you're donating some growth-oriented stocks, will you lower the overall growth potential of your portfolio?

You may want to consult with a financial professional to ensure your charitable gifts will still allow you to maintain a portfolio balance appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance.

Reputation of the charity – You may want to do some homework to make sure you are giving to a reputable charity. Many experts on charitable giving say that a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75 percent of its income on programs, rather than administrative costs. You may be able to find this type of information on a charitable group's annual report and its website. You can also browse the web for the names of agencies that evaluate charitable groups.

By considering the aspects of charitable giving described above, you can get more satisfaction from your generosity – because you'll know that your gift not only supports a good cause, but also fits well into your overall financial picture.

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Shotgun season yields magnificent harvest

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

RALPH TRUE

The shotgun season ended this past Saturday for Massachusetts deer hunters, but there is still time to harvest some venison during the primitive arms season which opened this past Monday. The season will end on Dec. 31. Deer hunters are hoping for a few inches of snow for tracking deer during the last segment of the primitive arms season.

This week's pictures show Ralph Godin with the first buck of his life, although he has harvested numerous other deer over the years.

The second picture shows a very happy deer hunter with a magnificent buck taken locally.

This year has had deer hunters take 200 pound deer that had some very magnificent antlers. Although there were very few acorns for the deer to feed on, most were in good health and were doing well on grass and other browse available to them in the woods. Fortunately, no serious accidents were reported. Hunting has become a very safe sport for deer hunters after the regulation of wearing blaze orange for deer hunters was passed!

Ralph Geddes with the first buck he's managed, despite years of hunting. He has a bevy of does to his credit, but this is his first buck.

The news of a dog being found shot in the woods, was an act that is outrageous, and needs to have the person held responsible and prosecuted. There is always one idiot that makes the sport of hunting look bad. The owners of the dog also need to have some sense of guilt after they allowed their family pet to roam free during the hunting season or at any time of the year. Most towns have a law that requires dog owners to keep their pets under their control at all times. There is also a state law that requires dog owners to keep their dogs from running free. As the owner of two dogs, I need to have them under my control at all times. They are like family, and allowing them to roam free could have them being hit by cars, or meet some other form of dangerous incident that could cost them their life. The family must be heart broken and I feel their pain!!

The cold weather predicted this week could have some ponds safe for ice fishing, but extreme caution needs to be practiced on first ice as I mentioned in last week's column. Ice fishing with a jig stick is this writer's favorite method of fishing. It requires cutting a lot of holes, but when a school of yellow perch are found the action can be fast. Using a Swedish pimple lure with a single hook baited with a piece of garden worm is usually the best way to catch the first perch. Removing the eye from the perch, and attaching it to your hook is the best method to catch numerous perch and other fresh water fish. During a feeding frenzy pickerel, bass, and other fresh water fish are often caught and need to be retrieved slowly to avoid breaking the line. Numerous 4 lb. bass have been caught by anglers using jig sticks. A few years ago an ice fishing angler caught a large pike on a jig stick at Manchaug Pond which required some tricky maneuvering to get the huge fish thru the hole.

Courtesy photos

This is a local hunter with a magnificent buck taken locally.

Next week we will discuss some of my favorite fishing spots, and the methods that I use to catch numerous species of fresh water fish through the ice. My first catch of yellow perch often has my wife cooking them the next day. An order of shrimp fried rice and vegetable chow mein from the Food Works Chinese Restaurant in North Uxbridge makes for a great meal with the pan fried perch.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Tri-Valley joins Meals on Wheels America and Subaru in Sharing the Love

11TH ANNUAL SUBARU EVENT WILL HELP DELIVER NUTRITIOUS MEALS

Tri-Valley's nutrition program is proud to announce it will be participating in the annual Subaru Share the Love Event as a member of Meals on Wheels America — one of four national Share the Love charitable partners for the 11th year running. From Nov.15 to Jan. 2, Subaru will donate $250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased to the customer's choice of participating charity.

Participating Meals on Wheels America members, like Tri-Valley's nutrition program, will receive a share of the revenue raised by Subaru in their state. Tri-Valley has partnered with Long Subaru in Webster to raise awareness for the popular year-end sales and giving event, and drive support for Meals on Wheels through a number of community activities that included: a kick-off event at Tri-Valley's office in Dudley and publicity events at area senior centers.

Kristin McCarthy, nutrition program director, said, "The people at Long Subaru are very cooperative and genuine in wanting to give back to the community. They were eager to work with us again this year and to help us make the Share the Love event a success."

"Meals on Wheels America is thrilled to partner with Subaru of America for the Subaru Share the Love Event for the eleventh year in a row," said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO, Meals on Wheels America. "Since 2008, the Subaru Share the Love Event has helped local Meals on Wheels programs deliver nearly two million meals to vulnerable seniors nationwide. We remain proud and grateful to have the generous support of Subaru in helping us ensure that homebound seniors receive the daily nutrition and companionship they need to thrive."

Over the last 10 years, Subaru of America and its participating retailers have donated more than $118 million to its charity partners. This year's Subaru Share the Love Event is on track to bring that total to over $140 million, proving there's no limit to the amount of love we can all share.

For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove.

Tri-Valley is a private, non-profit agency. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American's Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging. Funds are also received from other public and private sources. All donations are welcome and memorials may be established. For more information about services or volunteer opportunities, please call Tri-Valley at 508-949-6640.

Meals on Wheels America is the oldest and largest national organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. This network exists in virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million staff and volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, education, research and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. For more information, or to find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org.

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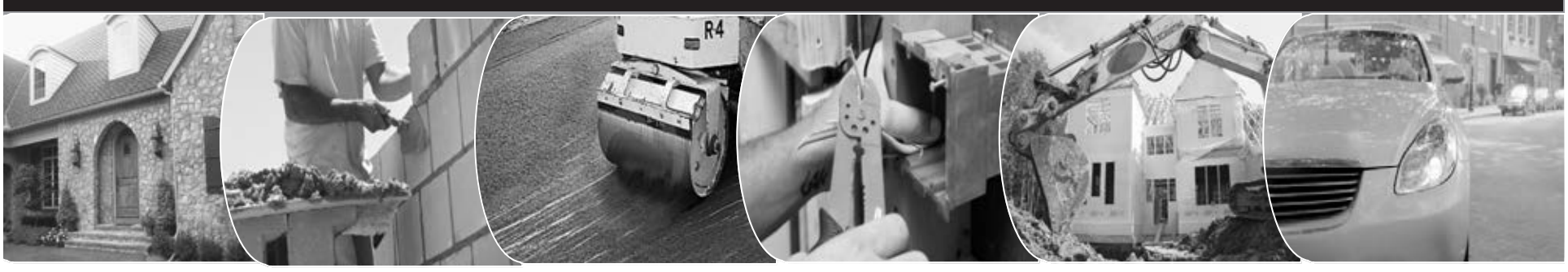

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Holidays make appearance…with Santa…at EBES

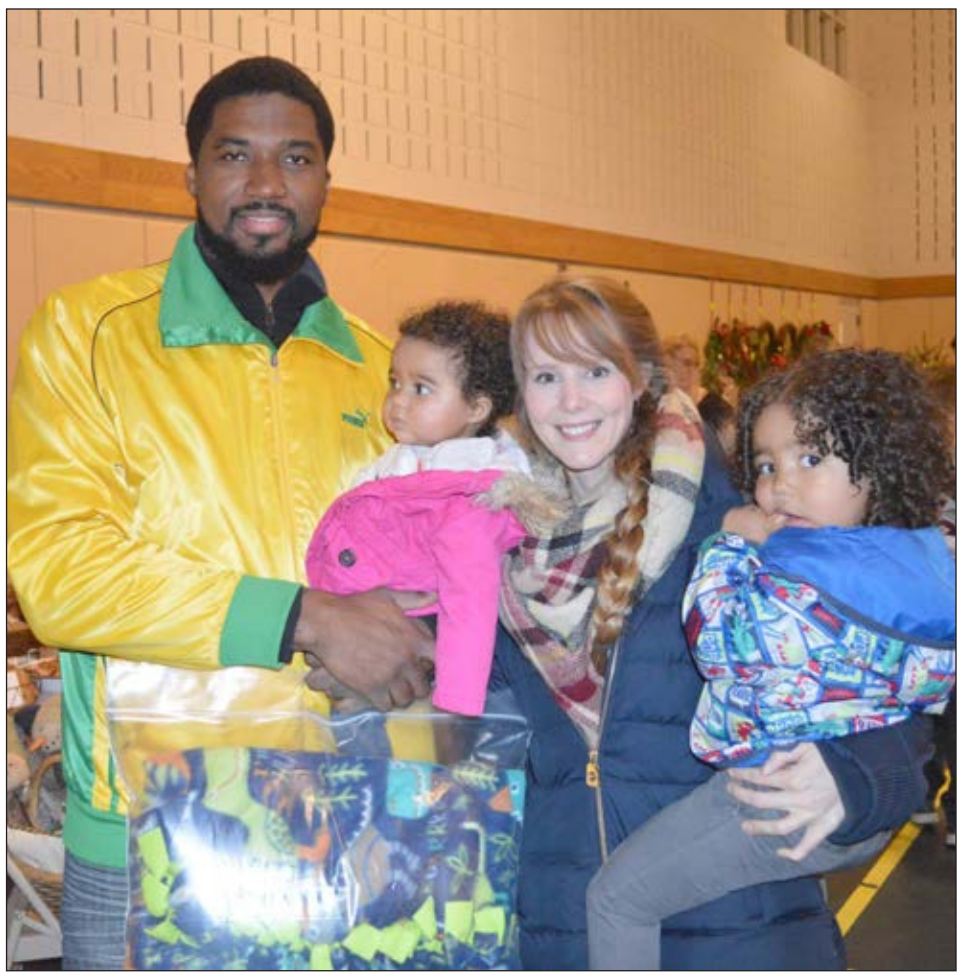
EAST BROOKFIELD – The fifth annual holiday craft fair at East Brookfield Elementary School saw plenty of special visitors, including an appearance from Santa Claus.

The Dec. 1 fair once again featured dozens of vendors, and guests enjoyed the event's convenient gift-wrapping station. Proceeds from raffles and food sales benefited the school's sixth grade class trip to Washington D.C.

Kevin Flanders photos

EBES students hang out in the cafeteria.

Santa Claus gets ready to meet local youngsters.



The Samuels family, of Westminster, spends a day at the craft fair.

Bella Dixon age 9, and Gabby Dixon age 5, of East Brookfield, show off their Christmas colors.

Zach McConnell, of Spencer, and his 2-year-old daughter Keiragan are ready to get some Christmas shopping done.

Sturbridge's Gayle Tremblay holds 10-month-old Evelyn Fahey, of East Brookfield.

Sturbridge's Monika Simpson introduces guests to her photography.

Volunteers like Derek Paradise, an EBES sixth grader, provide food and drinks for guests.

Boy Scout Troop 105 members Tristan Blanchard, left, and Tristan Hanson.

Kristina Tokatli, of North Brookfield, invites guests to peruse her assortment of products.

SANDOLI

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Trouble or not, I'm made of them. I have my dad's wit and my mom's drive. Some days I look like him, some days I look like her. But most days I look like both of them, a clean cut down the middle.

We don't choose our parents, but even if we did, I still would have picked mine.

My parents, like many couples, had a complex and agonizing divorce. My mom and dad are not friendly or cordial, probably for their own good reasons, nor are they currently okay with seeing each other at any holiday or event, even if it is for my sake. It wasn't my marriage nor my decision to have a child, yet I'm the one who had to find them completely separate seats at my most recent graduation even though my guests were supposed to be in one section. I'm the one who either misses out on seeing one of them on a given holiday or uses two tanks of gas to dodge from place to place, trying to make sure they're both happy.

I don't remember a year when the holidays were not worrisome for me as I tried to appease both my parents and often failed to make myself happy in exchange. I don't remember a time when I wasn't stressed about their relationship even though it was never meant to be my problem. I don't remember a time when my parents didn't constantly tell me that my desire for their cordiality was unrealistic.

Their insistence, however, never stopped me from hoping that they could put their bad feelings aside for me. I was 9 years old when I saw my parents give each other a hug for the first time since they separated. It was Thanksgiving, and my mom was dropping me off with my dad's family. I finally saw them put aside their anger for a few seconds and thought to myself, "Maybe this whole divorce thing will get easier with time."

Yet here I am at age 22, and as I was driving down Route 49 going from my mom's family to my dad's family on Thanksgiving Day, I thought to myself, "I can't believe I was so convinced that this whole divorce thing would get easier with time,"

There has always been anger, distrust, and the loudest silence I've ever heard.

But the music has always been louder. It's the only thing that connects me to both of them. My mom used to sing to me every morning to wake me up. She would sing John Denver's "Leaving on a Jet Plane " whenever she pushed me in that little red airplane swing. We still sing Billy Joel's "Only the Good Die Young" at the top of our lungs every time it comes on the car radio. When my dad wasn't around, he sent me cassette tapes of him singing songs like the Beatles' version of "Till There Was You" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow".

My parents' song was "Don't Know Much" by Aaron Neville and Linda Ronstadt. The song sings exactly how I feel.

"I don't know much, but I know I love you. That may be all I need to know."

It took me nearly two decades to begin to truly accept that it really is their problem. It has always been their problem, not mine. I think that's the hardest thing for children of divorce to finally come to terms with. Every day, you're told it's not your fault, but you're also caught in the middle like a tree in a lightning storm, not causing the uproar but likely to get struck by it. How could you not be? You're made of them. You're what they have to remind them of each other.

During this holiday season and every day of the year, love should outweigh all else, and my love for my parents as well as every other child's love for their parents should be celebrated, appreciated, and recognized, because the relationship between every parent and their child, no matter how complicated, is beautiful in its own way. Just because their love for each other was clouded in anger, distrust, and betrayal, my love for both of them is still very much intact, screaming in the unbearable silence, and that should be very much okay. I will continue to hope that, at some point in the future, I will have them both by my side for the holidays, because that possibility keeps me going every year.

And no matter where I end up, it is because of them that I fly. It is because of them that I choose love over hate, because they have loved me through it all. And I know how toxic hatred can be.

And when I fall, I get back up, and think of what my parents have said to me all my life.

"Fly, my darling, fly."

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SPORTS

Leicester's starting five leads team to victory against Cougars

Nick Ethier photos

Leicester's Jack O'Neill goes up for a slam-dunk before drawing a foul on a Quaboag defender.

Quaboag's Hayden Perry drives on Leicester's Bryce Gosselin.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Michael Lynch, head coach of the Leicester High boys' varsity basketball team, is excited that his starting five all had experience opening games last season. And that time on the court together showed for the Wolverines while hosting Quaboag Regional on Friday, Dec. 7 in the season-opener for both clubs.

Leicester's starters — seniors Sam Kenney and Felix Melendez, juniors Bryce Gosselin and Jack O'Neill, and sophomore Stephen Olsen — combined for 69 points and 26 rebounds en route to a 77-37 Wolverines' victory.

"I thought that the guys who were experienced played well tonight," said Lynch.

O'Neill, a three-year starter who missed some of last season with an injury, led the charge for Leicester with game-high totals of 28 points and 12 rebounds. His scoring was balanced among the four quarters, producing 6, 7, 8 and 7 points.

"He plays a lot of ball in the offseason and he's a really smart kid," said Lynch of O'Neill. "He picks up spacing and reads defenses well — he's a player — and he's unselfish, too. He's a willing passer. Two years ago Jack was our point guard as a freshman."

O'Neill's passing ability was on full display nearing the end of the first quarter when he pulled down a defensive rebound, launched a long outlet pass and saw a teammate finish a layup at the other end of the court on back-to-back possessions. Melendez had the first bucket, which turned into a traditional three-point play thanks to a blocking foul, and Thomas Guinee had the other, beating the buzzer by a second.

Leicester led, 20-9, after the first frame and never lost the lead from there as the Wolverines played a strong defense that limited the Cougars' offense to single-digit scoring totals (9, 8 and 8) in the first, second and fourth quarters, respectively. They scored 12 points in the third.

"I was happy with the way we played defense," said Lynch. "We had a ton of hustle plays [and] we competed on the glass. In pregame we talked about playing 32 minutes. You can't win the game in the first quarter and then you make your adjustments and press whatever advantages you have."

Quaboag head coach Chris Reilly, now at the helm for his 26th season, noticed that Leicester's advantage came via its size.

"You could tell they were physically stronger — O'Neill is obviously a stud — but we didn't catch the ball well at times," he said. "That's just younger, weaker guys at this point. We'll get better at that.

"I have coached guys at this level who in ninth or 10th grade get beat and then in a couple of years it will pay dividends," added Reilly.

Gosselin and O'Neill knocked down 3's to give the Wolverines a 32-14 second quarter lead and they held a 39-17 advantage at the break.

Leicester then canned four 3-pointers in the third quarter for 12 of its 21 points as they carried a 60-29 lead into the final frame before winning that quarter, 17-8, to win by 40. Melendez scored 20 points, Olsen added 11 points, Gosselin netted a pair of treys for 6 points and Kenney chipped in 4 points.

Reilly, meanwhile, liked what he saw from junior Hayden Perry (15 points, including three 3-pointers) and freshman Alex Worthington (5 points).

"He's definitely a good shooter and he has the confidence," Reilly said of Perry.

On Worthington: "He's a freshman. I thought he played great. It's his first varsity experience," concluded Reilly.

Quaboag's Aidan Gilman rises up and fires a shot over the reach of Leicester defender Bryce Gosselin.

Sam Kenney of Leicester releases a 3-point attempt with the student section watching on.

Leicester's Felix Melendez catches a pass down in the corner on the wing.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Jack O'Neill

The Leicester High junior led the Wolverines' basketball team to a season-opening 77-37 victory versus Quaboag Regional on Friday, Dec. 7 thanks to a 28-point, 12-rebound performance.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Dec. 6

Tantasqua 130, Worcester 52 — In a co-ed swimming and diving meet, the Warriors got off to a good start to open the season with a victory. The medley relay team of Andrew Wade, Bryce Iller, Robert Wilson and Zachary Lavallee got Tantasqua's first winner, while Sarah Kersting-Mumm — part of the team's co-op with Oxford — got two firsts in the 200 and 50 free. Jonah Green won the diving, Robert Wilson (by way of Quaboag) won the 100 fly, Iller took first in the 100 free and the 100 back, and Wade swam away with first in the 500 free. The 200 free relay team of Lavallee, Kerting-Mumm, Ethan Hunter-Mason and AJ Osimo took first. Hunter-Mason also won the 100 breaststroke. The 400 free relay team of Wade, Eli Currier, Kersting-Mumm and Iller took home another victory.

Dec. 8

Tantasqua 99, Nashoba 81; Tantasqua 116, Advanced Math and Science Academy 62 — The girls' swim and dive team at Tantasqua is undefeated (2-0) after defeating both the Chieftains and Eagles. The medley relay team of Sarah Kersting-Mumm (Oxford) Lauren Butler, Katie Wade and Rebecca Turley started the Warriors out with a first place finish. Alyson Locke won the 200 free, Wade won the 50 free and the 500 free, Butler took first in the diving, Kersting-Mumm was the winner in the 100 backstroke, Erika Madden won the 100 breaststroke and the 400 free relay team finished the day off with another win (Wade, Locke, Turley and Kersting-Mumm).

Tantasqua 86, Nashoba 79; Advanced Math and Science Academy 89, Tantasqua 84 — The boys split their decision to get to 1-1. The medley relay team took first (Bryce Iller, Ethan Hunter-Mason, Robert Wilson of Quaboag and Andrew Wade), and Iller won the 100 breaststroke.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

Worcester State Baseball Indoor Clinics are now held in the $52 million gymnasium and wellness center. The second floor multipurpose gym allows for live practices with plenty of storage for the six indoor mounds, bats and balls, etc. Hitters will use the double-barrel cages on the first floor. Here kids will bunt/bat off the Hack Attack pitching machines (uses real balls; speed adjusted for ages), hit close-range BP, use soft toss nets, tees, and utilize slow-motion video analysis.

There are multiple upcoming clinics to choose from. For questions, please call (508) 929-8852 or (774) 230-3872, or email dbaker1@worcester.edu. Also, please visit wsulancers.com/camps-clinics for more information.

SPORTS

Warriors produce strong first game performance, topping Bartlett

Jason Mckay photos

Tantasqua's Sophie Law eyes the basket before shooting a free throw.

Grace Farland of Tantasqua works her way around a Bartlett defender while on the move.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Co-captains Lindsey Zak and Lydia Boland each scored 13 points to lead the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team to a season-opening victory over Bartlett High, 60-36, spoiling the debut of new Indians' head coach Anthony Pukalo in the process, on Thursday, Dec. 6, out on the Reservation.

The Warriors, who advanced to the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament final last season, started the 2018-19 season quickly, scoring 12 of the game's first 14 points. Tantasqua led at all the stops: 18-4 after the first quarter, 30-17 at halftime and 45-28 after three periods.

Zak, a senior, and Boland, a junior, paced Tantasqua's first-half effort, scoring eight and five points, respectively, in the first 16 minutes.

"I thought it was a good opening night. You never know what to expect sometimes on opening night," Warriors' head coach Tom Goyette said. "It was kind of a rush, playing so early. You've got tryouts and then you've got a week to get going. You try to throw a lot of things in and hope that the kids pick up on a lot of it. They've been working hard. We've had a couple of scrimmages, so to come out here and get a win feels good."

Like her coach, Zak was happy with the way the start of the season unfolded.

"I think overall it was a really good opener for us. I thought the team played great. A few errors here and there, but that's common in an opener. I'm excited for another season," Zak said.

Zak was particularly impressed with the performances turned in by the two freshmen on the Tantasqua roster, Sophie Law and Shea Coleman, who finished with three and four points, respectively.

"I thought Sophie and Shea played great," Zak said. "I think they really stepped up and played very well in their first varsity game."

Goyette said he thought his ninth-graders answered the challenge of their varsity debut well.

"I told Sophie Law before the game the biggest thing I needed from her was rebounds at the five position and she finished with double figures – [10]. That was huge. It was a great game for her and I know she was a little nervous going out there," Goyette said. "But that's Lindsey and Lydia, our two captains going out there and leading the way. They lead by example out there and they play the game the way you're supposed to play it and they play hard."

Also finding the scoring column for the Warriors were junior Kylee Fortuna (two points) and sophomores Madison Varney (eight points), Ainsley Way (six points), Emmy Cherry (six points) and Grace Farland (five points).

Bartlett, coming off a 3-17 season, was led in scoring by Allison Grzembski, Kayla Berthiaume and Brittany Ward. Grzembski, a senior, netted a team-high 12 points, while Berthiaume added eight and Ward six.

Bartlett, which trailed at one point by 19 in the second quarter and 17 in the third, made runs in both periods to cut the Tantasqua lead down to 11 and 13 points, respectively.

"Against a team of that caliber, to come out and continue to fight the way they did, there's a lot more positives than negatives there. This is a group with a lot of fire and they don't quit. They're starting to buy into my way of doing things," Pukalo said. "I'm seeing a spark that I've heard hasn't been there the past few years. I like guards that are going to give you fits, and I have a handful of them and they keep fighting for me and they fought all night.

"At the end of the day there's a crooked number up there, but this was a ball game halfway through the second quarter and this was a ball game halfway through the third quarter, against a team that was a district [finalist] last year," continued Pukalo. "Like I said, a lot more positives than negatives."

Madison Varney of Tantasqua goes in for an uncontested layup.

Experience paves way for Minutemen to beat Southbridge

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Experience was the name of the game for the Bay Path Regional girls' varsity basketball team when hosting Southbridge High on Monday, Dec. 10. The Minutemen's opening five boasted over a dozen years of starting experience, and it showed during their 55-25 victory.

Emily Wong Kam of Bay Path prepares to release a free throw attempt.

"There's one sophomore and four seniors — very experienced," said Bay Path head coach John Selen. "This is their year to shine. They have high expectations for themselves this year and they want to go as far as they can. They have a lot of chemistry together. It's a great unit."

Sophomore Madison Paulhus is a two-year starter, while seniors Alexxus Afriyie and Nekelle Waskiewicz are four-year starters. Senior Kiara Coates is a two-year starter, and senior Emily Wong Kam has three years of experience while taking the jump into the starting rotation.

The Pioneers, meanwhile, lack experience at every position.

"We're young. I have no juniors, no seniors," said Southbridge head coach Elvin Rodriguez. "I have nine girls on my team. We're going to have our growing pains, speed bumps throughout the season.

"I just want to see improvement from game to game and I definitely saw that today from certain individuals," continued Rodriguez.

The Minutemen opened up a 4-0 lead and, after a Pioneers' 3-pointer, they proceeded to score the next 16 points to grab a 20-3 lead. Bay Path led, 24-5, after the initial eight-minute quarter.

The aforementioned starting five made its mark almost immediately. Once Paulhus made a layup with 4:30 to play in the first quarter, all five had found the scoring column.

Then, in the second quarter — where many substitutes got valuable minutes on the court — the Minutemen scored nine points to Southbridge's five to take a 33-10 halftime lead.

Bay Path's starters played a majority of the third quarter — a frame they won, 13-7 — before giving way to the bench in the fourth, which they also won, 9-8, to produce the 30-point victory.

Coates finished with team-best totals of 15 points and 8 rebounds, with Paulhus right behind her with 9 points and 7 rebounds. Afriyie added 6 points, Wong Kam 5 and Waskiewicz 2, with Emily Margoupis coming off the bench to drain a pair of 3-pointer for 6 points.

Nekelle Waskiewicz of Bay Path dribbles the ball down the length of the court.

The win improved Bay Path's record to 2-0, but Selen mentioned that the game had added significance because they renewed a rivalry with the Pioneers.

"This was a special game for them. We haven't played Southbridge in a few years and a lot of these girls are from Southbridge," explained Selen. "It's a friendly rivalry so it was a lot of fun for them."

The Minutemen hope to take the momentum this victory produced and parlay it into many wins throughout the season.

"We hope to make districts again — three years in a row in districts, so we hope to make it a fourth," said Selen. "This group has never not known a year where we didn't go to districts. They hope to have a really good record and maybe host a home game for districts."

And although the Pioneers dropped to 0-2, Selen predicts some success for them down the road.

"Southbridge is very young, there's some good things to come for them," he said.

Rodriguez noted that Ashanti Morales and Jomarieliz Lebron — the only two Pioneers with "extensive varsity time" from last season — will be called upon to provide bigger roles this winter.

"She's going to have to carry the load," Rodriguez said of Morales, who finished with a game-high 16 points. I'm hopefully getting Jomarieliz to be the [recently graduated] Julitza [Delgado] of the team as far as bringing the ball up and running the offense to keep [Morales] in the corner and just let it fly with her 3-point shot."

Morales canned three triples versus Bay Path and made eight treys in a game last season versus David Prouty Regional, so her shooting skills are high.

Lebron (5 points) and Aleysha Cruz (4 points) were the Pioneers' other point producers.

Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Alexxus Afriyie beats her Southbridge counterpart to the basket on a dribble-drive.

POLICE REPORTS

Leicester Police Department

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

1:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:39 a.m.: mutual aid (Howe Village, Spencer), transported to hospital; 3:31 a.m.: fire/brush/grass (Auburn Street), services rendered; 6:43 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 8:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:50 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), services rendered; 9:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:13 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), assisted; 12:35 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 12:57 p.m.: larceny (Soojians Drive), report taken; 1:01 p.m.: assist citizen (Tobin Road), no service; 1:27 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Collier Avenue), no action required; 2:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Grove Street), services rendered; 3:38 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), no police action noted; 4:16 p.m.: threats (Soojians Drive), no police action noted; 4:23 p.m.: restraining order service (Tobin Road), served; 6:25 p.m.: fraud (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 6:49 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 7:12 p.m.: malicious mischief (Waite Street), report taken; 7:25 p.m.: malicious mischief (Main Street), report taken; 8:06 p.m.: disturbance (Collier Avenue), transported to hospital; 9:18 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), services rendered;.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:59 a.m.: lost/found (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:38 a.m.: debris in road (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:20 a.m.: ambulance (Carleton Road), no action required; 10:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Mayflower Road); 10:39 a.m.: investigation (UMass Med Ctr. drug lab), services rendered; 12:07 p.m.: mv b&e (Atwood Road), report taken; 12:51 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log, report taken; 1:41 p.m.: erratic operation (Mannville Street), unable to locate; 3:36 p.m.: assist other agency (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 4:23 p.m.: summons service (Massasoit Drive), unable to serve; 4:37 p.m.: summons service (Pitcairne Avenue), unable to serve; 4:53 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), James Travis Clark, 41, 1038 Main Street, #2R, Worcester, shoplifting by asportation/2nd offense, larceny under $1200, arrest; 7:04 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), unable to locate; 7:29 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 8:31 p.m.: ambulance (Charles Street), transported; 9:41 p.m.: parking complaint (South Main Street), spoken to.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:57 a.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), no police action noted; 2:16 a.m.: assist other agency (Henshaw Street), unable to locate; 9:01 a.m.: disturbance (Sargent Street), services rendered; 9:38 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 10:18 a.m.: disturbance (Auburn Street), gone on arrival; 10:50 a.m.: welfare check (Watch Street), services rendered; 10:52 a.m.: ambulance

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Crashes result in multiple injuries

LEICESTER – Police responded to multiple car accidents in town last week, including a pair of multi-vehicle wrecks resulting in injuries.

On Dec. 1, a three-vehicle crash at the intersection of Marshall Street and Paxton Street resulted in one person being treated for minor injuries. Two vehicles had to be towed away from the scene, and the crash remains under investigation.

Four days later, on Dec. 5, three people were injured in an accident on Route 9. The incident occurred at 5:30 p.m. near the Leicester Drive-In, with both vehicles sustaining heavy damage. The accident is still under investigation, and no charges have been filed.

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Three people were injured during a Dec. 5 wreck on Route 9 in Leicester.

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Six steps to stop porch pirates this holiday seaon

By Shannon Boyle,
Content Marketing Specialist for BBB

The holiday season is in full swing and online shoppers need to be on alert for 'porch pirates' — people stealing packages from unsuspecting homeowners. In a recent study, nearly 26 million Americans reported holiday packages being stolen from their front porch or doorstep.

Last year, Amazon shipped more than five billion items to Prime members, sparking a packaging business to analyze Google search trends to determine where package theft is more concentrated. Boston is fourth on the list of the most prone cities to so-called porch pirates.

Although certain crimes occur more often around the holidays, the USPS and Consumer Reports have a few ways you can keep your packages safe from thieves.

Don't leave delivered packages unattended. You wouldn't leave $500 sitting outside your house overnight so don't leave your packages unattended for long periods of time. Pay attention to online tracking; if the company says it was delivered but it's not at your house report it.

For extra security, use motion detecting lights and camera systems to fend off would-be thieves.

Leaving town? Have your mail held at the post office. Once you return you can pick everything up or request it be delivered to your home.

Customize the delivery. If you know the package is going to be larger than the mailbox, authorize the carrier to leave it in a specified out-of-sight location. You can also request pick-up at their facility.

Secure the shipment. Signature confirmations ensure that the package ends up in the right hands. Register your most valuable packages so special care and documentation is used every step of the way.

Ship your packages to where you are, not where you aren't. Spend all day at work? Talk to your boss about having packages delivered to your workplace instead of your home address.

Courtesy photo

This is just tempting the porch pirates

Keep an eye out for suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Some thieves follow delivery trucks waiting for the opportune time to steal packages. If you notice something out of place in your neighborhood, report it to the proper authorities with specific details.

You can also plan with neighbors to move any packages inside their home for safekeeping until you arrive home at night.

If you or someone you know has been affected by stolen packages, report it to BBB Scam Tracker to help warn others.

For more holiday tips you can trust, check out the BBB Holiday Guide at bbb.org or follow us on social media.

Harrington Physician Services welcomes new physician

Sean Stevenson DO

SOUTHBRIDGE — Sean Stevenson DO, has joined Harrington Physician Services in Southbridge, providing physical medicine and rehabilitation services for patients.

Physical medicine and rehabilitation is a medical specialty that treats a wide variety of medical conditions affecting the brain, nerves, bones, joints and muscles. The specialty is recognized for comprehensive management of chronic musculoskeletal and neurologic conditions, emphasizing improvements in functional status and quality of life.

Patients interested in scheduling an appointment can call (508) 909-8590.

PM&R takes a multidisciplinary approach to a patient's treatment plan. Physiatrists are trained to write specific programs that help maintain and increase range of motion, strengthen muscles, improve proprioception (awareness of joint position in space) and muscle relaxation, among other objectives.

Dr. Stevenson will provide in office procedures such as trigger point injections and osteopathic manual medicine (OMM). OMM is a hands-on, noninvasive set of skills used in the evaluation and treatment of the neuro-muscular-skeletal (nerve, muscle and bone) system. Trained osteopathic physicians, like Dr. Stevenson, use their hands to diagnose and treat illness and injury. Dr. Stevenson will also be providing interventional pain procedures, including spine and joint injections. In addition, he will perform electrodiagnostic studies including nerve conduction studies and electromyography.

Dr. Stevenson completed his residency at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Center, NY, where he served as chief resident. He received his medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and B.S. in exercise science from UMass Amherst. He is a member of several professional affiliations, including the American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, and the American Osteopathic Association.

Harrington's PM&R office is in Suite 108 of its Medical Arts building, which also houses Harrington Physician Services' general surgery practice.

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Route 9 and guiding vehicles into spillover parking lots, but the high traffic volume remains.

A Cultivate representative was in attendance at the Nov. 26 meeting, as well as Police Chief James Hurley and Town Administrator David Genereux. Officials predict that the heavy traffic problem will be temporary, as additional retail marijuana establishments are expected to open throughout the state this month.

"I understand residents' frustrations, but things are going to change. Right now, there are only two places in the state that are selling it, and eventually the traffic will die down," said Selectman Rick Antanavica.

Officials said the Thanksgiving weekend contributed to heavier than usual traffic volumes, in addition to "gawkers" who had no intention of purchasing products but instead wanted to see the fad in action or take photos.

"A lot of people were coming to buy, but there were also many people who wanted to take a look at what was going on," Antanavica added. "This will be a temporary inconvenience. It won't last at this pace."

Residents and town officials alike have been critical of the state's implementation of recreational marijuana. By only initially approving two facilities in the entire state for retail sales – Cultivate in Leicester and New England Treatment Access in Northampton – state officials wound up funneling thousands of eager customers into a pair of small communities.

Cultivate has made several efforts to alleviate the problems in Leicester, paying for daily police details to improve traffic flows. Located at 1764 Main St., the business earned the state's first recreational marijuana license over the summer and waited several months for final approval.

Cultivate has operated a medical marijuana dispensary in town for almost a year, and medical customers have not been affected by the retail wait times. Doing business in the former Leicester Tool building, the company has created 20 jobs for area residents while providing a new revenue stream for the town.

As of Nov. 27, Cultivate's retail customers were required to park at neighboring Everlast Nursery. To aid in the queue process, customers were given tickets required to make purchases. In the first weeks of retail availability, several customers reported waiting for over three hours to purchase products.

"Cultivate has expanded the parking area at Everlast, and we have set up the inline vehicle parking in a new configuration so that it will not place vehicles in front of residences," said Town Administrator David Genereux.

Former longtime selectman Doug Belanger, who recently left the Board, would like to see the WRTA contacted about the potential of running a temporary shuttle bus service to Cultivate. This would reduce the number of vehicles pouring in from Route 9 and open up parking spaces.

"Whenever there is a grand opening of any major business, you're going to get a lot of people at the start. I think this business will bring many positives to the town in the long run, but we owe it to the residents in that area to diminish these initial inconveniences as best we can," said Belanger, who supported the Cultivate proposal during his time on the Board.

For more information about the parking and ticket process, visit www.CultivateMass.com.

BOUCHRA

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compete to earn consideration by program officials, but U.S. schools must also demonstrate that they are worthy of a partnership. For the second consecutive year, LHS separated itself from the competition and earned a visit from an international educator.

Last year, LHS was one of only 26 schools nationwide to be selected for the grant-funded program. An Egyptian educator spent the year teaching at LHS in 2017-18, and now the students have the opportunity to work with Ait Msguine.

"We are very lucky to have Bouchra. It has been a wonderful experience for everyone involved," said LHS foreign language teacher Kelley Southwick, who has helped facilitate the TCLP process at the school.

For Ait Msguine, it has been a thrilling whirlwind experience since arriving in the U.S. for the first time this summer. It's hard enough for teachers to familiarize themselves with new students in a new school, never mind in a new country.

But LHS students and teachers have been impressed with Ait Msguine's ability to quickly adapt and set a strategy for offering as much material in a year as possible. She began the year by introducing students to basic cultural and geographical facts, followed by a deeper study into the language.

"Everyone has been so welcoming and nice. The students are great and learn fast," said Ait Msguine, who learned English while living in Morocco. "The students enjoy being able to spell their names and decipher words."

Having taught English for 12 years in Morocco, Ait Msguine has enjoyed the opportunity to switch roles and introduce Arabic to American students. There are many differences between schools in the two countries (Moroccan students typically take a two-hour lunch break at home and then return to school until the final class lets out at 6 p.m.), but there are also many similarities. LHS students have been fascinated to learn how much their Moroccan counterparts know about American culture.

"They are interested in American movies, TV shows, sports, politics, history – everything, really," Ait Msguine said.

Likewise, LHS students have had plenty of questions for Ait Msguine about life in Morocco. Similar to many South American countries, Middle Eastern and African nations consider soccer to be football. Students have been learning about several other cultural differences, and they are transitioning to the written and conversational phases of learning the language. Because the Arabic alphabet features completely foreign letter symbols, the process of forming sentences is much more challenging for Western students than the process of learning Romance and Germanic languages.

LHS administrators are excited to see their students embrace the challenge and take advantage of an opportunity that few school districts offer across the state.

"This is great for our students and the broader community as well," said LHS Principal Tracey Hippert. "A big piece of this program is the outreach that these teachers do for the entire community. Their presence extends to the middle school and several other community venues as well."

To that end, Ait Msguine will attend senior center and library events before her time in Leicester is finished. She will then return to Morocco and incorporate much of what she has learned in the U.S. into her daily instructional routines.

Ait Msguine has also had the opportunity to travel to conferences in the U.S. and learn more about educational practices. She is enjoying her first holiday season in the U.S., and she looks forward to visiting more states during vacations.

"The weather is much different than my city," she laughed after describing her Thanksgiving meal and the mid-November snowstorm.

Meanwhile, Hippert and her team hope to continue bolstering their culture program by eventually establishing a short-term student exchange program. A former foreign language teacher herself, Hippert wants to keep languages and cultural studies at the forefront of LHS course offerings.

To learn more about the TCLP, visit www.TclProgram.org.

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(Oakwood Lane), transported; 11:32 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 12:00 p.m.: ambulance (Marlboro Drive), transported; 12:47 p.m.: fire/brush/grass (Auburn Street), services rendered; 1:08 p.m.: disturbance (Watson Street), spoken to; 1:51 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 4:07 p.m.: suspicious activity (Mill Street), group dispersed; 6:48 p.m.: disable mv (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:59 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), spoken to; 8:09 p.m.: fire/odor of smoke (Dale Street), services rendered; 9:15 p.m.: mv fire (Main Street), mv towed; 10:14 p.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), no action required.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:37 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 11:02 a.m.: water/sewer problem (Franklin Street), services rendered; 11:10 a.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 12:05 p.m.: noise complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 1:15 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 3:19 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:41 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 4:00 p.m.: structure fire (Cricklewood Drive), services rendered; 4:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:13 p.m.: ambulance (Folsom Street), no action required; 7:33 p.m.: mv off the road (Main Street), services rendered; 8:22 p.m.: mv stop (Chapel Street), verbal warning; 9:12 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 9:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:56 p.m.; assist other PD (Monticello Drive, Paxton), services rendered; 11:39 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), services rendere.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

1:39 a.m.: assist other agency (Auburn Street), services rendered; 8:13 a.m.: lockout (Brookside Drive), assisted; 10:36 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 10:57 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 11:18 a.m.: erratic operation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), unfounded; 12:58 p.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:02 p.m.: summons service (Fairview Drive), served; 5:20 p.m.: summons service (Salminen Drive), unable to serve; 5:29 p.m.: investigation (Ferncroft Road), no police action noted; 5:30 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:44 p.m.: summons service (Pitcairne Avenue), served; 5:50 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), written warning; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 6:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:15 p.m.: suspicious mv (Peter Salem Road), services rendered; 9:07 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), verbal warning; 9:08 p.m.: suspicious mv (Old Stafford Turnpike), investigated; 9:40 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 9:43 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:15 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), no police action taken; 10:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:29 p.m.: residential b&e (Main Street), report taken.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

2:22 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pine Ridge Drive), spoken to; 9:17 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 9:41 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 10:24 a.m.; welfare check (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:26 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 10:53 a.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), no police action noted; 10:58 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Stafford Street), services rendered; 11:27 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), unable to serve; 11:57 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 12:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:25 p.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), services rendered; 12:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street) verbal warning; 2:25 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:31 p.m.: threats (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 4:18 p.m.: assist citizen (Auburn Street); 5:23 p.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 7:05 p.m.: assist citizen (Marshall Street), services rendered; 7:43 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:04 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted party; 11:38 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 11:56 p.m.: suspicious mv (River Street), assisted.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:15 a.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), written warning; 2:39 a.m.: erratic operation (Town Beach Road), unable to locate; 7:55 a.m.: assist other PD (King Street), services rendered; 11:20 a.m.: investigation (Mannville Street), services rendered; 1:40 assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:58 p.m.: illegal dumping (Dale Court), services rendered; 2:18 p.m.: illegal dumping (Stafford Street), services rendered; 3:05 p.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), services rendered; 3:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Orrin Street), services rendered; 4:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Street), spoken to; 5:14 p.m.: hazardous conditions (Chapel Street), referred; 6:56 p.m.: disabled mv (Church Place), services rendered; 7:07 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), assisted; 11:21 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported.

Spencer Police Log

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:13-2:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:50 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), icy conditions; 3:06 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:18 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 7:12 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 8:44 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 9:00 a.m.: officer wanted (Wire Village Road), services rendered; 9:17 a.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), spoken to; 10:03 a.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive); 10:15 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 10:34 a.m.: medical/general (Elm Street); 11:12 a.m.: citizen complaint (Smithville Road), speeding traffic; 12:42 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), spoken to; 1:26 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:33 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Cross Road); 1:59 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 2:07 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 2:19 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:30 p.m.: 3:32 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:16 p.m.: disabled mv (Greenville Street), assisted; 4:52 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 5:15 p.m.: suspicious activity (Paxton Road), services rendered; 5:17 p.m.: suspicious activity (Charlton Road), spoken to; 5:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:24 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), power outage; 7:33 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), neighbor dispute; 7:47 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 9:15 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 9:47-10:10 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:56 p.m.: mv repossession (Main Street), assisted.

NOVEMBER 29

12:05-12:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:10 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), bolo; 2:27 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:48 a.m.: accident (East Charlton Road), report taken; 7:23 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:37 a.m.: disabled mv (Valley Street), assisted; 7:39 a.m.: accident (Paxton Road), report taken; 7:45 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Avenue), spoken to; 7:5 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 8:01 a.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), spoken to; 10:09 a.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), spoken to; 12:20 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 12:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Woodside Road), poss. mv theft; 1:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:18 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), stolen rx; 1:21 p.m.: suspicious activity (Pleasant Street), loitering; 2:30 p.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive), welfare check; 2:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), welfare check; 2:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street), loose rabbit; 2:39 p.m.: fire alarm (Pearl Street), services rendered; 4:04 p.m.: medical/overdose (Main Street); 4:43 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), transferred; 4:51 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 6:12 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), welfare check; 7:50 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:11 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), transferred; 8:14-9:46 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:33 p.m.: fire/wood/grass (Town House Court), services rendered; 10:39 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 10:42 p.m.; disturbance (Chestnut Street), neighbor dispute; 11:34-11:49 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

12:08-1:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:31 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 1:34 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:58 a.m.: mv complaint (Bixby Road), mv blocking road; 4:13 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street), 5:19 a.m.: medical/general (Garrette Lane), lift assist; 6:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:29 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 7:30 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 8:10 a.m.: residential alarm (Shady Drive), services rendered; 9:18 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:13 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 11:14 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 11:51 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:42 p.m.: disturbance (Adams Street), spoken to; 3:02 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 3:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:34 p.m.: trash dumping (Main Street), spoken to; 3:35 p.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 4:43 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), accidental; 5:31 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 5:48 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Wire Village Road), hung up; 5:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:56 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), services rendered; 7:44 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 7:45 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 8:25 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 9:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), frozen mv lock; 11:12 p.m.; medical/general (Main Street); 11:39 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), disconnected; 11:39 p.m.: building checked, secure.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

12:42-1:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:21 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), Niko Ferraro, 21, 71 Arnold Road, Sturbridge, assault w/dangerous weapon, disorderly person, disturbing the peace; Gary G. Janke, Jr., 45, homeless, Spencer, assault w/dangerous weapon, disorderly person, disturbing the peace, arrests; 2:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Shannon Nuttall, 31, 129 Sutton Road, Webster, OUI/2nd offense, op w/suspended license, negligent operation to endanger, arrest; 3:52 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), spoken to; 6:11 a.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), abandoned 911 call; 8:12 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), transferred; 9:25 a.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; 9:46 a.m.; medical/general (Howe Village); 9:49 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Maple Street), no contact; 10:11 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 11:14 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), neighbor dispute; 11:39 a.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), poss. water main break; 11:44 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Howe Village), accidental; 3:13 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), call for ACO; 4:23 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 5:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), dog jumped into car; 5:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Irving Street), spoken to; 5:38 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), spoken to; 5:38 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hung up; 5:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:05 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 6:19 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 6:22 p.m.: office wanted (Stafford Street), erratic operation; 6:46 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 6;49 p.m.: 911 call (Valley Street), misdial; 7:05 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:12 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 10:37 p.m.: suspicious activity (Woodside Road), spoken to; 10:41 p.m.: DPW call (Condon Drive), no water service; 11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:08-1:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:21 a.m.: suspicious activity (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 2:29-2:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:55 a.m.: fire alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 7:12 a.m.: commercial alarm (Lake Street), drill; 9:02 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 9:23 a.m.: odor of gas (Meadow Road), services rendered; 11:00 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), spoken to; 11:33 a.m.: lost/found (Paxton Road), cellphone lost; 12:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), tenant dispute; 1:06 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 1:56 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 1:59 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:24 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 4:43-4:54 p.m.: buildingsc checked, secure; 5:07 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), assisted; 7:08 p.m.: mv lockout (North Brookfield Road), assisted; 7:24 p.m.: vandalism (Charlton Road), damage to field; 7:54-7:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:53 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:05 p.m.: mv repossession (Mechanic Street), assisted; 9:37 p.m.: mv repossession (Main Street), assisted; 10:35 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 11:56-11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

12:04-1:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:13 a.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), neighbor dispute; 5:19 a.m.: disabled mv (Cranberry Meadow Road), car off road; 5:59 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 6:19 a.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), road hazard; 6:33 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 8:11 a.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 8:59 a.m.: commercial alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 9:55 a.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), assisted; 10:01 a.m.: disturbance (Pearl Street), domestic dispute; 10:18 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), spoken to; 10:53 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), services rendered; 11:23 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:41 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 12:43 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 1:08 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 1:28 p.m.: accident (Gauthier Road), report taken; 2:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Overlook Drive), update contact info; 2:45 p.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), threatening phone calls; 3:00 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:02 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 4:54 p.m.: mv lockout (Water Street), assisted; 5:36 p.m.; missing person (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:52 p.m.: building checked, secure; 840 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), noise complaint; 9:02 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), spoken to; 9:07 p.m.: larceny (Mechanic Street), wallet stolen; 9:47 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), domestic dispute; 10:09 p.m.: disabled mv (Olde Main Street), assisted; 11:00 p.m.: fire alarm (Summit Street), accidental; 11:38-11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:09-12:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:08 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 1:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:55 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 2:20 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:22 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:54 a.m.: citizen complaint (Sampson Street), noise complaint; 6:05 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:15 a.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 6:38 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 9:10 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 9:17 a.m.: suspicious activity (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 9:35 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), domestic dispute; 9:39 a.m.: officer wanted (Cooney Road), poss. business scam; 10:16 a.m.: residential alarm (Chickering Road), services rendered; 11:15 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road), lift assist; 11:30 a.m.: runaway (Main Street), juvenile; 11:36 a.m.: abandoned mv (Main Street), services rendered; 12:17 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:33 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 12:35 p.m.: abandoned mv (Church Street), services rendered; 1:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), apt. lockout; 2:13 p.m.: 911 call (South Spencer Road), misdial; 2:35 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Emmett Street), welfare check; 3:06 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 3:25 p.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), spoken to; 3:51 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:57 p.m.: disturbance (Templet Street), neighbor dispute; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:35 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 6:07 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), spoken to; 6:51 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 7:03 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log, significant police response; 8:06 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 8:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Woodside Road), missing person/adult; 8:34 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 9:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Oxford PD bolo; 9:50 p.m.: mv lockout (Pleasant Street), assisted; 10:03 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:09 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 11:42-11:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

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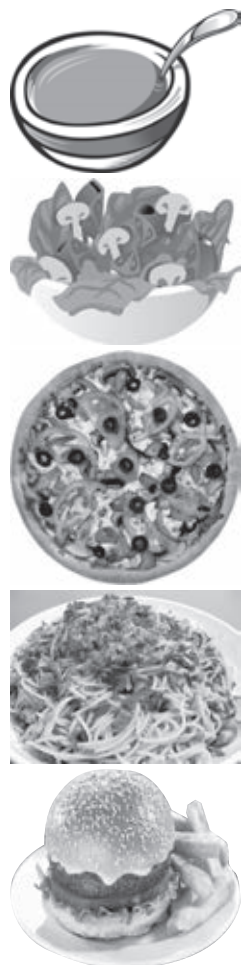

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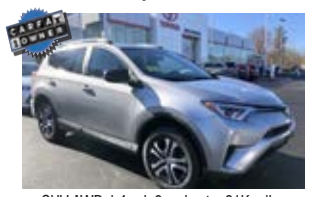

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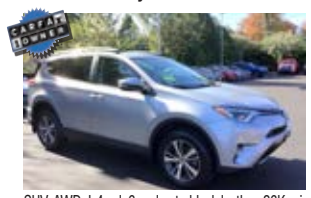

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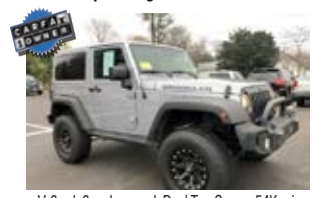

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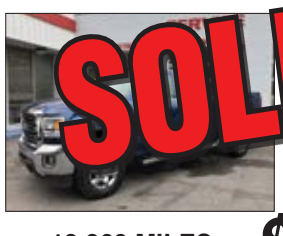

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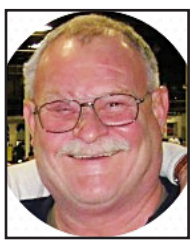
OBITUARIES

Frances T. Stelmokas,97

NORTH BROOKFIELD- Frances T. Stelmokas,97, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2018. She was born in Worcester the daughter of Charles and Kazimera (Bardauskas) Stelmokas and lived most her life here. She was a graduate of North Brookfield High School. Frances worked at Ware Knitters and Warren Pump Co. until she retired. She leaves her nephew Paul Kruckas and his wife Denise. She is predeceased by 2 brothers, Stanley and Charles; a sister Helen " Nellie" Kruckas; a niece Carolyn Cohen and a nephew John Kruckas. A calling hour was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 10-11AM in the Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. The funeral followed at 11AM in the funeral home. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute 450 Brookline Ave. Boston,MA.02215. For an online tribute and guestbook please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome

James H. Morrissette, 68



NORTHBRIDGE- James H. Morrissette, 68, of Gendron St. passed away Sat. Dec. 8, 2018 at UMASS Hospital in Worcester after an illness with his loving family by his side.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years Patricia J. (Gendron) Morrissette; a son Jared J. Morrissette of Whitinsville; a daughter Jennifer Kreuzinger and her husband Craig of Whitinsville; 3 granddaughters Brooke Morrissette, Paige Morrissette, and Bella Kreuzinger; a brother Paul J. Morrissette of Whitinsville; 3 sisters Linda A. Walsh of Spencer, Paula A. Smith of Worcester, and Joanne M. Niejadlik of Sutton; nieces, nephews, and many good friends. Born in Whitinsville, on May 22, 1950 he was son of the late Homer J. And Alice A. (LaFlamme) Morrissette and lived here all his life.

Jim owned and operated Jim Morrissette's Oil Burner Service Inc. since 1992. Previously he worked for Plummer's Oil, McCarthy Pools, and the Town of Northbridge Highway Dept. Educated at Worcester Boy's Trade High School, he was a jack of all trades. He loved landscaping in his yard, making furniture and bowls in his wood shop, and running his heavy equipment, which he called "playing in the dirt". He was a member of the Rockdale Pitch League and loved baseball...Go Sox! He was a big fan of Judge Judy, The Andy Griffith Show and Forrest Gump. Jim also had a passion for cars, including his 1934 Ford, 2000 Monte Carlo, and 1986 corvette. Jim is also known in the classic car community for his 1972 Pro Street Nova, which he showed at the World of Wheels and Mohegan Sun Casino Auto Shows and won many awards. He sponsored a couple of race cars at Thompson Speedway and was a member of the pit crew. He loved his family trips to Siesta Key, FL as well as to River Ranch. He was a member of St. Peter's Church.

Family was everything to Jim. His children and grandchildren were his entire world. He will be remembered as a man with deep love and devotion for his family and he could not be more proud. To his friends, the most honest and straight shooting man.

His private family graveside funeral service will be held Friday. Dec. 14, at 11 am in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Providence Rd. (Rt. 122) Whitinsville. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th St. Suite 609 NY, NY, 10036. bcrf.org To leave a condolence message for the family please visit http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Joseph G. Howard, Jr., 92

SPENCER- Joseph G. Howard, Jr., 92, of Ash Street died Saturday, December 8 in the Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center after a period of declining health.

His wife Alma J. (Lacaire) Howard died in 2007. He leaves three sons; Timothy J. Howard and his longtime companion Kathleen Whitcomb of Spencer, William A. Howard of Atlanta, GA and Daniel E. Howard and his wife Jody of Spencer, a daughter Nancy J. Collette and her husband Donald of Spencer, nine grandchildren; Adam Collette and his wife Michelle of Westminster, Suzy Collette and her partner Eian Lynch of Worcester, Ellen Howard of Worcester, Kelly Ferris and her husband Kyle of Hopkinton, Justin Howard and his wife Rebecca of Woodstock, GA, Patrick Howard of Spencer, Joel Howard of Quincy, Zachary Howard of Spencer and Will Howard of Atlanta, GA, three great-grandchildren; Owen, Madelyn and AJ, several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother John Howard and a sister Joyce Howard.

Joseph was born in Barre, son of Joseph G. and Florence (Harty) Howard, Sr. He graduated from David Prouty High School in 1944. He served his country as a Seabee in the United States Navy during WW II. He was a salesman for 45 years selling Insurance, Real Estate and Industrial Supplies retiring in 1991. He was a member of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, the American Legion Post 138, the V.F.W. and the D.A.V.

Joseph was an avid Boston sports fan and enjoyed spending time with family. He never lost his sense of humor even during his final days.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center for their excellent care and compassion.

The funeral will be held Thursday, December 13 from J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Mass at 11:30 AM in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church Street, Spencer. Burial in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery will be private and at a later date. Calling hours will precede the funeral from 9:30-11:00 AM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Veterans Inc., 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605.

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Robert L. Wilson, 75

WEST BROOKFIELD - Robert L. "Bobby" Wilson, 75, of West Brookfield died on Friday, December 7, 2018 at UMass Memorial Medical Center - University Campus.

He leaves three cousins, Marie Skiffington, Susan Martin, and Peter Martin. He was born in Ware, son of the late Laurence T. and Marjorie E. (Stone) Wilson.

Bobby worked as a Quality Control Inspector at Schott Fiber Optics before retiring in 2011. He enjoyed traveling to Vermont, and was expecially fond of covered bridges and attending the Vermont State Fair.

A Funeral Mass for Robert was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 10:30AM in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in West Brookfield. There were no calling hours. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery following mass.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

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Jacqueline (Jackie) S. MacLean, 67

SPENCER - Jacqueline (Jackie) S. (Noon) MacLean, 67, of Wire Village Road, died Monday, December 10, 2018 with her loving husband by her side, after battling a prolonged illness.

Jackie leaves her husband of 39 years Scott D. MacLean, two sons: Daniel S. MacLean and his wife Stephanie of Medfield and Michael J. MacLean and his wife Stephanie of Paxton; a brother Lawrence J. Noon of Worcester; two sisters: Linda M. Furey and her husband John of Spencer and Patricia A. Noon-Samuel of Florida; four grandchildren: Joshua, Jackson, Leah and Kane, and several nieces and nephews.

Jackie was born in Johnstown, PA, daughter of John and Mary (Hrivnak) Noon. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1969 and Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing in 1972. She worked at Worcester City Hospital until it closed in 1991, and then went on to hold various nursing positions. Most recently she was a Disability Nurse Reviewer for UMass Medical School.

She was a longtime volunteer at Second Chance Animal Shelter and The Richard Sugden Library. She enjoyed spending free time with her family/grandchildren, friends, and happy hour with her partner-in-crime Linda.

The services will be held Friday, December 14, 2018 in J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Calling hours will be from 9:30-11:00 AM with a brief memorial service to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, Inc., P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

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Janie Brennan, 72

SPENCER- Janie (Graffweg) Brennan, 72, of Spencer died Wednesday, November 14, in Brigham and Women's Hospital after an illness. She leaves her husband of 50 years, John J. Brennan, a daughter Jeanne M. Brennan-Krawetzky and her husband Peter of Saint Simons Island, Georgia, a son Kevin J. Brennan of Worcester, a granddaughter Kate Krawetzky, two sisters; Sr. Jean Graffweg,OP of Goshen, NY and Anne Graffweg and her husband Gerald Orange of Palm Coast, Florida. She was predeceased by a brother Harry P. Graffweg. Mrs. Brennan was born in New York, New York daughter of Harry C. and Ann (Gillespie) Graffweg. She was the head baker for the Quabbin Regional School District for many years before retiring. Janie was happiest when she was spending time with her family, especially during the summer at her family cottage on Lake Wickaboag in West Brookfield. Funeral services and burial, which are private, will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery, West Brookfield. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer is directing funeral arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

John E. Grzembski, 73

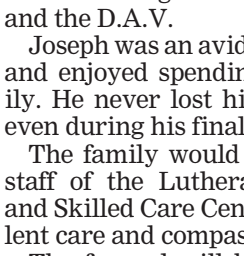
BROOKFIELD- John E. Grzembski, 73, died Friday, December 7, 2018, at Mary Lane Hospital in Ware, after being stricken ill at home.

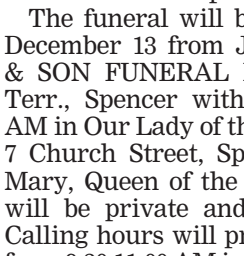
He leaves the love of his life, his wife of 54 years, Gloria (Richard) Grzembski. They were married May 9, 1964.

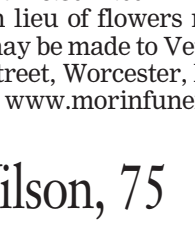
He also leaves 2 sons, Emil and his wife Kimberly Grzembski of Southbridge, Richard and his wife Tammy Grzembski of Sturbridge, and a daughter Barbara Johns and her husband Donny of Seattle, WA, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. He also leaves 2 brothers William Grzembski of Orlando, FL, and Richard Grzembski of Southbridge, 2 sisters Maryann Anctil and her husband Ray of Webster, and Diane Goulet and her husband Michael of Sturbridge, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by 2 brothers Joseph Grzembski, James Grzembski, and a nephew Joseph Goulet.

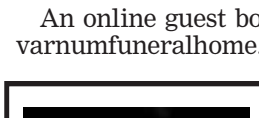
He was born in Dudley, son of the late Joseph and Anna (Clark) Grzembski. John lived most of his life in either Sturbridge or Southbridge. He attended Tantasqua Regional High School, and proudly served in the US Army, and later the Army National Guard for many years. John was a retired cook, working at many restaurants, and at one time owned the Medical Center Coffee Shop. He was a fan of the Boston sports teams, especially the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox. He had many hobbies, but really enjoyed camping with his wife and family and taking care of his babies… two ShiTzu's named Max and Annie.

Calling hours were Tuesday, December 11, 2018, from 5-7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. The funeral was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 9AM from Sansoucy Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service with Military Honors at 10AM at New Notre Dame Cemetery, 746 N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge, MA 01550.









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OBITUARIES

Robert M. Harris, Sr., 86

LEICESTER - Robert M. Harris, Sr., 86, of King Street died Wednesday, Dec. 5 in his home after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 64 years, Carolyn A. (MacIntosh) Harris, two sons; Robert M. Harris, Jr. and his wife Jane of Leicester and Kenneth S. Harris and his wife Sharron of Leicester, two sisters; Winifred Mangano of Holden and Rita Giles of Oxford, three grandchildren; Erin Stimson, Ryan Harris and Nicholas Harris and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 15 brothers and sisters.

Robert was born in Cherry Valley, son of John A. and Annie C. (Flanagan) Harris. He worked for the Town of Leicester Highway Dept. for 29 years retiring as a foreman. After retiring he worked as a transporter at Becker College for several years. He was a past member of the Sons of the Legion Post 443. He was a member of St. Joseph's St. Pius X Parish, the Knights of Columbus Council 4528, the Quinebaug Valley Campers Association and camped at Oak Haven Camp Ground for 37 years. He was a Lieutenant at the Cherry Valley fire station for many years. He enjoyed camping, playing cards and horseshoes and spending time with his family.

The funeral was held Saturday, December 8 from MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester with a Mass at 11:00 AM in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will be at a later date. Calling hours preceded the funeral from 9:00-10:30 AM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main Street, Leicester, MA 01524.

Rosanne G. Ingalls,72

SPENCER - Rosanne G. (Thibault) Ingalls,72, of No. Spencer Rd., died Thursday, December 6th at her home.

She leaves her son James C. Ingalls and his longtime girlfriend, Doreen Krajewski of Spencer, her brother, Edward M. Thibault and his wife Paula of Spencer and her sister, Alice M. Booth and her husband Richard Alan Booth of West Brookfield, several nieces and nephews.

Rosanne was a registered nurse at Quaboag Nursing Home in West Brookfield for 35 years before retiring. She later owned and operated Thibault's Poultry & Country Store in Spencer.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Edward C. and Gracia M. (Lamoureux) Thibault and later graduated from Holy Name High School in Worcester, Quinsigamond Community College and received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from St. Joseph's College in Maine. She was a longtime member, volunteer and 4-H leader and a board member of Camp Marshall in Spencer. She served on Spencer's Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). Rosanne enjoyed traveling and had a love for history and antiques but she was the happiest on her farm with her animals.

Memorial calling hours for Rosanne were held on Thursday, Dec. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Camp Marshall (Barnyard Program), 92 McCormick Rd., Spencer, Ma. 01562.

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Stephen D. FitzGerald, 64

STURBRIDGE – Stephen D. FitzGerald, 64, of First Street, died Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester, after a short illness. He is survived by his son, Robert C. FitzGerald and his wife Jennifer of Dudley; his mother, Maxine (Westcott) FitzGerald of Upton; two sisters, Debbie Turner of Oxford and Linna Cleggett of Brookfield; three grandchildren, Sydney, Conor, and Madyson Fitzgerald, all of Dudley; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a son, Stephen D. FitzGerald II who died in 2001; a grandson, Joshua S. FitzGerald who died in 2017; and a brother, John FitzGerald. He was born in Rutland, VT, son of the late Maynard FitzGerald, and lived in Vermont, Worcester, and Oxford before moving to Sturbridge.

Mr. FitzGerald worked as at Saint Gobain in Worcester for 44 years, most recently as a research technician. He loved woodworking and muscle cars. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attending their sporting events.

A funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. A calling hour was heold on Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dudley Fire Family Relief Fund, c/o Webster Five, 208 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571.

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Fr. Matthew Flynn, O.C.S.O.

SPENCER – Fr. Matthew Flynn, O.C.S.O. of St. Joseph's Abbey, passed away peacefully in the abbey's infirmary on the morning of December 4th. Born Paul Gregory Flynn, in Weymouth, Massachusetts, on October 28, 1930, he was the son of Augustine and

Esther (née Sabean) Flynn. He graduated from Boston College High School.

On January 9, 1952 he entered St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. He pronounced his solemn vows as a Trappist monk in 1957 and was ordained a priest in 1958. His seminary training was conducted at St. Joseph's Abbey and at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. Over the span of his monastic life Father Matthew faithfully served St. Joseph's

Abbey as sub-master of the choir novices, retreat house cook, retreat director, abbot's council member and director of The Holy Rood Guild. At various times he was also chaplain, retreat director or confessor to the Trappistine nuns at Mount St. Mary's Abbey in Wrentham, Santa Rita Abbey in Arizona, Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Virginia, the Benedictine nuns at St. Scholastica's Priory in Petersham and the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Connecticut, the Cistercian Lay Contemplatives and the priests living at the Southgate Retirement Community in Shrewsbury. He is remembered most fondly as an ongoing and very wise spiritual director and special mentor of many years to faithful and loving friends more numerous than can be numbered.

In addition to his monastic brothers at the monastery, Father Matthew is survived by his brother William Flynn and his wife Eileen of Ohio, his sister-in-law, also named Eileen, of Vermont, widow of his brother Robert, and his several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. The monks wish to thank the lay staff at St. Joseph's Abbey Resident Healthcare Facility, the abbey's infirmary, for the dedicated care they gave Father Matthew in his final days.

With gratitude for the sublime gift of his presence among us, the brothers commend Father Matthew's soul to your prayers. There are no calling hours. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Abbey on Friday, December 7th, at 11A.M. Burial was in the abbey cemetery. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer, 508-885-3992, is directing arrangements.

Margaret M. Rutan, 98

STURBRIDGE- Margaret M. (Fuschino) Rutan, 98, of Fiskdale died on Friday, November 30, 2018 at Holy Trinity Nursing Home in Worcester.

She leaves her son, Michael P. Heningham and his wife Carrie of Ware; three grandchildren, Ingrid and her husband Ben, Sean and his wife Kirsten, and Brennan, as well as four great-grandchildren, Grady, Aidan, Quara and Lennox. She was predeceased by her husband William Rutan in 1966. She was born in New York City, daughter of the late Bernardino and Margherita (Petosa) Fuschino. She grew up in the Staten Island, NY neighborhood of New Dorp.

Margaret was a member of Emmanuel Orthodox Church in Warren and a big fan of the Community Meal. She was a retired federal employee, who also served with the OSS during WWII. Margaret worked with the joint services department of Contract and Defense and was associated with work at the Pentagon until retiring in 1992. She was noted early on for her singing voice and performed at Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center, Off Broadway musicals, and up to the time of entering a nursing home five years ago, was still going strong and appearing with the Quinebaug Valley Singers. Margaret spent her final years at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Nursing Home, where she was well loved and cared for by the staff and clergy alike.

A Funeral Mass for Margaret was held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 10AM in the Emmanuel Orthodox Church, 25 Winthrop Terrace in Warren. Calling hours were held on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 5 to 7PM in the church. Burial was in Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery in West Brookfield following mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Emmanual Orthodox Church of Warren.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

SEND ALL OBITUARY NOTICES TO THE NEW LEADER, PO BOX 90, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550, OR BY E-MAIL TO JEAN@STONEBRIDGEPRESS.NEWS

CALENDAR

Saturday December 15

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: On Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 7:00 p.m. the First Congregational Church of Leicester, One Washburn Square, will host the Christian Community Choir as they present the Cantata "EVERLASTING LIGHT" created by Claire Cloninger and Mark Hayes. Kathleen Hosterman of East Brookfield Baptist Church will conduct singers from several area churches. All are welcome. Admission is free and refreshments will be served following the performance.

Tuesday December 18

CONCERT: Free! "HARP BEAT" concert on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer. (Please arrive no earlier than 10:45). Call 617-431-4937 to reserve a seat and for questions regarding parking. Enjoy wonderful inspirational, holiday and original music on harp and guitar by Gilda Horgan and Mike Amadeo. Beverages served.

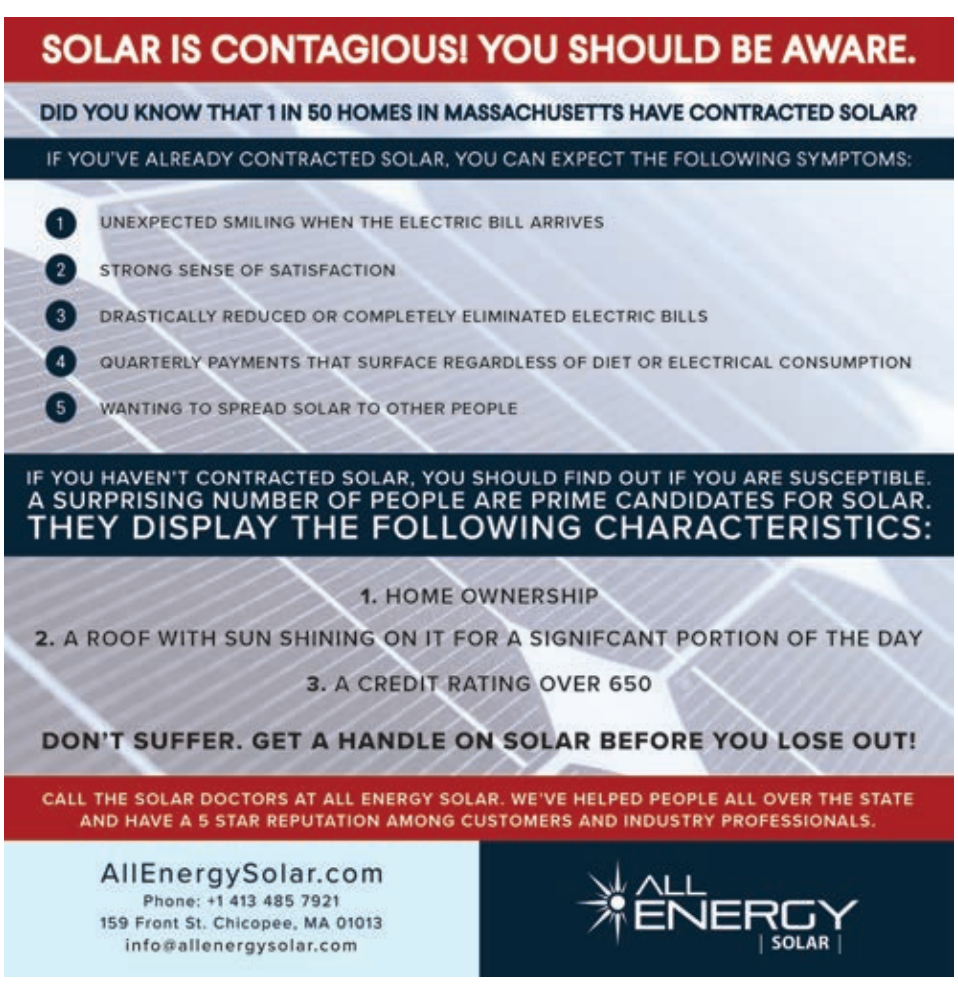
ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR August 22 through June 28, 2019

Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to noon at the First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer. We will be closed October 15 through the 19 for set-up for our Harvest Fair on Saturday, Oct. 20 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come in and see our daily specials. (508) 885-2149.

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

EAST BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The East Brookfield Public Library is currently conducting their fall registration for children's programming.



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Rhythm and Rhyme is for toddlers aged 18 mos. to 3 years. This program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and includes lots of music, finger plays, physical activities and a story with a related craft.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 winners take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payouts of $600 and $500 respectively. Good food and soft beverages are available 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. Followed by a time of fellowship and games concluding with a devotional just before 2 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. Call (508) 867-7725.

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

TRIPS OFFERED

The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Ruth DeAmicis, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

St. Joseph's Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29- Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is $4,599; 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels, airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A $500 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please contact parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

Call Elaine or Debra for more info at (508) 248-2231 ~ Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center. Flyers are available on webpage www.townofcharlton.net: click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center. Pick up is generally from St. Joseph's Church, 10 H Putnam Road Extension, Charlton.

March 12: Celtic Angels of Ireland & Celtic Knight Dancers at Venus De Milo.

Be transported to Ireland with some of the sweetest voices under heaven! The Celtic Angels: Victoria Kenny, Emily Carroll, Tammy Browne, Amy Penston and Ellie Mullane are Irish to the core and seasoned entertainer all.

The Celtic Knight Dancers feature two lead dancers of Riverdance. Their rhythm and artistry are astonishing.

The Trinity Band Ensemble of Dublin round out the show with flawless interpretations of authentic Irish traditional instrumental and their backing of both singers and dancers is perfection. $92 includes: lunch, show and transportation. (Driver gratuity not included). Payment due Feb. 12, 2019. Make check payable to: Best of Times

April 25: Dancing Dream an ABBA tribute band!

Be transported back to a similar time when gas was under $1 per gallon, when music was fun, inspiring and uplifting and disco was king! Performing ABBA's greatest hits from 1973 through 1983, DANCING DREAM, the Tribute to ABBA — precisely recreates all of the excitement and passion of their record-breaking 1979-80 world concert tour. With beautiful harmonies, elaborate costumes and exciting choreography, every show is to be remembered. $92 includes: lunch, show and transportation. (Driver gratuity not included). Payment due March 25, 2019 Make check payable to: Best of Times

DUDLEY SENIORS

For information and reservations contact Evelyn Grovesteen at (508) 764-8254

The next trip being offered is to Mackinac Island, next June 2-8. It includes transportation, lodging, 10 meals, tour of Mackinaw City, Mackinac Island with guided carriage tour, a boat ride through the Sault Locks, sight seeing in Sault Saint Marie, a visit to Mackinaw Crossings, Admission to Colonial Michillmackinac and the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse. Tips for driver and step-on guides are included. Games, drinks and snacks will be provided on travel days. Cost is $650 pp/double occupancy. Call Evelyn Grovesteen for info at (508) 764-8254.

Also next year, Sept.13-21, we will be going to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Included is transportation, lodging, 14 meals, guided tours of Acadia National park, Halifax, Peggy's Cove, Lunenburg, Prince Edward Island including Anne of Green Gables' home, admission to King's Landing Historical Settlement, admission to Hopewell Rocks, and a visit to St. John. Tips for driver and step-on guides are included. Games, drinks and snacks will be provided on travel days. Cost is $1065 pp/ double occupancy. Call Evelyn Grovesteen for info at (508) 764-8254

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Contact Leicester Senior Center, Joan Wall, (508) 892-3967 for information and reservations.

Friday, January 18: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is $30. Free buffet and $10 in free slot play.

Friday, February 15: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is $30. Free buffet and $10 in free slot play.

Friday, March 15: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is $30. Free buffet and $10 in free slot play.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

SPENCER — Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

IRELAND: September 9-22, 2019

USA: SPLENDORS OF THE NORTHWEST: May 20 to June 4, 2019

JAPAN: March 26 to April 9, 2020

JAPAN & CHINA: March 26 to April 22, 2020

SPAIN & PORTUGAL: September 9-24, 2020

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

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Tuesday, March 12, 2019: Foxwoods $25 8 a.m. bus.

For $25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have five hours at the casino to gamble or PLAY BINGO as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 3 p.m. You will receive $10 for gaming and $15 meal voucher.

Tuesday, April 30-Thursday, May 2, 2019: Atlantic City

You will get two nights on the boardwalk. You also get a $25 in slot play and $60 food credit and see two stage shows. Trolleys available. For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

Sunday, May 19, 2019: Newport rail tour.

Tour ocean drive: board the excursion scenic dinning car for a 90 minute tour along Narragansett bay. Enjoy a full course lunch on the train when you book give choice of meal - chicken Marcella or Atlantic cod. For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

Sunday, June 16, 2019: Gloucester Beaufort Princess cruise.

Board the ship for a New England clam bake including clams, lobster chowder, barbecue chicken and more; finish with chocolate mousse. Cruise the harbor for 2 1/2 hours with music on board. Visit the Salem visitor center and shops. For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

Tuesday, July 23, 2019: Mohegan Sun $25 10 a.m. bus

For $25 you get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have five hours at the casino as the bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 p.m. You will receive $10 for gaming and $15 meal voucher.

Thursday, August 22, 2019: Diamonds and Pearls the ultimate tribute show.

For $95 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Lake Pearl in Wrentham where you will hear the music of Neil Diamond, Carol King, Janice Joplin and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or scrod

Tuesday, September 17, 2019: Atlantic City Boys

For $95 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Danvers Yacht Club in Danvers. where you will hear the music of the Beach Boys, The Drifters, the Bee Gees and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or scrod.

October 8-15, 2019: ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA

Happily Full. I am taking names for standby on this trip and for 2020 trip

Tuesday, November 12, 2019: Foxwoods $25 10 a.m. bus.

For $25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino You will have five hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 p.m. You will receive $10 for gaming and $15 meal voucher.

ST. ANDREW BOBOLA PARISH

TRIP TO USA NATIONAL PARKS St Andrew Bobola Parish, is organizing a special TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PARKS 11 DAYS, May 12-23 2019. Total cost: $2,000

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN St. Andrew Bobola Parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan March 17-28, 2019. All inclusive cost with breakfast, dinners is $3,190.

Please contact: 508-943-5633. Registration forms are available on the website: www.standrewbobola.com

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2018. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

2018

2018 is the Society's 26th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. "Like" us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2018

Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center has availability on the following trips:

North Conway: 3 day trip Dec. 12-14. $469. Stay at the luxurious White Mountain Hotel and Resort and eat all your meals in their dining room overlooking the mountains. Order off the menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. See three Christmas shows and take a guided tour of the northern valley as well as having some free time in North Conway to do some tax free Christmas shopping. Enjoy their heated (like bathwater!) outdoor pool!

Ad Libs by June

If you're receiving this on Thursday, there is still time to attend **CORMIER JEWELER'S** in Spencer, **LADIES & GENTS night,** Thursday, Dec. 13 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Free refreshments and appetizers including beer from local breweries (must be 21 years of age), and exclusive one day raffles! A little black box from **CORMIERS** with their signature wrapping and little bow is ALWAYS a welcomed gift!

MILLER STUMP GRINDING is available to remove stumps before the snow flies. Your local snow plower will be grateful not to hit the stumps with their blades as they are plowing this winter. Call Rod or Nick at 508-688-2159 for a free quote. They offer reasonable rates and prompt service!

This is the last week for **TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP LOCAL.** Take a peek at page 2 this week for some great gift giving, gift certificates, or catering ideas for the holidays! Check out S**PENCER YOGA HOME's** upcoming workshops and holiday gift ideas, including class gift cards...give the gift of wellness this holiday season!

SPENCER FURNITURE's last day in business is Sunday, December 16. They still have a lot of furniture in the showroom, all at great prices! See the ad on the front page this week for their hours. I'd like to wish Raoul, Kevin, and all the Spencer Furniture crew a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the next chapter of your lives.

Still need a toy for the local **Spencer Toys for Kids** or **East Brookfield's Toys for Joy**, or the many U.S. Marine's Toys for Tot's boxes in the area? **WHITCO** has 20% off all toys thru December 15! Stop by this weekend and make Christmas a bit more special for a local boy or girl.

There is still time to get a **CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN MEMORIAM** in the December 21st issue. I can take them up till 5 pm on Monday, December 17. Please call me with any questions or email a photo and message to me. Cost is $10 for a 2.4" X 2" block.

Have a great week!

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Seasons Greetings & Happy Holidays to All

DUDLEY – 5 Corbin Road! Welcome Home! Beautiful Tri-Level Home Set on 4.5 Acres! 9 Finished Rooms, 3-4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths! Huge, Oak Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Gorgeous Granite & Pella Slider to Enormous Trex Deck & In-ground, Heated Pool! Dining Room w/Bay Window, Hardwoods, Wainscot & Crown Molding w/French Doors Leading to the Sunroom which has Heat & AC where You Can Enjoy Your Morning Coffee Watching the Wildlife Around Your Pond or Take a Walk Across the Bridge to Check on Your Blueberry Bushes! Fireplaced Living Room w/Large Bow Front Window, Custom Built-ins & Hardwoods! 3 Large Bdrms w/Lots of Closet Space! Office Could Be Easily Made into 4th Bdrm! Master has Private Balcony Over Looking the Pool! Master Bath has W/D Hookups, Double Vanity & Walk-in Closet! Finished Walk-Out Lower Level Would Make a Great Game Room! 2 Car Garage which Leads to Rest of Basement which Houses the Utilities, another W/D Hook-up and Storage Galore! Too Many Updates to List Here! A Must See House! **$459,900.00**

DUDLEY – 73 Tracy Rd! Majestically Perched on a Knoll, 1.47 Acres Beautifully Landscaped, Spacious 2,252' 8 Rm Colonial! Stainless Applainced Eat-in Country Kit w/Center Isl, Pantry Closet, Recessed Lighting, Tile Flr & French Dr to Deck! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Classic 3 Windowed Bumped-out Wall! Entry Foyer! Formal Living Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! The Fireplaced Family Rm w/Wide Plank Hrdwd Flr will Keep the Family Close! Side Entry Hall Dble Closet, Half Bath w/Laundry Closet! Upstairs 4 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 w/Hrdwds, 2 w/Wall to Wall all w/Plenty of Closet Space! 18'Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds, Ceiling Fan, Walk-in Closet, Master Bath w/Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! Off the Hrdwd Hall the 2nd Full Bath w/Dble Sinks, Granite Vanity, Tile Flr & Linen Closet! Breezeway Attached 2 Car Garage! Quick Closing Possible, Start Packing! **$369,900.00**

THOMPSON – 854 Thompson Rd! Appealing 9 Room Split! Beautiful .63 Acre Lot! Applianced Granite Kitchen! Dining & Fireplaced Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 17x18 Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/Tile Floor! 3 or 4 Bedrooms, 3 w/Hardwoods! Fireplaced Family Rm! Updated Full Bath! 1.5 Baths Total! 2 Car Garage! Recent Furnace! 18x24 Deck! Shed! Convenient to 395 in both Directions, Close to Raceway Golf Course & Thompson Speedway! **$249,900.00**

WEBSTER – 26 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/ Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-In Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/ Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/ Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **$249,900.00**

WEBSTER – 23 Lincoln St! 3 Family w/ Great Curb Appeal! Owner Occupied or Investor! 5/5/4 Rooms! 2/2/2 Bedrooms! Harwood Floors in Most Rooms! First Floor Apart Freshly Painted! Replacement Windows! Off Street Parking! 2 Car Garage! Easy Highway Access! Conveniently Located! **$239,900.00**

WEBSTER – 7 Oak St! 2 Family! 5/5 Rms! 2/2 Bdrms! Both Flrs w/Eat-in Kitchens! Liv Rms w/Wall to Wall! Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! 3 Season Porches! Gas Heat w/Recent Buderus on 1st! Electric Heat on 2nd! Recent Roof, Siding & Windows! Off Street Parking! Owner Occupied or Investment! **$169,900.00**

THOMPSON – 48 Smith St! 2 Family! 3/8 Rooms! 1/4 Bedrooms! 1/1 Baths! Major Rehab 2005 – Roof, Gutter & Downspouts, Vinyl Siding, Windows, Entry Doors! 2018 Electric Heat Conversion! Gas Hot Water! Off Street Parking! Garage! Town Services! **$139,900.00**

WEBSTER – 5 Chestnut St! 6 Rm Ranch, 3 Bdrms, Remodeled Bath, Finished Lower Level! Corner Lot! Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedrals, Hrdwd Flr, French Drs to 16x24 Deck! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Remodeled Kit w/Cherry Cabinets & SS Appliances! Solar Hot Water! 1 Yr Old Roof! A/G Pool! Shed! $269,900.00

AUBURN – 9 Lorna Dr! 2680' Split Entry! Applianced Oak Eat-in Isl Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Sun Rm Cathedrals to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm/Office! Laundry! C/Air & Vac! Professionally Landscaped .46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! **$389,900.00**

WEBSTER – 21 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Applianced Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Carpet over Hrdwd! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Master w/Walk-in Closet! Full Tile Bath! 14X40' Fam/Game Rm! 2nd Bathrm w/Laundry! Workshop! Utility Rm! 2 Z Oil Heat! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! Porch! Don't Miss Out! **$219,900.00**

DUDLEY – 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm/Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/3 Carpeted Bdrms & Full Hall Bath! Master /Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Frplc! Patios! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **$359,900.00**

DUDLEY – 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdwds Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Isl! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **$309,900.00**

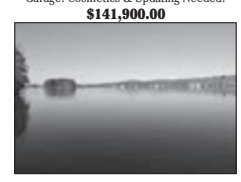
SUTTON – 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplaced Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 24' Master w/Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Generator! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **$464,900.00**

DOUGLAS WATERFRONT! 36 Cedar St! Badluck Pond (110Acres) aka Cedar Lake or Laurel Lake! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 2.74 Acres! 633' Waterfront! 471' Road Front! Beautiful Private Setting! Huge 28X96', 2,688' Custom 6 Rm Cedar Ranch w/Hrdwd Flrs Throughout! Spectacular, Open Din Rm & Great Rm w/Stone Frplc, Soaring Beamed Cedar Cathedral Ceiling, 6 Sky Lights, Recessed Lighting, 1/2 Bath & 3 Sliders to 96' Lake Facing Screened Porch! Custom Kit w/2 Skylights, Recessed Lighting, Slider to Porch, Wall Oven & Center Island w/Triple Bowl Sink, Cooktop & Dishwasher! Mud Rm Entry w/2 Dble Closets, Tile Flr, Door to Kit & Door to Full Bath! 2 Lake Facing Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets, Skylights & Sliders to Porch! Full Tile Bath w/Separate Shower & Whirlpool Bath w/Door to Master & Hall! Office w/Dble Closet! 2.5 Baths Total! Cedar Lined Closets! Full Basement**!** Plus 36X72' 2 Story Heated Boat House/Garage/Work Shop w/Half Bath! Upper Level 5 Rm Caretaker/In-Law Apartment w/2 Full Baths! Game Rm w/Full Bath! 5 Full + 2 Half Baths Total! One of a Kind Waterfront Home! **$599,900.00**

WEBSTER – 882 School St! Conveniently Located Charming 8 Rm Colonial w/ Natural Woodwork! Eat-in Applianced Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hardwoods! Fireplace Living Rm! 4 Possible Bedrooms w/Hardwoods! 2 Bathrooms! Detached Garage! Cosmetics & Updating Needed! **$141,900.00**

DUDLEY – 9 Progress Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Move In Ready! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! 1st Flr Master w/ Hrdwds & 2 Dble Closets & Ceiling Fan! 3 Season Porch! ½ Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Hrdwds & a Full Bath! Roofs 2013! Town Services! Quick Close Possible! **$239,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frplc, Recent Wood Flr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Half Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Frplc, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! A 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! **$559,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 15 South Point Rd! Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Conservation Approval! Build Your Dream! 100+' of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147'! Town Services Available! 2 Docks! Lots on Webster Lake a Rarity, Don't let this Slip By without Your Consideration! **$199,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 812 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse! Lake Facing! Recently Applianced Galley Kit! Frplcd Liv Rm w/48" Smart TV & Hrdwds! Master Bath w/Recent Skylight! 2.5 Tile Baths w/Recent Vanities & New Toilets! 2013 A/C & Heat! Garage! Great Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! **$284,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! 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! Frplcd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage!
$729,900.00

WEBSTER LAKE – 209 Beacon Park! - 1280' Townhouse! 5 Rooms! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Applianced Kitchen! Carpeted Dining Rm & Fireplace Living Rooms! 2 Spacious Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Updated Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage!
$239,000.00

WEBSTER LAKE – 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Yr Round! Great Potential! 4 Bdrms w/Hrdwds, 2 Lake Facing! Frplc Liv Rm w/ Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 55' of Sandy Beach!
$475,000.00

WEBSTER LAKE – 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Like New! Open Flr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frplc Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Dining Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/2 Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrdwds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bthrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrdwds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrdwds & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 24x30 2 Story Detached Garage! Dock! Get Packing! **$789,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 194 Killdeer Island! North Pond Views! Sandy Shore! 6 Rm Cape! Open Liv & Din Rm w/Newly Restored Fireplace! New Lake Facing Windows! 2 1st Flr Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing! 3 Bdrms! 2 Updated Bathrms! Huge Composite Deck w/Vinyl Rails! Walk-out Lower Level to Courtyard! Garage Under!
$559,000.00

WEBSTER LAKE – 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront! Completely Remodeled 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silestone Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Flr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam Rm! **$399,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since 2002! Custom Center Island Applianced Granite Kitchen w/Walk-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 1/2 Bath! Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm w/Window Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 19X19 Lake Facing Living Rm w/Hardwoods & 2 Sliders to Deck w/Recent Awning! Upstairs to 4 Bedrooms or 3 Plus Office! Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Master Bath w/Tile Floor, Huge Corner Shower w/Seat, Double Linen Closet! Full Hall Bath! Hallway Laundry Closet! Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level Family Room, 2 Sliders to Patio! Full Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! 4 Zone Heat & 2 Zone C/Air only 2 Years Old! Start Packing! **$629,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Like New! Open Flr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/17' Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound & Gleaming Hrdwds! Granite Kit w/Isl, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrdwds & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Grand Rm w/Lake Views! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Docks! Get Packing! **$724,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 37 Bates Grove Rd! South Pond! As a Second Home, Getaway or Expand it into Your Dream Home – Have Possible Plans! 4+ Rooms! Open Floor Plan! Applianced Kit! 2 Bedrooms! Bathroom! Covered Deck! Ideal Gradual Sloping Lot w/ Panoramic Lake Views!
$399,900.00

WEBSTER LAKE – 104 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach!
$324,900.00

WEBSTER LAKE – 905 Treasure Isl! WATERFRONT Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874'! Hrdwds! SS Applianced Quartz Kit! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm! Newer C/Air & Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach!
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WEBSTER – 89-91 SLATER ST

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WOODSTOCK, CT- QUASSET LAKE

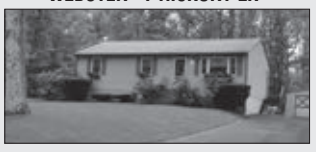
OPEN HOUSE, SUN • 1-3

158 W. Quasset Rd. - Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quasset Lake! Unique, Tranquil, Quiet, Secluded & Private! Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Patios, covered patios & balconies, stone faced 3 car det'd garage w/heated studio, 265'+/- of shoreline! 5,000 sqft hip roof 3 story Colonial! 2 story foyer! Formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, laundry/mudroom, LL kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces! Master BRs w/private full baths **$1,299,000**

THOMPSON, CT - 653 QUINEBAUG RD

Fantastic Ranch - One Floor Living with 3 Bedrooms / Hardwoods, 2 Full Tile Baths! Eat-In Kitchen with Built-Ins. Appliances Included. Fireplaced Family Room with Hardwoods. Lots of Natural Light. Ceiling Fans, French Doors, First Floor Laundry, Screened in Porch - walks right out to your own private patio. New Roof in 2014. Spacious Flat Level Lot with Circular Driveway. Two separate 1 Car Garage's. **$279,900**

WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN



New Listing Warm and Inviting, This Lovely Ranch Sits On A Beautifully Landscaped Yard Nestled in A Very Quiet, Wanting Neighborhood. This 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Home Has So Much To Offer!!! Fully Applianced Eat in Kitchen, Newly Carpeted Living Room and Three Cozy and Comfortable Bedrooms All On One Floor. Walk Down To The Lower Level To The Open And. Spacious Family Room With Pellet Stove! **$259,000**

THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD

Very Interesting property, to a home owner or developer. **47 +/- Acres!** Home is a 1300 sq ft ranch with a barn. The home consist of 3 bedrooms, and 1-1/2 bath, basement, farmers porch and 1 car garage. Much of the land is cleared. This property has 300' +/- of road frontage on East Thompson Rd. and road frontage on the entire length of pavement on Roy Rd. Rectangular in shape greater than 1300' wide X over 1600' deep. Needs TLC! **$300,000**

WEBSTER - 6 BROOKSIDE AVE

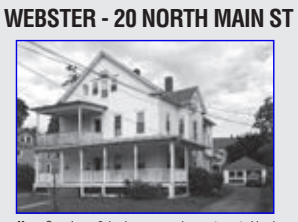
OPEN HOUSE, SUN • 2-3:30

Beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial, new granite counter, stainless appliance kitchen. Dining room and large living room, hardwood through out the first level, 3 seasoned porch for added living area. Over sized master with double closets, and 3 additional bedrooms. Finished basement with pellet stove. Outside, a patio and above ground pool. **New Price $269,900**

WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST

Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF+/- of Living Area on One Level! Curved brick walkway! Level lot! In-ground pool, built-in hot tub, custom stonework & landscape! w/fire pit! Carport/pavilion for entertaining! Separate wings for private family living & entertainment, BR suites, 10 rooms total! simply Amazing! **$329,900**

WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST



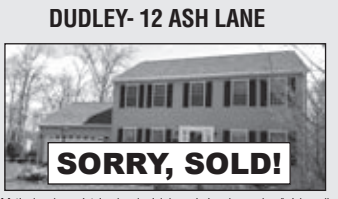
2 Family - Spacious 3 bedrooms each apartment. Hardwoods, pocket doors, 10ft ceilings, New gas furnaces! Partially finished 3rd floor. 1st floor handicapped accessible. 2 car garage. All town services **New Price $189,900**

LAND!

WEBSTER/DOUGLAS BUILDABLE LOTS

Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **$132,900**
Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Buildable w/Town Water & Sewer.
SORRY SOLD **$59,400**
Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **$250,000**
Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **$99,900**

DUDLEY- 12 ASH LANE



Meticulously maintained colonial home! Landscaped w/brick walk ways, water fountain./Coy pond! In ground pool w/hot tub! Large kitchen, h/w flrs, Jenn-air stove, 2 Bosch ovens! Fireplaced! 3 Bed, 3 baths, 1 - 1/2 bath! Lower level offers ample room, w/full bath, wired for surround sound inside & out! 2 Car garage.
Assisted Sale **$389,900**

THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE

New Price! Roomy 1300 sq.ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, Fireplaced living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre! **New Price $265,000**

On The shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697+/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996+/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **$345,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD

KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/ LOOKING FOR! 2.45+/- Acres! 345'+/- road front, 336/384'+/- depth, **275'+/- Lakefront!** Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge – like very few waterfront properties! The possibilities for this property are only limited by your imagination. The 3700 SF+/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/massive modern windows that invite your eyes to venture outside to spectacular 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets and beautiful natural shoreline beyond! Relax & Entertain in the tiled, stone fireplaced family rm, wet bar w/sliders to an enormous outdoor patio! The house features a 36'+/- open concept combination living/dining area with a stone fireplace, an open stairway & interior 2nd flr balcony w/access to 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32+/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath & huge **fireplaced patio!** Family owned gem for 60+years! **$1,495,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - BEACON PARK #412

WEBSTER LAKE - BEACON PARK - END UNIT! Townhouse View of the Lake! Private hallway entrance! Hardwood floors, Second balcony w/sliders, Master bath w/jetted tub! Enjoy Lake living on the most desirable Lake in Central Ma at an affordable price! Assisted Sale **$279,500**

WEBSTER LAKE – 22 LAURELWOOD DR

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SOUTHBRIDGE: Lovely Lovely Home with 7 rms 3 bedrooms 2 full baths! Fully finished lower level!. Possible in-law. Deck. 1.4 acres of land. Brand New Septic being installed. Great commuter location on Sturbridge side of Town. **$239,900**.

SOUTHBRIDGE: $74,900! Convert to Single Family??Great Commercial Space with fixtures & Real Estate included! 572 SF of space. Former Beauty Salon-2 chair. 3 dryer stations. Reception desk. Vinyl sided. 2012 roof. New flooring in 2011. CB. Gas heat. Parking two cars. Could convert to other uses. Town approval would be required. Just off Main St. **$74,900.**

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Webster: Veterans Great Opportunity! 4 bedrooms, 1st flr, family room, 2.5 baths, 1+acre, "0" Down Payment No PMI Insurance.
11 Blueberry Ln ~ $329,900

Dudley: Call these 6.7 acres, home! Privacy!, 2400 sq. ft. brick cape w/ gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, library.
7 Dudley Oxford Rd ~ $449,900

Southbridge: Buy me, now! 2 baths, central air, in-ground pool, motivated seller, 4 bedrooms, family room, **AGENT BONUS!**
153 Highland St ~ $276,900

Oxford: Land! Jo-Ann negotiated this sale by bringing the buyer 1.38 acres!
30 Sullivan Blvd ~ $72,500

East Brookfield: Waterfront! be ready for winter activities or spring, 1800 sq. ft., New Septic being installed
142 Gleason Ave ~ $335,000

Shrewsbury: Westbrook Crossing 55+Community, 2 baths full basement, club house
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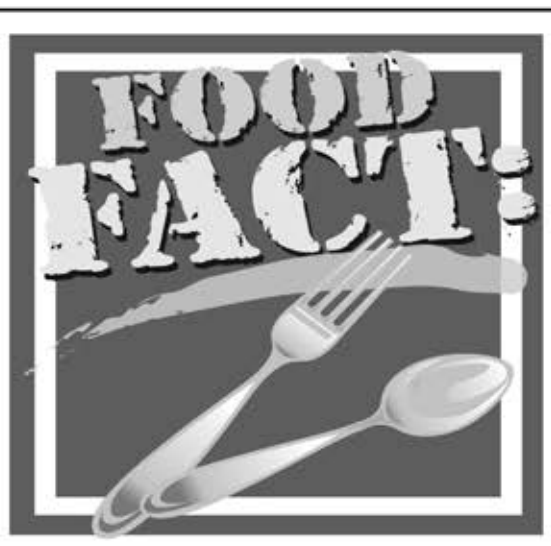

MANY SHOPPING MALLS DESIGNATE THIS AREA FOR CUSTOMERS WHO WANT TO REST, RECHARGE AND DINE.

ANSWER: FOOD COURT

New Word

CREDIT

obtain goods with the promise to pay later

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Buy

SPANISH: Comprar

ITALIAN: Comprare

FRENCH: Acheter

GERMAN: Anschaffen

Did You Know?

DURING THE HOLIDAYS, MANY STORES OFFER TO WRAP PURCHASES FREE OF CHARGE. THIS SAVES CUSTOMERS TIME.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SHOPPING BAGS

CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to business.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 13 = t)

A. **18 23 21 1 22 13**
Clue: Area of commercial dealings

B. **20 5 22 6 13 20 13 9**
Clue: Defining characteristics

C. **7 16 23 12 2**
Clue: Desired results

D. **14 21 16 3 20 13**
Clue: Earnings

Answers: A. market B. identity C. goals D. profit

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

9	3	2	5	4	8	6	7	1
7	4	5	6	3	1	8	9	2
8	6	1	2	7	9	4	3	5
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5	1	3	9	8	7	2	4	6
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010 FOR SALE

BEAUTIFUL DW MOBILE HOME IN GATED SENIOR MOBILE HOME PARK $16,000. 2 bdrms, 2 baths, working kitchen, dining room, LLR & 2 Florida rooms, completely furnish. 863-682-6473. Lakeland, Florida

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FULL LENGTH MINK COAT: Size 12. New $2,400. Asking $300. 508-612-9263
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SNOW TIRES, PIRELLI 245/45R19/102V M+S, 250 miles, $1000, 508-564-3556

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VIKING RANGE, PROFESSIONAL SERIES, propane gas, 6-sealed burner, 36" infrared broiler, as new, never lit, still in original packaging, w/tags. Model VCGSC-5366BSS, trades considered. $4,600 508-865-7470

WE'VE MOVED! Husqvarna lawn tractor, misc. home furnishings, king, queen, twin beds, lamps, etc. priced to sell! No reasonable offer refused. Call 413-896-7047 Sturbridge area.

WHITE OUTDOOR PRODUCTS SNOWBLOWER. 10hp Tecumseh, two stage, 30 in. width. Electric start, well maintained! $600.00. 508-347-3775

100 GENERAL

105 Bulletin Board

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to shovel sidewalk & back porch for elderly person in Leicester during the winter. 508-868-5953, please leave message.

130 Yard Sales

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DEADLINE FOR YARD SALE SUBMISSIONS IS NOON MONDAY FOR ALL MASS. WEEKLY PAPERS
Deadline subject to change due to holidays
Call for more info
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200 GEN. BUSINESS

205 Boats

14' GREAT CANADIAN CANOE includes 2 clamp-on chair seats, 2 paddles, 2 life-vests. Excellent condition. $425 **508-885-3017**

CANOE - 17' GRUMMAN ALUMINUM, flat bottom. Ideal for fishing and family fun. $850. Call Sue 860-412-9632

225 Instructions

Inexpensive guitar lessons in North Brookfield. $5.00 for kids and $10.00 adults. My lessons are 1/2 hour long on weekdays or weekends. Call or text 1-774-200-0955 or email groutbilly@yahoo.com.

265 Fuel/Wood

CORD WOOD - Seasoned, cut, split, delivered. $250 a cord. 508-826-3312, 508-344-9214

FIREWOOD: Cut, Split & Delivered. Green Wood Lots Wanted. Call Paul (508) 769-2351

283 Pets

AKC STANDARD POODLE PUPPIES born Sept. 20, cream. UTD on shots & worming. Lifetime genetic guarantees. Prestigious bloodlines. Males $1500, Female $2000. **413-436-7556** elyse_hen@msn.com, www.meadowmtpoodles.weebly.com

TEDDY BEAR SHICHON PUPPIES - 3 males, 2 females. Born 8-26-18. Vet checked, available 11-4-18 $800. 401-678-9166 or 401-419-5889 or 860-315-9945

284 Lost & Found Pets

Did you find your pet? Or find a home for one?

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287 Feed

HAY FOR SALE - $4 a bale off wagon (pick up only), cash 508-826-3312

298 Wanted to Buy

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300 HELP WANTED

310 General Help Wanted

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FOSTER PARENTS WANTED: Seeking Quality Homes Throughout Central MA To Provide Foster Care To Children In Need. 24/7 Support. Generous Reimbursement. $1000 Sign-On Bonus. Call For Details. Devereux Therapeutic Foster Care. (508)829-6769

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Sturbridge-based publishing company seeks experienced graphic designer and layout artist for national monthly magazine. 50-hours/ month. Must be proficient with PC-based Creative Cloud suite and Quark. Salary commensurate with experience. Opportunity to work some at home. Call 508-347-1960 x402 for more details.

325 Professional Help Wanted

BASED IN North Brookfield: Home Every Night. Class A Driver And/Or General Mechanic For 18-Wheel Trailer Trucks
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433 Cleaning

HOUSE CLEANING AVAILABLE Reasonable rates. Weekly, bi-weekly or monthly times available. Bonded- *Call Wendy for a FREE estimate at: 774-262-9166*

LINDA'S CLEANING SERVICE Professional cleaning with a personal touch! Over 20 years of cleaning experience. Call Linda **508-341-7025**

442 Licensed Day Care

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services requires that all ads placed in the newspaper for child care (daycare) in your home include your license number

454 Home Improvement

FURNITURE DOCTOR: Have your furniture Professionally restored at Reasonable rates. Furniture face lifting, painting, striping to Refinishing, caning and repairs. ANTIQUE DOCTOR, Daniel Ross (508)248-9225 or (860)382-5410. 30 years in business

500 REAL ESTATE

505 Apartments for Rent

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510 Commercial/ Businesses

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546 Cemetery Lots

Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville. Double plot for sale, lower than the going price. Yew Avenue. Call owner **774-602-8211**

WORCESTER COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK: Garden of Faith, Paxton, MA. 2 LOTS FOR SALE. BUY ONE FOR $2,500. GET 2nd LOT FOR FREE!! Call Dick. 508-612-9263

576 Vacation Resources

CAPE COD TIME SHARE FOR SALE: Edgewater Beach Resort, 95 Chase Avenue, Dennisport, MA 02639 On the water, Studio (Unit 706). Permanent Week 33 (August). Deeded rights. You'll own it for a lifetime & can be passed down to your children and grandchildren. $5000. (508)347-3145

576 Vacation Resources

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Need to Place a Classified Ad? Call 800-536-5836

Local News

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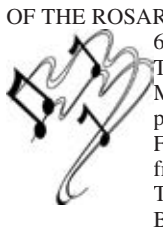
HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

FREE CONCERT AT MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY CHURCH



60 Maple St., Spencer, Ma
The Anna Maria College Music Department presents a "Christmas Festival Concert" from 2-4 p.m.
The concert features the Bel Canto Chamber Choir, Wind Ensemble and Concert Chorus.
All are welcome to this FREE concert.

ONGOING

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First Thursday of the month
5-8 p.m.
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TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
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Chepachet, RI
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HEXMARK TAVERN
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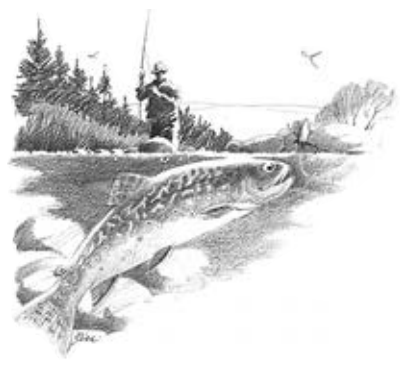
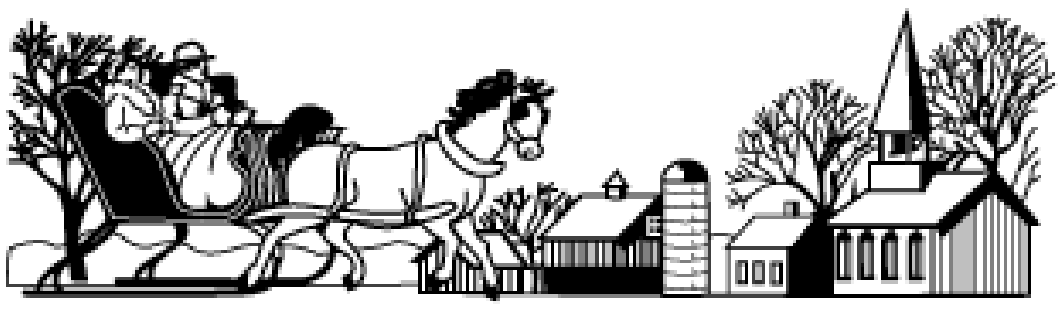
We discuss a variety of conservation programs to improve the local cold water fisheries, local fishing opportunities. our annual High School Fly Fishing Championship (open to all MA high school students) And our annual fund raising banquet.
Auburn Sportsman's Club
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA



Do Something
FUN
This Weekend!



LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO91P0260
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Milford A Palmer
Date of Death: 01/07/1991

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Amy S. Ickowitz** of **Leicester MA**
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that
Amy S. Ickowitz of **Leicester MA**
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/27/2018.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 10, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
December 14, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO18P3598EA
Estate of:
Jefferey C. Goodrow, Sr.
Also Known As:
Jeffrey C. Goodrow and Jefferey C. Goodrow
Date Of Death: September 7, 2018
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner **Maureen L. Goodrow** of
North Brookfield, MA
a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Maureen L. Goodrow of
North Brookfield, MA
has 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.
December 14, 2018

Automotive

700 AUTOMOTIVE

725 Automobiles

1971 Chevy Impala Convertible 400 2 barrel carb with 89,000 miles, 1 owner, runs smooth, new top in 2012, asking $8,000 or best offer 508-885-6878

1987 BMW 325i Convertible, red with black leather interior, 153,000 miles and in good condition, no rust, newer top, needs a tune-up. $4100 or B/O, **Adam 508-735-4413**

1988 Mercury Topaz, 73K miles, one owner, always garaged, showroom condition, white, 2 door, 4 cyl., auto, FWD, PS, PB snows on, driven daily, best offer. **774-232-0920 or 508-892-1462**

725 Automobiles

1998 Mercedes Benz SL500 convertible and removable hardtop. Red to keep you young! Perfect condition. $14,000 508-885-6988

2001 CAD EL DORADO TC 72,000 miles. Must see! $11,000 7 Hartley Street, Webster, Mass.

2002 BMW 525iA. $3995. Call Ray for more details. 508-450-5241

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2008 NISSAN ROGUE S AWD well-maintained, runs, drives, everything works well, passed safety inspection. 126K miles. Very solid in snow. Black interior, brand-new brake pads, front & back. $4400 **774-232-9310**

725 Automobiles

2010 MAZDA M3 iSV. $6800. Call Ray 508-450-5241

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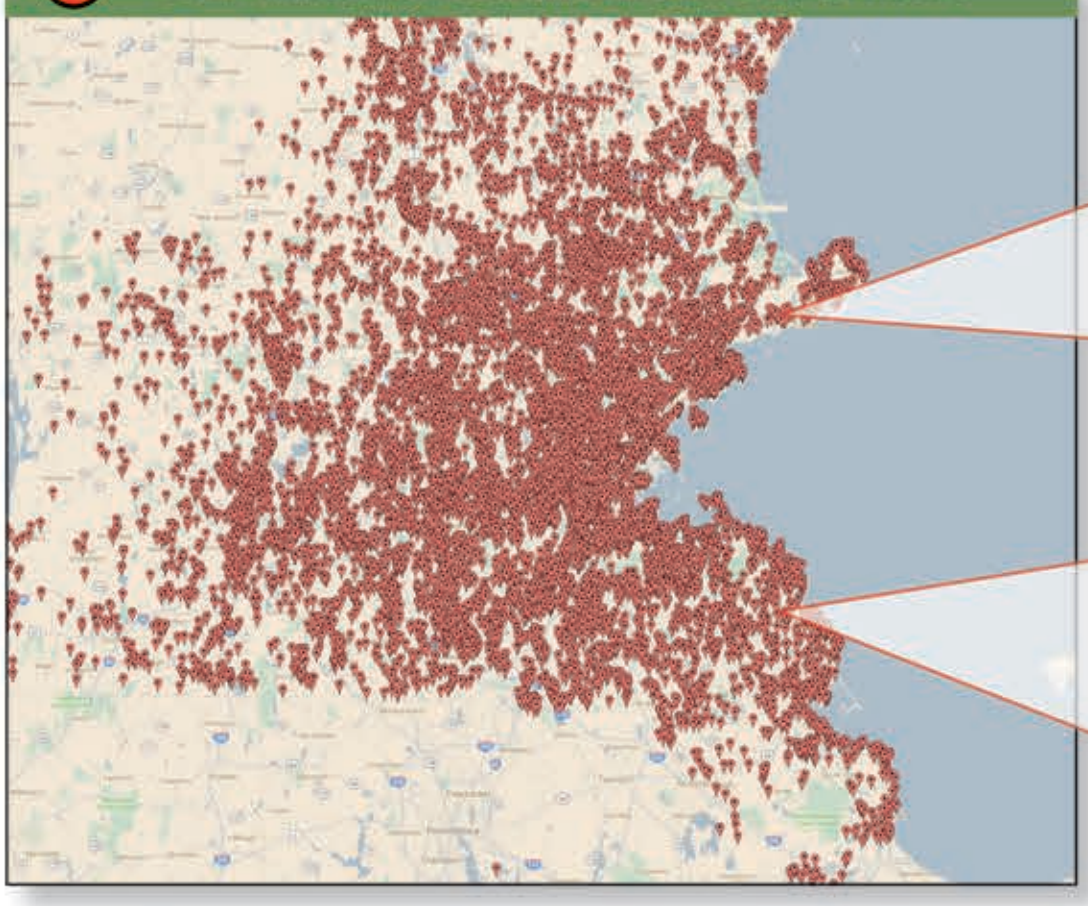

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Holiday Drinks

Warm up with a classic hot toddy this holiday season

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Come the holiday season, hot toddies are ideal for entertaining, providing spirited fun and a means to chasing away the winter chill.

Hot toddies have been around for centuries. Usually a mix of a spirit — either whiskey, rum or brandy — hot water, honey and spices, some believe the word "toddy" comes from an Indian drink of the same name that is produced by fermenting the sap of palm trees. Other sources say the hot toddy was created by Dr. Robert Bentley Todd, an Irish physician who prescribed a drink made of brandy, white cinnamon, sugar syrup, and water. The drink was dubbed the "hot toddy."

Hot drinks embellished with alcohol were long used for medicinal purposes. While alcoholic beverages are no longer used as medicine, hot toddies can still chase away a chill. "Grog" is another name given to hot alcoholic drinks, or any drink in which unmeasured amounts of spirits are mixed with other ingredients. Grog may also refer to a water-and-rum mixture that sea merchants once drank. The water kept the merchants hydrated, while the rum prevented the water from spoiling during voyages.

The classic hot toddy can be a versatile drink used to keep guests comfortable and cheerful. This warm libation is soothing and savory, mixing citrus, honey and spices, which each have their various health benefits.

Although hot toddy recipes vary, the following is the recipe for a classic hot toddy, as culled by recipes from Wine Enthusiast, Imbibe and PBS Food.

CLASSIC HOT TODDY

1½ ounces bourbon, whiskey or another brown liquor
1 tablespoon honey
½ ounce fresh lemon juice
1 cup boiling water
Cinnamon stick
Lemon wedge
Cloves or star anise

Combine liquor, lemon juice, honey, and boiling water together in a mug or Irish coffee glass. Push cloves or star anise into the lemon wedge. Add the cinnamon stick and lemon wedge to the mug. Allow lemon and cinnamon stick to steep in the beverage for a few minutes. Stir and enjoy.

Sweet sangria adds fun to the festivities

The holiday season is one of the most festive times of the year as social engagements fill up many people's calendars. Seasoned hosts or hostesses often have a go-to list of foods and beverages available to ensure guests are treated to the best of the best.

One easy way to keep the beverages flowing is to have one or two signature drinks, such as sangria, at the ready that can be prepared in advance and then generously doled out as needed.

Sangria traces its origins to Spain. It is traditionally made with wine and chopped fruit. Since "sangria" is Spanish for "blood," red wine is often the vintage of choice, though lighter wines can be used based on personal preference.

Sangria is often mixed with juice, spices and sweet liqueurs, such as brandy. Sangria is a punch that can be prepared in advance and served in a decorative bowl so guests can simply refill their drinks as needed.

Even though sangria is a summertime staple, simply adjusting the flavor profile can make this beverage perfect for any time of year. With this recipe for "Citrus Pomegranate Prosecco Punch," courtesy of Ruffino wines, the drink takes on the familiar flavors of pomegranate and orange that tend to show up in the winter months. Plus, the sparkling prosecco gives it that light and fizzy feel that evokes a festive atmosphere.

CITRUS POMEGRANATE PROSECCO PUNCH

1/2 part orange juice
1/2 part pink grapefruit juice
1/4 part pomegranate juice
1 part Ruffino Prosecco, well chilled
Slices of assorted citrus and pomegranate seeds, to garnish

In a large pitcher or punch bowl with plenty of ice, combine the fruit juices. Pour the Ruffino Prosecco over top. Garnish generously with sliced citrus and pomegranate seeds. For best flavor, use freshly pressed juices as available. Ruffino Sparkling Rosé is a great choice for this recipe too. Make available coupe cocktail glasses for serving.

What to get the beer drinker on your holiday list

Craft beer is having its moment. According to the Brewers Association, the craft brewing industry experienced a 5 percent growth in 2017 and now accounts for more than 23 percent of the $111.4 billion beer market in the United States.

Craft beer drinkers' devotion to beer is perhaps only matched by their love of exploring new beers. The popularity of the geosocial networking service and mobile phone application Untappd, which allows its roughly seven million users to check in as they drink beers and share those check-ins with friends, is a testament to the passion many craft beer drinkers have for beer. Holiday shoppers with craft beer afficionados on their shopping lists can consider these gift ideas when shopping for that loved one who loves nothing more than hoisting a pint.

• Pressurized growler: Craft breweries sell beer in cans and bottles, but many craft beer enthusiasts prefer to take their favorite ales home in growlers. Growlers are glass bottles, often gallon-sized, that contain beer poured directly from the tap. This may make the beer taste more fresh than it might out of cans or bottles, and it provides beer lovers with that unmistakable draft beer taste. Beer sold in traditional growlers may not stay fresh for more than a couple of days. But a pressurized growler can keep beer carbonated and fresh for weeks.

• Beer making kit: Craft beer enthusiasts who love to study how beer is made may appreciate a beer making kit. These kids typically are designed for novices, though shoppers also can find more advanced kits for beer lovers who have already begun to make their own ales, stouts and lagers. When shopping for a beer making kit, be sure to buy one that suits the space your loved has available. Some kits are ideal for apartments, while others require more space to set up.

• Magnetic bottle opener: Magnetic bottle openers save beer loves the hassle of finding that ever-elusive bottle opener. Easily attached to the refrigerator, magnetic bottle openers can be customized with a loved one's name and some even include a pocket that catches bottle caps as beers are opened. Small magnetic bottle openers make great stocking stuffers.

• Beer glasses: Though it might seem insignificant to non-beer drinkers, the glass in which beer is served goes a long way toward ensuring its flavor is fully enjoyed. Beer glasses are shaped differently for a reason, and craft brewers often give ample thought to the shape of the glasses their beers will be served in. Ensure your loved one is getting the most out of his or her favorite beer by purchasing a set of glasses from his or her favorite brewery.

Options abound when buying gifts for the beer drinker on your list this holiday season.

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Holiday Drinks

How to host a successful business dinner

Throughout the history of commerce, many a deal has been made at the dinner table. Business dinners are a great opportunity to lay a foundation for long, potentially lucrative professional relationships.

Etiquette is important when hosting business dinners, as a breach of decorum can derail a relationship before it even begins. Professionals tasked with hosting business dinners can take the following tips to heart before sitting down to break bread with their colleagues.

• Choose a restaurant that can cater to various diets. Hosting a business dinner can be similar to hosting family during the holiday season, when hosts must cater to guests with various food allergies and dietary restrictions. Asking for such information in advance of a business dinner may seem intrusive to guests, so try to find a restaurant that offers a flexible menu capable of accommodating vegetarians, vegans and guests who might be gluten-free. Avoid restaurants that specialize in styles of cuisine that might be unhealthy or so extraordinary that guests might be hesitant to order anything from the menu.

• Confirm the reservation. Make the reservation well in advance of the date of the dinner, and don't forget to confirm the reservation a week beforehand. Confirming a week beforehand gives hosts time to book another reservation should theirs have been canceled by mistake.

• Arrive at the restaurant before your guests. Hosts should arrive at the restaurant before their guests so they can address any potential issues in advance of the beginning of the dinner. Arriving early gives hosts time to ensure the table set aside for their party is not in a heavily trafficked area of the restaurant, such as adjacent to the kitchen or restroom. Hosts who arrive later than their guests may also give guests the mistaken impression that they are unimportant.

• Let guests order first. Once everyone has sat down at the table, hosts should allow guests to order first. Doing so saves guests who don't want to eat that much the potential discomfort of sitting there while their hosts eat an appetizer and/or large entrée. If guests choose to abstain from alcohol, follow suit. If guests want to have a drink, hosts can limit their consumption to a single beverage.

• Don't eat too quickly or too slowly. Hosts should try to keep pace with their guests in regard to how quickly or slowly they eat. Guests might feel uncomfortable if they finish first or feel pressured to eat quickly if their hosts finish first.

• Pay in advance. Business dinner guests do not expect to pay for their meals. While it's widely accepted that hosts will pay, it can feel awkward to have the bill brought to the table. Upon arriving early, hosts can give their credit cards to the wait staff and ask that they be charged without having the bill brought to the table. If necessary, step away from the table during the meal to sign the bill and address any discrepancies.

Business dinners have sparked many successful professional relationships, oftentimes thanks to hosts who took the time to ensure the dinners went off without a hitch.

What are the differences between sparkling wines?

As midnight approaches on New Year's Eve, revelers anxiously anticipate toasting the arrival of a new year with a glass of something bubbly. Once the cork is popped and the drinks are poured, the party can truly begin. Although revelers may assume any fizzy beverage they are served is champagne, by the true definition of the word, they actually may be drinking something else — one of many varieties of sparkling wine.

TRUE CHAMPAGNE

Authentic champagne is named after Champagne, France, the region where the grapes used to make it are grown, fermented and bottled. According to European law, the only labels that are allowed to include the name "Champagne" must be bottled within 100 miles of this region, which is close to Paris.

The taste of champagne is unique thanks to the soil in which the grapes are grown. It is a mineral-rich soil and imparts that flavor into the beverage. Champagne is made from a unique base of grapes that include Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay grapes. Experts with Wine Country also say that roughly 90 percent of all blended champagnes use a ratio of 2⁄3 red and 1⁄3 Chardonnay mixes.

Another component that sets champagne apart is the process by which it is made. It is strictly controlled by the Appellation d'Origine Controlée. This certification dictates how a producer may grow the grapes and how the grapes can be harvested and processed. Champagne is produced by méthode champenoise, a process that is said to have been invented by a monk named Dom Perignon. This procedure involves double fermentation in bottles and creates an earthy, yeasty flavor.

SPARKLING WINES

Champagne is sparkling wine, but not all sparkling wines are champagne. Other notable types of sparkling wine include Italian Prosecco and Spanish Cava. Sparking wine is produced in regions of France as well as in the United States and Canada. But sparkling wine can be made just about anywhere grapes are grown. Sparkling wines are often double-fermented in steel containers instead of bottles.

People are drawn to other sparkling wines besides champagne for various reasons. For some, cost is a heavy consideration, as authentic champagne can be considerably more expensive than sparkling wine. In addition, some people find less expensive champagnes are not as palate-pleasing as sparkling wines.

Few things are more universally associated with celebrations than a bottle of bubbly. Subtle differences set sparkling wines apart from champagne, but personal preference is oftentimes the deciding factor when choosing which beverage to choose for a special occasion.

Wines to pair with your favorite foods

Pairing wines with your favorite foods can be intimidating. Professional and amateur sommeliers might know just the bottle to pair with that sizzling steak, but weekend warriors might not be so confident. The Food Network offers the following pairing tips to people looking for the right bottle to go with some popular foods.

• Steak: Cabernet Sauvignon is a red wine that's high in tannins. Novice wine drinkers might wonder why certain wines dye their mouth after drinking, and that's because of tannins. Steak softens the impact of tannins because of its fat content, making this an ideal pairing.

• Spaghetti and meatballs: Italian food and wine go hand-in-hand, and Chianti is a great wine to pair with spaghetti and meatballs. Chianti has a bold flavor, and the Food Network notes it has enough acidity to stand up to all the tomatoes and meat in spaghetti and meatballs.

• Indian cuisine: Fans of Indian cuisine no doubt like spicy foods, but that doesn't mean they wouldn't also enjoy some temporary relief from their fiery favorites. Rieslings, which tend to be low in alcohol content, are sweet white wines that can be just the thing to complement all that spiciness. The Food Network notes that high-alcohol wines might make spicy Indian food feel even spicier, so if Riesling isn't your ideal wine, at least opt for another wine with a low ABV.

• Salmon: Seafood fans who love salmon might like it even more if they pair it with Pinot Noir. While many types of fish are best paired with white wine and Pinot Noir is a red, this pairing actually works well because the salmon stands up to the wine's bold flavor.

• Lamb: Red meat and red wine go great together, but different types of red meat pair better with different types of wine. Lamb and Bordeaux go great together because lamb has a gamey flavor that requires a rich, bold wine. Bordeaux fits that bill, allowing the rich, fatty lamb meat to absorb its tannins.

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2016 FORD EDGE SE — #P11905L • BACK-UP CAMERA, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, 18" ALLOYS
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4x4, 17" Alloys, Back-Up Camera, Turbo, Bluetooth, Satellite Radio.
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LIKE NEW **2015 RAM 1500 EXPRESS CREW CAB** — #H0552

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~$39,585~~
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Bedliner, 20" Alloys, iPod Input, 4x4, 5.7L V8 Hemi, Tow Hitch.
SAVE $11,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW **2017 HYUNDAI SANTA FE ULTIMATE** — #H0194

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~$40,335~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: $26,999
Sport 2.0L Turbo Trim, Moonroof, Heated Leather, Alloys, Navigation.
SAVE $13,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 JEEP PATRIOT SUV — #H0456R • LATITUDE TRIM, 4X4, HEATED SEATS, 17" ALLOYS
NEW Retail Price: ~~$25,890~~ — WHOLESALE PRICE: $16,999
SAVE $8,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 CHEVY EQUINOX — #H0530A • LT TRIM, 17" ALLOYS, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, MYLINK
NEW Retail Price: ~~$32,135~~ — WHOLESALE PRICE: $17,499
SAVE $14,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 HYUNDAI ELANTRA — #H8550A • GT HATCHBACK, HEATED SEATS, 17" ALLOYS
NEW Retail Price: ~~$22,305~~ — WHOLESALE PRICE: $8,988
SAVE $13,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

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NEW Retail Price: ~~$28,440~~ — WHOLESALE PRICE: $14,477
SAVE $13,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

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NEW Retail Price: ~~$28,775~~ — WHOLESALE PRICE: $17,999
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NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~$63,400~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: $45,844
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LIKE NEW **2015 GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4x4** — #D9216L

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~$43,880~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: $26,377
Navigation, Moonroof, 18" Alloys, Heated Leather, Power Liftgate.
SAVE $17,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW **2015 FORD F-150 4x4 SUPERCAB** — #P11746L

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~$38,965~~
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