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Athletes and local leaders march in the parade.

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Lamoureux Ford earns company's highest award

EAST BROOKFIELD — Lamoureux Ford was among a select group of Ford Dealerships, less than 10 percent of all dealers nationwide, to be recognized with the 2018 President's Award by Ford Motor Company. The prestigious award honors dealerships that have excelled in automotive retailing in 2018 by providing exceptional customer sales and service satisfaction.

"Earning this award is a reflection of our entire staff's commitment to delivering the best customer experience possible," say Lamoureux Ford's owners Marc and Lionel Lamoureux. "We couldn't be more proud to receive this recognition, especially since it comes from the people we value most- our customers. They're the reason we were able to achieve this award."

The President's Award was established in 1998. Dealers become eligible through survey responses from the customers related to their sales and service satisfaction.

Lamoureux Ford has won the President's Award for the 22nd year in a row and 25 times overall.

A new tradition launches with Unified Special Olympics

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — With the launch of a new tradition last week, students of all ages were able to get into the game.

On June 3, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District hosted its first ever Unified Special Olympics event. Held at David Prouty High School, the event united stu-

dents from all schools in the district for a day of fun and competition.

"Our first Unified Olympics here in the SEBRSD was a rousing success, focused upon promoting inclusion of all students through sports," said Superintendent Paul Haughey. "A day like today would not be possible without the many hours and dedicated service of so many people inside and outside the school district."

With a packed crowd of students from throughout the district looking on, athletes took the field for an opening ceremony that included a parade and torch relay. Several school officials and community guests attended the event, including Senator Anne Gobi and State Representatives Donald Berthiaume and Peter Durant.

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Leicester Middle School to bid farewell to Nelson

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — When students and staff return to Leicester Middle School in September, they will immediately notice the absence of a longtime educational leader.

After a 32-year career in education, LMS Principal Joyce Nelson announced that she will retire at the end of the 2018-19 school year. She will be succeeded by Christopher Fontaine, who currently serves as the school's assistant principal.

Although the final chapter of Nelson's career took place in Leicester, the well-traveled educator impacted the lives of countless students throughout the Route 9 corridor. She started her career as a sixth grade teacher at the Hodgkins School in East Brookfield, then taught math and science at David Prouty Junior High School for five years. She eventually taught reading



Leicester Middle School Principal Joyce Nelson is retiring at the end of the school year. Here, she is pictured with LMS Assistant Principal Christopher Fontaine, who will take over as principal next year.

at Knox Trail Junior High School for 18 years, then ascended to the role of principal at Knox Trail.

"I've been so fortunate to have a career in education where I've taught thousands of students and been a building leader to hundreds," Nelson said.

In 2015, Nelson took the principal position at Leicester Middle School and instantly earned the respect of students, staff, and community members.

"Joyce has been such an asset to Leicester. The teachers and staff at the middle school have such respect for her," said Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Tencza. "She has built strong relationships with teachers, staff, and families. The school is flourishing under her leadership. She

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Kevin Flanders Photos

Mike the Bubble Man wows students and families at East Brookfield Elementary School.

East Brookfield Elementary hosts science fair

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD — After months of research and preparations, East Brookfield Elementary School students had all the answers during the school's annual science fair.

Dozens of colorful posters were on display in the cafeteria during the May 30 event, each one highlighting students' research on a particular

subject. An eclectic lineup of topics was featured, including potato conductivity, hydraulic operations, water testing, and how petrified wood is created, among several others.

Each student began the process with a hypothesis, then did the research and testing necessary to prove or disprove it. Their findings were presented to guests during the May 30 fair, and many attendees felt like they were taking a trip

back to science class.

"The students put a lot of hard work into their projects and did great research. It is a step by step process," said EBES Principal Ron Tomlin.

A panel of judges from throughout the community reviewed each project. After a difficult process of ranking the top entries, judges awarded

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North Brookfield graduates start their next journey

NORTH BROOKFIELD – After four years of hard work and unforgettable memories, the North Brookfield High School Class of 2019 is moving on to the next journey.

The school held graduation exercises on June 2. In a tradition unique to North Brookfield, graduates lined up after the ceremony to receive congratulations from family, friends, school officials, and residents.

“This is a new beginning in your life and also an opportunity to dream,” Superintendent Richard Lind told students. “Continue to work to make your dreams a reality.”

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Superintendent Richard Lind addresses graduates.



Graduates form a procession toward the high school.



Jacob Thibeault celebrates the completion of his high school journey.



Jonah Clark is now a North Brookfield High School alumnus.



It's been four memorable years, and graduates are celebrating the journey.



Sydney Messenger with her grandmother, Mary Messenger, after the ceremony.



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Victoria Burnham and her family celebrate.

Endicott College announces local Dean's List

BEVERLY — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Spring 2019 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below “C,” have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester. The following students have met these

requirements:

West Brookfield: Ben Wisniewski, Criminal Justice and Psychology, son of Dean Wisniewski and Laurie Wisniewski

About Endicott College Endicott College offers doctorate, master's, bachelor's, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites in Boston, online, and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.edu.

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Class of 2019 bids farewell to Quaboag Regional

WARREN – The Quaboag Regional High School Class of 2019 gathered for the final time last weekend, packing the gymnasium for graduation exercises. The June 8 commencement was a celebration of four years of hard work. Now that students have reached the end of this chapter, they are excited to turn the page to their next endeavors. Kevin Flanders photos.



Brooke Shea is congratulated by her family.

Kevin Flanders Photos



Graduates file out of the gymnasium to meet family and friends.



Hannah D'Angelo celebrates with her family.



Brian Trombly is congratulated by family after graduation.



Derrick Legault and his family are all smiles.



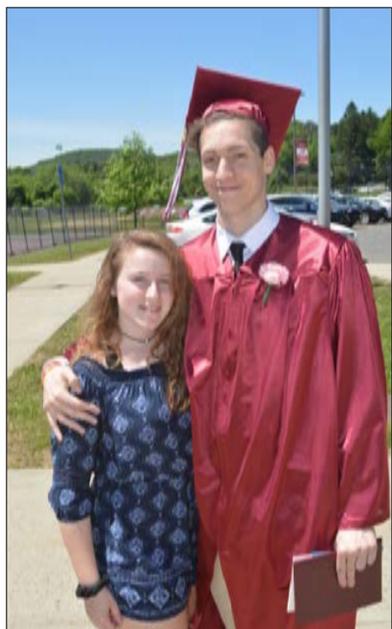
Brandon Garrity with his girlfriend, Vanessa Beaugard.



Desiree Butler displays her cap and diploma.



Graduates Katelyn Maskell, left, and Kimberly Fish.



Logan Kellaheer with his girlfriend, Alivia Lynch.



Brandon Hart celebrates with his parents, Joel and Michelle Hart.

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Moore supports bill to curb distracted driving

BOSTON — Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced that the Senate unanimously passed legislation which would prohibit the use of handheld mobile devices while driving.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, distracted driving accounted for 3,450 deaths in 2016. In the prior year, an estimated 400,000 people suffered from injuries because of distraction-affected crashes.

“The use of mobile devices while driving is a serious issue that we see all too often,” said Senator Moore. “Whether on

highways or back roads, it’s hard not to find a distracted driver whose attention is focused on their phone. With thousands of lives at risk, this issue merits a legislative response.”

Passage of this bill puts Massachusetts in line with the northeastern states of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New York. Forty-six states currently ban texting while driving for all drivers and four states ban the use of handheld devices for all drivers.

In 2010, the legislature banned texting while driving but did not ban the use of

handheld devices for talking or other purposes. The 2010 law banned handheld use for 16 and 17-year olds. The law has been difficult to enforce and hands-free technology has improved significantly since the passage of the 2010 law.

The Senate has acted in previous sessions to address these concerns. This bill, which builds upon the 2010 law, would ban drivers from holding and using a cell phone while driving. Drivers, however, can make a single tap or swipe to activate or accept a hands-free call or to use a navigation device. The bill also makes exceptions for phone

calls in emergency purposes, such as situations where the safety of the driver, passenger or a pedestrian is at risk or first responder intervention is necessary.

Under the bill, an initial violation results in a \$100 fine and second time offense is a \$250 fine, while subsequent offenses carry a \$500 fine. In addition to fines, a driver who commits a second or subsequent offense is required to complete an educational program on driving behavior selected by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

The bill also considers concerns that enforcement of the

hands-free ban could lead to disparate impacts, such as racial profiling, in certain communities. It requires law enforcement to document stops and submit aggregate data, including race and ethnicity, to the Department of Public Safety for the production of annual reports to the Legislature and the public.

The Senate version of the bill will now be reconciled with a version passed by the House of Representatives before being laid on the Governor’s desk. To continue tracking the legislation, S.2216, visit the Legislature’s Web site, www.malegislature.gov.

North Brookfield Savings Bank to host Medicare seminar

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank will be hosting a free Medicare information session “Medicare – Countdown to 65” on Sept. 16, 4 p.m. at Ye Olde Tavern, 7 East Main St. in West Brookfield. Pre-registration is required and spacing is limited so do not miss out on this important learning opportunity. Light complimentary refreshments will be served.

If you are over 60, this informative seminar will help you as you approach Medicare eligibility. Whether you are planning to retire or not, it is important to understand your health insurance options outside of your employer-sponsored coverage.

The presentation and discussion will be led by a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts representative in collaboration with the Mass Bankers Association. It will cover Medicare and Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap plans that help supplement Medicare coverage, Medicare Advantage plans, such as HMOs and PROs, Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, and plans and programs available to early retirees, such as COBRA.

“At North Brookfield Savings Bank we aren’t just your banker, we are your partner. We understand that Medicare is overwhelming and that making the right decision about your healthcare

can be stressful and frustrating,” said NBSB Senior Vice President/Director of Human Resources, Andrea Healy. “We are here to help you sift through this process. We will provide beneficial information and support to help ease your concerns.”

North Brookfield Savings Bank offers educational resources and opportunities to customers, community members and employees as a way to empower them and help them to feel assured in their financial and life decisions. This aligns with the Bank’s established core value “Commit to Excellence” which concentrates on elevating and lifting others up through growth and learning for success. In addition, the core value

of “Support our Community” encompasses the Bank’s goal to engage in meaningful partnerships and put people first. These two practiced values that the Bank strives to embody everyday are why they are committed to providing the community with educational support.

Healy continues, “We believe it is important for us, as a local trusted bank, to offer our support and guidance through education. If people are equipped with knowledge, whether it is financial, healthcare-related or covering any other important topic, they are more likely to feel confident and happy with decisions they make, resulting in a more successful future.”

Berthiaume announces office hours

REGION — State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume will hold office hours at the following locations this week:

Friday, June 7, - In the Town of Brookfield at the Town Hall 6 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12 in the Town of Oakham, at the Center School, 6 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18 in the town of Barre at Ruggles Lane School 6 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28 in the Town of Hardwick at the Hardwick Elementary School – 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

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

Garden Club hosting annual plant auction

LEICESTER — The Leicester Garden Club will have their annual plant auction on June 12, at the Leicester Senior Center starting at 7 p.m. There will be many flower pot arrangements, plants and garden related items. The members bring many different items to auction off.

This is the only fundraiser by the club for the year. There is always room for one more plant in your yard. It is always a lot of fun. Come join us, bring a plant, bring a friend. Refreshments will be served and the public is welcome.

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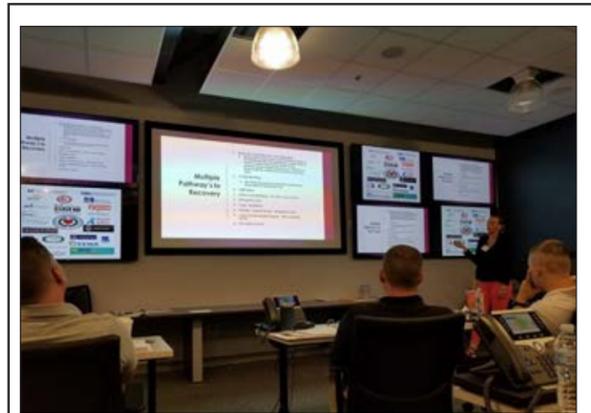


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Casey Cormier and Jay Chase of the Spencer-East Brookfield Little League and Kevin Grace, Spencer Exchange Club golf tournament chairperson.

SPENCER — The Spencer Exchange Club’s 43rd annual Swing into Spring Charity Golf Tournament took place on May 10 at Kettle Brook Golf Club to raise funds for the club to provide support to many local programs and assist worthwhile causes within the community. A \$3,000 donation was made to the Spencer-East Brookfield Little League at the start of this year’s tournament. The little league will use the funds to renovate their clubhouse and concession stand that was originally donated by the Spencer Exchange Club many years ago.

The Spencer Exchange Club is a local service club that consists of volunteers who take an active role in making a positive difference in the lives of individuals and families living in Spencer and surrounding towns. The Spencer Exchange Club provides support to many programs within the community, including Spencer Toys for Kids, East Brookfield Toys for Joy, local food pantries, school athletics programs, high school scholarships, and many more.



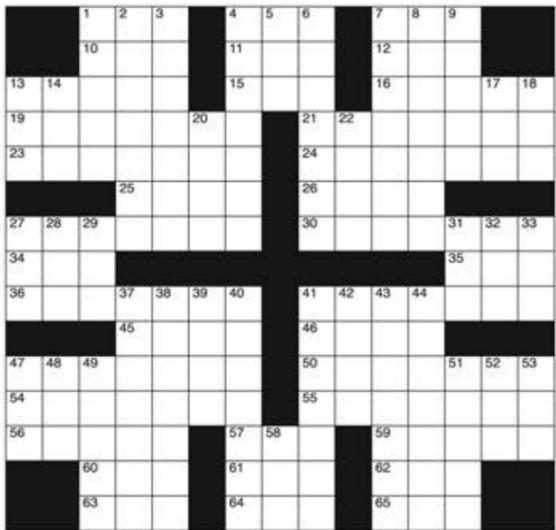
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Spencer Police officers attended training sessions this month.

SPENCER POLICE ATTEND CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

SPENCER – Earlier this month, members of the Spencer Police Department attended crisis intervention team training exercises in Worcester and Springfield.

Their participation in the exercises was made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. Training will aid officers in dealing with individuals struggling from mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders.

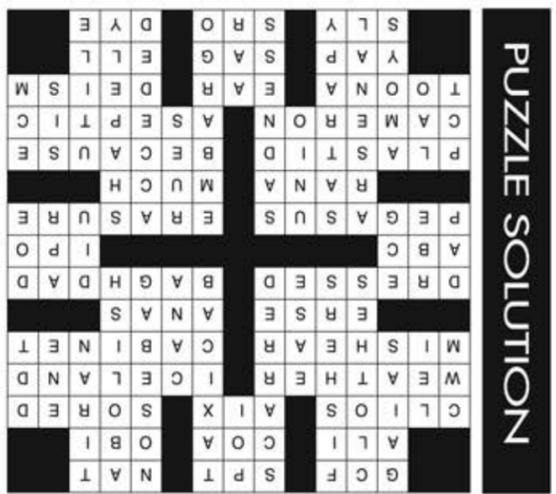


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- Seaport (abbr.)
- “Unforgettable” singer
- The GOAT
- Used to harvest agave cactus
- Luke’s mentor ___-Wan
- Muses
- IBM operating system
- Hungarian village
- Popular conversation topic
- N. Atlantic island
- Fail to discern correctly
- The President has one
- Irish Gaelic language
- Gasteyer and Ivanovic are two
- Garnished
- National capital
- Basics
- Initial public offering
- Winged horse
- English synthpop duo
- Mars crater
- A lot
- Small organelles
- By reason of
- “Growing Pains” actor Kirk
- Free from contamination
- Genus in the mahogany family
- Body part
- A belief in a supreme being
- Talk a lot
- Actors’ group
- Unit of measurement
- Slick
- No seats available
- A way to change color

CLUES DOWN

- Belongs to the daughter of Chaos
- Wardrobe
- Derek and Jeff are two
- Disfigured
- Hawaiian dish
- What a hack drives
- Horse gear
- Do away with
- Narrow straits between Sinai and Arabian peninsulas
- Corrie
- Hawaiian flower necklace
- Midway between northeast and east
- Insecticide
- Comfort
- Town in Galilee
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- Used to check the heart
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PUZZLE SOLUTION

North Brookfield Savings Bank donates \$1,000 to Top Floor Learning

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank has always made it a priority to show support to local communities and all of its members. One of the Bank's community giving initiatives, among many others, is the ongoing support of educational programming to help those of all ages to be successful. This is why the Bank continues to support a vital Palmer based organization who has a mission to provide literacy education to adults throughout 24 towns in Central Massachusetts.

North Brookfield Savings Bank proudly made a recent donation of \$1,000 to Top Floor Learning, a nonprofit organization that provides a wide range of services to adults including basic reading, writing, math and computer skills, HiSET preparation, English language instruction, citizenship preparation and specialized license tutoring. The facility is located at 1455 North Main St. in Palmer within the Palmer Public Library but serves students throughout the region.

This is not the first time the Bank has contributed to Top Floor Learning. In fact, the bond between North Brookfield Savings Bank and the organization goes back past 10 years and totals more than \$10,000 in contributions. The Bank has provided support in various ways throughout the years - through contributions, auction donations, volunteerism, and with NBSB employees serving on the Board of Directors for the organization.



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North Brookfield Savings Bank employees proudly presented a \$1,000 donation to Top Floor Learning staff and board members in support of their Adult Literacy Programs. Left to right: Top Floor Learning Board Member Annie Gao, North Brookfield Savings Bank Senior Vice President of Retail Banking Patty Ostrout, Top Floor Learning Board Member Aristeo Torres, Top Floor Learning President Maria Thomson, North Brookfield Savings Bank Palmer Branch Manager and Top Floor Learning Board Member Jennifer Plassmann, and Top Floor Learning Director Gail Carneiro.

Jennifer Plassmann, North Brookfield Savings Bank Palmer Branch Manager, currently serves as a Board Member for Top Floor Learning and enjoys sharing her time and knowledge with an organization who is invested in bettering adult's futures through education.

"It is really inspiring to see the impact that Top Floor

Learning has on the adults attending their literacy programs. The students are given resources and opportunities that allow them to excel and lead improved lives," said Jennifer Plassmann, Palmer Branch Manager of North Brookfield Savings Bank. "We are so lucky to have this wonderful organization right here in Palmer and I am grateful for what they give to this community and many surrounding

communities."

The \$1,000 contribution made by North Brookfield Savings Bank will help to provide tutor training materials, student textbooks, various testing workbooks and more.

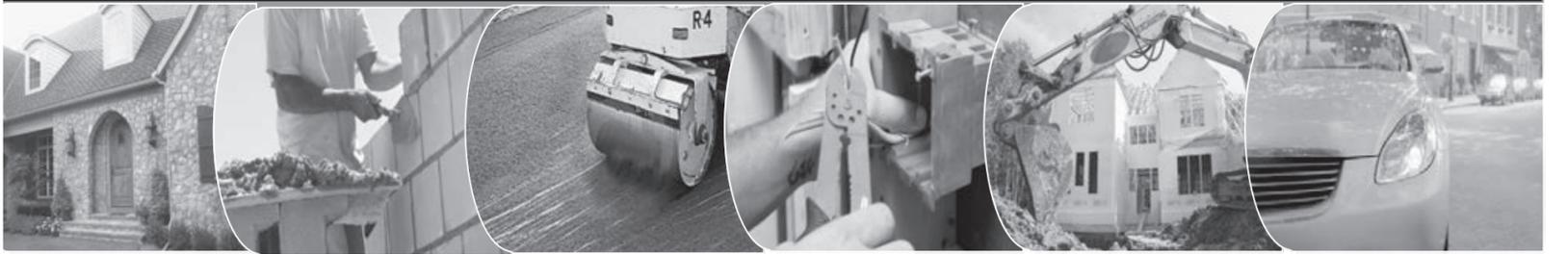
"North Brookfield Savings Bank has a proud history with Top Floor Learning, and our values and goals align with theirs. We are committed to sup-

porting educational programs and the Bank's Core Value of "Commit to Excellence" is all about empowering others, lifting and elevating each other up through growth and learning, and helping others to do their best," said Patty Ostrout, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking at North Brookfield Savings Bank. "We are more than happy to continue our support of Top Floor Learning and their students. Thank you to the staff at the organization for their dedication to such a worthy and important cause."

Top Floor Learning, which was established in 2004, has a mission to promote and provide personalized tutoring services in basic literacy skills and to sponsor a dynamic, comprehensive program of life-long learning opportunities for adults. Gail Carneiro, the organizations Director of Adult Literacy ensures this mission is carried out every day and expresses that donations like North Brookfield Savings Bank's help make it all possible.

"We are extremely thankful for North Brookfield Savings Bank's ongoing support of our programs over the past 10 years," said Gail Carneiro, Top Floor Learning Director of Adult Literacy. "Since we receive no state or federal monies, we count on the generosity of donors like North Brookfield Savings Bank to make these adult literacy programs possible."

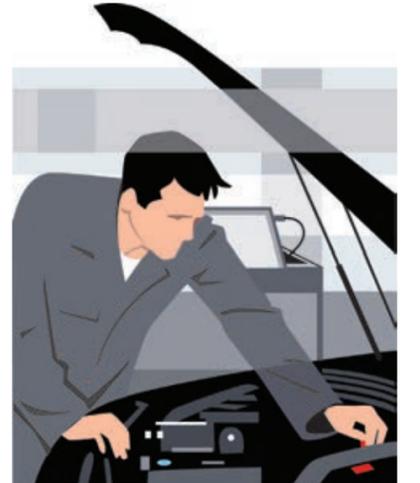
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CLASSROOM CORNER

East Brookfield students face heroic challenges at field day

Kevin Flanders Photos

EAST BROOKFIELD – Students and staff at East Brookfield Elementary School took the fun outside last week during the annual field day program.

The theme for this year's event was superheroes, and students tested their skills in several epic challenges. These included The Hulk's Power Push, Wonder Woman's Lasso Training, and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Delivery Dash. There was also a visit from the Batmobile during the June 4 event.

EBES leaders thank staff members, community volunteers, and parents for making the event a success each year.



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West Brookfield resident Caitlyn Waddell receives Service award at Becker College

WORCESTER — Caitlyn Waddell, of West Brookfield, was recognized

with the Service award at the annual Academic Awards Ceremony at Becker College.

Waddell is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

The awards celebrate academic excellence and leadership at Becker and include academic program awards, as well as awards for service, determination, equality, leadership and initiative. In addition, awards were given in honor of individuals who have had a significant impact on the history of the college.

Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,800 students from the United States and around the world live and learn on the College's Worcester and Leicester campuses. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a "Best College" for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

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Local students graduate from Assumption College

WORCESTER — A total of 635 graduates received a degree during Assumption College's 102nd Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 12, held at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester, MA.

Olivia Corfey, of W. Brookfield
Gabrielle Jasmin, of Leicester

Kylie O'Rourke, of Spencer
Gregory Patient, of Leicester
Suzanne Pepe, of Spencer
Madison Phillips, of Leicester
The Commencement speaker, Robert Lewis Jr., chief executive officer of The BASE, a Boston-based nonprofit that provides athletic, education and career-building resources to enable student-athletes to pursue a college degree, shared his life story of struggle and achievement and inspired the Class of 2019 to live a life of meaning.

In her introduction of Lewis, Julia Demkowicz '19, salutatorian, shared of his tireless passion for empowering inner-city youth, specifically his efforts to break down the stereotypes of urban America.

"Robert Lewis may not have had a lot growing up as a child of teenage parents who lived in public housing, but he did have love and the mindset that he could be successful despite any limitations society tried to place on him," shared Demkowicz. "He grew up with a longing to share this message with others in similar situations. After reviewing a report on poverty that showed that Black and Latino men were disadvantaged in many ways, including lower graduation rates and higher incarceration rates, Lewis was determined to change this narrative by launching The BASE in 2013."

Assumption was one of the

first institutions of higher education to partner with The BASE, providing scholarships and other opportunities to individuals in the program. Thus far, 11 The BASE students have attended Assumption; two graduated in 2018; four others are among the Class of 2019; five more will continue their studies next year. Nationwide, The BASE serves 1,400 individuals.

"The BASE provides educational, athletic, and career-building resources to enable students to pursue college degrees," explained Demkowicz. "All of these students enter the program through word of mouth and social media, a testament to the power of the program's message. The BASE builds on the students' passion for sports, including baseball, softball, and, most recently, basketball. The program gives them a sense of belonging and also provides academic resources, such as homework support, writing workshops, SAT prep classes, and college and career visits."

Lewis shared that through The BASE, students were provided opportunities to obtain a college degree, but also to change hearts and minds.

"I started The BASE because I wanted to shift the narrative," explained Lewis. "Urban talent is American talent. When you look at me, what do you see? Your future. You see the next generation of a workforce. Don't call us at-risk. Don't call us underserved. Don't call us disadvantaged. What you might call us are college graduates. And that's what we're doing."

Following an incident in which his house was fire-bombed when he was 16, Lewis "knew at that moment that I

was going to do something good for humanity." Later in life, he would collaborate with Nelson Mandela in South Africa to build a national service model. He also advised British Prime Minister David Cameron during a period of unrest in the United Kingdom in 2011 and served as an advisor to the nation of Haiti following an earthquake there. On Mother's Day, Lewis shared with graduates the limitless potential of their future, especially when supported by a mother's love.

"Nelson Mandela, David Cameron and Haiti," Lewis pondered. "Who would have thought that a person born to a mom at 18 with a fourth-grade education that those opportunities could come? She did. And that's what you have graduates, when you look around and you see your parents. They see your future, and it's bright."

"As I look out into this crowd today, what I see is a kaleidoscope of beautiful people filled with promise and hope," shared Lewis. "You represent what is great in our country right now and for generations to come. I am inspired by you and I know your families are so proud of you."

Lewis also expressed his gratitude to Assumption College President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D. for his support of The BASE program.

"President Cesareo, your belief in The BASE and our organization is changing the game for urban young people throughout the country," shared Lewis. "I want our student-athletes from The BASE Boston, BASE Chicago, BASE Indianapolis and Pittsburgh to experience this wonderful institution and they will."

In closing, Lewis called upon

the Class of 2019 to make a difference in the lives of others.

"Be impactful, every day," Lewis concluded. "Influence others to greatness and lead with your soul. The future will be shared by those willing to commit their minds and bodies to the task."

In addition to delivering the Commencement address, Lewis received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. An honorary degree was also conferred upon Sr. Anne Credidio, B.V.M., who raised funds to rehabilitate a neglected hospital wing in Ecuador for those with leprosy and restored dignity to those suffering from the disease. The recipients were honored for their dedication to community service and living the mission of Assumption College.

During the ceremony in which 456 Bachelor of Arts degrees; 144 graduate studies degrees (Master of Arts and Master of Business Administration) and certificates; and 35 Continuing and Career Education degrees (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, and associates) were awarded-Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., president of Assumption College, urged graduates to be mindful of the mission of the College as they go forth to use their gifts and talents to better the world.

"The Catholic intellectual tradition at Assumption College has challenged you to examine your life, to examine the values which define your life as you became more aware of who you are, who you wanted to become, and how you would live this out each day of your life," said President Cesareo to the graduating class. "You have discovered your

vocation during your time at Assumption. Our society today needs individuals such as yourself who have developed a moral and ethical framework grounded in a Catholic worldview, who understand that policies, decisions, and actions devoid of values have negative consequences which will be detrimental to the common good."

Zachary Fournier '19, Class of 2019 valedictorian, shared how as students, and now as graduates, they have been called to light the way for others.

"Each of us, in a way unique to our experiences, has been shaped by our time here at Assumption College," said Fournier. "Each and every one of us is unique, in both where we come from and where we are going: sitting among us are students who discovered their future calling as doctors, scientists, business professionals, and educators, commuters who have found a second home as welcoming as their own, and those who may have never before known true friendship who now have lifelong bonds. Regardless of where we came from, Assumption College enabled us to find our vocation and where we are going. Just as our school has shaped us, however, we have left a lasting impact on the campus we have called our home through our achievements in and beyond the classroom, through our collective impact on our community, and through our service to others. As we go forth, keep the flame that was ignited four years ago burning brightly. Use it to do the same for others, illuminating their lives as Assumption College has ours."

Local residents receive graduate degrees at WPI Commencement

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) President Laurie Leshin and Board of Trustees Chairman Jack Mollen presided over the university's 151st Commencement celebration, awarding over 850 master's and doctoral degrees at the Graduate Ceremony, held on the campus Quadrangle.

Hiroshi Bosman of Leicester was awarded a master of science degree in data science.

Taylor McNally of Brookfield was awarded a master of science degree in management.

Robert Tivnan of Leicester was awarded a master of mathematics for educators degree.

This year's graduate address was given by Freeman A. Hrabowski III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

In his remarks, Hrabowski expressed

his excitement at being asked by his longtime friend, Laurie Leshin, to speak at WPI's graduate commencement. "I've been watching the progress of WPI for a long time," he said. "You're a national leader in project-based learning, and you're the alma mater of Robert Goddard. In my area, that's a big deal."

WPI awarded honorary degrees to Hrabowski and to Kevin O'Sullivan, who recently retired as president and CEO of Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives.

In her remarks, President Leshin congratulated the Class of 2019 for "enduring stress, overcoming setbacks, and pushing boundaries." As students leave campus with a degree, Leshin said she anticipates they will continue to "break barriers and open new doors."

Graduate student speaker Doreen Manning then gave her remarks. Manning, who received her master's

of business administration, told her fellow graduates that she took an indirect route since "earning a master's degree had simply not been on my career radar."

Manning said her worldview is different now.

"So as I leave the podium today, I will do so not only with a diploma, but with new insights into myself and my role within the world," Manning said. "Yet even more important, when I meet with alumni in my position as editor of the WPI Journal, I get to tell them, with pride, 'I'm an alum, too!'"

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solv-

ing real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 50 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

Local residents receive Bachelor's degrees at WPI Commencement

WORCESTER — On Saturday, May 11, on the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) campus quadrangle, 1,019 bachelor's degrees were awarded during the university's 151st commencement ceremony.

Maddie Brennan of Leicester was awarded a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering with high distinction.

Michelle Hull of Spencer was awarded a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering with distinction.

Elizabeth Quevillon of Brookfield was awarded a bachelor of science degree in biomedical engineering with distinction.

WPI President Laurie Leshin and Board of Trustees Chairman Jack Mollen presided over the celebration, at which the keynote address was given by Ellen Stofan, the John and Adrienne Mars Director of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

In her remarks, Stofan lauded the graduating seniors, whom she called "the next generation of STEM innovators," before pointedly asking, "Where do you go from here?" She noted that students are graduating 50 years after the Apollo 11 Moon landing on July 20, 1969. The historic milestone was spurred, in part, Stofan noted, by the challenge President John F. Kennedy placed before Congress in an address in May 1961.

Stofan, who has more than 25 years of experience in space-related organizations and a rich background in planetary geology, also received an honorary doctor of science degree.

WPI awarded Gordon Hargrove, executive director of Friendly House in Worcester, an honorary doctor of humane letters degree for his "distinguished leadership of a vital Worcester institution, his passion for making miracles happen in the lives of others, and his inspiring example to generations of WPI students, faculty, and staff."

President Leshin told the graduates that while she is sad to see them go, she and the campus community feel a great sense of pride in all of their accomplishments at WPI. "Over the past four years, we have all watched, and hopefully helped you discover, your passions and strengths, we've seen you work very hard, and we've seen you truly make a difference."

Class speaker Emily Molstad, of Newington, Conn., a major in mechanical engineering with materials science and engineering, recalled for her classmates the "nine words we heard when we arrived, and over and over again throughout our four years here: Go to class. Do the work. Ask for help. These words, repeated so often,

were't always easy to practice day to day, but once we followed them, they put us on the path to success."

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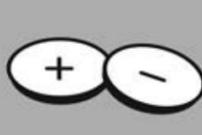
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EDITORIAL

A note to the Class of 2019

Most of you reading this week's Editorial have been, or will be, present for one graduation speech, if not more, in the coming days. Honors students will speak, guest speakers will offer words of advice, some will stick with you, some may not. We remember none of the words spoken at our own graduation, except for "I was stone cold sober" — this spoken by an honors student who was in a car accident on her way to graduation, giving our class her advice was to be careful driving. For some reason, the thought of losing a classmate, especially on graduation day, stuck with us into adulthood, and we have, as a result, always been a careful driver.

Thoughts about the next step after graduation come to mind. We remember not having a solid idea ourselves on what our next steps would be after graduation. Waking up the morning after graduation was eye opening. Never would we set foot as a student in our high school again. The comfort provided by that building and its wonderful staff would no longer be there. We felt "booted from the nest," so to speak, and that wasn't necessarily a bad thing; it was just the start of a new journey.

A quote never far from our mind is "Set your life up as though you never want a vacation." Simply put, this means find your passion and get paid for it. We've all heard this day in and day out. While it's not always that simple as time goes by due to life changes it is a great jumping off point, especially for a new graduate.

You may not know what your passion is quite yet, and that is OK. Those are light bulb moments that just appear out of nowhere, and when they do show up, use that momentum to make a go of it. Finding your niche in the world by finding your passion will, in turn, help you find happiness.

Success in this life is not about how much money you can make, or how big your house is. Success comes from happiness and self-satisfaction. If you can find the time during your work week to do the things you love, the things that make you laugh and put a smile on your face and give you enough money to support yourself, then you will know you're doing something right. This life is meant to be lived, and lived well. As a new graduate, there is nothing standing in your way of reaching your goals unless you allow that to happen. Remember to stay relaxed about your future. Life is a journey and a super amazing one at that. Choose to keep friends and family in your circle who will always encourage you. Choose the ones who are honest, genuine and encouraging, and make sure you are that way in return. Be appreciative of your parents and caregivers, never forget to ask how they are doing, for they were once in your shoes and one day you will be in theirs.

Of course, none of us have it all figured out, no matter how far we are along life's path, but there are a few tips worth being shared. The first is to always stay active and fit, wear sunblock, drink plenty of water and don't ever smoke. Your future self will thank you. Try to do as much as possible without involving your phone. To truly be present in an experience is to leave your phone in your back pocket and take it all in.

The next 'must' on the list is to travel. Travel, travel, travel. Explore those other countries and cities that you have always wanted to visit. Even if that means a short road trip right next door into Vermont, Maine or Canada, seize the opportunity. Tickets and hotels are much more affordable than you might think. Go to a professional sporting event at least once. Go see live music as much as possible. Learn to play an instrument and to speak at least a little of another language. Experiencing life through the eyes of other places and other cultures will make yours a million times more fruitful.

If you do the right things, the right things will happen. Congratulations to you all, and cheers to a fun filled future.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An offer to Cohen and Co.

To the Editor:

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! This court of public opinion is hereby called into session. Bailiff, produce the accused as well as the bill of particulars.

Very well, I, the complainant, wish to bring to the attention of this great and honorable court (the readership of this august publication) the names Har-Yarok, Rosenberg, Cohen, Miller, and Bagg, all weekly contributors to the Letters Section of said paper, The New Leader.

To move quickly to the point, it is my contention, after a year or more of cogitation on the matter and some intelligence gathering, that these five authors of letters which appear with almost non-stop regularity either do not exist or, if they do, very likely do not live in the towns of which they claim to be residents.

Simply put, if one wanted to check on my residency claims or any of the other "conservative" letter writers, the mission could be completed in a few moments.

One with the most elementary research skills would quickly learn I, and my compatriots, do in fact live in our towns, vote in local elections, pay property and excise taxes, take out town permits, licenses, spend our money at businesses in town and are thus known to our neighbors and local officials. In less than a minute, an Internet search would produce our age, street address, telephone number, etc. It's virtually impossible to live in these small towns without others—sooner or later—being able to vouch for one's residential bona fides.

Without going into it, I am convinced none of the above can be said for the Gang of Five, the Faux Five. When they first started to appear regularly in the paper, I marveled that such people so dripping with condescension and downright hatred for their putative neighbors who had voted for President Trump were so brazen as to write the stuff they did. At first, I mistakenly saw it as courage. I mean, surely these people had neighbors who might not take kindly to being called bigots, ignorant, superstitious, racists, haters, the American Taliban, and so on. But, then I remembered, this is Massachusetts; it doesn't take any guts to be a liberal here, or to say the most vicious and ridiculously untrue things about one's conservative fellow townfolk, some of whom might actually be Christians. On the other hand, it does indeed take backbone to be an out-of-the-closet and outspoken conservative or Believer in the old Bay State. So, I began to wonder: who are these people? I couldn't find anyone who knew. I repeat: no one knew them or of them. Queer. Veddy, veddy queer, wouldn't you agree?

I will say I recently was told there might be an Edith Miller in the area, but this one is supposed to be in her nineties. Now, if this is our very own Edie Miller, and she's in her nineties and still cranking out political commentary, then I say, you go, girl... write your heart out. I haven't quite

closed the door on the possibility she is for real.

But, as for the others, I am more than skeptical, I'm a refusenik; I don't believe them, and, until proven wrong, will no longer grant them any credence.

Here's my offer to the Faux Five, any or all of them: I start each day with coffee at Cumberland Farms at the East Brookfield-Spencer line on Route 9. Starting Saturday, June 18 and continuing until (and including) the following Friday, I will be there, in a booth, with a coffee and a cell phone, starting at 0800 hours and will wait exactly 15 minutes (some of us have to get to work, you know) hoping one or all of you will show up to disabuse me of this crazy notion that you all don't exist. All I need is some kind of valid photo I.D. (the kind you don't think the illegals ought to have to present before they vote) that unambiguously authenticates that you're actually who you say you are and live where you say you live. Since you dread, I'm sure, being in the company of the lower orders, the Trump folks, you needn't worry, you'll be treated with the respect and courtesy you so clearly are unable to show to them. But, the place, at that hour, is bustling with men and women who work hard for their daily bread, so you know the Trump people will be there. If your olfactory lobes are in good working order, maybe, like the F.B.I. thug/agent Peter Strozck, who texted his adulterous fellow criminal agent Lisa Page he could "smell the Trump voters at the Walmart in Tidewater, Virginia" all you'll have to do is follow your nose. I'll be there.

Oh, and bring your passport(s), and I'll bring mine since you think we provincials never leave the country. We can compare border stamps, and you'll see one of mine shows me in Belfast and Londonderry in 1971, where I witnessed first-hand the very kind of hatred I see coming from the Trump-hating, America-bashing, socialist Left in this country personified at the local level by the likes of you, the Fab Five.

If you show up and prove me wrong, I'll don sack cloth and ashes, go directly home to my computer, and file my mea culpa, my mea maxima culpa with the editor of this paper to include an apology to whichever ones of you actually do exist in your claimed towns, and get back to the "fun" of exchanging rhetorical sniper fire with those of you who are legitimate.

Now, that's an offer an honest letter writer cannot refuse, you'll warrant. I'm giving you seven days to present your credentials, at a cost to me of one hour and forty-five minutes. Barring a coronary thrombosis, I'll be there. As for you, be there or be square.

If you blow off this magnanimous offer, I'll be forced to have to ask the Court for a directed verdict of...Guilty!

JOHN McRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

Why vote for Trump?

To the Editor:

In answer to Ms. Carol Rizzo's question, "how is Mr. Trump going to keep our Constitution Democracy alive and well for 'all'?" I don't believe President Trump can do this for "all"; however, I believe president Trump can do it for most of the people, especially for the ones who will reelect him.

As long as Congress is ruled by a democratic majority they will not support president Trump, it will be an uphill battle, thank God the president has support of the republican senate "and" Judeo Christians like myself and several Christian ministries. Judea Christianity is a foundation of Judaism and Christianity. The moral foundation of Judaism Biblical scripture is upheld by Christians. The late president elect Dwight Eisenhower introduced this to the freedom foundation in New York 1952. President Trump is a Christian and has the support of several Christian ministries including the body of many Christians like myself.

President Trump respects the military forces and all law enforces and fire department personal and respects our flag.

The president wants to protect all citizens of this country from any foreign intruders and that includes those immigrants who are forcing their way illegally into this country, and as you know the democratic congress have no intention of cooperating with president Trump, their focus is impeachment. The president welcomes all immigrants that are willing to enter this country legally as my immigrant parents and many other families did.

Our economy at this time is doing very well and that is because president Trump has good business knowledge and that is why so many immigrants want to come here, however, they need to do it legally according to our laws.

I believe our president is ordained, called of God and I believe with my support, vote and the support of those who have previously elected president Trump, and, if you decide to join us president Trump will be reelected and this country will become prosperous in and through God, Jesus.

God bless president Trump and God bless America!

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

Father's Day: Tools are great for Father's Day – and for investors

If you're a dad, you may well be pleased to use some tools as Father's Day gifts. Of course, it might be a stereotype that all men



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are handy at repairs; women certainly can be every bit as good when it comes to building and fixing things. In fact, the construction process is valuable for anyone to learn – and the same skills that go in to creating and mending physical objects also can be applied to financial projects – such as working toward a comfortable retirement.

Here are a few of those skills:
Diagnosing the challenge –

A good craftsman knows that the first step toward accomplishing any outcome is to assess the challenge. So, for example, if you want to build some bookshelves right into the wall, you'll need to locate the wall studs, determine if you have adequate space for the shelving you want and allow room for future expansion. Similarly, if you want to retire at a certain age, you need to consider the key variables: your current and future income (How much can you count on from your retirement plans?), where you'll live (Will you downsize or relocate? Will you rent or own a house or condominium?) And what you'll do as a retiree (Will you travel extensively or stick close to home? Will you do some type of work for pay or pursue your hobbies and volunteer?).

Assembling the right tools and materials –

To put together your bookshelf, you will need the right tools – saw, hammer, drill, sander and so on – and the right building materials – plywood, nails, screws, glue, brackets, moldings and so on. And to work toward a comfortable retirement, you'll also need the right tool – in the form of a long-term financial strategy, based on your specific retirement goals, risk tolerance and time horizon – along with the appropriate materials – the mix of investments you use to carry out that strategy. These investments include those you've placed in your IRA, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and those held outside your formal retirement accounts. Ideally, you want a diversified mix of investments capable of providing growth potential over time, within the context of your individual risk tolerance.

Review your work –

Once you've finished your bookshelf, you occasionally may need to make some minor adjustments or repairs in response to slippage, cracks or other issues that can develop over time. As an investor, you also may need to tweak your financial strategy periodically and adjust your investment mix – not necessarily because something is broken, but to accommodate changes in your life, such as a new job, new family situation and new goals. Furthermore, over time, your risk tolerance may change, and this needs to be reflected in your array of investments.

Consequently, conducting an annual portfolio review with your financial professional should be a priority.

Tools are a big deal on Father's Day. But the construction-related tasks they represent, physically and symbolically, go beyond any one holiday and can be used by anyone interested in working toward a solid financial future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taliban University

To the Editor:

I think without naming me, I have been promoted to nemesis. It seems that our most articulate local conservative it on the defensive. A couple of points...

I encourage all to re-read my letter to the editor of May 24. My thesis is the incredible amount of hypocrisy coming from the political right as they twist themselves into finding a way to support the President while reconciling their various personal views and past views. Many points, assertions, and accusations went unanswered. While it is true that void of facts or the law, it is prudent to pound the table. Another important point is that it is best to ignore the accusations for which you have no defense and focus on the ones you can weave a story.

If not for the teacher's union, I am pretty sure that the taxpayers would not have been so generous. The life of a military veteran, turned school teach-

er, turned pensioner is a very socialist life for a very conservative man. If also collecting social security it is likely that he didn't earn much, meaning he is collecting more than he ever paid in. Social Security is a wealth transfer from current taxpayers to current retirees, and poor-end-loads the benefits. High earners don't get back as much as they put in, low earners get back more. Very socialist, indeed. In fairness, current private employment activities are atypical of an otherwise socialist life. Talk radio serving the purpose of radicalizing conservatives further is a bonus.

The majority of school teachers sent their kids to private school? I find that very doubtful. Christian Taliban is a better explanation given the greater context. Turning down the Naval Academy for a Taliban college in Pennsylvania which prides itself on rejecting federal funds so it can continue to discriminate in the name of the

bible? While I am inclined to believe that, I am shocked at the value system. How does a school possibly teach bio/chem when they believe that the world is 6,000 years old and their biology department has a cryptic statement trying to reconcile biblical creation with biology. Tabliban University over the U.S. Naval Academy?

I have explained the Pastafarian creation story before, and it is time for some additional detail. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th days were pretty uneventful so let's move on to the fifth day.

The fifth day was going to be "yuuuge," so the Flying Spaghetti Monster rose early. He then said, "Let the water abound, let the skies fill with birds, let the earth bring forth creatures, each according to its kind. Then let them canoodle and be fruitful, or homocanoodle just for fun, or canoodle in a group, just as long as there is canoodling." The FSM figured that with enough canoodling, the female

creatures were sure to grow new creatures. Later that evening he rolled out of bed and hit the firmament, and this was what is now known as the "big bang".

Our pasta, who art in a colander, draining be your noodles. Thy noodle come, Thy sauce be yum, on top some grated Parmesan. Give us this day, our garlic bread, ...and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trample on our lawns. And lead us not into vegetarianism, but deliver us some pizza, for thine is the meatball, the noodle, and the sauce, forever and ever. R'amen.

It is important to remember that all belief systems, including the lack of belief, need to be given equal weight and equal time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mandatory National Service

To the Editor:
It is an American tradition to have extreme reverence for those currently serving in the military, those in our paramilitary (cops & firemen), and veterans. It is important to take a step back and consider who these people are. We spend too much time and energy in this country fawning over meatheads and masochists of various sorts. With the notable exception of the service academies (West Point, Naval Academy, etc.), the military is full of poor kids, meatheads, or both. Even ROTC, which produces some excellent Americans, most members are there not because they want to serve their country, but because they needed help paying for college. Everybody knows that the standard path to success in America is to go to college after high school, and not go into the military. How many children from rich and powerful families in America go into the military? Not the Trumps – Donald had bad feet during the Vietnam draft; none of his kids served. How many children of senators and Congressmen get whisked to Ivy League universities and are kept far away from the military? What

about the children of business and industry leaders? What about the children of celebrities? By and large, none of those leaders' children are in the military. So, who is in the military? Poor kids looking for a way out of poverty. Meatheads who struggled in school for whom "college isn't for me." Lower middle class/working class people, which share elements of both. Then there is ROTC, which is a path to allow poor kids who are academically middle to upper middle class afford college. Finally the service academies (Air Force Academy, West Point, etc.) which generally have truly elite Americans from all backgrounds which is a small percentage of the total. We have politicians, including our President, who have never served, nor have any close family who has ever served and went to great lengths to avoid including probably paying a doctor off. We have combined business leaders and politicians like Dick Cheney (Halliburton) who received five draft deferments. Cheney said "I had other priorities in the '60s than military service." Countless other leaders that decide whether we go to

war and profit off of it never served. That is because rich men control geopolitics, rich men control the resources of the country, and rich men don't pay the price of war. Poor men die in rich men's wars. As we remember D-Day, we should remember that in 1944, 25 percent of all men of all ages in the United States were in active military. Today, it is less than 1 percent. It is time to institute mandatory national service, like Israel and Singapore. All people: men, women, trans/questioning, those with good feet, those with bad feet, those with rich daddies, those with poor daddies, those with no daddy, and those with two daddies...everybody should serve at least two years. National mandatory service would promote national unity, maintain an active military force, and ensure high levels of government participation. With every citizen required to join in the armed forces when the need arises, the public will be more aware and watchful of the government's decisions, especially in terms of national security and the like. With their lives at risk or at sacrifice, people will seek

to understand more about the threats that face their country, and will seek a greater voice on how their government approaches problems. Mandatory enlistment means that "no one" will be exempted from facing wars. All citizens, be they celebrities, rich businessmen, or ordinary people, will be required to serve when the nation is facing war. There are some ancillary benefits, such as the acquisition of skills – both hard technical skills and the soft skills such as teamwork, responsibility, initiative, stress management, diversity, and global awareness. In times of peace, our best and brightest could go into inner cities to help out in schools. One of the big benefits to our nation would be for our nation's best to be serving in our armed forces or domestic national service in times of peace. We should not be sending out meatheads and masochists overseas to represent America – we should be sending our best and brightest.

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SPORTS

Brien, Gowaski engage in pitchers' duel, with Minutemen edging past Rockets



BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Years from now, when someone decides to Google pitchers' duel, a video of the first-round Central Mass. Division 3 baseball game between Bay Path Regional and Auburn High may very well pop up on the screen.

The Minutemen, the No. 14 seed, upset the third-seeded Rockets, the defending Division 3 District Champions, 1-0, in eight innings under the lights at Memorial Field on Thursday, June 6.

With the win Bay Path advanced to the quarter-final round of the tournament, where it played at No. 6 Quabbin Regional on Monday, June 10 (after press time).

Both pitchers — Bay Path's Dylan Brien and Auburn's Aidan Gowaski — went the distance and both were outstanding.

Brien recorded the eight-inning shutout by allowing just three hits, one walk and one hit batsman while striking out seven. The sophomore threw 92 pitches.

"Dylan pitched great. He kept his pitch count down and our defense played great behind him," Minutemen head coach Mark Sansoucy said. "The two double plays we were able to make got us out of a couple of innings; those were big. All of our fielders played great, especially our outfielders. The right fielder, with the sun right in his eyes at the beginning of the game, made a couple of big plays early and our center fielder and left fielder made big plays, too. We were able to track everything down."

Eight of Auburn's 24 outs came on fly balls to Bay Path's left fielder, senior Andrew Flanagan, center fielder, junior Nate Shoemaker, and right fielder, junior Cam Stittitis. In addition,

senior shortstop Andrew Fritze recorded one put-out and two assists.

As good as Brien was, Gowaski was even better. He allowed just one hit and the run was unearned. The junior walked four and struck out 14.

"Aidan absolutely deserved better; he threw eight innings and battled the whole way," said Auburn head coach Eric Swedberg, who was also impressed with Brien's performance. "Hats off to him; he pitched very well."

The Minutemen (12-9) scored the only run of the game in the eighth inning without the benefit of a hit.

Fritze, Bay Path's No. 9 hitter, got the inning started by reaching on an Auburn error. He moved to second on a passed ball by Auburn catcher Colin Fitzgerald during the at-bat of the next hitter, senior Dom Esposito. Fritze then went to third when Esposito grounded out to third base for the first out of the inning. Sophomore Erik Johnson was up next and Gowaski struck him out for the second out of the inning.

Gowaski then walked Shoemaker, giving the Minutemen runners on first and third with two out. Up next for Bay Path was Flanagan. During Flanagan's at-bat Fitzgerald had another passed ball, on which Fritze scampered home to give the Minutemen a 1-0 lead.

"Andrew was very alert on the play," Sansoucy said. Once he saw the ball go by the catcher he took off for home."

Auburn went 1-2-3 in the bottom of the eighth, the last two batters striking out.

The Rockets (14-7) had two very good opportunities to take a lead in the game's middle innings.

In the bottom of the fourth junior Mike Breen laced a leadoff single to

right field, Auburn's first hit of the game. The Rockets' next batter, junior Coleman Picard, was up next and Picard drove Brien's offering into the gap between left and center field.

Shoemaker was able to run down the ball for the first out of the inning. On the play Brien was off and running at the crack of the bat and was halfway between second and third when Shoemaker caught the ball. Shoemaker stopped and turned and threw to the cutoff man, who relayed the ball to first, where Brien was out by two steps.

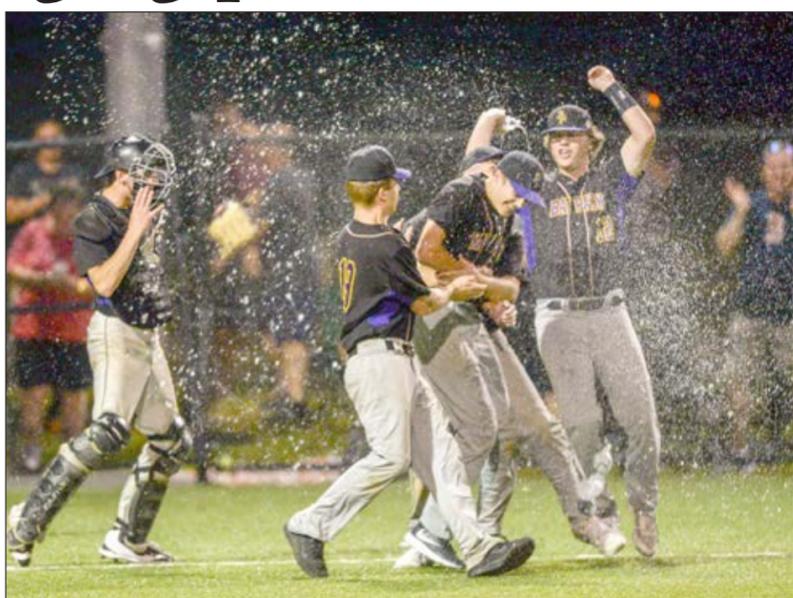
In the bottom of the fifth Fitzgerald led off with a single to left field. Evan Bond then attempted a sacrifice bunt, but popped the ball up. Brien was off the mound quickly and made a diving grab of the ball. He then got his to his knees and threw to first to double off Fitzgerald, who was sliding into second base at the same time Brien made the catch.

After the game, on the Bay Path side of the field at least, all the talk was of Brien's performance on the mound.

"I tried to keep the ball down and away, out of the strike zone," Brien said. "I tried not to leave anything up; those were pitches they could hit. I threw mostly my fastball and my slider."

Johnson said he knew in pregame warmups that Brien was ready to take the hard-hitting Rockets' lineup.

"From the get-go I could tell Dylan was on; his head was in the game," said Johnson, who thought the pitcher-friendly strike zone helped the Minutemen. "The strike zone was perfect for us. He [the home-plate umpire] gave us a lot to work with, but he was very consistent. He had the same strike zone for both teams."



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The Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team upended Auburn High, 1-0, in eight innings on Thursday, June 6 in the first round of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.

Bay Path succumbs in District quarterfinals to Millbury

MILLBURY — After a hard-fought and successful season, the Bay Path Regional varsity softball team played in its final game on Saturday, June 8 versus Millbury High in the quarter-final round of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. The second ranked Woolies struck for two runs in the bottom of the second inning and it was enough en route to a 5-0 victory over the 10th seeded Minutemen.

"We had a very good season. We were 11-9 and played a much harder schedule this year than past years; [because of it] we were better prepared today," said Bay Path head coach Rick Carrero. "We came out a little flat, but we hung in there."

The Minutemen finished 12-10 after winning their first round District contest over No. 7 St. Bernard's High, 3-1, back on Thursday, June 6.

Carrero praised his team for playing for their teammate, Trish King, who has been battling cancer.

"There were a lot of schools that did good things for her. The kids are constantly reminded of it, but they were a class act through it all," he said.

Carrero also wanted to thank recently graduated senior Katie Ryan for the way she helped build the program over the last three seasons.

"She's been the captain for three years," Carrero said of Ryan. "She took over this team in the Districts three years ago when we got our first win in like 20 years. She's been the heart and soul of the team. Our success that we've



Nick Ethier photo

Bay Path shortstop Kyleigh Sutherland makes a perfect throw over to first base to record an out versus Millbury.

had in turning around and getting us where we are could not have been done without her.

"I've never coached a more intense leader who's team-first completely. She is a tremendous team player, she's like a third coach," concluded Carrero.

— Nick Ethier

Nicholas St. Germain inducted into International Honor Society in Social Sciences

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College student Nicholas St. Germain of Spencer, a criminal justice and psychology double major in the class of 2020 has been inducted into the New Hampshire Beta chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, an international honor society for social sciences, for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Membership in Pi Gamma Mu is by invitation. Students must be in the top 35% of their class, have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher in a social science major, and have no academic failures.

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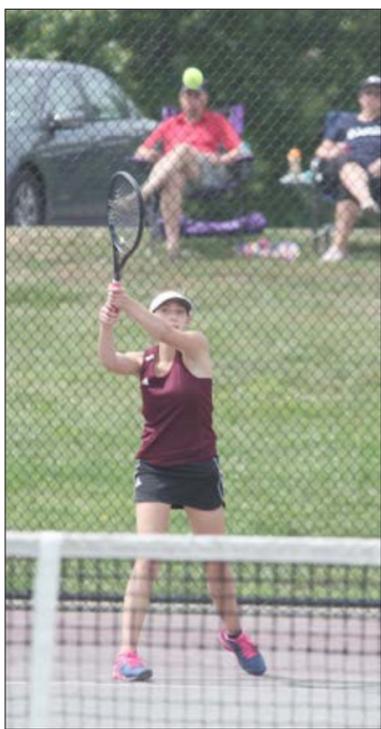
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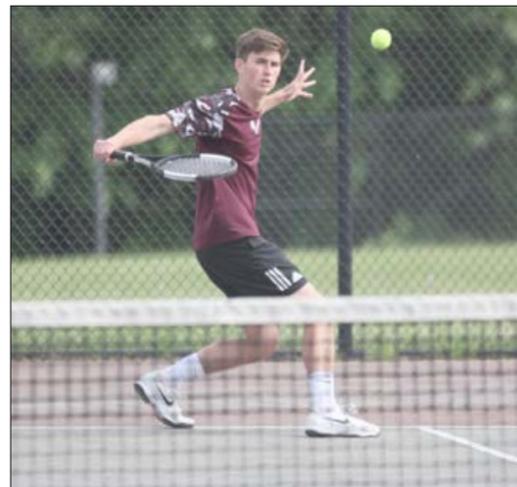
SPORTS

Cougars host tennis doubleheader before bowing out of Districts

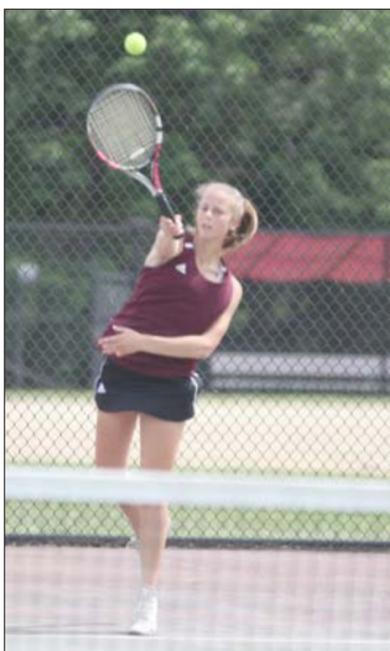


Nick Ethier photos

Quaboag No. 1 singles player Emma Aberle uses the backhand technique to send the ball back over the net.



Jack Luyrink of Quaboag watches as his backhanded shot sails toward his opponent's side in his No. 1 singles contest.



Emily Flourey, playing No. 2 singles for Quaboag, finishes off a serve.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WARREN — By virtue of completing undefeated regular seasons, the Quaboag Regional girls' and boys' tennis teams were granted the opportunity to host a playoff doubleheader in the semifinal round of their respective Central Mass. Division 3 Tournaments. And, although the end result wasn't what the Cougars had wanted — they both lost the matches played on Monday, June 10 — it was indeed a magical moment.

"I think that was just amazing for our school, to have two teams undefeated," said John O'Neill, head coach of the boys' team. "They're just supporting each other all the time. We're such a small school, but yet we can still produce those types of tennis programs."

Girls' head coach Norm St. Denis echoed O'Neill's sentiments.

"It's amazing to think about," said St. Denis. "Our teams are pretty close, we're friendly and always pulling for each other. It's pretty cool, no doubt."

In the first matchup of the afternoon, Quaboag took on the Advanced Math and Science Academy's (AMSA) girls' team, seeded fourth in the tournament. The Eagles ultimately prevailed, 4-1, but it didn't take away from the Cougars' season, which ended at 17-1.

"There were times when we could have played better today, but for the most part it was getting beat by a good team and that's the way it is," said St. Denis. "Very few people get a chance to win States, you're going to lose at some point, and this is where it happened for us."

"It was an exciting year and an awesome group of girls — I can't say enough about them as people and I'll have nothing but good things to think about when I look back on the season," added St. Denis while mentioning the undefeated regular season record while capturing the Southern Worcester County League championship.

Winning for the Eagles (15-4) were Kirstin Hailey over Emma Aberle at No. 1 singles (6-0, 6-0), Medha Shekhar over Emily Flourey at No. 2 singles (6-1, 6-0), Emiliee LaPointe over Alyssa Bettencourt at No. 3 singles (6-2, 6-0) and Ilvika Kallat/Sruthi Kurada over Isabelle Greenlaw/Abby Bouchard at No. 1 doubles (6-2, 6-3).

Once the match's outcome was official, the No.

2 doubles game went one pro set to eight points. There, Quaboag's Hannah D'Angelo and Jordan D'Angelo got the better of AMSA's Elena Cardoso/Anvi Gampa, 8-3, for the Cougars' point.

Part two of the doubleheader saw No. 5 Hopedale High improve to 15-3 after their 4-1 victory over the Cougars. Much like St. Denis, O'Neill was extremely thrilled with the season his team had.

"I'm very proud. Last year we went into the season having lost five of seven starters, we were hoping to just make the tournament," explained O'Neill, as the squad shot past its expectations and finished 14-4 in the regular season. "And then to come into this season with everybody back from last year we had high hopes, but certainly not 19-1 to finish. To compete with Hopedale, we did a great job."

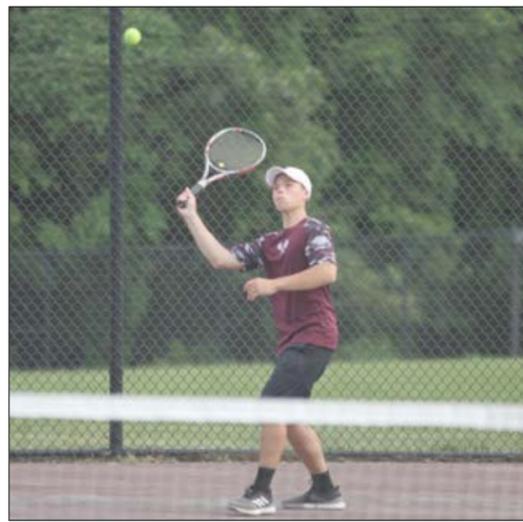
O'Neill mentioned that his top two singles players, Jack Luyrink and

Jack Sledziewski, both seniors, paved the way for Quaboag's successes.

"Jack and Jack, they're just phenomenal kids and phenomenal leaders," O'Neill said. "Everybody on our team is a sophomore or younger except for those two. They lead by example."

The Blue Raiders picked up their points from Jack Figgins over Luyrink in No. 1 singles (7-5, 6-2), Matt Costanza over Sledziewski in No. 2 singles (7-5, 6-2), Ben Tammamro over Dan Mazzarese in No. 3 singles (7-5, 6-3) and Griffin Nosek/Gabriel Terando over Brandon Allen/Derrick Shepherd in No. 2 doubles in one super pro set after the outcome of the match had already been decided, 10-1.

Quaboag's No. 1 doubles team of Evan Allen and Ethan Richards overcame losing the first set, 0-6, against Hopedale's Tyler Flynn and Jackson Tahmouh to rally for the point, 6-4, 6-3.



Quaboag's Jack Sledziewski waits for the ball to drop down so he can return it in his No. 2 singles matchup.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Annual golf tournament to benefit Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation

Join the Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation on Monday, Aug. 19 at Pleasant Valley Country Club for their 23rd annual golf tournament. The cost is \$150 per person, twosomes and singles are welcomed. There will be a hole-in-one contest, a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfers raffle. The event features 18 holes of golf on the PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, chipping area and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start with a Florida-style scramble. Early registration is at 8 a.m. and carts with big rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, a continental breakfast and snacks will be served. The dinner to follow is an executive buffet. For additional information and registration please call Golf Committee member Ken at (508) 277-5314 or Foundation Trustee Ted at (508) 764-7909. Deadline for payment is Aug. 9. Golfers who make the entire payment by July 29 will be placed into a raffle for a chance to win a gift certificate from the pro shop at Pleasant Valley.

Rodio records hole-in-one at Bay Path Golf Course

Wanda Rodio recorded the first ace of her career at Bay Path Golf Course on the 130-yard fifth hole, using a driver. Don Rodio, Rich Ford and Sue Ford attested the hole-in-one.

Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League Week 7 Results

First Place: Brian Flavin and Kris Houston, +7
Second Place: Bryan Benicaso and Jack Lacroix, +6
High Individual: Bryan Benicaso, +7
Closest to the Pin on Sixth Hole: Kris Houston

Quaboag Plantation Sprint Triathlon, Kids Triathlon set for 10th year

WEST BROOKFIELD — The Quaboag Plantation Sprint Triathlon and Kids Triathlon, which is in its 10th year, will be held on Sunday, July 7 at 8 a.m. at the West Brookfield Town Beach. Register online at www.RunSignUp.com.

The sprint triathlon, for ages 13 and up, consists of a quarter-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride, and a three-mile run. Check in time is from 6 until 7:15am; the race starts at 8. Entry fees are \$50 for individuals, \$75 for teams, and \$25 for students (ages 13-18). Sprint race entry fees increase by \$10 for race-day registration (the student rate does not increase). The Kids triathlon, for ages 4-13, consists of a 50-yard swim, half-mile bike ride, and a 300-yard run. The entry fee is \$15 per child. All participants will receive a finishers medal. Register by June 15 to receive a 10th Anniversary T-shirt/tank in your preferred size.

Proceeds benefit the Quaboag Plantation Triathlon scholarship fund, as well as community service organizations. Quaboag Regional High School students who participate in or volunteer for the triathlon are eligible to apply for the scholarship, which can be applied toward college, a technical certificate, or vocational program. Applications are available through the QRMHS Guidance Office.

In 2018, a total of 142 racers participated in the Sprint Triathlon and Kids Triathlon, ranging in age from 5 to 73 years old! The triathlon began 10 years ago when West Brookfield celebrated its 250th anniversary. Since then, the race has attracted participants from towns throughout New England. For more information and race updates, visit our Facebook page or www.RunSignUp.com.

Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club News and Notes

PGA Professional Larry Hanch will be conducting a three-day junior golf program. The days and times will be Sundays from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Mondays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Tuesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The dates are June 23-25, July 21-23 and Aug. 4-6. Class size will be a maximum of eight players. Instruction includes full swing, short

game and putting. On Tuesday holes will be played on the course. Bring sunblock, enthusiasm and humor. The fee is \$50 per player. For more details call (772) 633-8649.

Member Guest Tournament Results — June 2

First place gross (70): Glenn Moreau and John Tyck

Second place gross (71): Rick Lindsten and Mike Staiti

First place net (56): Chris Coderre and Justin

Second place net (56): Kris Bacon and Frank Benoit

Third place net (57): Dave Trudson, Sr. and Dave Trudson, Jr.

Fourth place net (57): Tom Cournoyer and Paul Cournoyer

Fifth place net (59): Irene Caruso and Linda Palmarino

Pit's Crew Results — June 3

First place: Tony Neggers, Jack Brigham, Al Petkus, Jeff Burl (-8)

Second place: Dave Bengsten, George Lawton, Pete Nagle, Ed Sutherland (-7)

Third place: Doug Kuzmeskus, Fran Foley, Steve O'Brien, Bob Blanchard (-5)

Oakham Fire Department Outing Results — June 8

First place (57): Mike Russ, George Miglianico, Jim Sabacinski

Second place (60): George Paradis, Bill Paradis, Joe, Bill Nichols

Hubbardston Rod and Gun Club Outing Results — June 9

First place (61): S. Bieksha, Skippy, D. Lindberg, B. McKay

Second place (62): The Team of Jos Horgan

Third place (63): K. Langelier, C. Barnacle, B. Burke, R. Jefferson

Tour of the Brookfields, Country Auto Tournament Results — June 9

Woods Division: Stan Nolin, Togo, Rick Gemme, Geo Fiske (62)

Mickelson Division: Chip Wetheral, Tom McCarthy, Jared Danitis, Dave Macomber (63)

Seniors to play golf at a discounted rate

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a single, come enjoy great golf and make new friends.

Our third golf day will take place on Thursday morning, July 25 when we will play at Green Hill Golf Course in Worcester. Our group discounted rate is \$39 for 18 holes of golf and cart. There will be prizes for the three closest to the pin shots on all the par-3 holes and a fun prized putting challenge. New are prizes for chipping in from off the green with a lofted club. Come have some fun and play a nice course that provides some great views of Worcester. To sign up, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at wscgolfclub@gmail.com. You can also view our complete schedule on Facebook at Worcester County Senior Golf Club.

Local 5K Race to benefit Bay State Equine Rescue set for July 7

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to take part in the seventh annual Run Like the Dickens 5K race on Sunday, July 7 at Old Sturbridge Village. The race is the year's principal fundraising event for Bay State Equine Rescue, an all-volunteer non-profit organization that rescues and rehabilitates abused, neglected and abandoned horses.

The course of the race offers participants a unique experience of Old Sturbridge Village, as it winds through the Village's picturesque roads and trails. This is the only public race through the Village.

Prizes will be awarded to the overall first-place male and female finishers, as well as to first-place male and female finishers in six age-based divisions. Entry fee for Run Like the Dickens is \$30 until July 1 and then \$40 from July 2 until race day.

Participants can register online and find more information on the race and on the Rescue's work at www.BayStateRescue.org. Bay State Equine Rescue is funded entirely by private donations and is staffed exclusively by volunteers. All proceeds from the Run Like the Dickens 5K will be applied to food, vet and farrier care for the 10 horses currently recovering and living as the SBER's facility on New Braintree Road in Oakham. Sue Sheridan, founder of BSER, says, "We depend on the public to keep us going. It's a lot of work trying to keep up with the bills. The race is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is very important to keep our work with the horses going."

SPORTS

Local Leicester racers post great times at Worcester Firefighters 6K

Back on June 2, a bevy of talented student runners hailing from Leicester took part in the Worcester Firefighters 6K Race. Camden Spring, who attends Assabet Valley, finished seventh overall and second in the 14-19 age group with a time of 20:47. Jason Fournier, of Leicester Middle, was 24th overall and the top finisher in the 13-under age group, posting a time of 22:54. Abby Bernabei, also of Leicester Middle, finished in 26:57 and had the second best time in the 14-19 age group while finishing as the 11th best female overall. And Leicester Middle's Destiny Rivas crossed the finish line in 46:06.

For Bernabei, her finish in the Firefighters 6K, as well as two finishes in previous races — the Celtic 5K and Jay Lyons 5K — led her to the Tour De Worcester Series title. Her combined time of 1:15:26.3 was merely four seconds faster than the second place finisher.



Courtesy photos
Leicester Middle School students Abby Bernabei and Jason Fournier were top finishers in the Worcester Firefighters 6K Race.



Camden Spring of Leicester, an Assabet Valley student, proudly displays his medal after completing the Worcester Firefighters 6K Race.

Tantasqua's Farland finds way to break 80 in Sectional golf qualifier

A 7-OVER PAR 79 LIFTS SOPHOMORE TO STATE TOURNAMENT

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Seeing as how the summer of 2017 leading up to her freshman year of high school was the first time Grace Farland picked up a set of golf clubs with serious intentions of learning to play the game, it could be deemed amazing what she has already accomplished.

First, Farland made the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity golf team in the fall of her freshman year and did so again in her current sophomore season. Then, this spring, she decided to ditch playing girls' lacrosse to focus more on golf. As a result, she played in the North/Central/West Sectional qualifier tournament at the Country Club of Greenfield on Tuesday, May 28.

Not only did the 16-year-old Farland play the course, but she played it well.

Facing a windy and rainy back nine, Farland birdied the 11th and 12th holes en route to carding a 7-over par 79, good for a solo seventh place finish in the tournament featuring 72 competitors.

"I was pleased with my play. I thought I grinded it out for sure," said Farland via telephone on Wednesday, May 29. "It was a rough start and the rain came on the last five holes. I was proud of myself."

It was Farland's first time breaking 80 in her new and promising career. The top 18 players (and ties) earned the opportunity to join the top qualifiers from the South Sectional to play in the State Tournament.

"I had hoped to get to States, but my first goal was to try my best and strive to be the best I could," Farland said.

Farland began the shotgun start in the Sectional tournament on the 18th hole. And her tee shot barely got in the air. She finished the hole with a triple bogey, but she didn't let it deter her.

"There definitely were a little nerves. It was my first tournament playing with other girls," said Farland before offering some candid thoughts that went through her head. "I'm not playing them, I'm playing the course. I like to think shot by shot."

Grace's mother, Liz, was on hand in Greenfield, and she had similar thoughts as her daughter.

"She hit the first tee shot 10 feet. She was nervous. But she never got irritated — she kept going shot by shot," said Liz in a separate phone interview.

Liz Farland called the 11th hole, Grace's 12th of the day, the "turning point." There, Grace went pin seeking on the 160-yard par-3 with a 6-iron. Her shot landed about two feet from the hole and she tapped the ball in for her first birdie.

"I like to whisper to myself, 'see it, believe it and do it,'" Grace said as a sort of self-motivator.

On the next hole, the par-5 12th, Grace pulled out her 7-wood. That was because on Friday, May 24, when Grace and Liz played a practice round at Greenfield together, driver was too much club. But Grace ended up hitting her 7-wood "too good" and it went just as far as her normal driver and onto a downslope.

Undeterred, Grace went for the green in two but ended up just short and her

ball rolled into a hazard with some heavy rough. She was able to gouge her sand wedge into the rough, though, and the ball popped up onto the green, mere inches from the hole. She tapped in for another birdie.

"It was a really fun day from start to end," Liz Farland said of watching her daughter play.

Liz noted that Grace asked her to make a pit stop at Heritage Country Club in Charlton on their way to Greenfield so she could hit the driving range.

Liz obliged, and clearly Grace has been hit by the "golf bug." She was practicing the very next day at Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge, where she is a member, before the phone interview.

"She's been putting a lot of time and effort in," said Liz, who, along with her husband, Greg, are the club pros at Marlborough Country Club.

Most may be surprised that Grace hadn't started golfing until two years ago, but she finally decided to take the game up, and it appears to have worked out for the better.

"I love sports and I thought I had the tools right in front of me, so I gave it a shot," Grace explained. "My mom helped me with my swing and I fell in love with it."

Farland then competed in the State Tournament at Pleasant Valley Country



Courtesy photo

Tantasqua Regional sophomore Grace Farland shot a 7-over par 79 at the Country Club of Greenfield in the North/Central/West Sectional qualifier tournament, good for seventh place (among 72 participants) and a spot at States. There, she tied for 17th.

Club in Sutton on Monday, June 3. There, she shot a 18-over par 86, which was good for a tie for 17th place. There were 64 golfers in the tournament.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Abby Bernabei

The 14-year-old Leicester Middle School student was recently crowned the Tour De Worcester Series champion in the female division after her combined times in the Guinness Celtic 5K, Jay Lyons Memorial Road Race and Worcester Firefighters 6K was tops among the 57 contestants. Bernabei completed the races in 1:15:26.3, just four seconds faster than second place's Heidi Daniels.

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SPORTS

Pirates push past Quaboag in playoff opener, then drop heartbreaker to Assabet

OXFORD — When the Central Mass. Division 3 softball brackets were unveiled on Tuesday, June 4, a pair of Southern Worcester County League schools were paired up together for a first round matchup.

That matchup, which took place on Thursday, June 6, featured No. 12 Quaboag Regional traveling to No. 5 Oxford High. There, the host Pirates took care of business, 18-0, to advance to the tournament quarterfinals. The Cougars finished with a record of 6-13.

Oxford then traveled to No. 4 Assabet Valley on Saturday, June 8 for the quarterfinal round tilt. The Pirates led late, 4-1, but the Aztecs scored four unanswered runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to prevail in walk-off fashion, 5-4. Oxford's final record wound up being 14-8.



Jason McKay photos

Quaboag's Kim Fish swings away at an Oxford offering.



Carly Duff of Quaboag squeezes the glove for a catch.



Quaboag's Hannah Dumas throws the ball back to the infield.



Liz Gibeault of Quaboag winds up and delivers a pitch to an Oxford batter

POSTSEASON SCOREBOARD

All results through Sunday, June 9 Saturday, June 8

Central Mass. Division 2 Softball First Round

(3) Leicester 5, (14) Ayer-Shirley 0 — The Wolverines advanced to the District quarterfinals, to be played after press time.

Thursday, June 6 Central Mass. Division 4 Baseball First Round

(9) Leicester 4, (8) Lunenburg 1 — Much like their softball counterparts, the Wolverines made it to the District quarterfinals, which was played after press time.

(7) Tahanto 2, (10) Quaboag 1 — The Cougars lost a tight pitchers' duel to finish the season with a record of 10-9.

Central/Western Mass. Division 2 Boys' Lacrosse Quarterfinals

(3) Minnechaug 10, (6) Tantasqua 8 — The Warriors nearly pulled off the upset, but wound up with a final record of 13-6.

Wednesday, June 5 Central Mass. Division 3 Boys' Tennis Quarterfinals

(1) Quaboag 5, (8) Leicester 0 — The top-seeded Cougars moved on, while the Wolverines finished 12-5. Leicester advanced to the quarterfinals by edging No. 9 Tyngsborough High, 3-2, in first-round play on Monday, June 3.

Tuesday, June 4 Central Mass. Division 3 Girls' Tennis Quarterfinals

(1) Quaboag 3, (9) Bartlett 2 — Winners were Emma Aberle (No. 1 singles), Emily Floury (No. 2 singles) and Isabelle Greenlaw/Abby Bouchard (No. 1 doubles), as the Cougars made it to the District semifinals.

Monday, June 3 Central Mass. Division 1 Boys' Tennis Quarterfinals

(3) Marlborough 5, (6) Tantasqua 0 — Despite the efforts of Wade Woolley (No. 1 singles), Ryan Shanahan (No. 2 singles), Tim Taudel (No. 3 singles), Luke Hall/Cody Miarecki (No. 1 doubles) and Eli Currier/Troy Reed (No. 2 doubles), the Warriors ended their season with a loss and a record of 7-12.

Local residents inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at Becker College

WORCESTER — Becker College recognized the following local residents who were inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society. Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that celebrates academic excellence during a student's first year in college. Once a member of this prestigious honor society, the student will have the opportunity to build positive relationships with peers and faculty, give back to the community through volunteerism and service, and have access to numerous scholarship opportunities.

Daniel Para, of West Brookfield, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, Homeland Security Concentration.

Brian Sarmiento, of Spencer, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Computer Science.

Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,800 students from the United States and around the world live and learn on the College's Worcester and Leicester campuses. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a "Best College" for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

Local students receive degrees from Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — The following students received degrees from Quinnipiac University during ceremonies held in May:

East Brookfield: Sydney Barnes, Master of Occupational Therapy
Spencer: Cierra Ryan, Bachelor of Science, Health Science Studies

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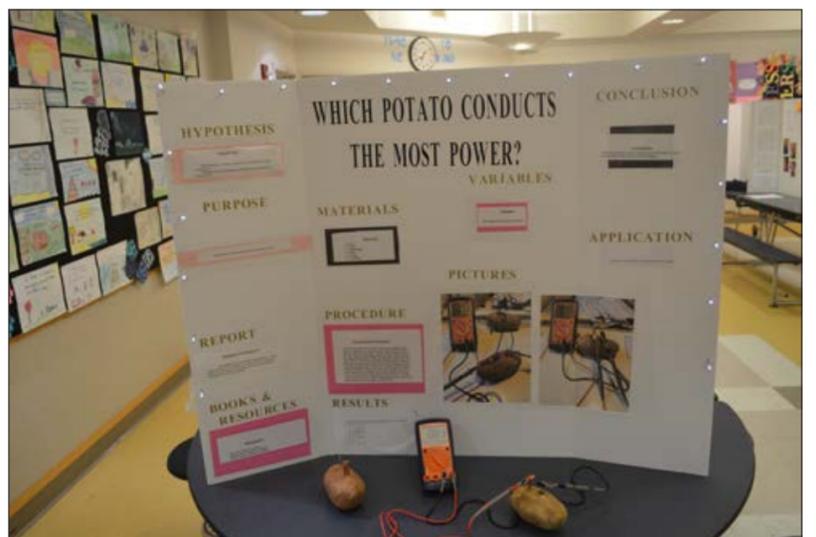
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After months of hard work, East Brookfield Elementary School students displayed their projects during the school's annual science fair.

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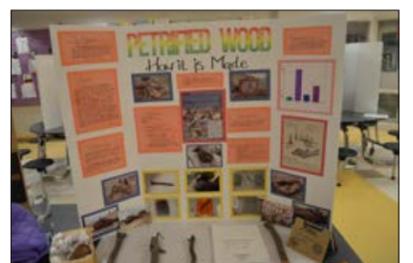
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first place honors to Dylan Cormier. Second and third place honors went to Cole Pattee and Mollie DeSimone, respectively.

For the teachers who facilitate the process each year, the collection of posters continues to impress.

"This is one of the best years we've seen in terms of excellent research," said fifth grade teacher Lisa St. George. Students spent upwards of four months working on their projects. A few of the posters were even adorned with lights and other accessories.

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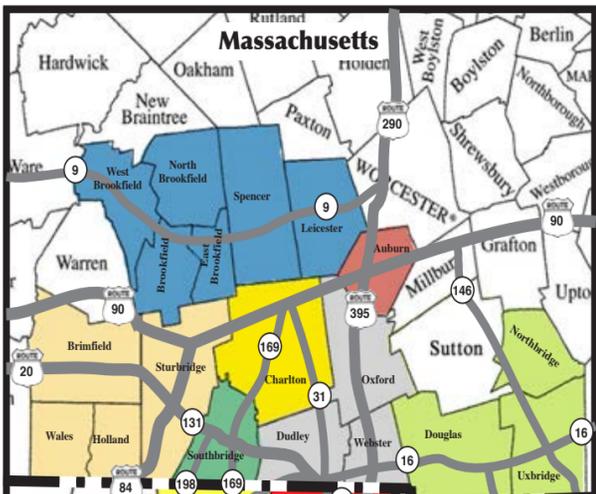
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who here does and doesn't promote and defend American democracy?

To the Editor:

Last month, President Trump repeatedly endorsed the murderous North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un's ridiculing of former Vice President and six times elected Senator Joseph Biden.

Earlier Trump, on numerous occasions, said he believed and trusted the murderous Russian Dictator Putin more than our intelligence agencies, especially since Putin "very strongly" denied that Russia did not interfere in the 2016 American elections. The Mueller Report shows, in great detail, that the Russians did interfere.

What Trump has done ranks as dangerous and not normal.

In my seven-plus decades, before Trump I do not remember any President, Republican or Democrat, who mocked and agreed with the criticisms of enemy dictators about our Vice Presidents, or our esteemed intelligence agencies.

Such statements stand as unpatriotic.

Worse still, they encourage dictators, to and influence our 2020 and beyond elections.

Then on D Day, with, as background, the gravestones of those who died freeing the world from Hitle Trump, insulted Robert Mueller, a true patriot

and decorated Viet Nam war veteran, Robert Mueller. Not content with that, he proceeded on the same foreign soil, to similarly insult the also present Nancy Pelosi, the highest ranking member of the Democratic Party, House Speaker, and 30 year elected member of Congress.

In contrast, I suggest; reading and listening to the same day French President Macron's speech by opening the tab below, or by using Google and/or

doing the same to listen to our President Eisenhower's (and Allied Commander of the D-Day invasion) 1954 -10th anniversary – short speech.

Than ask yourself two questions about Trump, Macron, and Eisenhower.

Which ones would you call presidential and patriotic?

Which ones do you think better understands the world and the necessary place of America in it?

By way of explanation, the top half of this letter was originally included in last week's letter. However, with no complaints from me, the editor decided to publish it as a separate letter this week. This provided some needed (always) editing and the opportunity to include the "D-Day" paragraphs.

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

The table pounding

To the Editor:

Just as I was sitting down to write my table pounding of the week about Trump's dangerous conflation of trade/economic policy with other diplomacy...poof...never-mind. "Deal" reached. Trump is taking a victory lap.

This president attacks problems in a very personal, high risk, and untraditional manner. Trump is hardest on the countries with which we have the most important relationships – think Canada, Mexico, China, and the EU – while he cozies up with the likes of Russia and North Korea. For the first time, we are seeing a little bit of resistance, a little bit of vertebrae on the part of Republicans. Retaliatory trade action is hurting the farm states. Tariffs are taxes on American consumers and American businesses. Even Ted Cruz, who is vocal in his hate for people like himself (Hispanic, born outside of America), decried the tariffs as being detrimental to Texas' economy.

We are destroying our relationship with Mexico by holding them hostage for their lunch money. Our diplomatic ties had been improving for 30 years under administrations from both parties. This was a bipartisan achievement. Mexico is (was) an ally. The relations are getting distant and icy. We are stoking anti-American resentment just a line in the sand away, which is not helpful to our security. Trump wants to be reckless; sometimes his aides stop him, and sometimes they can't.

There is a lot of volatility in all of this. Trump has a tropism for tariffs. It is one of the few issues he's had deep convictions his entire life. It's hard to tell if he thinks this is a means or an end. If it's an end, we are in real trouble because tariffs are taxes – taxes on poor people, taxes on Walmart goods. It would hurt the economy.

The new (threatened) tariffs against Mexico, the rescinded Iran deal, the cancellation of NAFTA, and the fraying of NATO and EU alliances generations old signal that the United States is no longer a reliable negotiating partner. The aftershocks of the

Trump presidency will reverberate long after he is gone.

But alas, deal reached, "victory." Trump diffused the crisis he created.

Mueller laid out a number of impeachable offenses, such as obstruction of justice, and declined to give an opinion because it is up to congress. Trump will probably be impeached, the likelihood of him being removed from office is about zero because the elephant party, the party of Trump, will rally behind him seemingly no matter what. I think he really could shoot somebody on Fifth Avenue and not lose significant support. If that shot person is a brown person I think his popularity might increase.

Trump being thrown out of office in 2020 is not a sure bet either. The Democrats are assembling their circular firing squad, Joe Biden is getting taken down with the Hyde Amendment flip-flop. The Democrats' anger and demand for ideological purity is making any veteran politician unacceptable and forcing their eventual nominee to adopt activist positions which won't sell well in middle America. We have done nothing approachable to prevent the Russians from interfering in 2020, they are gearing up their propaganda machine right now. We have allowed Fox News to become fully mature in their role as Republican party mouthpiece whereas the Democrats don't have an equivalent (though they have tried).

Finally, Donald Trump in the backdrop of tombstones on the anniversary of D-Day gave an interview with Fox News where he attacked Pelosi and Mueller in petty terms. It wasn't just what he said, but where and when. It was just another window into the bonfire of anger, resentment, and grievances that is Donald Trump. What an embarrassment.

The facts are on my side, so I pound the facts. The law is on my side, so I pound the law. Why am I pounding the table? Because the deplorables of America don't care about the first two.

DAVID ROSENBERG
SPENCER

We must follow God

To the Editor:

I want to thank the New Leader especially for having the courage to publish Dana George Reed's politically incorrect truths and analysis of "The Pink Swastika." I also thank Mr. Reed for enlightening us all on the inconvenient (to godless liberals) historical truths about the homosexual roots of the Nazi reign of terror. It is important for all to understand the evils of homosexuality and the danger homosexuals themselves poise. Furthermore, we must understand that the "allies" that while ostensibly living biblical lives are actually just as guilty for turning the other way in the face of evil or even marching in support of evil in parades and whatnot. We all have been given the responsibility to spread God's message.

One of the big lies we have been told for the last 70 years is that the evil of the Nazis is actually because of extreme nationalist and racist ideology. This couldn't be further from the truth - the Nazis were so bad because of the deviants who were a major influence in the movement. The Nazis were so bad because suppressed God and the bible. We must also not forget that a major source of instability was the millions in Europe who rejected Jesus. This point is important.

We are doomed to repeat history if we do not learn from it. The lesson is that we need to strengthen our Christian roots. We need to live biblically. We need to create an environment where our neighbors feel no option but to live biblically. We need to spread the good word. We need to not accept anti-Jesus behavior or even thought. In order to have a free country we must bring everybody into the bosom of Jesus.

We embrace, teach in our schools, and codify in our laws Christian values. We need to investigate those who reject Jesus for subversive activities. We can make our country great again!

Donald Trump is our President, and he has been ordained by God to save the unborn. He is doing this using the mechanisms of government he has inherited, namely the Supreme Court. God willing, Alabama's complete and total ban on abortion will be upheld by Trump's judges. God will allow us to replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg sooner rather than later and then God's lock on the court will be cemented. What happens to justices who violate God's law after they are no longer on the court? Eternal damnation.

Trump is a gift from God. Despite the witch hunt, he had nothing to do with Russia helping him get elected. Trump is answering our prayers and seems like he is the human embodiment of the second coming of Christ, brought to us by the Archangel Vladimir.

We must resist the recent leftist swing towards extremism. Regulating morality is the number one purpose of government, and some writers into this publication have suggested moves to make our country less moral. We must move to make it more moral!

The lost will be judged on whether they have accepted or rejected Jesus Christ; whether they have come into the light or have remained in darkness.

Amen.

CHRIS DUBOIS
SPENCER

We are responsible for our own salvation

To the Editor:

Like most subscribers to the New Leader, I read the letters to the editor. It can be highly entertaining. The progressives launch a volley, and you can be assured that the next week will be full of outraged conservative responses. I will grant you, while the progressives write better, reason better, are more focused and more steeped in reality, as it is commonly understood, their letters are frequently pedantic and, let's face it, boring.

But this cannot be said of the conservatives. Their letters are generally a series of unfocused Fox News talking points with a little Rush Limbaugh added for flavor. However, I am grateful that I have learned what a Pink Nazi is, and that none of the conservatives who contribute letters have the slightest idea what they are talking about or for that matter, how the world truly functions. After all, who needs facts when you have your anger to keep you warm at night? I have learned that at least one responder is excessively fond of himself, even to the extent of narcissism, and has lived a long time. This one has a conservative bent but that is soon lost in a morass of self-aggrandizing anecdotes and non-specific paranoid rants which fail to illustrate a point and eventually descend to mere self-indulgent ramblings.

Then there are the religious responders. I have learned from them that they have an excessively simplistic view of theology owing to the fact that they limit their focus to one tradition and cannot view scripture in any capacity other than literally. The great depths of wisdom to be found in scripture (Christian, Jewish, the Bhagavad Gita, the various yogic traditions, Buddhism, Tao, Kahuna, Islam, Zoroastrianism and many others) is beyond them. They are the theological equivalent of a dead fish floating belly up in a sea of spiritual possibility.

But I digress. The common thread from all contributors is that the world is a mess. This is hard to disagree with. What differentiates each faction is who they have determined is

to blame. I am afraid I have to side with the progressives here in that the Donald is clearly the most morally bankrupt, the most arrogant, the most ignorant and the most incompetent president of my life time. But I disagree with them that he is to blame for the mess. The Donald is merely an ego-centric opportunist and a con artist. He is living in the world as he found it and has no real desire to change it.

We exist in a cause and effect reality. This can only be altered by the application of creative intelligence. Nothing in this world happens without a cause, nothing can mitigate an effect other than action through directed thought. What does this mean? It means that each instance of reality is the result of the cumulative thoughts, decisions and actions of that which has gone before, even to the beginning of time itself. This can all function on autopilot where there is no creative thought as a variable, or it can be directed toward any specific end as the result of thoughtful intervention.

This leads to my final thoughts on this subject. If we want a different reality, we are going to have to create it for ourselves. A deity cannot do it for us, for this is not how our reality works. A deity cannot save us, for we are responsible for our own salvation.

If you want a kinder, gentler world (and who doesn't?), then begin by becoming kinder and gentler yourself. If you want affordable health care or a more balanced distribution of wealth then find candidates in the political arena who share your views. If they fail to deliver, vote them out and keep at it until you find politicians willing to remain true to their word. If you feel that this is hopeless and that you cannot influence the world around you, then strengthen your mind, learn how to concentrate and how to direct your thoughts towards an end. You will find whole new possibilities opening before you, individually, collectively and universally. You will find that reality is plastic and easily molded into desirable forms.

ROBERT EMERSON
SPENCER

Living in the present with your family

As a young entrepreneur and CEO, I found myself planning for and living my life inside my head, as I worked to anticipate and capitalize on the future. Success in life requires all of us to plan and look forward. However, my problem as a young man and business leader was my reluctance to leave the office and the future behind, as I would arrive at home to live in the present. I was always looking ahead and planning for success to come, and in the process, I missed out on too many of life's impromptu and cherished moments.

I feel fortunate. I do not have many regrets, but I do regret the vast amount of time I spent away ... even when I was home.

I'm not alone.

I hear it from others. We seem to arrive at a point in our lives where we understand what we have missed, and why. With that realization often comes a commitment to do better, and that's good ... but we can never retrieve lost time. The family events, recitals, games and other happenings can never be revisited. I didn't miss much. My body was present, but my mind was absent. I was often

physically with my family and mentally at work. It is a common problem with breadwinners and is compounded by the two career households.

Our children and mates need us mentally and emotionally present. Most of us know what to do to live a life in the now, but it's not that simple. Career pressures, financial demands and professional goals, pull and tug us away from home and family. We just must make the conscious decision to be present.

I remember having this conversation with Arlene at a swim meet. I was there in the bleachers physically present but taking calls on my mobile phone. We were driving home, and she said, "Why don't you just stay at work next time? You really aren't here."

"What do you mean?" I responded. "The kids need me here!"

She shrugged. "I agree, so why not be here next time and not on your phone?"

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I acted offended but knew she was right. Later that night, I confessed that I needed her help. I asked her to remind me as I start drifting away and she said, "Okay, then leave your mobile phone and laptop in your car."

It was always a struggle. I was tugged in every direction, but I began working hard to be mentally where I was physically, and I became a happier guy.

Today's professional demands are tough.

Young professionals travel for work today more than any other time in history. Competition is tough and career performance is essential to success. However, the same is true for having a successful marriage and raising happy, successful children.

When we make the decision to marry, that is an incredible commitment that is more important than your career. When you bring a child into the world, compound that commitment by ten. Your

family needs you present.

Ask a teacher which kids have enough parent time and involvement and they will tell you. The kids without that close parental connection act out in negative ways in response to what they are missing at home. Your children and your significant other need and deserve your time and attention. Kids equate love with time. Make sure they understand and feel that love from you.

So, what now? Breathe.

I have found that by taking a moment to focus on my breathing, it brings me to my most basic function and helps me clear my mind. Once breathing has my attention, I look around, fully realize where I am and change my focus to remaining there.

The adage that says, "On their death bed, no one wishes they spent more time at work." Always be the best you can be in your career ... but make the same effort with your family.

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Local residents named to Becker College Dean's List

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

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

Sarah Goguen, of Brookfield, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, Mental Health Counseling Concentration.

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

Daniel Jackson, of Rochdale, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Marketing Concentration.

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

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Kostandina Witham, of Leicester, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Science, Criminalistics Concentration.

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Patrick Whalen named to Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University

CONWAY, S.C. — More than 2,000 Coastal Carolina University students were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester. That's nearly 20 percent of the student body with a grade point average between 3.5-3.99 for the spring semester.

Of the dean's list recipients, 616 are freshmen, 444 are sophomores, 477 are juniors and 522 are seniors. An additional 774 students were named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 GPA during the spring semester.

Among the students earning recognition on the Dean's List was Patrick R. Whalen, a Marketing major from Leicester.

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

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

L e i c e s t e r
Kailiyah Martinez, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science
Shelby Miller, College of Arts and Sciences, a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology

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

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Lasell College honors Class of 2019 at 165th Commencement Ceremony

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Jacqueline Letendre of Brookfield graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology.

Connor O'Brien of Leicester graduated Cum Laude with a BA in Communication.

More information on Lasell College Commencement can be found at <https://www.lasell.edu/discover-lasell/news/commencement-2019-recap.html>.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

Local students make dean's list at Connecticut College

NEW LONDON, Conn. — The following students have been named to the dean's list for the 2019 spring semester.

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Local students named to Curry College Dean's List

MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester.

Amanda Balicki of West Brookfield
Sydney Bolivar of Leicester
Madison Catino of Spencer
Maddie Gosselin of Spencer
Lilly Thacker of North Brookfield

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester.

A b o u t C u r r y C o l l e g e
Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass. Curry offers 27 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of approximately 3,000 students. The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, and over 1,000 continuing education and graduate students. Approximately 75% of its students reside on the Curry campus. The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice, and education. The College offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 14 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre program. Visit us on the web at www.curry.edu

Victoria Monette graduates from University of Mississippi

UNIVERSITY, Miss. — Victoria Monette, of Spencer graduated with a Master of Science from the University of Mississippi on May 11 at the university's 166th Commencement.

Monette was among more than 5,500 students who received degrees as December, May and August graduates.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business. With more than 23,000 students, Ole Miss is the state's largest university and is ranked among the nation's fastest-growing institutions. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action.

Roger Williams University announces Spring 2019 Dean's List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who

complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

The following local students have been named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I.:

Amelia Ashworth, of Brookfield
Nathan Barley, of West Brookfield
Andrew Carlson, of Leicester

A b o u t R W U
With campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I., Roger Williams University is a forward-thinking private university com-

mitted to strengthening society through engaged teaching and learning. At RWU, small classes, direct access to faculty and guaranteed opportunity for real-world projects ensure that its nearly 4,000 undergraduates - along with hundreds of law students, graduate students and adult learners - graduate with the ability to think critically along with the practical skills that today's employers demand. Roger Williams is leading the way in American higher education, confronting the most pressing issues facing students and families - increasing costs, rising debt and job readiness.

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Members of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office were also on hand to support the cause and assist athletes in their command unit.

For East Brookfield Elementary School Principal Ron Tomlin, who helped organize the event, it meant a lot to bring together the entire district.

"This is the first time I can remember students and staff from all schools taking part in an event of this size," Tomlin told guests. "I want to thank everyone who volunteered to make this event run smoothly."

Several activities were held throughout the day for athletes, taking place not only on the DPHS athletic fields but also in the school. Many students who never previously got the opportunity to play on teams were able to enjoy the thrill of competition.

NELSON

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is a trusted member of the leadership team and she will be missed."

Among several other achievements, Nelson is credited with playing a major role in the following accomplishments at LMS:

Last year, the New England League of Middle Schools named Leicester Middle School a Spotlight School. The organization stated, "LMS was selected because of its ability to create an excellent learning environment for young adolescents and its consistent observance of middle school best practices."



The torch relay begins in front of a large crowd.

School officials thank all organizers and volunteers who took the time to help bring the event from idea to reality. Student musicians and band members also got involved by leading performances to augment the opening ceremony.

"Unified Olympics is a day filled with success for our young people due to the

outstanding support and volunteerism of so many community leaders, department heads, and even our Worcester County Sheriff's Office with the donation of the local command unit," Haughey said. "Finally, I would like to thank all of our school department personnel who made sure that the Unified Olympics here within the SEBRSD was filled with joy."

LMS successfully launched Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a program that allows all middle school students to take STEM courses every year. Because 100 percent of its students are enrolled in STEM classes, LMS received a Gateway School Award from PLTW, in collaboration with Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the Mass STEM Hub. LMS is one of only two schools in the Commonwealth to receive this award.

Nelson and her staff implemented Engaging Schools, a program that helps schools develop a systematic, positive approach to school discipline while strengthening teacher effectiveness in the classroom.

Over the past four years,

Throughout the region, the Special Olympics has played an integral role in expanding programming for students of all abilities. With the establishment of Unified sports, schools are able to bring together students with and without disabilities on the same teams.

The number of local Unified teams continues to expand, with several schools competing across multiple sports. Auburn and Leicester are also heavily involved in Unified activities and serve as Special Olympics hosts. For Spencer-East Brookfield, the new tradition will be an important foundation for future success.

"The smiles on the students' faces throughout the entire day spoke volumes," Haughey told the New Leader. "I want to thank everyone in Spencer and East Brookfield for supporting us in our work together to make Unified Olympics not only a reality, but a major success for our students."

many of the same approaches will always yield success.

"Although I've seen great changes in education from 1980-2019, the simple premise of building strong relationships with students, community, and staff is still the most important element," Nelson added.

Nelson resides in Spencer with her husband, Glenn Nelson. They have four children and one grandson. Upon retirement, Nelson plans to do volunteer work and consulting, perhaps mentoring new administrators or supervising student teachers.

She also plans to spend plenty of time in Michigan with her grandson, Benson.

Several facets of public education have changed significantly since Nelson accepted her first teaching job, but she has found that

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Log

Wednesday, May 22

12:10-12:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:43 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), Jennifer E. Russell, 34, 24 Chestnut Street, Spencer, unlicensed operation, arrest; 1:27-1:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:44 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 1:45 a.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), spoken to; 2:17 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:59-3:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:42 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:51 a.m.: animal complaint (Tom Casey Road), chased by 2 foxes; 7:10 a.m.: trespass real property (Main Street), no trespass notice rec'd; 7:53 a.m.: medical/general (Adams Street); 8:00 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose cows; 10:27 a.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), raccoon in garage; 11:21 a.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 11:28 a.m.: mv stop (Irving Street); 11:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), spoken to; 11:44 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 12:12 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 12:36 p.m.: mv stop (Irving Street); 2:03 p.m.: 209A service (Church Street); 2:05 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 2:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Norcross Road), bear in area; 2:53 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:18 p.m.: medical/general (Cooney Road); 4:41 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:36 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 5:45 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 5:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), chased by neighbor's dog; 6:15 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 6:25 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 7:30 p.m.: residential fire (Bixby Road), services rendered; 7:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), lift assist; 7:54 p.m.: 209A service (Main Street); 8:05 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 9:32 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), domestic dispute; 9:56 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 10:13 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose cows; 10:33 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), spoken to.

Thursday, May 23

1:19-1:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:57 a.m.: suspicious mv (Greenville Street), spoken to; 2:05-3:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:04 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 7:42 a.m.: mv stop (Irving Street); 8:01 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street), lift assist; 8:42 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 8:42 a.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), bear on property; 9:29 a.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), S/S scam call; 9:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), welfare check; 10:06 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:48 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), unruly customer; 10:52 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 10:55 a.m.: mv repossession (Buteau Road), assisted; 11:08 a.m.: 209A service (Main Street); 11:53 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), crosswalk lights malfunctioning; 12:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), services rendered; 12:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Terkanian Drive), spoken to; 12:50 p.m.: suspicious persons (Park Street), spoken to; 2:03 p.m.: parking complaint (Lake Whittemore Drive), spoken to; 2:13 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 2:22 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 3:07 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:14 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 4:32 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:30 p.m.: animal complaint (Temple Street), injured bird; 5:36 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 6:57 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:04 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:34 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 9:37 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:46-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), spoken to; 11:58 p.m.: building checked, secure.

Friday, May 24

12:15-1:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:26 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 1:40 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), spoken to; 2:04 a.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), residential lockout; 6:19 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 9:08 a.m.: building checked, secure; 9:14 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 9:37 a.m.: citizen complaint (Northwest Road), spoken to; 10:27 a.m.: medical/general (Cranberry Meadow Lane); 10:48 a.m.: 209A service (Mechanic Street); 11:16 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 11:36 a.m.: animal complaint (North Brookfield Road), spoken to; 3:02 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:03 p.m.: parking complaint (Wall Street), services rendered; 3:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street),

c/o online harassment; 4:20 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 5:10 p.m.: mv stop (Smithville Road); 6:35 p.m.: DPW call (Hastings Road), stop sign down; 7:35 p.m.: vandalism (Grove Street), mv keyed; 7:36 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Grove Street), misdial; 8:01 p.m.: citizen complaint (Wall Street), spoken to; 8:24 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:47 p.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 9:09 p.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 9:32-9:36 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:46 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 10:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:28-11:40 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:41 p.m.: mv stop (Ash Street).

Saturday, May 25

12:02-12:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 1:22 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:51-1:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:08 a.m.: residential fire (Paxton Road), services rendered; 6:42 a.m.: fraud (Mechanic Street), S/S scam call; 8:16 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 9:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Howe Road), loose dog; 9:26 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), tenant issues; 9:43 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), custody swap; 10:38 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 11:25 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 1:30 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Bacon Hill Road), loose dog; 3:03 p.m.: residential alarm (Clark Road), services rendered; 3:57 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 4:12 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lamb Grove), accidental; 4:31 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 4:52 p.m.: RV complaint (Park Street), spoken to; 5:39 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 6:14 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 6:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 7:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 7:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Lake Street), bear in area; 8:32 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (McCormick Road), accidental; 8:59 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Street), Evan W. S. O'Neill, 30, 1 Main Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 9:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Treadwell Drive), female hit by male; 9:20 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 9:28 p.m.: disturbance (Browning Pond Road), noise complaint; 9:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Road), poss. injured/dead dog; 9:59 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 10:02 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose dog; 11:24-11:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Sunday, May 26

12:03-12:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:59-1:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:39 a.m.: mv stop (Browning Pond Road); 1:45-2:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:12 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 6:28 a.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Cross Road); 8:05 a.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 9:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:23 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 10:13 a.m.: suspicious mv (Lyford Cross Road), spoken to; 10:19 a.m.: medical/general (North Street); 10:46 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 11:49 a.m.: juvenile matter (High Street), spoken to; 11:51 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), custody issue; 12:54 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 1:16 p.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), no contact; 2:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), loose dog; 2:34 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:52 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 4:09 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), custody swap; 4:34 p.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 4:39 p.m.: disturbance (Borkum Road), neighbor dispute; 5:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Irving Street), req. for assistance; 5:13 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:32 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Shore Drive), services rendered; 5:49 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; 7:12 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), domestic dispute; 7:19 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 8:07 p.m.: juvenile matter (Park Street), poss. attempted arson; 8:25 p.m.: medical/general (North Brookfield Road); 8:58 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:09 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 9:16 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), property damaged; 11:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), escort request; 11:41 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:45 p.m.: disturbance (Donnelly Cross Road), noise complaint; 11:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), fireworks complaint.

Monday, May 27

12:19-1:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:13 a.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), unwanted party; 3:27 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:30 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:10 a.m.: animal complaint

(Clark Road), loose dog; 11:02 a.m.: 209A service (Smithville Road); 11:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Thompson Pond Road), injured raccoon; 11:33 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street), lift assist; 12:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), roommate issue; 12:25 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 12:34 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog locked in car; 12:34 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), aggressive operator; 2:34 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:42 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:02 p.m.: RV complaint (Charlton Road), dirt bikes on property; 5:28 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 5:30 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), assisted; officer wanted (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 5:51 p.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 5:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), injured bird; 6:09 p.m.: suspicious mv (Hastings Road), spoken to; 7:13 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Greenville Street), accidental; 7:30 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 7:40 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 10:27 p.m.: suspicious person (Whittemore Court), services rendered; 11:20 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 11:45-11:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:59 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to.

Tuesday, May 28

12:17-2:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:28 a.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 10:39 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 12:07 p.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), no contact; 12:49 p.m.: trespass real property (Lamoureux Lane), rep. Illegal dumping/storage; 12:56 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 12:58 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:05 p.m.: fraud (Lyford Road), scam call; 3:31 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:31-6:44 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Lyford Cross Road), loose cows; 9:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), neighbor issues; 11:33-11:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Leicester Log

Thursday, May 23

8:47 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no action required; 1:02 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), mv towed; 1:03 p.m.: ambulance (Bottomly Avenue), no action required; 2:01 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 3:25 p.m.: search warrant service (Chapel Street), Brianna Lyn Debs, 20, 116 Chapel Street, Leicester, distribution of Class B drug (cocaine), conspiracy to violate drug laws, arrest; Shane Jonathan Bowen, 23, 116 Chapel Street, Leicester, distribution of Class B drug (cocaine), distribution of Class B drug (suboxone), possession to distribute Class D drug, conspiracy to violate drug laws, possession of a firearm w/out an FID card, possession of a firearm in commission of a felony, possession of a firearm w/defaced serial number in commission of a felony, possession of ammunition w/out an FID card, improper storage of a firearm, arrest; 3:27 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 3:33 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), transported to hospital; 3:44 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 3:59 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by recording false value, criminal application issued; 4:00 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive); 6:56 p.m.: larceny (Shelter Ridge Road), report taken; 7:47 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), investigated; 8:26 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:56 p.m.: suspicious activity (Crestwood Road), unable to locate.

Friday, May 24

1:29 a.m.: ambulance (Harberton Drive), transported; 8:57 a.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), no action required; 9:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:33 a.m.: mv stop (Bottomly Avenue), mv towed; 11:07 a.m.: suspicious activity (Harberton Drive), services rendered; 11:11 a.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), written warning; 11:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 2:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Chapel Street); 2:18 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), mv towed; 3:21 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 3:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 3:49 p.m.: restraining order service (Massasoit Drive), served; 4:23 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 4:29 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:04 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Pleasant Street), unable to serve; 5:20 p.m.: welfare check (Folsom Street), transported to hospital; 5:56 p.m.: ambulance (Folsom Street),

transported; 6:05 p.m.: larceny (South Main Street), investigated; 7:36 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, criminal application issued.

Saturday, May 25

1:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:17 a.m.: ambulance (Burncoat Lane), transported; 11:15 a.m.: welfare check (Craig Street), transported; 11:54 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), no action required; 12:30 p.m.: assist citizen (Siani Road), services rendered; 1:02 p.m.: suspicious person (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 2:12 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 4:09 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:33 p.m.: summons service (Soojians Drive), served; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 5:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 7:40 p.m.: family problem (Pine Street), name and address redacted from police log, assault & battery, report taken; 8:21 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 10:02 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning.

Sunday, May 26

6:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 8:54 a.m.: animal complaint (Hammond Street), services rendered; 9:29 a.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 1:32 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), citation issued; 2:29 p.m.: ambulance (Lake Avenue), transported; 3:04 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), no action required; 3:36 p.m.: investigation (Briarcliff Lane, Spencer), services rendered; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 5:26 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street), transported to hospital; 6:54 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 7:47 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Lake Shore Drive), spoken to; 9:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, no inspection sticker, criminal application issued; 9:58 p.m.: disturbance (Town Beach Road), unfounded; 10:08 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Drive), transported; 11:58 p.m.: noise complaint (Moosehill Road), dispersed group.

Monday, May 27

9:08 a.m.: family problem (Whittemore Street), report taken; 10:53 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 12:27 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 1:55 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 2:24 p.m.: accident (Main Street), services rendered; 3:37 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 3:48 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:03 p.m.: debris in road (Pine Street), removed; 4:04 p.m.: suspicious mv (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 4:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 5:37 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), written warning; 5:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:11 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/revoked registration, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 9:36 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 10:25 p.m.: mv stop (Clark Street), no action required; 11:18 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 11:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), no service.

Tuesday, May 28

2:58 a.m.: assist citizen (Charles Street); 9:09 a.m.: larceny (Tobin Road), report taken; 10:11 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 11:08 p.m.: property found (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 12:09 p.m.: investigation (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 12:20 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), no action required; 12:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:42 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:50 p.m.: threats (Burncoat Street), spoken to; 4:10 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:30 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 4:40 p.m.: summons service (Siani Road), served; 9:03 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:55 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported.

Wednesday, May 29

9:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 10:31 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:04 a.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 11:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:29 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 12:39 p.m.: threats (Henshaw Street), report taken; 1:27 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 2:45 p.m.: parking complaint (Mulberry Street), citation issued; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (Gerald Court), verbal warning; 4:49 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 11:22 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered.



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Paul E. Meacham, 91



SPENCER- Paul E. Meacham, 91, died Thursday, June 6, 2019. He was born on Dec. 21, 1927 and was an 89 years resident of Spencer before moving to the Eisenberg Assisted Living Residence in Worcester in 2016.

He leaves his wife of 67 years, Lucille M. (Noel) Meacham, his daughters; Darlene M. Seaton and her husband Jay of Tuftonboro, NH., and Michelle A. Meacham of Boston, many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by brothers Robert Meacham, Jr., and Guy Meacham and his sister Martha A. Winkelman.

Paul worked for many years as a car mechanic at the former Kelly-Hibbs Buick and later as a salesman for 39 years at the former Edward Buick of Worcester, retiring in 1989.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Robert M. and Agnes (Guy) Meacham, Sr. and later graduated from David Prouty High School in Spencer. He served his country with the U.S. Air Force during WWII as an airplane and engine mechanic at Kirkland Air Force Base in New Mexico. He was a long-

time member of the First Congregational Church of Spencer and the Hayden Lodge of Masons AF & AM in No. Brookfield for 59 years. He loved cars, especially his Buicks and had quite the singing voice to the delight of everyone when he sang a Glen Campbell Song or Frank Sinatra's "My Way".

The family is grateful for the care given to him at the Eisenberg Assisted Living and the Jewish Home Care Hospice.

Funeral services for Paul were held on Saturday, June 8th. at 11 a.m. in the JHENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer with Military Honors. A calling hour preceded the service on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN, 38105 or visit St.Jude.org.

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Pauline R. Johnson, 82



WORCESTER- Pauline R. (Benoit) Johnson, 82, of 102 Randolph Rd., formerly of Leicester, died Thursday, June 6 at the Oasis at Dodge Park.

She was the wife of Melvin R. Johnson who died in 1987. She leaves her daughters; Lori L. Baril and her husband David of Leicester, Lisa L. Thomas and her husband Richard of Woodstock, CT and Leslie Johnson of Worcester, two grandchildren; Alyssa Moran and her husband Jeff of Charlton and Nicholas Baril and his longtime companion Tori Phillips of Worcester, her sister in law Kathleen Benoit of FL, several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a brother Richard O. Benoit.

Pauline was a longtime secretary to the Principal of the Leicester Primary School before retiring in 2003.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Omer and Eva (Martel) Benoit and later graduated from

Commerce High in Worcester, Class of 1955. She was a member of St. Aloysius-St. Jude Parish. She enjoyed going to the beaches in Maine, playing cards, bingo and scrabble, loved to read and was a member of a book club along with her friends. She volunteered for the Leicester public schools and Town elections as well as for the Audio Journal in Worcester. The daughters would like to thank her Oasis family for their care, compassion and friendship.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 10 at 11 a.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. A calling hour will precede the services from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Audio Journal, 799 W. Boylston St. #5, Worcester, Ma. 01606 or Leicester Food Pantry c/o St. Joseph's Church, 759 Main St., Leicester, 01524.

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Virginia F. (White) Cheney, 94

BROOKFIELD: Virginia F. (White) Cheney, 94, of Tyler Street and formerly of Auburn, died Sunday, May 26 in Sterling Village.

Her husband of 48 years Chester F. Cheney, died in 2003. She leaves four sons; Robert Cheney and his wife Donna of Dallas, TX, Donald Cheney and his wife Christine of Spencer, Philip Cheney of South Yarmouth and David Cheney and his wife Christine of Sterling, 7 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

Mrs. Cheney was born in Worcester, daughter of Lloyd and Frances (Helps) White. She was a medical secretary for many years for Dr. Burrow & Oakley, DDS before retiring. She was a member of the Quaboag Valley Baptist Church in Brookfield. She was a former mem-

ber of Faith Baptist Church in Auburn where she was very active with their youth programs. She enjoyed being outdoors, gardening and spending time with her family. She spent many winters in Panama City Florida walking the beach, collecting shells and enjoying nature.

A Memorial service was held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 11 in J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple terr., Spencer. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. A calling hour preceded the service from 5:00-6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Tri-Valley Inc. "Meals on Wheels", 10 Mill Street, Dudley, MA 01571.

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PAXTON- Andrew J. Williamson, 93, of West St., died Saturday, June 8 at UMASS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

He was the husband of Teresa M. (Lobley) Williamson who died in 2015. He leaves his son James F. Williamson and his wife Doris of Las Vegas, NV, his three daughters Kathleen W. Tarkiainen and her husband Alan of No. Oxford, Suzanne P. Williamson and her partner Kenneth Pannone of New Haven, CT., and Mary M. Williamson of Shrewsbury, two brothers Ralph Williamson of Spencer and Richard P. Williamson and his wife Elizabeth of Leicester, a sister Mary L. O'Brien of Longmeadow, four grandchildren; Steven and Scott Williamson of Las Vegas and Shannon and Megan McKay of Shrewsbury, several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a brother, Arthur Williamson, Jr.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Arthur and Theresa M. (Cook)

Williamson and was a graduate of Leicester High School. After serving his country with the Army Air Corps during WWII, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Ottawa, Can.

Andrew, along with two of his brothers, owned and operated A.M. Williamson & Sons in Rochdale for many years prior to his retirement.

He enjoyed golf, bowling and tennis. He was a former member of the Paxton Tennis Club.

His funeral was held on Thursday, June 13 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Aloysius-St. Jude Church, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester. A calling hour was held on Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

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Barbara E. Smith age 81



WEBSTER - Barbara E. (Lefebvre) Smith age 81 passed away Friday, June 7, 2019 at the Univ. of MA Healthcare Center Hospital, Worcester, MA. She was the wife of the late Sgt. Joseph J. Smith III who died Oct. 20, 2014. Barbara leaves her brother John E. Lefebvre Jr. and his fiancée Linda Littleton of Webster and her sister Eleanor Lebeau of South Carolina, nieces and nephews and her brother-in-law Brian and Gloria Smith. She was born in Webster daughter of the late John E. Lefebvre Sr. and Flora (Noack) Lefebvre and lived here all her life. Barbara was a Registered Nurse and Nursing Supervisor at Hubbard

Regional Hospital for forty years. Barbara was the finest example of what a nurse should be. In many ways she was a character in the best sense of the word. She was caring, kind and compassionate, but yet ran the hospital in the most professional way. Barbara was a member of the Webster Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary. She was an avid Cat lover. Funeral Mass was held Wed., June 12, 2019 at 11 AM in St. Louis Church with a calling hours from 9:30 am to 10:45 am in the funeral home. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster. Omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to the Cat Connection of Webster. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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Hints for a Healthy Herb Garden

It's no surprise gardeners everywhere are rediscovering the joys of herbs. The versatile plants are inexpensive, easy to grow and they add a bit of mystery to the garden. Whether grown in a small pot or a generous backyard plot, magical herbs bring beauty, fragrance and legendary healing powers to a garden. This week's column will outline some tips and tricks to keep your herbs growing hearty and healthy. ***

"Edible landscaping" is a popular buzz phrase today and herbs fit the bill. Many perennial herbs will grow well in hot, dry sites, making them an ideal ground cover. Herbs are also a good choice for filling in rocky sites. They serve as a mulch to hold the soil and smother weeds. Top choices for dry ground areas are Chamomile, lavender, oregano and thyme. ***

In areas where a particular herb is borderline hardy, you can increase the odds of planting success by growing the herb on the south side of a brick or stone wall. In winter, protect marginally hardy plants by covering with an inverted bucket or burlap wraps. ***

Wait until after the dew dries on your plants before harvesting. You risk mildew if you don't. Your plants oils are at their best once they have been warmed from the sun. * * *

Did you know the more you harvest your plants, the healthier they become? If your goal is to produce a sturdy, full

plant be sure to pinch off the tips of the plant often. ***

To dry fresh herbs and protect them from bugs, hang them in cheesecloth to dry upside down and they will dry to perfection. The airy cheesecloth allows them to dry without getting buggy or dusty. ***

Fresh herbs, such as dill, parsley and basil will keep in a tall cup of water in the refrigerator for three to four weeks. Cover the herbs loosely with an upside down plastic bag and change the water every four days. ***

Before placing herbs in the freezer, strip them of leaves and lay the leaves in a single layer on a baking sheet. Once they're frozen, pack them in heavy plastic containers or plastic bags. When frozen separately, the leaves won't mat together and provides easy pinching for recipes. ***

When freezing basil, it is necessary to blanch the leaves to prevent them from turning black. To do: place leaves in a strainer and quickly pour boiling water over them. Lay wet leaves on paper towels and allow to cool naturally before freezing. ***

A blend of garden herbs comprise this luxurious and relaxing spa bath, which



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makes an excellent "gift from the garden." Fill a tea ball or tie in a cheesecloth the following: one part fresh or dried rosemary, one part rose petals and one part lavender flowers. Hang the bag over the tub faucet and allow running water to wash over it as the tub fills. ***

Nettles is a gardeners best friend, and the herb is one of the richest mineral sources you can grow in your garden. Growing nettles in the garden can repel pests and attract beneficial insects. In addition, a fertilizer made from the plant will keep your garden growing lush and lovely. To make: Steep eight ounces of the herb in a half gallon of water for a week. (Cut the recipe in half for less coverage.) This resulting fertilizer, while not the best smelling, is highly effective! ***

Harvesting Hints
*For best flavor, cut or snip herbs in the morning, after the dew has evaporated from the leaves but before the midday sun heats the plant.

*Most annual plants can be harvested twice during the planting season. Cut plants back to about five inches above the ground and feed after cutting. Annual herbs can be harvested until frost.

*Perennial herbs may be harvested once during the first year and up to

three times each season after the initial growth year. Harvest up to 75 percent of the top growth in late spring and another quarter in late summer. Stop harvesting about one month before the frost date. Late pruning could encourage tender growth that cannot harden-off before winter.

*Flowering herbs should be harvested when the buds are apparent or when flowers are just opening. This is when their oil concentration is at its peak. ***

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: *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.

CALENDAR

Saturday, June 15

AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL PARADE: 10 a.m. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of this beloved community organization with the members of Post 138. The First Congregational Church will be open during the parade with water and light snacks available for spectators. Rest rooms will also be available at the church.

2019 FLEA MARKET: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church of West Brookfield. Run by a group of dedicated volunteers. This year, there will be free admission for shoppers, food trucks, and no fence! Held rain or shine!

CHRIST MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ: 1 - 2 p.m. Menu: BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Roll, Strawberry Shortcake, and Drink. Tickets \$12. Pre-sale preferred. Contact Sandi Nurek 508-867-3272 or email CMCseniorwarden@gmail.com. Church is located on the corner of Main and Spring streets in North Brookfield.

Tuesday, June 18

ART DEMONSTRATION: The Massasoit Art Guild is pleased to announce an acrylic demonstration by esteemed artist Maris Platais on Tuesday, June 18. The meeting is from 7-9pm and open to non-members. The meeting takes place in the Hodgkins building at 108 School Street in East Brookfield. The public is encouraged to join MAG members for this demonstration of art with for a donation from 7 to 9 p.m. The Massasoit Art Guilds has members from over 12 towns, and is open to artists and photographers. Please visit the MAG Web site, www.massasoitartguild.com, and Facebook page for further information about membership or other aspects of the Guild.

Saturday, June 23

2019 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. (rain or shine), St. John Paul II Notre Dame Church Grounds, Main Street, Southbridge. The festival will feature a 5K in the morning, and an outside flea market/vendors area from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact George at (413) 668-7307 or Sor. Rosa Maria at (508) 765-3701, ext. 107 to reserve a space. There will also be BINGO with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and games starting at 6 p.m. Music, a domino game, kids' games, international food, and community raffles will also take place throughout

the day.

Saturday, June 29

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHICKEN BBQ: 5 p.m., St. John's, 121 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield. Bring your families and friends for an evening of entertainment and fun! Please call (508) 867-3738 for tickets.

Sunday, June 30

ALBANIAN DAY PICNIC: St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church will hold its annual Albanian Day Picnic on Sunday, June 30 noon to 5:30 p.m., on the church grounds, 126 Morris St., Southbridge. The Albanian Day Picnic will feature shish-kabab, traditional pies, such as spinach, leek, sauerkraut, and squash, baklava, date-filled cookies, twist cookies, and other Albanian dessert specialties. Ethnic music will be provided by the Mosaic Ensemble. The public is invited. The picnic will be held rain or shine and admission is free. This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Southbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Wednesday, July 24

HAND-CRAFTED HOOKED RUG SHOW: Noon-7 p.m., Publick House, 227 Main St., Sturbridge. Free admission. Come see the artistry of hand-hooked rugs by the members of the Pearl K. McGown Northern Teachers Workshop.

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. **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. 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

GRIEFSHARE is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It is a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. It will be held on Thursday afternoons, beginning Feb. 14 at 2 p.m., at E. Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 E. Main St., East Brookfield, and run for 12 weeks. Registration fee is \$12. The group is a collaboration, also involving the Brookfield Congregational Church. You'll learn valuable information to help you through this difficult time. Telephone #: 508-867-7725.



Ad Libs by June

Get your red, white & blue on to celebrate **THE AMERICAN LEGION'S 100th Anniversary** on Saturday, June 15. The parade begins at 9:30 AM along Route 9 in Spencer from David Prouty High School to the Highway Department. Parking is free at the Spencer Fairgrounds with a free shuttle to and from the parade route. Shuttle service begins at 6:30 am. The Family Fun Day at the Spencer Fairgrounds begins at noon. The event is free and open to the public. Check out their Facebook page @AL100Post138 for more info and a list of events! Congratulations to The American Legion on 100 years of service, and kudos to the organizers recognizing this historic milestone. Saturday is sure to be a very proud day in Spencer!

Also on Saturday is the annual **WEST BROOKFIELD FLEA MARKET ON THE COMMON**, rain or shine. No admission fee. Hours are 8am-2pm.

Welcome to **ANGELO'S AUTOS** of Auburn to our papers this week. They are located at 823 Southbridge Street (Route 20) in Auburn. I stopped by last week and found them to be so friendly and accommodating... and I was selling them something! Imagine how nice they'd be if you are looking for a car! See their ad in this week's issue and for the next several weeks if you're looking for a pre-owned vehicle at a great price... and don't forget to tell Angelo that you saw his ad in the Spencer New Leader!

Check out our **WARE** page this week and the featured business. **PVC, Pioneer Valley Environmental LLC** is a plumbing, heating, and air conditioning service serving Hampshire & Worcester Counties. They offer prompt and reliable service with well-trained and background checked service technicians. Give them a call at 413-477-6984 for all your heating, plumbing and air conditioning needs, or email info@pvehvac.com and visit their web at pvehvac.com. You can also visit their office at 1 E. Main Street in Ware where you'll find a very friendly staff.

Welcome to **STATZ RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE**, 341 North Main Street, North Brookfield, to our Dining Page this week! Under new ownership, they have an event coming up on June 26... "Connections"... An event with the Medium Gary McKinstry. Tickets are \$35 pp which includes a buffet from 5-6:30 pm. See the ad for all the information. Great family restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch & dinner! Check it out! Have a great week!

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A family fishing trip

My brother Ken and I fished the Providence River this past Friday, and had a great time catching school bass and snapper bluefish on light rods. The day started out great with picture perfect weather and calm seas. Heading out to the lighthouse a mile from our launch site at Hanes Park, we noticed a guy with a fish on. After watching him land the striper which was not huge, but was a legal size fish we decided to start fishing in the area. My fish finder was showing small schools of porgies, but we were unable to snag a few to fish with. After numerous attempts, we gave up and started to use plastic baits and jigs.



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over to him to make transfer of the bait fish easy. We thanked him a couple of times and headed away from his fishing spot.

Quickly changing our fishing gear for drift fish chunks of fresh bait for stripers, we were a lot more optimistic that we were finally going to start catching fish. Ken had a hookup within a few minutes, but he lost the fish. After numerous strikes on the bait chunks and no hookups, we cut down on the size of the bait. Ken landed a nice school striper, and it was released. The next fish was a snapper bluefish. After catching a couple more snapper blues the bite slowed and most boats in the area had left.

We decided to leave the area and head for a spot that often produced bass & Blues. We left the area with one legal size 30 inch striper and a couple of bluefish. We rigged our rods with plastic baits to do some trolling at a new site. The bait barely hit the water and I yelled fish on. «Oops»; fish off. After reeling my bait in, I realized that a third of my six-inch rubber bait was missing, as shown in this week's picture, along with other chewed up plastics. A sure sign of bluefish.

We managed to catch numerous bluefish before it was time to head for

home. It was a great day to be on the water, but the big bass had eluded us again. Wait till the next time. Fishing was heating up in the area, and fishing should be great by the time you read this column. Because of the exceptionally cool weather this spring, fishing is a couple of weeks behind!

Christian Issley landed a huge bass that weighed in at 53.72 pounds recently, and other anglers are catching 50-pound bass in both Mass. & Rhode Island. There are still tons of schoolie bass around and fly fishermen are having a great time catching them. Not every angler needs to catch a fifty pound bass but, it is a lot of fun when you do.

Fluke fishing has exploded in both Mass. & Rhode Island waters with fluke in the eight-to-10-pound size being brought into local shops in the area to be weighed. Massachusetts is enjoying great seabass fishing, but they do not become legal until June 24 in Rhode Island. Many Rhode Island anglers are not happy with the regulations again this year.

George Anderson of Uxbridge caught some nice fluke several years ago in Rhode Island, as this second picture shows. There are more to be caught in the next few months. Senior citizens can still catch fish. Take a senior citizen fishing this year. This writer's boat was called the Red



Cross boat because of all the hand-capped seniors I brought along to fish over the years. I enjoyed every trip. We had great times!

The Whitinsville fish & Game Club has started to open their trap range every Friday night under the lights. Members and non-members are encouraged to participate.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

We watched the other angler catch numerous other bass and release them. Now I do not want to be called a "Googan" (weekend anglers that fish to close to professional anglers), but I cruised by him at a safe distance. He must have noticed our frustration being unable to snag a few porgies for bait.

"Would you fellas like a few porgies to fish with?" he asked.

I quickly turned our boat around and maneuvered our boat over to his. My brother Ken handed our landing net



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LEGALS

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for property owned by Donald and Corrine Beichner, for the property located at 35 Burwell Terrace, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to enlarge the existing breezeway. In Neighborhood District requires a special permit as per section, -1.5 Nonconformity, §1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

June 7, 2019
June 14, 2019

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Gail Bruce, for the property located at 348, 358, and 343 Wickaboag Valley Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to utilize all the conforming properties listed above in Rural Residential District for outdoor events will require a special permit as per section, -3.2 Schedule of Use Regulations: §3.23 Commercial (13) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

June 6, 2019
June 14, 2019

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law: Steven Messier has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to enlarge a deck located at 59 Valley Street, Spencer, MA. James Hill has filed a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions with the Spencer Conservation Commission to change the grading near the wetland side of the house with a boulder retaining wall, put a utility pole along the driveway, add a culvert pipe under the driveway and regrade along the side of the road to an existing catch basin. Matthew Pitney has filed an RDA with

the Spencer Conservation Commission to build a deck off the back of the house, remove a tree along with tree trimming and build a 3 to 4 foot retaining wall.

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin
Chairwoman

June 14, 2019

Town of Spencer Board of Health PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Spencer Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on July 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA for proposed changes to the Town of Spencer Commercial Refuse Hauler Regulations. A draft copy of the regulations is available in the Board of Health Office.

June 14, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO19P1765EA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Jennifer Anne Abair

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jennifer Anne Abair of Brookfield MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Jennifer Anne Hurley

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/02/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you

must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: June 05, 2019

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

June 14, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate and Family Court Worcester Division 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO19P1765EA Estate of: Timothy Tillotson Date of Death: April 23, 2019 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Howard E. Tillotson of Spencer, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Howard E. Tillotson of Spencer, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representatives of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representatives 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.

June 14, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate and Family Court Worcester Division 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO19P1852EA Estate of: Gary A. Cook Date of Death: April 14, 2018 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Justin M. Cook of Spencer, MA Petitioner Jonathan A. Cook of Spencer, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Justin M. Cook of Spencer, MA

Jonathan A. Cook of Spencer, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representatives of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representatives 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.

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DUDLEY - 2 Brandon Rd! 2 Family! 6/5 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! 1/1 Baths! Level Corner Lot! 1st Flr w/Appliance Kit! Din Rm! Liv Rm w/Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath w/Tub/Shower! 2nd Flr w/Appliance Kit! Din Rm! Liv Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Gas Heat! Young Roof! **\$229,900.00**



DUDLEY - 24 Hickory Dr! 8 Rm 50' Split on Dble Corner Lot! Fully Appliance SS Kitchen w/Tile Flr, Cherry Cabinets, Corian Counters & Island! Din Rm w/Slider to Deck! Liv Rm w/Cherry Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Picture Window! Slate Entry w/Coat Closet! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Master w/Wall to Wall, Triple Closet & Recently Refreshed Master Bath! 2nd & 3rd Bdrms w/Wall to Wall & Dble Closets! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Stone Fireplace w/Pellet Insert! Office/Play Rm w/Wall to Wall! Half Bath w/Recent Vanity! C/Air! Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! Generator! Replacement Windows! Flexible Floor Plan! **\$299,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! Stunning 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, It Has It All! Expansive 2 Story Foyer! Cherry Cabinet Kit w/Oversized Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances and Walk-in Butler's Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm Overlooking the Lake, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frpce! 1/2 Bath + Laundry Nearby! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Glorious Stairway leads up to 3 Spacious Bdrms each with their Own Private Baths! Luxurious Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet + Private Balcony! Expansive Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level boasts Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frpce & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Individual Splits to Control Rm Temps! Oversized 2 Car Garage! This Home is Loaded w/Quality & Detail! Quick Closing No Problem! Don't Delay! **\$1,199,000.00**

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! **\$239,900.00**



DUDLEY - 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrm Colonial on 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frpce Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16X21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$359,000.00**

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WEBSTER - 28 Colonial Rd! Immaculately Maintained 8 Rm Colonial Across from Views of & Beach Access to Webster Lake! Appliance Kit! Dining Area! Dining Rm! Fam Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower! 2.5 Baths! C/Air! **\$285,000.00**



CHARLTON - GLEN ECHO LAKE! 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing including the Spacious Master! Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 32' Walk-out Lower Level Frpce Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$549,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 17 Wakefield Ave! South Pond! Western Exposure! Protected from the Storms - Quiet Cove! 24 Acre Lot! 104' Waterfront! Water Views! 2,412' 8 Rm Contemp! Just Renovated! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Cathedral! Skylights! 2 Fireplaces! C/Air! Composite Decks! Patio! 2 Car Carport! **\$535,000.00**

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WEBSTER LAKE - ISLAND PARADISE! 8 Long Island! Western Exposure across Middle Pond! Experience Incredible Sunsets! 105' Waterfront! Park Like 14,300' Lot! Ideal 6+ Rm w/3 Seasons Cottage! Appliance Granite Kit! Dining Rm! Frpce Living Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms - 2 Lake Facing! 2.5 Baths Total! Boat House! Town Services! Quarter Ownership of Mainland 5,407' Lot for Parking/Dockage! **\$374,900.00**



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New Construction! No Place Like a New Home! especially a newly constructed one! on a country lot! House overlooks a beautiful field. Conveniently located for commuters - off Rt 193, close to I-395! This 46' x 26' Split Level home has an attractive modern flare w/wine peaks & rectangular window lighter above the front entry door! You'll be delighted w/the natural light that fills the interior of this home! Cathedral ceilings, hrdwd & ceramic tile flrs in baths w/carpets in BRs & LL family rm. Plan calls for white kitchen cabinets, granite counter-tops, a center island, & dining rm w/sliders for white kitchen cabinets, granite counter-tops, a center island, & dining rm w/sliders

to deck! 2 spacious BRs, full bath, plus Mstr BR suite w/private bath! LL fam rm, w/sliding door. 1/2 bath/laundry, 2-1/2 baths total! Central Air, 24X25' 2 car garage. Come Choose your Colors! **\$309,000.**

THOMPSON, CT - 8 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #2



There is No Place Like Home - especially when it is a beautiful newly constructed home! This split level style home has an attractive modern flare! You'll be delighted with the natural light that will brighten the interior of this home! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings! Granite counters, center island & dining rm w/sliders! Master BR, private master full bath w/vestibule wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups & utility closet, two car garage! Central AC. **\$309,900.**

WEBSTER - 44 BRODEUR AVE



Estate Sale! Well built 6 room, 3 bedroom ranch! Hardwoods through out! Recent Boiler yr. 2016 boiler! New oil tank. Recent vinyl siding, windows, and roof. Updated Electric. Kitchen and bath need some updating, huge basement ready to be finished. Town water and sewer! Detached garage. Level yard for all activities. **\$204,900.**

Featured Listing



BR, 2-1/2 Baths. **\$399,000.00**

WOODSTOCK, CT - 606 PROSPECT ST

Pristine Colonial on 2.54 Acres in Historic Woodstock! Recently Remodeled Master Bath! Resurfaced Driveway! This Home is a Must See! It offers a Peaceful Country Setting! Conveniently located on the MA line within minutes of Shopping, Restaurants & other Amenities!! This Customized Property offers Vaulted Family Room w/Built ins, Cherry Cabinets, Sunken Dining Rm, Cathedral Mstr, Arched Openings, Natural Light, Hwd & Tile Flrs! Cross the Balcony Overlooking the Family Rm to reach Bonus Rm. Potential for Home Office, Teen/In-law Suite, Craft Rm or Media/Game Rm. 3 **\$399,000.00**

WEBSTER - 6 BOYDEN ST EXT



BUYERS & OR INVESTORS TAKE NOTICE! A short sale offering! - A fantastic opportunity to own an affordable, single family, 3 br, 1.5 Bath, split level style home! Partially finished lower level. Young oil fired boiler municipal water & sewer. 12,000 Sq ft landscaped lot. Property being sold as is. **\$164,900**

THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE



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 \$249,900**

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Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! In-ground pool, built-in hot tub, w/life pit! Carport/pavilion for entertaining! Separate wings for private family living & entertainment, BR suites, 10 rooms total! simply Amazing! **New Price \$299,900**

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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**
Killingly - 37 Katherine Ave River Frontage 2/3rds acre. Town Water & Sewer **\$55,000**

WEBSTER - 5 JACKSON ROAD



Beautiful corner Lot Split Style Home, just waiting for you! Fireplaced living room w/Cathedral ceiling! Recently updated Kitchen with Granite counters & recessed lighting. Updated bath w/ceramic floor, 1-1/2 baths total. 3 nice size bedrooms. Finished lower level with wet bar. Central air. Recent roof, with 50 yr Warranty. 40' X 26' detached work shop/garage. Heated Pool, Inground Sprinkler System. So much more! **\$279,900.**

WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, not on the lake. Priced to Sell! **\$129,900.**

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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 & 2 full Baths. 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**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 32 JACKSON RD



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100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION
 Grand Parade & Family Fun Day
 Parade begins at 9:30 am - parade route from David Prouty High School to the Highway Department. Parking free at Spencer Fairgrounds with shuttle to parade route starting at 6:30 am

FAMILY FUN DAY
 Spencer Fairgrounds - open at 11 am - festivities begin at noon. Military static displays, guest speaker Teddy Roosevelt IV, NE Patriots Super Bowl trophies on display, kid's carnival, live music & entertainment, vendor booths, beer garden, and more! Event is free and open to the public. Check out Facebook.com/AL100Post138 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

FREE DINNER
 6 pm at the Publick House

when you sign up for a Retirement Strategies Dinner Presentation Seating is limited. A \$25 gas card will be drawn. To Register Call 508-796-3902 or online at sites.google.com/view/theretirementwiz

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

SECOND CHANCE PET ADOPTIONS AT KLEM'S
 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 Come visit the dogs and cats available KLEM'S
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SUNDAY, JUNE 30

ALBANIAN DAY PICNIC
 St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church will hold its annual Albanian Day Picnic. The Albanian Day Picnic will feature shish-kabab, traditional pies, such as spinach, leek, sauerkraut, and squash, baklava, date-filled cookies, twist cookies, and other Albanian dessert specialties. Ethnic music will be provided by the Mosaic Ensemble. The public is invited. The picnic will be held rain or shine and admission is free. Noon to 5:30 p.m., on the church grounds, 126 Morris Street, Southbridge, MA This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Southbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

RED SOX GAME: for \$105: round-trip motor coach transportation, ticket to game (right field box seating rows A-G) Bus departs Danielson at 4pm. Call 860-423-2591. Reserve your spot now!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13,

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
 An interactive dinner theater The Fashionable Murders. 6:30 pm
 Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving. Advance ticket sales required salemcrossinn.com or call 508-867-2345. 260 West Main Street West Brookfield, MA 01585

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27,

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
 An interactive dinner theater The Fashionable Murders. 6:30 pm
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2345. 260 West Main Street West Brookfield, MA 01585

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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Associates Degree in Environmental Science or related field and three (3) years of experience in a similar capacity; or, a combination of education and experience to demonstrate competency. MACC "Fundamentals" certification required to be completed within twelve months of hiring. This is a non-union position with a starting hourly rate of \$22.26, up to a maximum of \$27.63.

Submit cover letter, resume, and standard town application which can be found at www.spencerma.gov to Town Administrator, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. An EEO / AA employer.

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8 BOUNTY RD., OXFORD SAT., 6/15 8:30AM - 1:30PM
Everything priced to Go !!! Tools, Gas Grill, Hutch, bedding,curtains, cookware, glassware, holiday décor, jewelry, and more.

YARD SALE

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Dr. Donna Leake, Superintendent Eastford School District P.O. Box 158 Eastford, CT 06242-0158 Closing Date: Open until filled

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HEALTH

Talking With Your Health Care Provider About Kidney Health

(NAPS)

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a serious health problem, affecting an estimated 30 million adults in the United States. Yet more than nine out of 10 people who have kidney disease don't know they have it. The sooner you find out you have kidney disease, the sooner you can take steps to prevent or delay serious health problems.

CKD means your kidneys are damaged and can't filter blood the way they should. Kidney damage can cause wastes to build up in your body and can lead to other health problems such as anemia, bone disease and heart disease. You can have CKD without any symptoms, especially in the early stages of the disease, and over time it may lead to kidney failure. If your kidneys fail, you will need dialysis or a kidney transplant to maintain your health. You can't reverse progressive kidney damage but you may be able to avoid or delay dialysis or a kidney transplant with medications and lifestyle changes.

Understand Your Risk for Kidney Disease

If you have diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease or a family history of kidney failure, you are at risk for kidney disease. An estimated one in three people with diabetes, and one in five adults with high blood pressure, have CKD. Therefore, it's important for people who are at risk for the disease to get tested.

Get Tested Early
Testing for kidney disease is simple—it involves a blood test and a urine test. Your health care provider uses a blood test to check how well your kidneys



are filtering your blood and a urine test to check for protein in your urine.

Talk with Your Health Care Provider

If you have diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease or a family history of kidney failure, talk with your health care provider about kidney disease. Stay informed and ask for the results of your kidney tests. You can start the conversation with your health care provider by asking these three

questions:

1. Have I been tested for kidney disease and how healthy are my kidneys?
2. How often should I get my kidneys checked?
3. What should I do to keep my kidneys healthy?

Take Steps to Protect Your Kidney Health

If you don't have kidney disease but are at risk for it, your health care provider may suggest ways you can keep your kidneys healthy. Here are

some steps you can take to protect your kidney health:

- Manage your diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease
- Make healthy food choices
- Aim for a healthy weight
- Make physical activity part of your routine
- Get enough sleep—aim for seven to eight hours of sleep each night
- Stop smoking

• Find healthy ways to cope with stress.

Learn More
For more information about kidney disease, kidney failure, diabetes and more, visit the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) website at www.niddk.nih.gov.

Your doctor can tell you whether you have kidney disease and what to do about it.

Ten Easy Ways To Get A Dose Of Vitamin N(ature) In Just Ten Minutes

(NAPS)

A growing body of scientific evidence proves getting outside (i.e., being an “outsider”) is good for our health and well-being. Exploring and appreciating nature—in our own backyards, community parks and school yards—reduces stress, improves memory, boosts heart health, and offers a host of other benefits for our minds and bodies.

“Having a living landscape of grass, trees, shrubs and flowering plants is good. Using this outdoor space to reap the health benefits it offers is even better,” said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), whose Foundation created TurfMutt, an environmental education and stewardship program that teaches the value and benefits of the outdoors. “Getting outside, even for just 10 minutes, can do much to boost your mood, productivity, and quality of life.”

On its 10th anniversary, TurfMutt shares 10 easy ways you can enjoy nature in under 10 minutes.

Take a walk. Lace up your athletic shoes and head out for a walk around the block or to your neighborhood park. While you're out, commit to turning off your cell phone and enjoying the natural setting around you (it's just 10 minutes, after all!).

Get your kids moving. A rousing game of tag or hide-and-seek in the family yard is a great way to counter computer and screen time.

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Getting outside is good for your mind and body.

the house is your family yard. Take inspiration from your pooch and spend a few minutes outside playing Frisbee or fetch.

Clean up your outdoor living room. Make simple work of yard chores by breaking them up into smaller chunks. Ten minutes is enough time to put a serious dent in weeding a flower bed, sweeping off the back patio, or picking up debris from your lawn.

Plant something. It is spring planting season, so take 10 minutes to dig a hole and introduce a new plant or get started on your vegetable garden or flower beds.

Dine alfresco. Taking a meal outside is one of the easiest—and most nourishing—ways to enjoy the outdoor space around you. Have breakfast with the backyard birds. Lunch at a park near your office. Enjoy your coffee break under a shade tree.

Study or read a book. Take the “work” out of homework by moving study or reading sessions to your backyard or community green space.

Swap a (short) commute for walking or biking. Do you typically use your car to run down to the mailbox, to a nearby convenience store, or to run other nearby daily errands? If it's not too far, take a short walk or ride your bike instead.

Meet outside. Fresh air can be a catalyst for fresh ideas, so take your next brainstorming session for work outdoors. Need to have a heart-to-heart with your child? Scientists have discovered that communication between parents and children is more connected when conducted outside.

Sit back and relax. Sometimes, the best thing to do is absolutely nothing at all. Spend some time in a hammock, spread a blanket out on the grass, or take a meditation break outside to soak up the nature around you.

Learn More
For more information on the benefits of our living landscapes and how to be an outsider, visit www.SaveLivingLandscapes.com. For more about the TurfMutt program, go to www.TurfMutt.com.

What You Need To Know About Cholesterol

(NAPS)

New cholesterol guidelines from the American Heart Association emphasize a personalized approach to preventing and treating high cholesterol and cardiovascular disease.

What Cholesterol Is

Cholesterol is a waxy substance that your body makes to build cells. Too much can pose a problem. Extra cholesterol comes from foods including meat, poultry, dairy and tropical oils.

Why Cholesterol Matters

Cholesterol can slowly build up in your arteries and form a thick, hard deposit that narrows them and makes them less flexible. If a blood clot blocks a narrowed artery, a heart attack or stroke can result.

What To Do

Ask your doctor such questions as:
Q. What do cholesterol numbers mean?

A. Studies suggest optimal cholesterol levels are about 150 mg/dL and about 100 mg/dL for low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C). Levels in this range are linked to lower rates of heart disease and stroke.

There's no ideal target for LDL-C but “lower is better.” Assessment with a risk calculator helps your doctor determine your personal risk and treatment options. A coronary artery calcium test may also help with your assessment.

Q. How can I lower my risk for heart disease?

A. A healthy lifestyle is critical. Also, while statins are still the first choice of medication for lowering cholesterol, new drugs are available for people who

have had a heart attack or stroke and are at risk for another. Your doctor will monitor your progress.

Q. How do I know if my medicine is working?

A. It may take a few tries to find the right medicine and dose.

“Finding the sweet spot for treatment is highly individualized,” said Donald Lloyd-Jones, M.D., a member of the cholesterol guideline writing committee and chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago. “The latest guidelines strongly encourage patient and doctor to have detailed and personalized discussions about medication.”

Ask your doctor about medicines, foods—such as grapefruit or pomegranate—or supplements that may interact with your cholesterol-lowering medication.

Q. When and how often should I follow up?

A. Have a follow-up visit one to three months after starting cholesterol-lowering medication to check that it's working, that you're taking it properly, and to monitor for side effects.

Learn More

The American Heart Association's Check.Change.Control.Cholesterol initiative, supported by Sanofi and Regeneron, has information and resources for managing cholesterol and other cardiovascular risk factors. Visit www.heart.org/cholesterol for further facts, and www.heart.org/MyCholesterolGuide to download the free guide.



It's a healthy idea to be your own advocate when it comes to managing your cholesterol levels.

TECHNOLOGY

Small Businesses Need To Invest In These Four Technologies



Anthony Bradley

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(NAPS)—Because they operate on razor-thin margins, small-business owners and managers may be tempted to put technology expenses near the bottom of any priority list. After all, small businesses have many fires to put out—and investing in a new technology tool can seem like a problem that can wait.

But technology is a double-edged sword: Used correctly, it increases productivity, brings savings and gives you a competitive advantage. Ignored, it lets your competitors use it against you. And it's worth remembering that business software is the driver of technology value; without it, your hardware is useless.

Software can be a thicket of specialty areas and product names: Which tool should be purchased now and which can be put off? Capterra recently surveyed small and midsize businesses (SMBs) and asked them about their

2019 and 2020 purchasing intentions and budgets for business software.

The 2019 Capterra SMB Spending Survey illustrates four clear software categories that small-business leaders are prioritizing and can help other companies understand the competitive landscape and prioritize technology investments.

1. **Finance and Accounting:** This is the standout tech category, with 53.6 percent of respondents budgeting for it. If you don't correctly handle your accounts receivable, accounts payable, sales taxes, income taxes, reporting and audits, you'll derail your business—it's that simple.

Among businesses investing in this technology, banking and construction lead the way, with over 60 percent of respondents budgeting for finance and accounting software. Transportation and wholesale industries have the highest average spend at \$56,330 and \$53,850. More findings include:

- Transportation and wholesale businesses should expect to budget between \$50,000 and \$55,000 for finance and accounting software in the next 12 to 24 months.

- Media, government, manufacturing, banking and retail should consider budgeting between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for finance and accounting tools.

- Other businesses should consider budgeting between \$10,000 and \$30,000 for finance and accounting software.

2. **Cloud Computing:** This year, cloud software is the second most prevalent technology, with 47.8 percent of businesses surveyed budgeting for it. It delivers all the power of FAMGA

(Facebook, Apple, Microsoft, Google, Amazon). Cloud-enabled Software as a Service (SaaS) gives small businesses subscription-based access to robust business software and data storage technology. Industry experts suggest:

- Insurance and transportation businesses should expect to budget between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in the next 12 to 24 months for cloud computing technology.

- Businesses in the services, communications, manufacturing, health care, banking and education sectors should consider budgeting between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for cloud business software.

3. **Data and Information Security:** Over 40 percent of all industries budget for data security. Research shows cyberattacks can cost small businesses \$84,000 to \$148,000 per incident and that 60 percent of SMBs that are hacked go out of business within six months. The average budget spend on data security takes a tiered shape for business size. Larger businesses with more data, more customers and more employees will need more software licenses and greater functionality. Expert findings include:

- Government agencies (and those that work closely with them) should plan on budgeting between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for data security in the next 12 to 24 months.

- Those in the education industry should anticipate a \$40,000 spend.

- Retail, construction, health care and wholesale should expect to budget close to \$20,000.

- Other sectors may gain competitive advantage with a data security

budget between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

4. **Digital Marketing:** This year, 45.1 percent of SMB respondents plan to budget for digital marketing campaigns and tools. This is natural, given that ROBO (research online, buy offline) buying behavior is now the norm. Up to 88 percent of buyers do online research before purchasing in a store.

The survey uncovered that digital marketing spend tracks with business size. At 60 percent and 50 percent, media companies and retail businesses have the highest percentage of smaller firms investing in digital marketing. Most industries are between 40 percent and 50 percent. More findings include:

- If you're a smaller business in the media or retail sector, plan to spend \$10,000 to \$25,000 on digital marketing over the next 12 to 24 months.

- If you're a midsize business in the media or retail industry, plan to spend \$35,000 to \$45,000 on digital marketing over the next 12 to 24 months.

- If you're in another industry (especially insurance), you may gain a competitive advantage with a digital marketing budget between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

Businesspeople know it's vital to find out where competitors are going. These results should indicate where your sector is headed and what technology to prioritize. Detailed information on survey findings—and over 500,000 verified reviews for every type of software—is on the Capterra site.

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How To Use Online Reviews To Invest In The Best Technology For Your Office

BY MARK DIGIAMMARINO
(NAPS)

Anyone who's in charge of purchasing technology for a small business knows there's a bit of alchemy in the procurement process: You apply instinct. You ask your colleagues for advice. You research what the critics in the magazines say. Increasingly, you're also reading the online reviews on specialized sites.

Reading online reviews is a logical extension of how people once bought goods—through word of mouth. Technology, however, is even better, because it provides access to many more experienced.

Online reviews give depth and breadth. They explain the pros and cons of any product or experience. At their best, they're incredible tools, perhaps the best thing to have happened for consumers in decades. At their worst, they're a scam.

Consider this: A London journalist once created numerous fake reviews on a restaurant site and made his humble garden shed an opening-night restaurant hit.

As the manager of reviews for Capterra—a free site for software buyers to read objective and insightful reviews—I've learned how to navigate the world of online reviews. Here are four top tips:

Check to see if the site monitors its review: Confirm the site has an FAQ page with transparent policy statements. Does it clearly state how the site makes money? Check to see if there's a way to report fake reviews. Make sure the site screens and reads all reviews before they go live. If it doesn't monitor reviews—or offer a way to report the fakes—the site isn't there to help you.

It's essential to report fake reviews because the reviews community depends on honest participation. When users share reviews, they help you to learn from their discoveries. Fake reviews tear at the fundamental trust everyone in the community must have in each other when they read and share online



Mark DiGiammarino, Manager, Vendor Reviews, Capterra

reviews.

Look for verified reviewers: Reviewers should be verified as being real people and actual customers. You'll also need to know if they're buying products for large enterprises or small businesses like yours. Knowing who's writing the reviews matters. As an example, think about when you're in the market for a new car, and you get a recommendation from a neighbor on the best vehicle to buy. Isn't it important to know if that neighbor prefers a plush, magisterial ride—or a sports car with tight handling for the side roads?

Verified reviewers should also be actual customers of the products they write about. No one likes a rubbernecker standing at the sidelines, making unqualified assessments. When users have either bought or demoed the product, however, they have something to say. They know the product's pros and cons. They're often passionate about the product and want to share their experiences with you.

Read the negative reviews but read them fairly: Make sure to understand what's truly behind a negative review—it could be that one person's lemon is your lemonade on a hot day. For example, a honeymooner might not like a hotel that you, with

kids, would consider a perfect vacation destination.

Negative reviews are most useful when you can find specific patterns: If most of the reviews say the company has an excellent product but substandard customer service, then take that into account before you decide to buy or move on.

Also, look for a vendor response: If the vendor hasn't responded to the negative reviews, then that's useful to know. When the business responds to the reviews—if, for example, it says it's working to improve customer service consider that a point in its favor.

Remember that negative reviews are also a snapshot in time. Take into account recency and don't fault a vendor for something that occurred two years ago, especially if the vendor has responded to the negative review.

Be open to discovering new product: At Capterra, it's common for a user to come to the site looking for a marquee-name software product. But after some research, that user may then decide upon software from a smaller, less well-known provider. Often, it's because the product is better priced and better suited to the user's business. And usually, it's because others in the reviews community thought it was a better product.

Those software vendors that have a smaller footprint in the marketplace may have more utility and suitability for you. Be open to the unexpected when you read reviews.

Finding the best reviews in a sea of bad ones is no small challenge, but online reviews offer you a chance to avoid the mistakes of others and gain from the wisdom inherent in online reviews. Use these tips to learn from reviewers who have honestly shared their positive and negative experiences. Use reviews to discover new products and services that can take your business to a new level.

Great Grass Ideas



The grass can be greener on your side of the fence.

(NAPS)

For a lawn that turns the neighbors green with envy, heed these four hints:

1. **Water well:** Water your lawn early in the morning when temperatures are cool to cut down on diseases and destructive insects.

2. **Feed it:** Use fertilizer that provides nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

3. **Mulch it:** Mulch prevents evaporation and weed growth, helps drainage, encourages root development and cools the soil.

4. **Mow wisdom:** Cut the grass early in the morning or in the evening, not during the heat of the day. Cut off no more than a third of the grass blade.

Want to make mowing easier and still get a beautifully groomed lawn? Consider a robotic mower. Models like the Honda Miimo, powered by a high-performance lithium-ion battery, do the mowing for you. Because a dealer-installed boundary wire goes around the area to be mowed, the mower detects the electric field and stays within it, monitoring its own charge and returning to its docking station at need. Independent 360-degree sensors and a floating cover detect solid contacts. And, if Miimo comes too close to a person or pet, the lawn mower stops, turns, and moves in a different direction.

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