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## North Brookfield teen to join statewide day of service



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North Brookfield eighth grader Serenity Kauppila will take part in Project 351 next week.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Giving back to the community has always been a passion for eighth grader Serenity Kauppila, who will join students from throughout the state next week for a day of service.

Selected by the North Brookfield Junior-Senior High School staff for participation in Project 351, Kauppila

will head to Boston on Jan. 21 to take part in service day activities. Project 351 brings together eighth graders from every town in the state to take part in several community service projects.

For Kauppila, it was a thrill to be selected by her teachers in recognition of her many efforts to give

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## Excitement building for East Brookfield Centennial celebration

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – Excitement continues to grow for the town's centennial celebration, which is now almost a year away.

Once a distant blip on the horizon, the century mark date of March 24, 2020, is fast approaching. That means fundraisers are picking up to help pay for an unforgettable anniversary party.

Residents and business owners have worked hard over the last year to contribute to the event. The 100th Anniversary Committee received \$1,500 from 308 Lakeside, which once again set aside funds from its charity golf tournament to benefit the cause. Recognizing the costs associated with the centennial celebration, several other businesses and residents have stepped up as well.

Many events are already slated for the yearlong 2020 celebration in the Commonwealth's youngest town. These include a reenactment of the signing of the bill that made East Brookfield its own town; the unveiling of an anniversary quilt created by the Lashaway Quilt Guild; a Roaring Twenties dinner dance at the Sturbridge Host Hotel; and a parade with a variety of marchers and floats.

Additionally, a family fun day will feature such activities as tug-of-war, sack races, three-legged races, a movie, and several other offerings. Moreover, a community baseball game will be played using old-time rules as part of the 100th celebration. For those who prefer winter activities, ice skating and ice harvesting programs will be held as well.

For residents wishing to take a

glimpse into the past, historical discussions, tours of local sites, and a cemetery walk will also take place during the yearlong celebration, providing longtime residents and newcomers with a chance to learn more about the town. These activities will be supported by the Podunk Chapel and other local entities.

With such an extensive schedule of events planned, ongoing fundraising efforts will play a key role in paying for the anniversary party. Fundraising efforts began in earnest two years ago, and they will continue through the upcoming year. There are several other ways residents and businesses can get involved, and organizers are eager to see the community continue to step up.

Multiple local organizations and businesses have already expressed interest in supporting and taking part in the celebration.

"We are currently looking for sponsors for the year. We will have our sponsorship letter updated, and it will be sent out shortly to area businesses," said Heather Gablaski, the chairperson of the 100th Anniversary Committee. "There are different levels of sponsorship. We will continue to raise money this year so events are as low-cost as possible to those who wish to attend."

For more information about the 100th anniversary celebration, contact the organizing committee at [EB100th@gmail.com](mailto:EB100th@gmail.com). A Facebook page has also been set up to provide additional information.

## Fundraising effort underway in support of local Kindergartener

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Town and school officials are asking the community to join the mission to assist a Leicester Primary School student. Each donated pair of shoes will bring the quest another step closer to completion.

The goal is to purchase a wheelchair-accessible van for Eddy Besse, a kindergartener at Leicester Primary School. Suffering from brittle bone disease, Eddy's fundraisers have been supported by several organizations and residents in recent months. In October, Eller's Restaurant in Cherry Valley held

Wednesday night Italian buffets, donating portions of each bill to the cause. In November, Selectman Harry Brooks ran a bus trip to Foxwoods Casino, and Greenville Baptist Church sponsored an indoor yard sale. The following month, Giguere's Gym conducted an open gymnastics night to support the effort.

Now it's your turn to help make a difference for Eddy and his family by donating gently-used or new shoes, which can be exchanged for cash. Students from throughout the district will drop off shoes in collection boxes, and residents are asked to get involved as well.

For school officials, it means a

lot to always have the support of the community. Residents have contributed to several causes over the years to assist students and their families.

"The staff and families of the Leicester Public Schools are always there to help out. I have not worked with a more generous and caring group of people and families," said Superintendent Marilyn Tencza. "It is important to take care of your own, and Eddy and his family are so deserving of a new van."

Added Cheryl Cooney, who helped spearhead the fundraiser,

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Courtesy Photo

Residents and organizations continue to raise funds to support Leicester Primary School kindergartener Eddy Besse.



## Spencer man in search of liver donor

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Requiring a lifesaving liver transplant, Ryan Mioduszewski and his family are reaching out to the public with the hope of finding a donor.

Mioduszewski, 32, became ill as a child with autoimmune hepatitis. He has survived sepsis, and has fought through many additional adversities over the years, but he was recently hospitalized with a setback. Having

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In dire need of a liver transplant to save his life, Ryan Mioduszewski is hoping a donor from the community will step forward to help.

learned from doctors that he will die without a liver transplant, his family is desperately searching for a living donor with Type O blood.

"Ryan dreams of one day marrying his girlfriend and starting a family. He is a hard worker," said Brenda Ortiz, Mioduszewski's aunt who has helped lead the search for a donor through social media and other outlets. "Ryan just wants to live. Without a liver transplant he will die. Unfortunately, no one in our small family is a match for Ryan."

Suffering from end-stage liver failure, Mioduszewski is hoping a stranger from the community can step up and deliver a lifesaving

miracle. A match would be asked to donate half of his or her liver, which typically regenerates in about six to eight weeks. The liver is the only organ that can regenerate.

The family has set up a Facebook page as well to help spread the word. To learn more about Mioduszewski's situation, go to Facebook.com and search for "A Liver for Ryan." Dozens of messages of support have come in from residents eager to relay the news.

If you or someone you know is interested in helping, please send an email to [bortizann@gmail.com](mailto:bortizann@gmail.com) or call 508-713-8036.

# North Brookfield officials identifying possibilities for community development grants

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – With help from a local agency, town officials continue to search for housing rehabilitation assistance options.

The town is working with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to identify community development block grant opportunities for fiscal year 2019. The focus for North Brookfield's block grant application process this year is expanding housing rehab assistance options for homeowners. As part of the application and review phase, the town is currently searching for residents who are eligible to receive assistance.

"In the past, the housing rehab program was targeted to residents in the town center area," said Andrew Loew, a CMRPC project manager who is working with North Brookfield officials on the grant applications. "Under current CDBG program rules, residents anywhere in town would be eligible to participate."

Residents interested in receiving housing rehab assistance are encouraged to sign up for the program now to secure their place on the client list. The grant-funded program covers an array of repairs for homeowners meeting federal low-to-moderate income guidelines. North Brookfield last benefited from block grant funds for housing rehab from 2013-2016, when eight homes were refurbished using CDBG resources.

Looking ahead, officials are hopeful that even more residents will be able

to take advantage of the funds this year due to expanded eligibility.

"The 2019 program we're developing now could aid a larger number of homes, assuming local need can be documented," Loew added.

Activities eligible for coverage by the funds include code-related repairs and other types of work needed to make homes safer and more accessible. Projects can include weatherization, handicapped access improvements, roof repairs, heating and septic system repairs, window replacements, new paint and siding, electrical and plumbing upgrades, and structural repairs, among several others.

Assistance available through the program is typically capped at \$35,000 per home, officials said.

For town leaders, it's important to continue pushing for opportunities to assist residents with housing rehabilitation. Many families and seniors on fixed incomes struggle to make repairs and upgrades to their homes.

"There are a lot of people who live paycheck to paycheck and struggle to make ends meet. We are always trying to make the most out of our chances to apply for available money," said Selectman Dale Kiley.

Homeowners

who meet federal income guidelines are eligible to participate in the program. The current annual income limit for a single-person household is \$48,100. For a four-person household, the maximum annual income allowed is \$68,650.

Financial assistance from the grant program is provided in the form of a deferred-payment loan. Repayment of the loan is only required if the home is sold during the 15-year loan period. Investor-owned homes can also be eligible to receive funds based on tenants' incomes. An owner contribution is required for investor-owned units.

The housing rehab program currently has a short waiting list of potential clients. Residents who are interested in participating should submit an assistance form by the end of this month to be added to the list. The form is available on the town's website and at the North Brookfield Senior Center (29 Forest St.).

In addition to the housing rehab

component, North Brookfield's FY19 CDBG application is also expected to include a request for funds to conduct an assessment and develop a plan for improvements to public infrastructure. The emphasis of the request is the neighborhood surrounding Mount Pleasant Street and Maple Street.

A public hearing to discuss the CDBG application is set for Feb. 5 during the selectmen's meeting. Results of the town's grant application are expected to be announced in July.

For more information about the program, contact Loew at 508-459-3339.

## Moore, LeBoeuf announce Leicester infrastructure grant

### STATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT MULTI-MODAL, ADA ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

**LEICESTER** — Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Rep. David H.A. LeBoeuf (D-Worcester) have announced that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has awarded the Town of Leicester funding to assist with multi-modal and accessibility improvements. A total of \$335,748 was awarded to the community through the Complete Streets Funding Program.

"As a former selectman, I know all-too-well how critical this funding is to support local infrastructure repairs," said Moore. "The anticipated improvements made possible by this grant funding will expand multi-modal transportation opportunities and help ensure that all members of the community have safe, accessible opportunities to move about."

"This is an exciting opportunity to improve accessibility and access to public spaces," said LeBoeuf. "It is great to see the Town of Leicester taking initiative to improve the quality of life of all of its residents, and I'm proud that the state can support this endeavor."

This grant funding will support multi-modal improvements such as constructing a shared use path, bike lanes, sidewalks, and raised crosswalks around the Town Commons to provide connections to the Town Hall, First Congregational Church, Becker College, and the Public Library. The shared use path will be constructed on the northbound side of Paxton Street to provide a safe and comfortable option for walking and biking. In addition, the existing crosswalks and curb ramps at the intersection of Paxton Street and Winslow Avenue will be reconstructed for ADA compliance and improved visibility.

The funding will also be applied to improvements at Washburn Square including the construction of raised crosswalks at the northern end of the Commons to the Town Hall building, at the southeast corner of the Commons across Main Street, and east of the Commons at the Becker College entrance. Bicycle lanes will also be installed around the Washburn Square loop to promote multi-modal travel in the highly utilized area.

To learn more about the Complete Streets Funding Program, please visit the state's Web site, <https://www.mass.gov/complete-streets-funding-program>.



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# Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship returns Jan. 27

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
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WEST BROOKFIELD – Dozens of youngsters will be shooting for success later this month, as the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship returns to town.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 11080 based at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, the event draws children from throughout the area for an afternoon of fun. All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the competition, which will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 3:45 p.m. at West Brookfield Elementary School.

The event is free for all participants. Kids will compete in categories set up by age, with the winners of each bracket advancing to the district level tournament. If they continue their sharpshooting at that event, they will have the opportunity to progress to regional and even state champion-

ships. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.

A few years back, a local boy advanced all the way to the state competition after emerging from the West Brookfield bracket. For event organizer Wally Connor, it's always fun to see kids enjoy free throw shooting while meeting new friends. The event can be especially fun for kids who don't take part in team sports, enabling them to have the thrill of competition for the first time. When Connor resurrected the event four years ago after a brief hiatus, he was excited to see the high level of participation. Several area towns have been represented in the years since.

Meanwhile, the event continues to expand nationwide. Last year, more than 150,000 kids participated in more than 3,600 local Knights of Columbus free throw competitions. All contes-

tants on the local level are given a certificate of participation, and the winners of the respective age divisions will advance to the district competition held in February.

The eligibility age for the event is determined as of Jan. 1, 2019. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent in order to take part.

To obtain entry forms for the event, or to request additional information, please contact Connor at 413-813-8100 or by email at wally@supportingorphans.org.

Local officials once again thank the Knights of Columbus for making the event possible each year. The service organization has over 1.8 million members in 14,500 local councils. Over the past decade, Knights have donated more than 670 million volunteer hours and \$1.5 billion to charitable causes.



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## Spencer Fire Department receives grant funding to support safety programs

SPENCER – Fire officials will bolster their efforts to promote safety this year, as the department recently received state grant funding.

The Spencer Fire Department joins 245 agencies statewide that were awarded public fire education assistance. The Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grants enable fire officials to work with classroom teachers to deliver fire and life safety lessons.

Spencer fire officials will also receive a Senior SAFE Program grant to allow firefighters to educate seniors on how to stay safe.

“The SAFE Program has been instrumental in educating the next generation of children for 24 years,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “The program is a great example of state and local governments collaborating with teachers to provide fire safety education to young people.”

Statewide, the average number of children dying in fires annually has dropped by 74 percent since the SAFE Program began. In Spencer, firefighters always enjoy the opportunity to get into the schools for outreach efforts.

State officials have also teamed up with local agencies in recent years for educational events.

“The SAFE and Senior SAFE programs are having a great impact on the fire and life safety of our most vulnerable populations – children and elders,” said State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey. “The fire departments being supported in these public education efforts are increasing the safety of the people in their communities.”

Administered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the SAFE Program provides \$1.2 million annually to local fire departments. The Senior SAFE Program provides \$600,000 in grant funds from fees paid by tobacco companies to the Fire Standard Compliant Cigarette Program to ensure their products meet fire safety requirements.

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# New organization aims to connect local historical societies

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

REGION — Members of a local organization have enjoyed making new friends while sharing their passion — and the rest is history.

Meeting twice annually, the Historical Sharing Group brings together historical societies from across the state. Each spring and fall, the organization is hosted by a different society, and members are always eager to meet new history lovers.

“There is a core group of societies that attend every meeting, but there are many others that come periodically,” said organization founder and moderator Diane Calvano. “In total, we’ve had 28 historical societies from across mid and eastern Massachusetts attend our gatherings.”

Calvano first got the idea for the organization back in 2006, when she was having difficulty finding programming for her historical society in Leicester. After reaching out to the leaders of other central

Massachusetts societies, she realized that the same challenges stretched across the region.

Since then, the organization has continued to expand while helping its members connect with residents and increase awareness of historical societies. Because many societies statewide haven’t been successful with gaining exposure, their members appreciate the opportunity to network and learn new strategies. One of the common goals for all societies is to find ways to appeal to younger residents and bring

their towns’ histories to life.

Group members also stay in touch throughout the year to share ideas and feedback in advance of the next meeting. Several members enjoy the opportunity to discuss the history of their own towns while learning about that of surrounding communities.

“We shared program ideas, but also provided publicity, encouragement, and friendship between the societies,” added Calvano, who has been a member of the Leicester Historical Society since 2004.

The Historical Sharing Group is always accepting new members who belong to historical societies in any town. Several members live outside of central Massachusetts, and they have established friendships with people across the state who share the same interests. All you need to join the group is a passion for history and a desire to get involved.

If you’re interested in learning more about the group, contact Calvano at [diane\\_calvano@yahoo.com](mailto:diane_calvano@yahoo.com) or by phone at 335-9706.

## Pawsitively 4 Pink holds first fundraiser to help ease financial burden for women diagnosed with breast cancer

About one in eight U.S. women will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetime. In 2018 alone, over 266,000 new cases were diagnosed in American women, Massachusetts being one of the highest occurrences of this diagnosis out of all the United States.

Often given little attention, however, is the economic impact of the diagnosis on patients. Women being treated for early breast cancer lose about a quarter of their annual income. Ten percent of women lose 66 percent or more of their yearly income.

Michelle Power, the President and

Founder of Pawsitively 4 Pink, started this non-profit organization after witnessing the journeys of her long time friend and business partner, her foster mother and most recently, two other family members who were diagnosed with breast cancer. She has seen the devastating effects physically, psychologically and emotionally that this disease has inflicted on these loved ones and their families. After talking with these women she would never have guessed the internal struggles they were experiencing. But behind their faces were hardship and heartache.

Pawsitively 4 Pink.

There are numerous side effects to this diagnosis not limited to the physical dimension, including psychological, emotional and fiscal all affecting a woman’s ability to heal and become healthy.

Pawsitively 4 Pink, a non-profit organization based in Worcester, is holding its first major fundraiser to help supplement some of the financial cost that women in Worcester County who have been diagnosed with breast cancer struggle with. Without a paycheck daily bills including phone, electric, gas, and rent or mortgage payments are unable to be paid intensifying an already stress filled situation.

“A diagnosis of breast cancer infiltrates their bodies, and can win the daily battles, but we cannot let it win the war and steal what they have worked so hard for in their lives,” said Michelle Power, President and Founder of

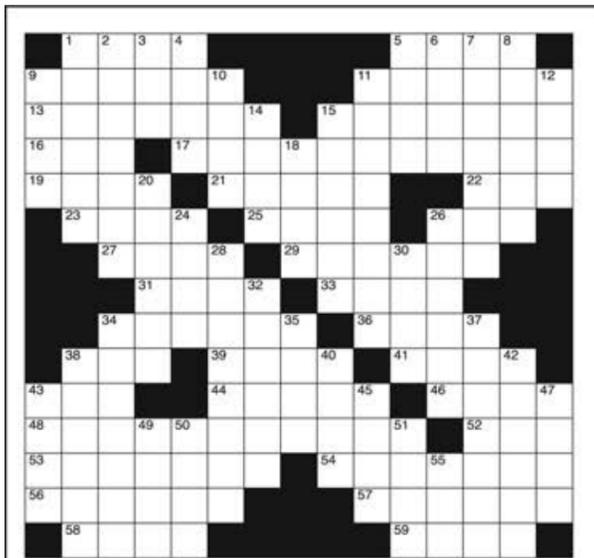
Researchers followed women who had paying jobs for the first year after their breast cancer diagnosis, and found that the majority missed work or had reduced hours. Women most affected by lost wages included those with lower education who received chemotherapy and had less of a social support network. They also tended to be self-employed or worked part-time.

Being diagnosed with breast cancer can be life-altering, and handling the

news is often a challenge no matter what the prognosis. Couple that emotional pain with lost wages, when they are needed to cover numerous co-pays and transportation costs, as well as medical procedures that are not paid for by insurance, and it’s easy to see how a woman could begin to feel overwhelmed.

The fundraising event will be held at 6 p.m. on March 2 at the White Eagle at 116 Green St., Worcester. There will be food, drinks, raffles, silent and live auctions and music. All proceeds go toward the Pawsitively 4 Pink organization and will benefit breast cancer victims.

About Pawsitively 4 Pink  
Pawsitively 4 Pink’s mission is to improve the well being of women in Worcester County who have been diagnosed with breast cancer with love and dedication. Its sole focus is to be a source of pawsitivity and empowerment for one’s spirit and recovery by supplementing the financial burdens of these women.

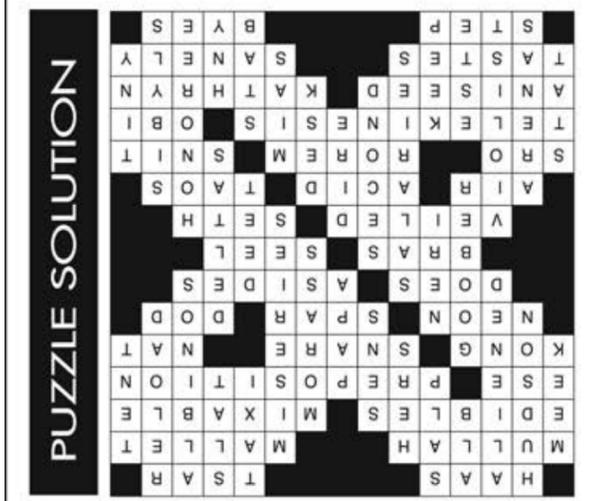


### CLUES ACROSS

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. One-time Levi’s CEO                | 33. Prevent from seeing                         |
| 5. Emperor of Russia                  | 34. Masked                                      |
| 9. Islamic theology scholar           | 36. “A Suitable Boy” novelist                   |
| 11. Hammer with a large, wooden head  | 38. Invisible gaseous substance                 |
| 13. Food                              | 39. Sour  |
| 15. Can be combined                   | 41. County in New Mexico                        |
| 16. Midway between east and southeast | 43. No seats available                          |
| 17. Governs a noun or pronoun         | 44. Pulitzer-winning composer                   |
| 19. Gorilla                           | 46. Fit or irritation                           |
| 21. Type of trap                      | 48. The ability to move objects through thought |
| 22. “Unforgettable” singer            | 52. Skywalker mentor ___-Wan Kenobi             |
| 23. Atomic #10                        | 53. Herbal medicine seed                        |
| 25. Practice fight                    | 54. “Zero Dark Thirty” director                 |
| 26. US gov’t branch                   | 56. Preferences                                 |
| 27. Female deer                       | 57. Soundly                                     |
| 29. Remarks meant for the audience    | 58. One precedes another                        |
| 31. Undergarments                     | 59. Au revours                                  |

### CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Famed explorer                        | 24. Michael Corleone’s enforcer   |
| 2. Transferred property to               | 26. Geological formations         |
| 3. Clerical vestment                     | 28. Wages                         |
| 4. Free-swimming marine invertebrate     | 30. Insect repellent              |
| 5. Cab                                   | 32. Unit of time                  |
| 6. Thin piece of wood                    | 34. Musician                      |
| 7. Persons without pigment in their skin | 35. Not good                      |
| 8. Fill again                            | 37. Esteemed one                  |
| 9. Submissive                            | 38. Structures                    |
| 10. His and ___                          | 40. Where workers sit             |
| 11. Sources of stress                    | 42. Women who foretell the future |
| 12. Shelter                              | 43. Quantitative fact             |
| 14. French commune                       | 45. Missing soldiers              |
| 15. Boggy ground                         | 47. Diminutive                    |
| 18. Old man                              | 49. This (Spanish)                |
| 20. Peanut                               | 50. Hold on to                    |
|  | 51. Thrust a knife into           |
|  | 55. Hengyang Bajialing Airport    |



## Music Worcester presents a night with Havana Cuba All-Stars

PERFORMANCE WILL FEATURE SOME OF CUBA’S GREATEST MUSICIANS AND FINEST DANCING COUPLES

Music Worcester is pleased to announce a joyous celebration of Cuban music and dance styles with the Havana Cuba All-Stars at Mechanics Hall on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

In recent years, Music Worcester has paid homage to several musicians making waves through the Cuban music industry and bringing their traditional sounds and style front and center to the Worcester community. These performances include the National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba’s first U.S. tour in Fall 2012 and the Havana Lyceum Orchestra and Simone Dinnerstein’s first U.S. tour in June 2017.

This season’s performance, back by popular demand, will feature some of Cuba’s greatest musicians as they perform rhythms and melodies from the

Cha Cha to the Rumba, from “Son Cubano” style to the Salsa, showcasing a wide variety of Cuban beats through fresh, contemporary lens. In their upcoming performance, the All-Stars will be backed by three of Cuba’s finest dancing couples. With the greatest dancers and musicians of Cuba working in tandem, the American encore of the Havana Cuba All-Stars’ tour will be a spirited spectacle of song and dance, exemplifying Cuba’s greatest musical traditions.

“We are very excited to have the talented musicians of the Havana Cuba All-Stars join us this season,” Music Worcester Executive Director Adrien C. Finlay said. “The rhythms and sounds of Cuba will come alive in Worcester in an electric evening that celebrates both Cuba’s music and dance styles. Our audience can expect a night of dancing in their seats for this performance.”

For further information, contact Sara Seng at [sara@heardstrategy.com](mailto:sara@heardstrategy.com). About Worcester Music, Inc.

Music Worcester, Inc., originally known as the Worcester County Music Association, for years, ran the Worcester Music Festival. Current programs reflect the merger in the mid-1990s of the Festival with International Artists Series and the Massachusetts Jazz Festival. Great performances by world-renowned orchestras and guest soloists, chamber music, ballet, world music and dance, jazz, and choral masterworks are hallmarks of Music Worcester’s annual operations. Multiple educational programs currently serve youth and families of greater Worcester: Music-To-Go, Tickets to Opportunity, Festival Singers, Symphonic Project, in-school residencies, and the Young Artist Competition. Music Worcester also welcomes the activities of two subsidiary groups each year - The Worcester Chorus, which has been an integral part of the Worcester Music Festival since the very beginning in 1858, and The Music Guild, Music Worcester’s volunteer league.

## Schools invited to apply for grants supporting post-prom, graduation events

REGION — District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr. is inviting local schools to apply for mini-grants to support post-prom and post-graduation events in an effort to keep students safe and prevent drunken driving crashes.

These events, organized and overseen by adults, offer safe drug-free and alcohol-free alternatives to high-risk activities that often follow end of the year celebrations for high school students.

In the past, Early has supported local post-prom and post-graduation events at high schools across the county through his drug forfeiture funding. This year, Early’s office is offering mini-grants thanks to the support of the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance Drunk Driving Trust Fund.

“I’ve been proud to support events like this in the past to help keep our kids safe,” Early said. “This time of year is supposed to be a celebration for students and their families, but too often we see tragedies. We’re hoping these grants will assist more schools in offering this safe option for students.”

Schools can apply for these grants to either support existing events or to assist in establishing new events. Applications for funding requests are due by Feb. 11.

To request a grant application, schools should contact Ellen Miller at [ellen.miller@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:ellen.miller@massmail.state.ma.us).

### P.A.L. of the Week

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# Do-It-Yourself Tips for Health and Well Being

The answer to common maladies isn't always in a medicine cabinet. In fact, treating everyday ailments or symptoms of aging is often a matter of common sense. From mental maneuvers to manual massage, the following self-help tips are geared toward effectively promoting good health and well being!



**TAKE THE HINT**  
**KAREN TRAINOR**

functions, memory improvement, reduction in stress and depression, pain relief and stronger internal muscles. One UM doctor even claims twenty seconds of hearty laughter gives the heart the same workout as three minutes of hard rowing. So enjoy a daily dose of laughter, it's free, fun and contagious!

**Improve Memory:** What's your memory grade? If you're a flunky when it comes to remembering, it may be time to get your brain back in shape with some mental gymnastics. No matter what your age, experts say exercising your brain really may make the difference between using it and losing it. Activities such as doing crossword puzzles, playing word games or cards, strengthens the receptors between brain cells in memory transmission areas. If you sense memory loss occurring, use mental helps such as calendars, calculators, list making, and group discussions to exercise your memory receptors. And relax. According to the experts, worrying about what you're going to forget can actually cause a mental block!

**Effortless Memory Boost:** Too tired to exercise your brain to boost memory? Dab on your favorite perfume! Believe it or not, medical studies show memory skills are enhanced while people are wearing a fragrance. The theory is that because the part of the brain that stores memory is located near the part that senses smell, the memory is boosted when you sniff a fragrance. Now, if you can only remember where you put the cologne...

**Laughter is the Best Medicine:** Groucho Marx once declared "A clown is like an aspirin, only he works twice as fast!" And health officials worldwide have proved laughter really may be the best medicine. According to University of Maryland Hospital studies, the benefits of laughing include improved coordination of brain

**Stress Busters:** It's 2 p.m., you've got a pile of unfinished work, you've yet to each lunch and the phone keeps ringing! If the high tech and high stress world has got you chewing your acrylic nails off, try these easy office stress busters: At the first sign of stress, massage therapists suggest simply massaging the palm of one hand by making a circular motion with the thumb of the other. Or, when you're stressed out, reach for a steaming mug of decaf or other hot beverage and cup your hands around the mug. Bring your warm hands to your closed eyes for a few seconds and take a deep breath to induce calm. And here's a good excuse to snack on the job: Carbohydrates stimulate serotonin in the brain, so reach for a bagel, crackers or pretzels to help calm down fast.

**The Buzz on Caffeine:** If you love your coffee, you now have another excuse to drink high octane java! A ten year study by the University of Bristol revealed coffee drinkers really may be better thinkers. The report said a cup of coffee can help in the performance of tasks, requiring sustained attention. It further helped enhance a person's ability to perform these tasks, during low alertness situations such as at night or when a person has a cold.

**Hearing Help:** Are you saying "Huh?" more than you used to? Well before you run out to by a hearing aid, you might want to consider a pair of sneakers instead! Believe it or not, researchers at Miami University in Ohio report aerobically fit people heard sounds at

lower volumes than their sedentary counterparts. In fact, the researchers went as far as to declare that a fit person at age 40 can have the hearing of a 20 year old! The concept is that aerobic exercises such as walking, enrich the blood with oxygen and improve blood flow to the ears, which improves hearing function. For a proper hearing "fitness" routine, the experts suggest working your way up to walking 30-60 minutes, five or six days per week. For an optimum hearing boost, add strength training, as those who are aerobically and muscularly fit had the best hearing!

**Eye Test:** Baby boomers may be soon discovering their eyes aren't as sharp as they used to be! Here is a quick vision test to gauge whether or not it's time to have those glasses upgraded: A person with good vision should be able to read the numbers and letters on a license plate 80 feet away. If not, it's time to get a vision check up. If you work at the computer all day, this simple "eye break" exercises tired eye muscles. Hold a pencil one foot away from your eyes, focus on an object behind the pencil for several seconds, then blink and focus directly on the pencil for a moment or two. This helps relaxes and revitalize eyes. At home, relieve eye strain by cutting two thin slices of raw red potato. Keep them on your closed eyelids for 20 minutes.

**Sweet Slumber:** Are you always tired? Is your nightly slumber less than satisfying? If so, it might be time to reset your sleep clock to ensure your daily dose of rest! If your body clock is set to a different time than your schedule, you'll feel tired. Experts say when you're in your 20s and 30s, your body

is typically set to stay up late and sleep late. On the other hand, it's common for people in their 60s and 70s to fall asleep at before 8 p.m. and wake up before the birds. Here's how to get back to a normal sleep rhythm by resetting your sleep clock: Bright electric light can shift your body clock, according to a past study published in the Journal of Investigative Medicine. If you want to stay up later, sit under a bright light bulb for one to two hours before your current bedtime. This will slowly shift your body clock to a later bedtime. In the morning, block out bright light until you've been up for an hour or two. If you want to go to bed and get up earlier, dim the lights in the bedroom after 9 p.m. and pull up shades to allow the morning sun to stream in.

**Stall Senility:** If forgetfulness has you fretting about a future with Alzheimer's, here are some facts that may actually help you stall or prevent the disease. While searching for the cause for Alzheimer's disease, researchers found some interesting clues. Middle-aged people with high cholesterol or high blood pressure have a 50 percent greater risk for developing Alzheimer's later in life. Studies also reveal patients may have low levels of vitamin B-12, A, C and beta-carotene, and high concentrations of aluminum and mercury. Most revealing is that a recent study of people genetically predisposed to developing Alzheimer's disease, showed those who consumed the most fat on average, as well as the most calories, were more likely to develop the disease compared as to people who followed low-fat, low-calorie diets. So take your vitamins and eat healthy to up your odds of avoiding Alzheimer's!

## Sen. Anne Gobi welcomes Lucas McDiarmid as District Director

SPENCER — Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) is pleased to announce the hiring of Lucas McDiarmid to her staff as District Director.

McDiarmid, a Palmer resident, holds a Bachelor's degree in from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and is currently pursuing a Master's of Public Administration at Norwich University. He most recently worked as a Development Coordinator at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute and currently serves on the town of Palmer's Conservation Commission. Lucas replaces Tyler Wolanin, who accepted a new position as a Research Analyst for the New Jersey Office of Legislative Services beginning last December.

McDiarmid will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of January. Constituents and

town officials are invited to meet with him to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Attendants should RSVP to him at [Lucas.McDiarmid@MASenate.gov](mailto:Lucas.McDiarmid@MASenate.gov). Town attendance is not restricted to residents of those towns.

Tuesday, Jan. 22:  
West Brookfield Senior Center 9 to 10 a.m.  
Holland Town Hall 11 a.m. to noon  
Wales Senior Center, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
Monson Town Hall, 2 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30:  
New Braintree Town Hall 11 a.m. to noon  
Paxton Town Hall 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.  
Brookfield Town Hall 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Ashby Town Hall 6 to 7 p.m.

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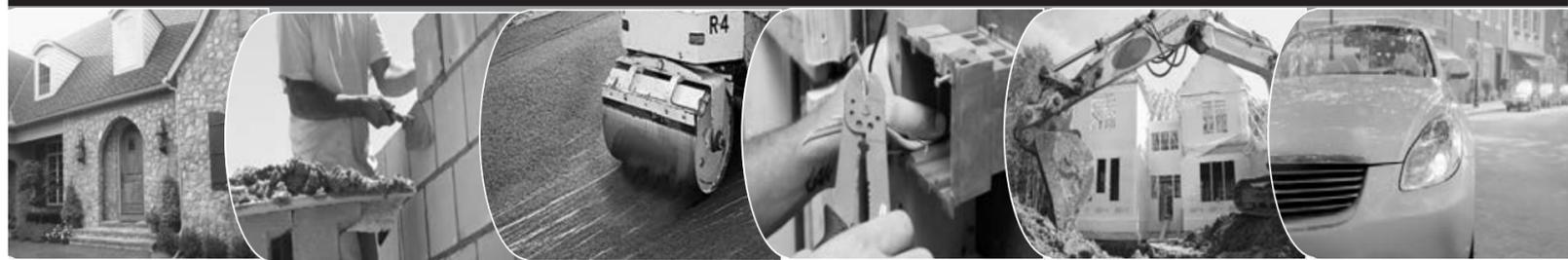
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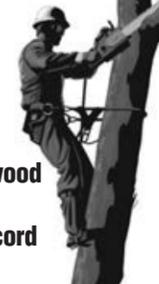
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# CLASSROOM CORNER

## New principal keeps WBES moving forward



Kevin Flanders Photo

Kellie O'Brien took over this year as the new principal at West Brookfield Elementary School.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — In her first year as principal of West Brookfield Elementary School, Kellie O'Brien has helped continue the school's momentum.

Having served for eight years as the assistant principal of Paxton Center School, O'Brien was ready to make the leap to her first principal position. Students and staff at WBES have worked hard to help make her transition a smooth one.

"The staff is very dedicated, and works well together. We have many teachers who take on extra leadership roles," O'Brien said. "Everyone did a great job of helping me understand how things flow here. This is a very close-knit community, just like the one I came from."

O'Brien, who lives in Holden, earned a graduate degree from The College of William and Mary in Virginia. She began her career in Newport News, Va., as a fourth grade teacher, then transitioned to the first grade. After advancing to administrative roles and moving to Massachusetts, she was named assis-

tant principal at Paxton Center School.

While in Paxton, O'Brien obtained several valuable skills that have translated well to her position in West Brookfield. During her time at Paxton Center School, she helped unveil a pair of new learning tools: the Eureka math program and the Fountas and Pinnell literacy program. When O'Brien learned that those same two programs were being implemented for the first time this year at WBES, she knew she could provide valuable insights for students and staff.

Both programs use technology and modern curriculum frameworks to help prepare kids for standardized tests. Because the state's MCAS tests are now administered online, WBES teachers are also using other methods to prepare their students for the change in testing. Looking ahead, O'Brien would like to eventually see the district introduce the 1:1 Chromebook program that has been effective in several area schools.

Midway through her first year, O'Brien is eager to keep finding ways to maximize student and staff development. Having started her career as a teacher, she enjoys opportunities to spend time with students and connect with the staff.

"I love to talk to the kids and see what they are working on and learning," O'Brien said. "It is also important for me to provide as many development opportunities as possible for the staff."

Among other activities, O'Brien has toured WBES classrooms with various groups of staff members throughout the year. It's not only a chance for teachers to see where improvements can be made, she said, but also an opportunity to highlight teaching successes and the many student achievements being made. From her very first interview over the summer, O'Brien stressed that her goal wouldn't be to come in and make immediate changes, but instead to help empower students and staff to continue their success.

"This is a wonderful community, and the parents are all so supportive. I am very happy to be here," added O'Brien, who got an early start on meeting students during a camp held at WBES last summer.

O'Brien's passion for leadership and dedication to every student's success has impressed school and district leaders.

"Good people are difficult to find, and this is especially true in the world of school administration. Our district is incredibly fortunate to have landed Principal O'Brien," said Quaboag Regional School District Superintendent Brett Kustigian.

When she isn't at school, O'Brien enjoys spending time with her three children and watching their sports contests.

## Local students named to dean's list at Becker College

WORCESTER — The following students have been named to the dean's list at Becker College for the fall semester. The dean's list recognizes all full-time students 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.

Christina Gomez, of Spencer, is pursuing a BS in Biology.  
Elizabeth Goyette, of Spencer, is pursuing a BA in Design, Graphic Design Concentration.

Daniel Jackson, of Rochdale, is pursuing a BS in Business Administration, Marketing Concentration.

Shelby McMillan, of Brookfield, is pursuing a BS in Nursing.  
Andrea Mercado, of Spencer, is pursuing a BA in Early Childhood and Youth Education.

Emily Orth, of Leicester, is pursuing a BA in Interactive Media Design, Computer Game Design Concentration.

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

Paola Rodriguez, of Spencer, is pursuing a BS in Biology.  
Brian Sarmiento, of Spencer, is pursuing a BS in Applied Computer Science.

Kellie Stewart, of Brookfield, is pursuing a BS in Exercise Science, Health & Fitness Concentration.

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.

## Things to remember on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." -MLK Jr.



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With Martin Luther King Jr. Day coming up on Jan. 21, I wrote down things I

try to keep in my thoughts each year, hoping that other people will not simply see it as a Monday holiday, but a celebration of how far we have come and a realization of how far we have to go.

First, questioning the status quo is not only important, but it's necessary. The laws of the 1950s in the Southern United States reveal that just because something is legal does not mean it is right. Jim Crow laws mandated racial segregation in many states by creating separate public facilities, schools, and transportation vehicles for black Americans and white Americans. The

idea, upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1896, was based on the idea that these facilities would be "separate but equal," with the problem being that they were always separate and never equal. After Rosa Parks refused

to give up her seat to a white man in 1955 when the whites-only section was filled, Dr. King became the leader in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which led to the ending of racial segregation on all Montgomery public buses in 1956. When following the law was not the right thing to do, King refused to follow it, creating a change to further human rights.

Second, nonviolence is often much more brave than violent retaliation. King and the rest of the Southern

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## Roger Williams University announces Fall 2018 Dean's List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Fall 2018 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.

Amelia Ashworth of Brookfield  
Andrew Carlson of Leicester  
Ryan Greaney of Leicester

About RWU

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.

Julie Carr, Anastasia Cichowski, Scott Merrell  
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Garrett Cassavant, Suriyan Narayana, Benjamin Seymour, Demetria Wrobel

## Local students named to Dean's List at Quinsigamond Community College

Quinsigamond Community College has released its Dean's List for the Fall semester of 2018. Among those recognized for their superior academic performance were the following Spencer area residents:

East Brookfield  
Jacob English, Lisa Renaud, Connor Scott

Leicester

## SERENITY

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back. Only one student can be chosen per town for the annual project, leaving staff members with some difficult decisions each year.

"I was proud and honored to be selected for something to make a positive impact on our community working alongside other eighth graders across Massachusetts who desire to do the same thing," Kauppila said.

A member of Student Council at her school, Kauppila enjoys having the opportunity to organize special events for her classmates and help maintain a strong student culture. Also a member of the National Junior Honors Society, she has given back to her community in many ways over the years. One of her most recent service projects in town included picking up trash around the high school and the Town Common.

Additionally, in lieu of receiving presents each year on her birthday, she focuses on raising money and assisting organizations. She has also gotten involved in broader activism efforts in an effort to raise awareness.

"By doing this I help out my community locally and across the country," added Kauppila, who also teamed up with classmate Aspen Qualles to represent the Clean Green Music Machine and promote ways to improve the envi-

ronment.

When Kauppila arrives in Boston on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, she'll be surrounded by hundreds of other students who share her passion for giving back. As part of the daylong service initiative, students are assigned to groups and take part in multiple projects. Among the many organizations assisted by student groups are Cradles to Crayons, the Greater Boston Food Bank, the Mass. Military Heroes Fund, and the Martin Richard Foundation.

After the service day is complete, Project 351 students will take part in additional activities throughout the year to better their communities.

"I am most excited for coming together with people of the same mindset and goal to help benefit our community," Kauppila told Stonebridge Press. "Giving back to people and the community not only brings me joy, but it shows support to those who might need it."

Looking ahead to future years, Kauppila and her fellow student ambassadors will serve as Project 351 promoters and provide advice to younger students chosen for the program. Since 2011, the Project 351 program has positively impacted over 500,000 residents in need throughout the state.

To learn more about the effort and how students are making a difference statewide, visit [www.Project351.org](http://www.Project351.org).

## EDDY

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"Walk a Mile in Eddy's Shoes is geared toward the entire community - at no monetary cost. We wanted something that everyone could participate in. We're encouraging people to ask friends and relatives from outside of Leicester to contribute, too."

Collection boxes will be set up at Town Hall, Giguere's Gym, St. Pius X Church, the thrift shop at St. Joseph's Church, and at all four Leicester schools. Shoes of all types and sizes are requested.

Donations of shoes will be accepted through March.

The town thanks all organizations that have stepped up to lead the effort, including the Deja New charitable organization, which came up with the idea for Walk a Mile in Eddy's Shoes. Leicester Middle School's CommuniTeen group,

meanwhile, constructed the collections boxes and placed them at various locations around town. The students, along with other local youth groups, will sort and package the shoes after the collections period ends. All donations will support people in need throughout the world.

So far, fundraisers and community donations have combined to raise more than \$25,000 toward the effort. The goal is to be able to purchase the van for Eddy by the spring if donations continue at their current pace.

School officials thank all students, staff members, and parents who have gotten involved, as well as community leaders.

"When I was approached by Mrs. Cooney, I didn't hesitate to get the schools involved," Tencza added. "I want to credit Cheryl Cooney for spearheading this drive."

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## EDITORIAL

# Making a resolution that will last

With New Year's Day now in our rear-view mirror, we, like many of you out there, are thinking about resolutions. We could debate that September is actually the start of a new year given the clean slate of grades to start a new school year, but a new year is a new year, and not all of us are still in school.

More than half of all resolutions end in failure, but we like the fact that generally, we, as people, seek to improve ourselves and our lives. One reason resolutions fail is that a person just hasn't chosen the right one, something that has meaning. Many people fail before the end of January.

A resolution isn't the right one for you if it's too vague, if it's someone else's expectations for you, or if you have no plan.

The acronym SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound) can be used to help facilitate your success. If you make a specific goal of losing a certain amount of weight, your goal will be easier to obtain. If you set a time limit (baby steps) by saying 'I will lose one pound each week,' your plan becomes more effective. As a side note on the 'baby steps' concept, if you haven't seen the comedy "What About Bob?" starring Bill Murray, you must.

We all like to see progress and to see it fast. One way is to make something measurable. If you want to scale back on something, say using social media, you can use the 'see how much time you've spent on Facebook' setting to watch your usage go down. Or if you've set out to watch as many old classic movies or read as many John Grisham novels as you can this year, you can make a check list, and as you finish each one, check it off the list. Or bring an empty book case into your house, as you finish a book, pop it on the shelf.

Pick a goal that is achievable. By taking a leap that is too big, you might find yourself in over your head and likely frustrated. Having a goal of saving more money than you can, will leave you hopeless, however if you can put away \$50.00 per month, then you're on to something.

Choose a resolution that is relevant. Doing something for the right reasons is key. A relevant goal is a lasting goal. If you want to do more research on your family's ancestry, so that your family will have the information for years to come, then what you're doing has meaning to not only you but to the people you care about. Choosing to bring others in on your goal is never a bad idea either. We all need a coach at times.

Using a timeline for your goals should be realistic. Knocking off small goals along the way will lead you to your larger goals and will also give you a chance to create your new habit.

Learning something new is one of the most refreshing things about being alive. Being able to continually grow and morph into the best versions of ourselves is what life is all about. The more you enjoy, the more meaning you get out of life.

As the poet T.S. Eliot wrote, "For last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await another voice."

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 The Editor

# VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The shutdown is a sign of a backsliding America

To the Editor:  
 As the shutdown rages on, likely to be the longest in U.S. history, I think we need to reframe this a bit. For all that the Republicans said about Obama governing by executive order, being an "imperial president," and calling him "King Obama," look at this... Obama stood his ground on Congress tearing down legislation that had been previously passed (Obamacare) when Ted Cruz led a rebellion to defund giving Americans healthcare who can't afford it. Now we have President Trump shutting down government because after two years of the Republicans controlling the House and Senate, he was never given money for his wall. Now Trump is holding the country hostage and demanding Democrats fund the wall a majority of Americans don't support, was never passed, and most notably was not passed when the Republicans held the reins.

Then, he threatens to invoke the Emergencies Act, which gives him dictatorial power to override Congress and use the military to build his wall. The Emergencies Act was passed to give the President the ability to react to something on the scale of a nuclear or biological war where there wasn't enough time for normal process. Trump wants to use it to actually become an imperial president, a dictator unwittingly authorized by Congress in the 1970's. Trump wants to use nuclear war management legislation to deliver a stupid campaign promise and go around Congress. I can't think of anything more contrary to the goal of the Constitution.

The irony in all of this is that we already have walls and fences in populated areas. Where we don't have physical barriers is where there are natural boundaries, which are very effective. A 30-mile hike over mountains and through the desert is a pretty formidable barrier. In order to build a wall in these places we need to build roads leading to the border for construction and maintenance rendering the natural boundary useless. Further irony is the true source of illegal immigration is overstayed visas and smuggled through ports of entry hidden in cargo.

The bill to re-open government was previously approved by the Senate unanimously in a voice vote. Now that the Democrats have taken control of the House, Mitch McConnell is refusing to allow anything to go to a vote unless Trump approves it. There is legislation to re-open the government passed by the House that could potentially pass by a veto proof margin in the Senate, yet McConnell won't allow it to be voted on. Why is one person (Mitch McConnell) given so much power? He knows that the Democratic House appropriations bill would pass in the Republican con-

trolled Senate, so he decided because he doesn't want it? He won't let it be voted on? One Senator gets to squash legislation that would pass? Mitch is running interference for Trump, and we have a big problem here with power being consolidated in weird places. I don't believe the founders of the Constitution intended for parties to exist, never mind the leader of the majority preventing veto-proof legislation from moving forward.

America is backsliding. We are becoming less of a free country, less of a system of checks and balances, and more of an authoritarian failed democracy. On Aug. 31, Omar Har-Yarok asserted that our constitutional system of government isn't great and has failed most places it has been tried. The only thing that has kept us together is that we only elected responsible people who didn't want it all to burn down. Most notable Latin American countries modeled their systems of governments after ours, and many became failed states because the people elected personalities who consolidated power, and who would rather see the government fail than work with others causing gridlock and eventually dictatorship and coup d'états.

Businesses can't be formed and open bank accounts because the IRS isn't issuing EIN's. No IPO's or mergers can happen because the SEC is furloughed. No passports are being processed. No food is being inspected because the FDA is furloughed. No research is occurring at the National Institutes for Health. Airport security is sharply lower as the TSA grapples with high absentee rates by inspecting passengers more lightly. National parks are getting trashed and destroyed by ATVs. Passports aren't being processed. The USA's credit rating will go down, causing the interest the government pays to go up. The economy is being harmed.

Most ironically, border patrol is working without pay and experiencing "sick outs." Immigration courts are closed. Hilariously, E-Verify, the system employers use to determine if workers are in the US legally, is not running. The Coast Guard isn't being paid.

All for a big, beautiful wall which will never be built. All because Fox News shamed the President after the Democrats took the House so he could blame them and not the last two years of Republican control. All because the news cycle moved off Russia and the fact that Manafort met with Russians to talk strategy and exchange information in Madrid and Kiev during the campaign and after the inauguration.

FRED BAGG  
 SPENCER

### Freedom vs. socialism

To the Editor:  
 I am appealing, informing and warning the people who profess to be Christians and President Trump supporters to come out of your comfort zone and be heard and support President Trump in his effort to keep his promise and protect this country, America, from newly elected Democrats who want to take away our freedom with socialism that threatens the freedom of this country that is now governed by the peoples voice and votes. We need to help prevent this country from becoming a socialist society ruled, dictated by a democratic government taking away the rights of the people to vote.

If we the people, who elected President Trump, do not come out

of your comfort zone and support President Trump, you — we — will lose our freedom. It is your voice [support] and mine that the President needs to help him keep his promise. Remain silent and lose your freedom, or be supportive, be heard, and stand by President Trump, who is an American patriot, and help him keep America strong now and in 2020. Remain quiet and allow the Democrats to establish socialism, a country governed, ruled, dictated by the government and lose your — our — freedom.

God bless America. God bless President Trump.

ROLAND BLAIS  
 BROOKFIELD

### Tale of a wall and all

To the Editor:  
 In days of old, or so I'm told, a man's home was his castle.  
 But many uninvited visitors proved to be quite a hassle.  
 The wizard in residence conjured up an image of a wall,  
 To do it all but added it needed to be extremely tall.  
 The castle residents objected and said we couldn't pay,  
 To keep free-loaders at bay just send them on their way.  
 We should build a moat to prevent entry without a boat.  
 Then we could sit atop the parapet to drink and goat.

The Connecticut Yankee who resided in King Arthur's Court,  
 Said that in the future they would

voice their own retort.  
 It seems they could steal a river from a place called Colorado,  
 Send it over mountains to where they searched for Eldorado.  
 The food products now irrigated in this dry, barren dessert,  
 The small farmers in the northeast would be the only ones hurt.

Another from the future suddenly appeared in a cloud of dust,  
 And said let the greedy people of California sit there and rust.  
 Resend the river back to the Rio Grande to slow the flow,  
 Add a few alligators as further deterrents don't you know.

TIM PARKER  
 WARE

## What's keeping you from protecting your family's future?



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Think about your loved ones. What will their future be like? Can you picture them living in your house

many years from now? Can you picture your children going to college? Can you picture your spouse or partner enjoying a comfortable retirement? These are all pleasant visions — but what if you weren't in these pictures? If you were no longer around, you'd leave a gaping hole in the lives of your survivors. The emotional element would be tough enough, but the financial aspect — the permanent loss of your income — could be devastating to all the hopes you've had for your family members. Fortunately, you can help prevent this "worst-case" scenario from happening — if you have sufficient life insurance.

Unfortunately, a lot of people don't — even when they recognize the need. LIMRA and Life Happens, two organizations that provide education on life insurance, report the following:

Only four in 10 Americans own an individual life insurance policy — although 85 percent say that most people need life insurance.

More than one-third of all households report that they would feel an adverse financial impact within one month of losing a primary wage earner's income, while nearly half would feel an impact in just six months.

What's keeping people from providing adequate insurance for their families? Here's a sampling of the most common reasons:

"I just don't want to think about it." Let's face it — like almost everybody, you probably don't like to think about death. And consequently, you may well be inclined to postpone thinking about life insurance. But if you can just envision what your loved ones' lives would be like without you, in terms of their financial situation, you will find it easier to address your insurance needs in a calmer, more analytical manner.

"I have other financial priorities." You will always have financial obligations — mortgage or rent payments, car payments, credit card bills, student loans, etc. You can't ignore these expenses, but ask yourself this: Do any of them really take priority over the future happiness and welfare of your loved ones? Since the answer to this question is obviously "no," you will likely conclude that maintaining adequate life insurance is one of the most important financial moves you can make.

"I can't afford life insurance." If you think life insurance is prohibitively expensive, you're not alone. In fact, 80% of consumers think life insurance costs more than it does, according to LIMRA and Life Happens, while nearly half of the "millennial" generation estimates the cost at five times more than the actual amount. In reality, some types of life insurance, such as term insurance, is highly affordable.

"I don't know how much insurance I'll need." To determine an appropriate level of coverage, you'll need to consider a variety of factors, such as the number and age of your dependents, size of your mortgage, spousal income, amount of employer-provided insurance, and so on. A financial professional can help you calculate the amount of protection you need.

As you can see, none of the reasons listed above should really keep you from adding life insurance to your overall financial strategy. So, take action now to help ensure that your wishes for your family's future will become reality.

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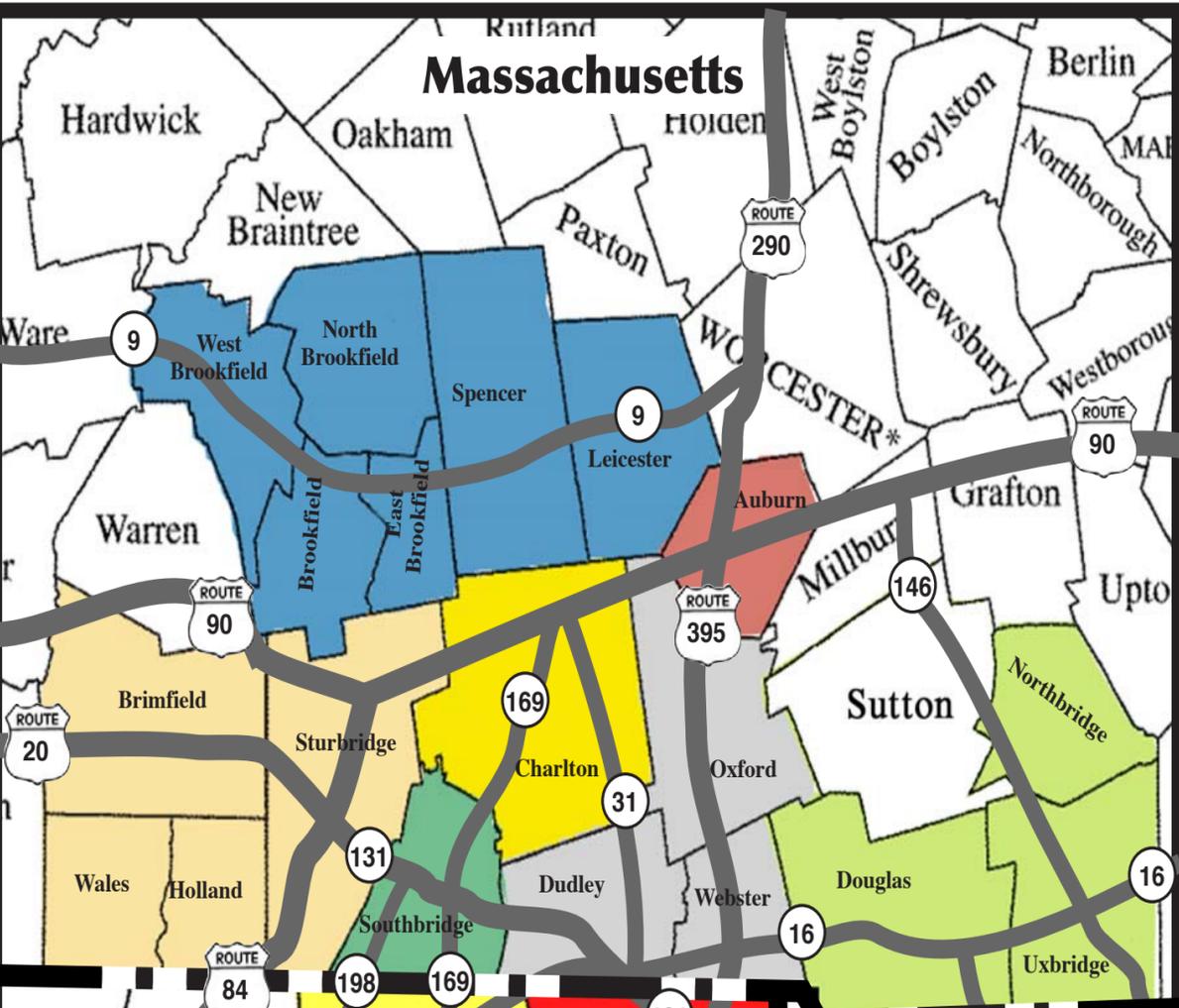
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Congressman McGovern doing the right thing ... And a correction

To the Editor:  
In 2018, the Republican controlled House Rules Committee (HRC) forwarded, Congress approved, and President Trump signed a 1.3 trillion dollar tax cut and spending bill. Over 80 percent, or \$1 trillion, of these dollars will benefit the wealthy, the well connected, and corporations. The bill will also create a massive budget deficit that will mainly be repaid by the middle class and less well off current and future taxpayers. It also negatively affects critical government services and places Social Security and Medicare under threat.

This Republican Congress, under Speaker Paul Ryan, and the HRC, under the scandals tainted Pete Sessions, typically allowed members little opportunity to study, discuss, or amend this important legislation.

In Spencer last summer, when questioned, Congressman Jim McGovern indicated that if Democrats took control of the House and chose him as HRC Chair, he would run the committee differently and open it to all voices.

After the 2018 election, McGovern did become HRC Chair – making our elected official one of the most important in Washington. His first efforts encountered some Democratic opposition. However, with broad Democratic and some Republican support, McGovern, as promised, moved strongly forward. He has put in place measures to open the committee, improve bi-partisan cooperation, and reduce gridlock. This includes;

- ensuring all Representatives and HRC members have time to review new legislation, make amendments, and propose new bills,

- preventing and punishing corrupt behavior,

- reviewing legislation, so that the middle class and the less well off do not end up paying taxes that mainly benefit the wealthy, and

- supporting initiatives that address the changing climate and “Green” economic development and employment opportunities.

This seems a good start improving our Congress’s bi-partisan and performance. .

Correction: In the Jan. 8 New Leader, Mr. Read, in a submission, commented on my letter published on Oct. 26, 2018. My letter had the title “Vote For Those Who Support Public Education.” It discussed (a) the need to improve education and its funding in Massachusetts middle and lower income communities and (b) taxing the wealthy to pay for educational improvements. The letter also recommended voting for two local candidates and either candidate for Governor

Mr. Read wrote that I had incorrectly used the term “millionaire.” In this, he is correct – I should have added the word “income” to millionaire, meaning someone who in a year declared an income of at least \$1 million.

However, his comment on my October 2018 letter had little to do with my letter’s main points. Fortunately, in this year’s state legislative session, increasing educational funding has been given the highest priority. Many also agree that funding needed for sustainable educational improvement should not come from the already strained the middle class or the less well off – rather it should be sourced from the comfortably wealthy.

After going through Mr. Read’s letter, I would like to make some other short points: first, the way in which it addresses Mr. Rosenberg and Democrats are neither civil or helpful. Also, to read a “rant,” Mr. Read need go no farther than his own submission.

Second, his defense of President Trump appears to be an often incorrect, one sided history of the attacks on Mr. Trump. At the same time, he ignores Trump’s many, many of attacks - often laced with lies - on individuals, former associates, and American allies and institutions. Many believe his attacks endanger our country.

Finally, for those interested in reading a well written column, consider Ms. Miller’s in last week’s New Leader. Its title begins with “U.S. has a moral obligation ...” The letter flows well and is fact based, thoughtful, well argued, and reaches a potent conclusion. It deserves reflection and discussion.

KEVIN KANE  
SPENCER

### We need President Pence

To the Editor:  
Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) is a neologism in American English describing the reaction to President Trump by liberals, progressives, “Never Trump” conservatives, and quite frankly the political center. Trump’s supporters who I will not call conservative (his positions are hardly) use the term to discredit criticism of Trump. In response to Mr. Reed’s letter of Jan. 11, I absolutely have TDS. I am disturbed knowing that the country I love is lurching towards becoming a failed state at the hands of a megalomaniac. What deranges me is the support Trump had, and continues to have. There are lots of crazy reality TV stars, but they aren’t supposed to win elections. Almost anybody else would have felt the weight of responsibility on their shoulders upon winning, and would have shut up and started listening to experts. When what were essentially protest votes against the “system” created an accidental president and the American people were supposed to be scared and demand he act like an adult or push for impeachment. What’s wrong with Mike Pence to Republicans, anyway? History will not look kindly on this chapter.

As it turns out those that don’t support President Trump were a clear majority of American Citizens in 2016 (three million more people voted for Hillary despite her unlikability). 2018 turned out to be the largest midterm wave election in modern history. The Democrats picked up 41 seats in the House, won 10 million more votes than Republicans in House races and 18 million more votes in Senate races. This was a bigger blowout than when the Republicans took the House in 2010, bigger than when the Democrats took the House in 2006, and bigger than the Newt Gingrich inspired 1994 backlash to Bill Clinton. 2018 was the biggest blowout in favor of Democrats and against Trump in at least a generation. Granted, the Republicans did gain two Senate seats to a total of 53 seats, despite earning 18 million fewer votes. In other words, the Dems in 2018 hold a commanding lead of 10-20 percent of all Americans; however, the Republicans hold a commanding lead over largely empty land masses. Earning 35 percent fewer votes and patting yourself on the back for a victory lap is pretty bizarre.

We have proven that elections are popularity contests and not a means to select the most qualified. Mrs. Clinton was arguably the most qualified person ever to seek the office but she was deeply disliked by many Americans. She was a lawyer, an advis-

er to a Governor for 10 years, adviser to a President for 8 years, a Senator in her own right for 8 years, and Secretary of State for four years. Compare that to an erratic billionaire who had many failed business ventures including running a casino bankrupt who went on to become a reality TV star and media personality. Trump didn’t need this, his net worth is down because he took this gig. He is doing it for his ego. Trump has a long history of stroking his ego and wanting to be famous – what could be more famous than being President? As for donating his Presidential salary – at his level of wealth that is like an average person donating \$100/year to say, “see, I’m a nice guy.”

Donald Trump barreled through 16 other Republicans because of plurality mathematics. Trump was something different from the rest of them – wholly unqualified, vulgar, and ignorant. He didn’t know what he was doing, didn’t know the facts, and didn’t care. Donald Trump is a reality TV star and he knew how to put on a show. The other 16 all tried to look like the adult in the room while Trump was acting like a clown. The other 16 split the “reasonable Republican” vote and together had far more votes than Trump. Trump was the only clown, so he consolidated that and won a plurality. He lost the general election by three million votes against a historically unlikely Hillary and only became president because a quirk in our constitution which was put there to placate slave states.

Mrs. Clinton stereotyped voters in 2016 with her “basket of deplorables” comment. It was the most insightful thing she ever said and it is proven and re-proven over and over again in these pages and across America. The comment probably cost her election because calling deplorable people deplorable isn’t a path to popularity. I absolutely stand by all of my comments, and challenge anybody to read through the archives and challenge any of the points I have made.

To the Republicans, what’s wrong with Mike Pence? Hillary is history, she will never hold any other office. Today the debate isn’t about whether Trump or Hillary should be president – it is about whether Trump or Pence should be. I sharply disagree with Pence on nearly all of his policy positions, as do a majority of Americans, but I can accept a Pence presidency as the only remedy we have until 2021. Pence 2019! Sanity 2020!

DAVID ROSENBERG  
SPENCER

### A fond farewell and thank you to Leicester

To the Editor:  
Approximately 13 years ago, I interviewed for the position of Chief of Police in the Town of Leicester. After interviewing for the job, I knew Leicester was the place I wanted to be. It is hard to believe that it has been almost 13 years since I arrived in Leicester as Chief of Police. I can best describe what I have experienced during that time as “a ringside seat to the greatest show on earth every day.” I have been fortunate, over the course of those years, to have the opportunity to meet many outstanding Leicester residents and members of the business community. I have enjoyed meeting each and every one of you and have greatly appreciated your support. You all played a role in making my job easier and our community safer through that support and the working relationships that were established.

As I look back over the past years, there have been many difficult calls that I was required to respond to and/or oversee. No call was more difficult than receiving a late-night phone call at home informing me that Officer Ron Tarentino had just been shot and killed in the line of duty on May 22, 2016 while working on the Auburn Police Department. The murder of Ron would be the Leicester PD’s darkest hours. Ron was a member of the Leicester Police Department for seven years prior to transferring to Auburn PD and his death rocked the department to its core. It was during our darkest hours that the residents and business community carried Leicester PD forward with unbelievable support. I will never forget what the residents and business community did for the Tarentinos, the Leicester Police Department, and me.

There have been many difficult calls, including fatal motor vehicle crashes, suicides, home invasions, sexual assaults, and many other crimes. During my almost 13 years as Chief of Police at the LPD, the department has been involved in or responded to:

- 335,523 calls for service/patrol initiated activity
- 7,032 arrests/criminal summons issued
- 3,384 motor vehicle crashes
- 10,885 incident reports were taken and/or investigated

Together, we also weathered the ice storm of 2008, numerous blizzards, and many other unusual events that occurred in the community.

While there were many difficult calls to handle, the most difficult call was one which required that we notify a family member or close friend of the death of a loved one. While I had to do this far too often, my wish is that I delivered devastating news in a pas-

sionate and caring way. I owed that to the residents of Leicester.

My last weeks in Leicester proved to once again hold an enormous challenge with the opening of the state’s first licensed recreational marijuana dispensary. The dispensary opening brought thousands of people and their vehicles to our community. While traffic and parking issues arose, the LPD, with support from residents and the business community, worked to keep Route 9 and the west end of town accessible. For almost four weeks the LPD worked with Cultivate to ensure that customers were able to access the business with the least amount of impact on commuters and residents. While there were trying times during those weeks, the issues were addressed and the marijuana dispensary parking and traffic is running smoothly.

No matter how difficult my day was, the community was always there to offer support. It might have just been a quick, “Nice job” comment from a resident, walking by or a phone call or e-mail that recognized good work done by a member of the department. They were all greatly appreciated. I can vividly recall having worked 24 hours straight looking for an armed suspect whose arrest ended our long day. The next day, I was walking out of a local business, still pretty tired, when a woman came up to me and said, “Chief, thanks for what you and all of your officers did yesterday.” That quick comment really did put some spring in my step.

I became a police officer in the hopes of making a difference. I was fortunate to have been selected to serve as the Chief of Police in Leicester. I would be remiss if I did not thank the residents, business community, social & religious organizations, and even total strangers who made a difference in my life while I have been Chief of Police. You had a positive impact on me through your support, kind words, and friendship. I will be forever grateful and will do my best to pay it forward.

I truly hope that all of our paths cross again and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chief of Police. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Leicester community.

And finally, to the men and women of the Leicester Police Department: You have showed me time and time again over the years why you are truly Leicester’s finest. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. With deepest appreciation,

JAMES J. HURLEY  
CHIEF OF POLICE (RETIRED)  
LEICESTER

### Please support businesses who give back!

To the Editor:  
Senior Living at Prouty on Main Street in Spencer opened in 2010, offering a supportive housing environment to low-income individuals. Since that time, we have always been impressed by how the local businesses support non-profit organizations like ours.

One of the most important events for the people living in our building is the annual Thanksgiving/Christmas/Holiday celebration when all tenants come together to enjoy dinner and entertainment. Thanks to the continued generosity of our local business friends from Spencer, the Brookfields, Leicester, Sturbridge and Worcester, the festivities were enriched by the various wonderful gift certificates and product donations they made to our door prizes.

On behalf of all those who attended this event, we would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the following businesses who gave back to the community and helped provide a great celebration for individuals at our site who might otherwise be alone for the holidays, and a good time for all!

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We are incredibly fortunate to be part of a business community that is so enthusiastic

in its support of one another. Once again, thank you for your generous contributions

on making such a special event for all our very grateful attendees.

We wish all of you wellness and prosperity in this New Year!

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### A great giver’s generosity lives on

To the Editor:

When Mary (Ledoux) Doros passed away in February, 2018, In her obituary, her family requested donations be made to The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House, in

her memory. Mary frequently spoke about the Town House. She wanted to see it

maintained. She wanted to see it renovated.

As a result of this request, there has been an overwhelming response from many

people near and far. Mary’s gift to the Town House (to date) is over \$3,300. She was the gift that kept on giving. The Friends of the Town House and the Town of

North Brookfield are very grateful.  
EDIE HUBACZ  
FRIENDS OF THE NORTH BROOKFIELD TOWN HOUSE

# Time to get out on the ice



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Start your engines! Ice augers, that is. Ice fishing has finally arrived, and anglers are wasting no time to do a little bit of ice fishing.

As always, extreme caution needs to be practiced when navigating new ice. Because of the deadline for this column, no reports of fishing from local anglers this week, but I am sure there will be a lot of news next week.

Reports from Maine: ice fishing anglers have bob houses and other fishing gear being set up on frozen lakes. Hopefully, the ice will hang around for a while, giving anglers a few weeks of good ice fishing. Cape ponds have a coating of ice on them, but may need a few more days of cold weather to make them safe. Remember to wear ice creepers on your shoe or boots to avoid a nasty fall that could send you to the hospital and end your ice fishing expeditions for the year.

This week's two pictures show a local angler with his prize winning broodstock salmon caught a number of years ago at Wallom lake in Douglas, and the second picture shows a farther and son team ice fishing at Linwood Pond a few years ago. Unfortunately, no broodstock salmon are available to Mass. Fish & Wildlife



again this year. It sure was a great opportunity for anglers to enjoy the experience of landing such a great fish through the ice.

Pike fishing in Rhode Island and in lakes in the Western part of Mass. should start to produce some great fish.

The last segment of the Canada goose season in Massachusetts opened this past Tuesday, Feb. 15, and will end on Feb. 15. The late season allows for a liberal daily bag limit of 15 birds.

Because of the extreme cold weather and frozen lakes this past week, many geese will be visiting local rivers to feed and have water. Hunting areas around water require a good bird dog for retrieving downed birds, but can be hazardous for them also. Dogs falling through thin ice can often put the dog in a dangerous condition. I like to have my lab fitted with

a good vest that is buoyant and also keeps his body warm when swimming in the frigid water. No goose is worth the life of my dog, as I have told numerous stories of my hunting experiences in past columns that could have very well cost myself and my dog our lives.

Hunting from a canoe or small water craft at this time of year is also dangerous and common sense and caution needs to be practiced on every hunt. Wearing life preservers at all times when in water craft while hunting this time of year can save your life. I have tipped over my canoe while hunting waterfowl in my younger years and if it happened to me today it would more than likely cost me my life. I no longer have a canoe or small boat to hunt from and I prefer to keep both feet on dry ground. Goose hunting can be a lot of fun



but common sense needs to be practiced every minute while out in the great outdoors at this time of year.

If you own a good rabbit dog, this is the time of year to enjoy the baying of the hounds as they trails the scent of the elusive rabbit. There populations have increased these past few years, and if you can find a bit of cover along fields and swamps that are open to hunting, you may just be able to harvest a few of these tasty rabbits. The bare ground is just what you need to hunt rabbits this time of year. Rabbit stew was a favorite dish of mine back in the good old days.

Hunting on a Saturday morning with the late Bob Campo and Buster Bromley, it was not hard to harvest a few rabbits for a good stew. My son, Ralph Jr., also enjoyed rabbit hunting back in the day, at age 12. He shot his first two rabbits on Thanksgiving morning

off of Sutton Street in Uxbridge in front of my first real good beagle called Joe. I purchased the beagle as a pup from the late John Bolanzo of Douglas. The dog won numerous trophy's and ribbons in field trials at the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club and The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club. Ah, yes, the good old days.

Don't forget the upcoming Sportsmen's shows. The Marlboro Fly Fishing Show is this weekend, Jan. 18, 19, and 20, and the New England Fishing and Outdoor Expo open their doors on Jan. 25-27. The Springfield show will open their doors on Feb. 22-24.

The Rhode Island saltwater fishing show is March 22-24 this year. More on these shows next week.

Take a kid fishing & keep them rods bending!

## Preserving antique furniture and silver

Those of you who regularly watch PBS' "Antiques Roadshow" have seen antiques that have lost much of their value after being cleaned. If you are unsure whether to clean an antique, don't. While some antiques can be cleaned, others like coins should never be. This column will offer some guidelines on caring for antique furniture and silver, but the best advice is to consult with a professional before you clean or restore antiques.

If you have a valuable piece of Period furniture or another family heirloom the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC) offers some great suggestions for preserving your pieces. To preserve antique furniture keep it out of direct sunlight. Damage from visible and ultraviolet light is "cumulative and irreversible." Humidity also affects furniture. The AIC recommends that furniture not be stored in basements or attics and kept away from heating vents and fire places. High humidity can promote mold growth and insect activity in the wood. Changes in humidity can produce shrinkage and cracking.

"It was once thought that furniture needed to be 'fed' with various mixtures of oils and other materials to keep it from drying out," according to the AIC.

It has now been determined that some furniture oils will produce a gummy surface on furniture. Other furniture polishes contain non-drying oils that attract dirt and grime. Silicone polishes leave a film and may interfere with later preservation. For clear-varnished furniture a lightly applied, good paste wax is recommended. AIC notes that "it may not be appropriate to wax furniture that is gilded, painted or lacquered, or furniture that has unstable veneers or flaking finish." Stripping and refinishing used to be considered standard practice, but no longer is. The original finish is important to the piece and can't be recovered once it is removed. They recommend contacting a conservator if you are unsure about what to do.



ANTIQUES,  
COLLECTIBLES  
& ESTATES  
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WAYNE TUISKULA

The Victoria and Albert Museum Web site states that silver tarnishes from car emissions and other pollutants. A wide variety of other factors tarnish silver. Wood, wool, leather, textiles, rubber bands, newspaper, adhesives and even vegetables and egg all emit sulphurous and acidic gases. To help prevent tarnish James Robinson of James Robinson Inc in New York recommended enclosing silver in airtight zip lock plastic bags in his appearance on the Martha Stewart show.

He advised against using rubber bands to keep flatware pieces together. Cloth silver protectors help protect from tarnish. Robinson advised that silver that is used regularly can be washed with mild soap and water.

To remove dirt from silver the Victoria and Albert Museum uses solvents on cotton swabs. To remove tarnish, they use a chemical cleaning solution with cotton wool and wash it with de-ionised water. Overcleaning silver can remove hallmarks. They note that when "used carefully these treatments can improve the appearance of silver objects, while retaining signs of wear, which are evidence of past use."

I have seen many pieces of silverplate that appear to have been polished with abrasive cleansers. The thin layer of silver has been worn off exposing the plate beneath. Sometimes, it may be best to leave your silver alone for a



while and work on New Year's resolutions instead.

We are planning an online estate auction in Swampscott. We are still accepting consignments and making pickups for our next live February 28th. I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your Antiques" class on March 12 at the Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. Please see [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com)

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# SPORTS

## Skov's late-game 3-pointers help Panthers beat Quaboag for first win



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David Prouty's Nick Soter hoists a layup between Quaboag defenders.



Quaboag's Hayden Perry works his way around David Prouty defender Jeff Skov.



Martin Flynn of Quaboag pulls down a rebound.



Alex Skov of David Prouty keeps his feet on the ground to avoid contact with Quaboag defender Alex Worthington.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WARREN — Senior Alex Skov ignited a 13-point run by draining three 3-pointers in a 91-second span to help lead the David Prouty Regional boys' varsity basketball team to a dramatic come-from-behind, 46-39 victory over host Quaboag Regional on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

With the win, the first of the Patrick O'Connor coaching era at David Prouty, the Panthers improved to 1-7 overall in the non-league game against a Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) opponent. Quaboag fell to 0-8 with the loss, the first time in the 26-year career of head coach Chris Reilly that he's had a team start the season winless after eight games.

David Prouty trailed, 30-24, when Skov (a game-high 17 points) started dropping in treys. His trifecta of shots gave the Panthers a 33-30 lead heading to the fourth quarter. David Prouty extended that lead to 37-30, with 6:51 to play, on a pair of layups by Andrew Murzycki (15 points).

A free throw by Quaboag junior

Hayden Perry (10 points) cut the Panthers' lead down to six, 37-31, with 5:13 left in the game, but David Prouty then scored six straight points — to cap a 20-1 run — to push its lead to 44-31 with 2:25 to play. In the Panthers' 6-0 run Murzycki canned a 3-pointer and Skov hit one of two free throws and then swished through his fourth 3 of the game, this one from well beyond the 3-point arc.

An 8-2 spurt by the Cougars to end the game made things interesting, but David Prouty had sewn up the win for their first-year coach by then.

After the game, once all the David Prouty players and coaches were in the locker room and the door was closed, a long, loud stream of cheering could be heard back out in the Quaboag gymnasium.

"I had been telling these guys that they deserved to win, but not that we were going to win, this game," O'Connor said. "They've worked so hard, they've been such a pleasure to coach, it stinks looking at the scoreboard and seeing we're 0-7. I wanted them to feel that success that they've worked so hard for so I was really happy for them when we won the game. So, yeah, we celebrated at little when we got in the locker room."

Also scoring for the Panthers were senior Colin Nosek (four points) and juniors Derek Houston (five points), Nick Soter and Jeff Skov (two points each) and Isaiah Saint-Vil (one point).

O'Connor said he thought the difference between winning and losing against Quaboag came down to one thing.

"We were mentally tougher in the second half as a team than we have been in previous games," O'Connor said. "We moved on to the next play when we made mistakes. We played an OK first half; we just missed a ton of shots. They kept it together in the second half. Our entire focus was on each play. Honestly, I really think that was the difference — our mental toughness."

O'Connor said he believed the win is something the team will build on.

"Absolutely I do. The biggest thing I've learned from coaching at North Brookfield and now here at David Prouty is that you can't control your opponent's talent," O'Connor said. "Whether you're playing the Boston Celtics or a fifth-grade team, you're really trying to see if you're getting better."

"And we are getting better, but it just hasn't shown on the scoreboard," O'Connor continued. "I don't want the kids to think I'm not being genuine when I tell them we are getting better. But they needed the success; they need to feel a win. Now we have one and we can build on it."

Scoring for Quaboag in addition to Perry were freshman Alex Worthington (a team-high 13 points), seniors Brian Trombly (12 points) and Zach Hogan (two points) and sophomore Chris Paquette (two points).

"We were ahead 30-24 with four minutes to go in the third quarter and then we let the same guy [Alex Skov] go off and we didn't get a hand in his face three times in a row and he hit three 3-pointers," said Reilly. "At least one of those 3-pointers was off an out of bounds play that I went over in both my pregame and my halftime talk with the team."

"In fact, they ran the same exact — the same exact — play that I talked about in the first half," Reilly said,

shaking his head.

It wasn't the outcome of the game that frustrated Reilly, it was the effort.

"I certainly was not happy with the effort the last 12 minutes of that game. The first 20 were OK; we fought hard," Reilly said. In our last game, against Uxbridge, I was as proud as I have been of any team I've coached, all the way up to the state championship game. The whole game [against Uxbridge] I liked our effort. Tonight? Tonight stunk."

"We played Uxbridge here the other night and it was a great game against a better team. If we had come in and played like that..." Reilly said, his voice trailing off.



Alex Skov of David Prouty eyes the basket while driving through the lane for a layup.



David Prouty's Derek Houston elevates to shoot a jumper over the reach of a Quaboag defender.

### ATHLETE of the WEEK

Alex Skov

The David Prouty Regional senior scored a game-high 17 points — including a 91-second stretch where he buried three 3-pointers — in the Panthers' 46-39 victory over Quaboag Regional on Tuesday, Jan. 8 for Prouty's first win of the season.

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## SPORTS

## Pepin, Petruzzi, Parenteau provide points for Prouty, as improved defense leads to win over Cougars



David Prouty's Jenna Petruzzi fights her way toward the basket versus Quaboag.

Quaboag's Kiarra Dorman pushes past David Prouty's defense en route to a layup.

Jason McKay photos

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Brooke Pepin, Jenna Petruzzi and Erin Parenteau—three of the four Ps on the David Prouty Regional girls' varsity basketball team

— combined to score 26 points and pull down 21 rebounds to help lead the Panthers past Quaboag Regional, 36-27, on Monday, Jan. 7 at Edward R. McDonough Gymnasium.

Pepin, a senior, scored

a game-high 11 points and grabbed five rebounds while Petruzzi, a sophomore, added 10 points and six boards. Parenteau, a junior, collected a team-high 10 rebounds to go along with the five points she scored.

With the win Prouty improved to 2-5 overall and 2-3 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) action. Quaboag dropped to 1-5 overall and 1-4 in the SWCL with the loss.

Freshman Gabby Soter added to the Panthers' winning effort with six points and four steals while her older sister Kylie, a senior, and junior Aisha Perez scored two points each.

After the game Johanna Annunziata, David Prouty's first-year head coach, thought her team's attention to defense was the difference in the game.

"Our defense has come such a long way from the beginning of the season. The girls are working very well as a team; they're starting to vibe together," Annunziata said. "We just got Aisha [Perez] back after her being out for a little bit and she plays a key role on defense. The defense is what I'm excited about."

Annunziata is excited about her team's defense, but stopped short of saying she was happy with it.

"I was content with the defense we played tonight," Annunziata said. "I definitely think we need to be a little bit better. At one point the fouls were 6-2 [in Quaboag's favor]

and that can't happen; we've got to move our feet a little bit more. But from the beginning of the season to now, yes I'm pleased with the defense."

After saying with a laugh that one reason she was content with her team's defense was the fact they won the game, Annunziata continued.

"Our help defense is way better. Earlier in the season [opponents] would drive, beat [their defender] and have wide open layups," she said. "Our help sliding over so it's not such a wide open layup is much better. Boxing out is definitely something we need to work on, too, but every team has things they need to work on at this point in the season."

David Prouty took control of the game in the second quarter, turning a 7-7 game at the end of the first into a 19-13 advantage at halftime. Once the Panthers took the lead, 9-7, on a basket by Petruzzi, they never relinquished it the rest of the game. The score was tied once more, at 9-9, on a basket by Quaboag eighth-grader Hailey Samek (seven points), but that was it.

Pepin scored eight points in the second quarter — six coming on a pair of 3-pointers, one from the right side, and one from the left side. Petruzzi had four points in the period on a pair of layups, one off an assist from Perez, the other on a drive down the lane.

While David Prouty was taking control of the game in the second quarter, Quaboag junior Kiarra Dorman (a team-

high nine points) was sitting on the bench in foul trouble.

"Kiarra was called for two fouls early in the game, so we had to sit her for a good chunk of the second quarter," Cougars' head coach Bill Beaugard said. "Honestly, I feel that's where the game was won. When Kiarra went out we had a few possessions in a row where we turned the ball over, and they switched off on a couple of screens, which made it difficult for us to get what we wanted."

In addition to Dorman and Samek, scoring for Quaboag were eighth-grader Victoria Morgan (five points), freshman Sierra Cromack (four points) and sophomore Sydney Corfey (two points).

"Credit them, they played well defensively. We didn't make nothing, either, and that just made it harder," Beaugard said. "We didn't make any shots, but again, that's a credit them. We got to the free throw line a little bit, which was good."

Quaboag was 7 of 14 from the foul line, led by Morgan who was 3 for 4, and Corfey, who was 2 for 2.

"We need to get on the offensive glass more if we're not scoring, too," Beaugard continued. "We got some steals in transition, which was good, but we couldn't capitalize on those steals and turn them into points. We just need to go back and work hard if we want to get better."



Erin Parenteau of David Prouty gets off a midrange jump shot.



Adeline Ford of Quaboag releases a shot from the interior.



David Prouty's Brooke Pepin muscled her way closer to the basket.

# SPORTS

## Tantasqua takes defensive decision from Spartans



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Tantasqua's Chase Freeland is first to the ball while sandwiched around a pair of Uxbridge players.



Jeremiah Dingui of Tantasqua drives the ball on Uxbridge's Josh Wilcox.



Tantasqua's Will Pieczynski looks up and over Uxbridge's defense before making a pass.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE—Trailing, 37-36, with three minutes left in the game, senior Hayden Peterson scored six unanswered points to lift the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team to a 42-39 win over Southern Worcester County League foe Uxbridge High on Friday, Jan. 11. It was the Warriors' fourth straight win as they improved to 6-2.

Peterson's outburst on the offensive end came after Uxbridge junior Jaideep Sidhu scored on him in the paint to give the Spartans (6-3) the lead with three minutes to play, countering senior Jackson Hall's 3-pointer for Tantasqua.

"Hayden got two possessions on the block and scored both times," explained Warriors' head coach Scott Dion. "We challenged him a little bit in a timeout."

Momentum took a swing in the favor of Tantasqua earlier in the frame when Sidhu gathered a defensive rebound on a missed jump shot, and was tied up by a couple of defenders in

Peterson and junior Troy Lee. The awareness and gritty play forced a jump ball call, giving the Warriors possession.

Tantasqua was able to capitalize on an inbound play when Hall swished a 3-pointer while getting fouled in the act of shooting. Hall missed the free throw, but it gave the Warriors a 36-34 lead and gave his team's offense some life.

"Them and us are certainly the two biggest teams in the SWCL," explained Dion. "It was a great battle down and around the block. Our guys refused to stop hustling and were able to tie [Sidhu] up."

However, Uxbridge didn't go away easily, as they played great defense from the tip until the final buzzer. They also hit shots down the stretch to keep it interesting until the final buzzer — even when Tantasqua had the momentum.

The Spartans led for most of the game and retook the lead moments after Hall's 3-pointer when senior Harrison Mansfield got a contested 3-pointer to pierce the bottom of net with 3:17

left to make it 37-36.

"They battle adversity and they're resistant," explained Uxbridge head coach Ryan Hippert. "Our defense was relentless, that is a good team we held to 42 points. We defend, it was a great game, it is hard to put into words right now, but my team battled. They're great kids and if we play like that we will be in every game."

For much of the game, especially in the first half, Tantasqua couldn't get anything going offensively, but they were able to do the little things defensively to make the offense flow a little bit easier. Second half adjustments were made and the Warriors were able to come out of Uxbridge with a big win on the road.

"I was probably most proud in the fact that we switched things up in the second half to help out our offense," stated Dion. "We went man and if we go man we can hopefully get some stops, which we did."

"That's how you get out of a hostile environment with a win," concluded Dion.

## Leicester loses lead in second half, falls to Indians



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Bryce Gosselin of Leicester gets fouled on his way to the basket.



Leicester's Felix Melendez works around a Grafton defender while dribbling the ball.

GRAFTON — The Leicester High boys' varsity basketball team trailed by six points at halftime, 29-23, to Grafton High on Friday, Jan. 11, but then rallied midway through the third quarter to take a 32-30 advantage.

But, from that point forward, the Indians outscored the Wolverines, 39-18, to pull out a closer-than-the-final-score-indicated decision, 69-50.

"I can't really put my finger on it; they just made a couple of shots and we kind of went cold," explained Leicester head coach Michael Lynch following the game. "They do a good job of guarding the ball, they guarded us hard and kept us out of the paint. We just stopped scoring."

Grafton outscored the Wolverines in the third quarter, 17-14, and then again in the final frame, 23-13.

"It's the fourth quarters, we've got to play better in the fourth. We've been up

going into the fourth quarter in three of our first four losses," said Lynch.

Leicester dipped below the .500 ledger, as the loss made them 4-5. The Indians, meanwhile, improved to 5-4.

"We have to take care of the basketball for 32 minutes and consistently get good shots, and then knock those shots down," said Lynch about things that need to change in the second half of the season.

Jack O'Neill led the Wolverines with 21 points, while Felix Melendez also scored in double figures with 14 points. For Grafton, Ryan Jack (23 points), Sean Tyldesley (20 points) and Marc Salvatelli (17 points) led the charge offensively, as the trio knocked down eight of the Indians' nine made 3-pointers.

— Nick Ethier

## SPORTS

## Aggressive Warriors too much for Uxbridge



Jason McKay photos

Tantasqua's Sophie Law gets off a shot against the pressure of an Uxbridge defender.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Lydia Boland provided the outside sharpshooting and Sophie Law supplied the inside muscle as the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team scored the first 10 points in its game with visiting Uxbridge High and then cruised to a 61-23 victory.

Boland, a junior captain, scored a game-high 14 points, 12 coming on the four 3-pointers she drained — two from the left elbow extended, two from the right elbow extended. Law, a freshman center, added 13 points on an array of post moves and a 12-foot left-side jumper.

Boland got the game-opening run started with her first shot of the night — a right-side 3 just 27 seconds in — and then Law made it 7-0 on the Warriors' next two possessions with two post-up moves, gathering in a pair of passes and quickly spinning to the outside and laying the ball in off the backboard. Senior captain Lindsey Zak (five points) pushed the lead to 10-0 with 5:52 to play on a left-side 3-pointer.

"Lydia is an accurate shooter and she can shoot from anywhere. She has great range and she was on tonight. She's got a real smooth stroke and she was dropping them in the bottom of the net all night," Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette said. "Lydia had a great season for us last year and she's had a great start to this season, too; she's continuing where she left off. She's a pure shooter and a scorer who can go to the hoop as well, so she's tough to defend."

For Boland, her hot shooting night was simply a matter of taking what the defense was giving.

"When you have a team that lets you shoot from the outside and you make that first one, you know you can do it for the rest of the game," Boland said. "I felt like it was going to be a good shooting game for me once I made that first one."

Goyette said Law's performance was her best game of the year.

"Sophie is getting more confident. She's getting more physical out there and getting more involved," Goyette said. "Confidence is a big thing, especially when you're a freshman. She had it tonight. This was her breakout game."

Boland said it has been fun to watch Law develop.

"In the beginning Sophie was a little timid, being a freshman, but we kind of — not roughed her up — but played with her a little bit in practice and she's gotten really strong and she can power it up there. She's more confident with the contact now. We played some really tough teams in the beginning and that helped her develop," said Boland, who isn't afraid of a little contact herself. "I do a little of everything. I just go, and do, whatever is needed."

Uxbridge halted the Tantasqua run with 5:27 left in the first quarter, senior captain Maggie Streichert (four points) hitting a foul-line jumper to make it 10-2. Tantasqua closed the quarter on an 8-2 run to lead, 18-4, heading to the second quarter.

The Warriors put the game away in the second, opening the period with a 13-5 spurt that was capped off by a left-side, medium-length jumper by Law, which made the score 31-9 with 2:54 remaining in the first half. Tantasqua led, 35-14, at halftime.

In addition to Boland, Law and Zak, scoring for the



Tantasqua's Lydia Boland tries to drive the ball into an open spot on the court.

Warriors were senior Jordyn Trombly (seven points), juniors Erin Jensen (four points) and Kylee Fortuna (two points), and sophomores Emmy Cherry (seven points), Ainsley Way (seven points) and Grace Farland (two points).

Things got worse for the Spartans before they got better; Uxbridge failed to score in the third period and, as a result, the Warriors led, 55-14, after three quarters.

"Tantasqua is a good basketball team; they should be in the state final," Uxbridge head coach Tracy Larkin said. "I just told Tom, 'I'm rooting for you guys [to win the state title].' So, they're a good basketball team and we're an eighth-grade basketball team. We have [three] eighth-graders on our roster. That said, we were definitely asleep in the beginning of the game and they didn't rebound at all in the first quarter."

"We need to learn to be more aggressive," Larkin added. "Tantasqua is a big team and physically we're little — much smaller than they are — and we're a little afraid of contact, which we've been working on in practice. We're chipping away at it, but it's baby steps;

we're building a program and trying to get the younger kids ready to go."

In addition to Streichert, scoring for the Spartans were senior Olivia Hicks (nine points), junior Ella Correa

(two points), sophomore Sarah Johnston (two points) and eighth-graders Grace Orr, Meghan Smith and Katie Cullen, who all scored two points each.



Jordyn Trombly of Tantasqua works the ball down low against an Uxbridge defender.



Lindsey Zak of Tantasqua drives the ball into the lane versus Uxbridge.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Jan. 9

**Tantasqua 91, Shrewsbury 35** — After defeating the Colonials, the Warriors boys' swim team improved their record to 7-3. Jonah Green won the diving event to start the day, while the medley relay team of Andrew Wade, Ethan Hunter-Mason, Robert Wilson (of Quaboag) and Bryce Iller also won. Eli Currier took first in the 200 free, while Wade (200 IM), Iller (50 free, 500 free), Wilson (100 butterfly) and Cameron Chishold (100 back) also won individual events. The 200 freestyle relay team of Zach Lavallee, Green, Hunter-Mason and AJ Osimo won, as did the 400 free relay squad of Wade, Osimo, Currier and Iller.

Shrewsbury 99, Tantasqua 86 — In nail-biting

fashion, the Tantasqua girls' swim team lost to the Colonials, dropping to 6-4. Alyson Locke won the 200 free, while Sarah Kersting-Mumm of Oxford won the 200 IM. Katie Wade took first in the 50 free, as did Lauren Butler in the 100 breast and the 400 free relay team of Wade, Kami Davis, Locke and Kersting-Mumm.

Jan. 11

**Tantasqua 93, Leominster 74** — The medley relay team of Eli Currier, Ethan Hunter-Mason, Robert Wilson and Bryce Iller picked up the first win for the boys' swim team as the Warriors improved to 8-3 after beating the Blue Devils. Andrew Wade won the 200 free, while Iller captured first in the 200

IM and the 100 free. AJ Osimo was victorious in the 50 free, while Wilson won the 100 butterfly. Daniel Sickenberger (500 free), Currier (100 back) and the 200 free relay team (Osimo, Hunter-Mason, Wade and Iller) also won.

**Leominster 95, Tantasqua 75** — In another close battle, the Warriors lost their girls' swim meet to the Blue Devils. Sarah Kersting-Mumm was a double winner in the 200 and the 100 free, while Katie Wade won the 100 butterfly and Erica Maddening took first in the 100 breast. The 400 free relay team of Alyson Locke, Christina Izbicki, Kami Davis and Kersting-Mumm also won for the now 6-5 Tantasqua team.

## SANDOLI

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Christian Leadership Conference organized nonviolent protests throughout the south to fight for desegregation, voting and labor rights, and other civil rights. It was never about doing nothing, but rather about turning nonviolence into an action that allowed them to openly confront legal racism through marches, sit-ins, and other forms of protest. The SCLC hoped that its efforts would increase media coverage of civil rights protests and the violence and harassment that partakers suffered, and it did. The efforts of Dr. King, especially the Selma demonstrations,

changed public opinion about the Civil Rights Movement dramatically by the early 1960s and led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Third, change is inevitable, so we have to learn to move with it. Maybe the world isn't like it was the day you were born, and it shouldn't be. Every single day, people change, circumstances change, and our entire world changes, little by little. Dr. King was a facilitator of change, but he also had his moments of difficulty, especially during his jail time in Birmingham and prior to the March on Washington, and had to learn to put aside his own fears and doubts in order to follow his vision of equality.

Fourth, ideas do not die with people.

Dr. King's assassination in 1968 did not end his legacy or the idea that every single human, regardless of race, deserves human rights and to be treated equally. We can see this now in the Black Lives Matter movement and the fight against racist tendencies in America's war on drugs. Equality is not just an important part of American society, it is the base of it. Celebrating MLK Jr. is part of celebrating the idea of human rights for everyone, regardless of skin color.

Finally, many people were injured and some even died during the Civil Rights Movement. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established to celebrate a man who took charge and made sacrifices during the civil rights movement, but he is not the only one who did so. It

is a day we can take to stop and remember how many lives were lost or never the same again because of police force. It is a day to not take our freedoms for granted, but remember how many people fought for what was right and how many things we still need to fight for.

Instead of thinking of MLK Jr. Day as just another day off from work, I hope we can all think about who it is celebrated for, why his efforts were needed in the first place, and how we can continue to guarantee equality and human rights in this country. After all, it is every single citizen's responsibility to make sure America remains a free and equal place for all people.

# SPORTS

## Bay Path completes season sweep with win over Indians

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The Bay Path Regional girls' varsity basketball team is rolling, and they picked up an eighth victory of the season after defeating North Brookfield High, 51-29, on Wednesday, Jan. 9. The Minutemen also defeated the Indians, 51-33, back on Dec. 27 to complete the season sweep. Bay Path led at the half, 17-13, but turned it on late to win by 22 points and improve to 8-1 in the process. The loss set North Brookfield back to 3-5.



North Brookfield's Sydney Messenger keeps the ball away from Bay Path's Emily Wong Kam while on the dribble.



North Brookfield's Brianna Quiletzsch hoists up a shot through Bay Path's defense.



North Brookfield's Lindsey Schimmelpenningh heads down toward the basket versus Bay Path.



Sam Rischitelli of North Brookfield makes a drive on Bay Path's Kayla Davis.



Using a pick provided by North Brookfield's Meg Bokis (15), teammate Serenity Ayala pushes the basketball around a Bay Path defender.

## Worcester Tech gets hot in third quarter to take down Minutemen

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The Worcester Tech boys' varsity basketball team is perennially near the top of the Colonial Athletic League and, in turn, normally makes a deep run in its Central Mass. District Tournament. And Bay Path Regional hopes to make a big splash in the league and in postseason play this winter after opening the season with

a record of 8-1. And the Minutemen handled themselves well when hosting the Eagles on Monday, Jan. 14. Bay Path held a 27-21 half-time lead and ultimately won two quarters and tied another. But the Minutemen lost the third quarter by 16 points (26-10) and fell just short, 57-51. "Worcester Tech is one of the top teams in Division 4. Most likely

they're going to be a semifinalist in the Districts. This is the kind of game that can measure exactly where we're at," said Bay Path head coach Al Greenough.

And Greenough believes that his team, now 8-2, passed the eye test with Worcester Tech, who improved to 8-1 with the win.

"Worcester Tech is up here," Greenough said, putting his hand to eye level, "and as far as I'm concerned after watching this game tonight that we're right there with them."

The game was tied, 14-14, after the opening eight-minute quarter. Then, in the second, the Minutemen's Cory Cotton came off the bench after picking up some early foul trouble to provide an offensive spark. Cotton closed the half on a personal 8-0 run — via a steal and layup, plus a pair of 3-pointers — to put Bay Path up, 27-21, at the break.

The Minutemen then held a 37-36 lead as the third quarter clock inched closer to zero. That is where the Eagles made their move.

"I thought we battled them all game as hard as we could with our lack of size. We did everything that we could defensively to try to take some things

away and I thought the kids did a good job of carrying through with the game plan and keeping them in check, for the most part," said Greenough.

The "for the most part" indicated the final 1:36 of the third quarter when Worcester Tech's Jose Bonilla — who was scoreless up until that point — finished off a layup and then canned three 3-pointers, including the final one from NBA distance to beat the buzz and give the Eagles a 47-37 lead with a period to play.

Worcester Tech's 26-point quarter was more than the 21 points they scored in the first and second quarters combined.

"That was basically the difference in the game," Greenough said of Bonilla's 11-point outburst.

Bay Path never gave up and cut the deficit down to two points, 51-49, when Jamie Rodriguez (14 points) made a 3-pointer with 1:07 to play, but they could get no closer. The Eagles scored six of the final eight points to put the game away.

Cotton scored 17 points for the Minutemen and teammate Joe Starr added 10 more, but the team could never fully control Worcester Tech's

top players, as Brandon Hamilton finished with a double-double (17 points, 20 rebounds) and Jason Latorre chipped in 12 points. Overall the Eagles outbounded Bay Path by a sizable 49-21 margin.

But, more than anything, Greenough appreciated his team's effort, an effort that has won them a come-from-behind game in the recent past.

"They're a bunch of kids that work extremely hard and they work from the opening tip until the last buzzer. It's like our last game, down 12 points with a minute to go and we came back and won the game," Greenough said of beating Abby

Kelley Foster.

Cotton hit four 3-pointers in the final minute for the Minutemen versus the Bears, and then Rodriguez made a jumper with a second to spare to win it.

Even though they lost to the Eagles, Greenough believes that his team is strong and will only get better after playing a top opponent so tough.

"Tonight will give them confidence that we can compete with these teams," he said of playing against the other top programs in the league in the form of Assabet Valley and the Advanced Math and Science Academy.



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Bay Path's Jamie Rodriguez battles against Worcester Tech's Brandon Hamilton as Rodriguez goes in for a layup.



Joe Starr of Bay Path lofts a floater in the lane versus Worcester Tech.



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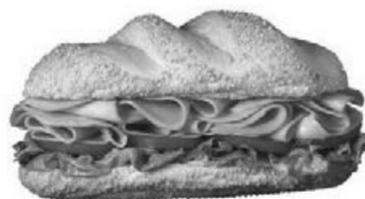
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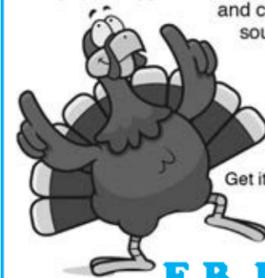
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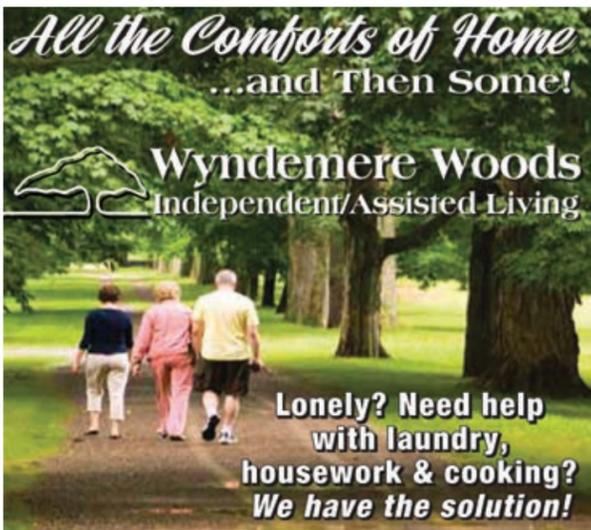


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# OBITUARIES

## Ernest L. "Ernie" Berthiaume, 81



**E A S T B R O O K F I E L D -** Ernest L. "Ernie" Berthiaume, 81 of No. Brookfield Rd., died Friday, Jan. 11 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

He leaves his wife, Priscilla (Gonneville) Berthiaume, his sons: Leo Berthiaume and his wife Cindy of Gardner and John Berthiaume and his wife Brenda of Spencer, his daughters: Marie Sandoli of E.Brookfield, Lucille "Lucy" Arnold and her husband Ken of Upper Marlboro, MD., and Bonnie L. Berthiaume of E.Brookfield, his sister Irene Gadbois and her husband Robert of Spencer, 24 grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by brothers Roger and William Berthiaume. Born in Spencer, he was the son of Leo and Mary (LaPierre) Berthiaume.

Ernie was a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in East Brookfield. He believed in the American Dream that is built on hard work and honest living. Ernie was self-employed as a barber for 55 years, retiring in 2014. He had a passion for simple living: farming, raising animals, fishing (especially deep-sea fishing with his sons), and spending time with family (especially at a good clambake). He was generous to a fault, always game for a good joke, and his infectious laugh will be so missed.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, No. Brookfield Rd., E. Brookfield. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Visitation will precede the Mass on Friday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Food For the Poor (www.foodforthepoor.org or (954)427-2222. www.morinfuneralhomes.com



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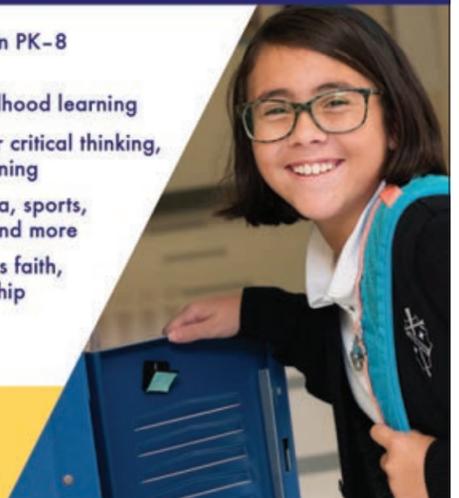


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# OBITUARIES

## Alice May Kane, 72



LEICESTER- Alice May (Podielsky) Kane, 72, of Leicester, died January 9, at the Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester, after a courageous battle with breast and ovarian cancers.

She was the loving wife of John Robert Kane for 51 years. She leaves a daughter Cristin Lea Pitney and her husband John of Worcester, a son Jared R. Kane of Leicester, her mother Dorothy O'Shaughnessy of Falmouth, a brother Dennis Podielsky and his wife Jane of Falmouth, six adored grandchildren; Royal and Samuel Kane, Ryan, Morgan, Alex and Cassidy Pitney, a sister-in-law Peggy Kane, a dear cousin Tammy Marathas, many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her step-father Thomas O'Shaughnessy.

Alice was born and raised in Brockton. She graduated from Brockton High School in 1964, and Brockton Hospital School of Nursing in 1967. She was employed at Brockton Hospital Ward D, OR and PACU from 1967 to 1979, and U Mass Memorial Hospital, from 1979 to 2014.

A Registered Nurse with a career spanning 47 years, Alice made time for many activities throughout her life: Holy Name Theater with her husband and children in the early days, the Lady's Guild of St. Aloysius-St. Jude Church, Garden Club of Leicester, mem-

ber of "Breast Friends Connection", the "Livestrong Program" at the YMCA and a book club for many years with a close group of friends. Always busy, she also enjoyed sewing, quilting, crocheting and cooking.

The loves of her life were her husband, children, grandchildren and family; traveling and vacations to Switzerland, Germany, Austria, England and Ireland in their early years; then Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head, Florida and Hawaii with family and friends. Her favorite place on Cape Cod was Old Silver Beach where she went every chance she got!

Alice was grateful for her husband John, her children and grandchildren and all her wonderful friends. She would like to thank Faith and Jane at the Infusion Center of U Mass Memorial where she had her cancer treatments, Dr. Susan Zweizig and all her staff and all the personnel on the 5th floor South who cared for her so kindly.

The funeral was held Tuesday, January, 15 from MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester with a Mass at 10:00 AM in St. Aloysius-St. Jude Church, 491 Pleasant Street, Leicester. Burial followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Leicester. Calling hours were Monday from 4:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Breast Friends Connection, 115 Millbury Road, Oxford, MA 01540.

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## Eleanor Helen Cross, 91



WORCESTER- Eleanor Helen (Steinhilber) Cross, 91, died Tuesday, January 8 in Overlook Masonic Home after an illness.

Her husband Stanley R. "Bud" Cross, Jr. died in 2009. They were married on April 9, 1950. She leaves three daughters; Sandra E. Wondolowski and her husband David of Worcester, Linda E. Baker and her husband Lee of Spencer and Laura E. Kimball and her husband Brian of Shrewsbury, seven grandchildren; Lucian, Katie, Lisa, Charlie, Matthew, Jonathan and Amanda, three great grandchildren; Logan, Landon & Benni, a daughter-in-law Diane Cross of Leominster, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son Stanley R. "Skip" Cross and a brother Richard Steinhilber.

Eleanor was born in Worcester, daughter of Alfred and Olga Ruth (Bettcher) Steinhilber. She was a

quality control inspector at her families business Mayfield Plastics in Worcester retiring in 1980. She was a life long member of Concordia Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the Worcester Kiwanis Club, the New England Lilly Society, the Nerieds swimming group and the Worcester Historical Society. She was an accomplished artist and especially liked to work with water colors. She enjoyed all forms of artwork, cake decorating, world traveling with her husband especially taking cruises and sailing on the family sailboat the Pandora.

A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, January 12 at 10:00 AM in J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial will follow in Hope Cemetery, Worcester. A calling hour will precede the funeral from 9:00-10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Concordia Lutheran Church, 86 Murray Avenue, Worcester, MA 01610.

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## Katherine Condos, 96

Katherine Condos, age 96, died peacefully Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Webster Manor.

She was predeceased by her husband George Condos in 1999.

She is survived by one son: Brian Condos and his wife Sherrrie of Dudley her best friend, Sandy Jones of Dudley. Many nieces and nephews.

Katherine was born in Dudley, one of 8 children to the late Joseph and the late Antonia (Rozek) Wieloch. Predeceased by brothers Frank, Raymond, Pete and John. Sisters Celia, Josephine and Victoria.

She lived here all her life loved gardening and tending to her yard on Center Rd. She was employed by

Nichols College as Cafeteria Worker. Katherine was a devoted Red Sox fan and enjoyed doing puzzles.

She was blessed to live with Brian and Sherrrie after the death of her husband. She was a communicant of St. Louis Church.

A Mass of Christian burial was held 10 AM on Friday, January 11 at St. Louis Church Lake St., Webster. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley. Calling hours were 8:30 to 9:30 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue prior to her Mass. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to All Saints Academy c/o St. Louis Rectory 15 Lake St. Webster, MA 01570

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## Jeffrey P. Baker, 61



SPENCER - Jeffrey P. Baker, 61, passed away Saturday, January 5, 2019, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, after a short illness. He is survived by his Fiancée, Nancy E. Thibaud of

Spencer; two children, Christopher D. Baker and his Fiancée Ashely Rutledge of Spencer, and Brianna L. Baker and her partner Chris Melanson of Worcester; a brother, Bruce Baker and his wife Gail of Hudson, FL; his former wife, Sheila M. Baker of Auburn; one nephew, many nieces, two step-children, and two step-grandchildren. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Catherine A. (Coleman) Baker and George G. Baker, grew up in Oxford and lived in Dudley most of his life before moving to Spencer two years ago.

Jeff was employed by Sjogren Industries in Worcester, formerly SP Stevens, where he worked for over 35 years. He was a dedicated worker who was admired for his strong work ethic. Jeff was a valued member and the current Lodge Esquire of the Auburn/

Webster Elks. He was very proud to be an Elk, and enjoyed giving his time to the Lodge helping others. While he enjoyed watching football and was an avid Patriots fan, he loved spending his time with his family and friends most of all. Jeff will be remembered by all as a man with a heart of gold, who could always be counted on for a good laugh, a warm smile, a helping hand, and an overall love for life.

Jeff's family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the doctors, nurses and staff that work at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Brigham and Women's Neuro Intensive Care Unit. They will be forever grateful for the tireless, compassionate, and professional care he received.

Memorial calling hours are Friday, January 18, 2019, from 4-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, MA. A burial will be held at a later date at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Elks Scholarship Fund, c/o the Auburn/Webster Elks #2118, 754 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA 01501.

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## Elaine M. Pecor, 72



SPENCER- Elaine M. Pecor, 72, of Franklin St., died suddenly, Wednesday, Jan. 9th. at her home.

She leaves her sister Carol A. Provencal and her significant other, Robbie LaHair of Ware, nephews Paul Provencal of San Diego, Calif., Kevin Provencal of Spencer, nieces Christine Provencal of Ware and Denise Lee and her husband Dominick of Ware, great nieces Kelsey Lee and Katlynn Provencal, and her dear cousin Janet Jette of Spencer.

Elaine was a bookkeeper for Dienes Corp. in Spencer for more than 40 years. She was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish. She enjoyed travel, knitting and playing cards.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Robert A. and Pauline O. (Plante) Pecor and graduated from David prouty High School in Spencer.

Elaine's funeral was held on Tuesday, Jan. 15 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a memorial Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial will follow in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. A calling hour will precede the service on Tuesday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Assoc., 33 Lyman St., #250, Westborough, MA 01581 or St. Jude's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

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## Frank W. James, 85



STURBRIDGE- Frank W. James, 85, of the Fiskdale section of Sturbridge, died Thursday, Jan. 10 at home surrounded by his family.

He was the husband of Hazel M. (Miner) James who died July, 23, 2018 after 65 years of marriage. He leaves his daughter Leslie A. McDaniel and her husband Timothy of Fiskdale with whom he lived, his son Mark S. James and his wife Christine of E.Brookfield, four grandchildren; Meredith Marum and her husband David of Worcester, Byron James and his partner Julie Ells of Worcester, Kelly Ronca and her husband Vito of Quincy and Casey McDaniel and her partner Zachary Barkan of Norfolk, VA., four great grandchildren; Lillianna, Braighlynn, Evie and Connor and several nieces and nephews.

Frank was born on February 18, 1933 in Worcester Memorial Hospital the son of Willis F. and Gladys A. (Nadow) James. He lived in Worcester for 27 years, graduating from Worcester North High School in 1952.

In 1953, Frank married the love of his life Hazel Miner before entering the Army during the Korean War. After the war, Frank attended Worcester State Teachers College obtaining a Bachelors of Science in Education class of 1959,

he obtained a Masters Degree in Education from Worcester State College in 1965. He began his teaching career in Philmont, NY, at Ockawamick School in 1959. Frank returned to the Worcester area in 1963, moving to Rochdale, MA where he lived for 56 years. During that time he taught high school English, serving in Wachusett Regional High School, and Framingham High School.

Frank taught at Framingham High School for 27 years, before retiring in 1995. He also taught continuing education at Boston College, Worcester State University and Fisher Junior College.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 0462, the Mass. Teachers Assoc., Framingham Retired Teachers Assoc. He enjoyed playing racket ball, tennis. During summer vacations, you would most likely find Frank camping somewhere warm and sunny with his family.

Memorial calling hours will be held on Friday, Jan.18th. from 4 to 6 p.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. Burial will be private in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

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## Paul R. Bachand, 79



SPENCER- Paul R. Bachand, 79, passed away Wednesday, January 9, 2019 in St. Vincent's Hospital surrounded by his loving family after a long illness.

Paul was born June 24, 1939 to his parents Henri and Meriel (Berberian) Bachand. He graduated from South High School in 1957. He was a long time employee of Frem Corp. as a Traffic Control Manager before retiring from Aero Plastics. Paul was a loving and dedicated family man with a gentle soul.

He was survived by his wife Ernestine "Tina" Bachand. He was predeceased

by his first wife, Lydia (Mayo) Bachand and a daughter Polly Ann Bachand. He leaves five children, Christopher Strew and his wife Kelly Strew of Fort Pierce, FL, Lori Romero of Worcester, Andrew Bachand and his wife Sarah Avery of Warren, Tina Chapat and her husband Daniel Chapat of North Brookfield, and Sarah Carey of Worcester. He leaves 13 grandchildren including his lil' buddy, Daniel Chapat, Jr., 4 great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 4-6 pm in Pillsbury Funeral Home located at 163 Main St., Spencer. Following cremation, burial will be at Worcester Memorial Park in Paxton.

## Lois June Tracy, 90

SPENCER- Lois June (Gay) Tracy, 90, died January 6, 2019. She is predeceased by her husband Kenneth A. Tracy in 1994 and daughter Terry A. Tracy. She leaves a son Glenn S. Tracy and his wife Leslie; grandchildren Felicia, Tessa, Sean and a great grandson Brian Jr.. Lois happily raised a family as a stay at home Mom and then enjoyed working as an activities director for several facilities for many years. Lois later worked for UMass in Worcester for several years until her retirement. While at UMass she decided to advance her studies at Becker Jr college and graduated at the top of her class. Lois was a hard working individual and enjoyed it very much. Lois loved people and was outgoing. She was always willing to help and she cared for others. Lois loved the ocean, her gardens, was a

Christian who always attended church and gave whole heartedly. Lois donated to many charities, loved to read, and also loved her piano. It was a joy to listen to her play music from the forties, like "Mr.5 by 5", all the way to gospel music. She will be missed.

Funeral services will be private for the family. Burial will be in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer is directing arrangements. Please omit flowers.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimers Foundation.



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**Denis P. Desmarais**

January 11, 2011

January 11, 2019



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# OBITUARIES

## Thomas G. Morway Sr., 65



**W E S T BROOKFIELD** – Thomas G. Morway Sr., 65, of Maple Street, died Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in his home. He is survived by two children, Thomas G. Morway Jr. of Sutton, and Jennifer M. Balestracci of Oxford; a brother, Ben Morway of San Jose, CA; two sisters, Lois Harrison of Oxford and Betty Ziegler of Dudley; four grandchildren, Ethan Morway, Avery Morway, Lukas Balestracci, and Sophia Balestracci; his former wife, Christine A. Rafferty of Webster; and several nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his brother William C. Morway. He grew up in Oxford, son of the late William G. Morway and Gracia H. (Clark) Morway and spent most of his years living on Webster Lake with his family, later moving to West Brookfield. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1971.

Mr. Morway trained to become a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4 and worked for over 35 years. He was a highly skilled Operating Engineer and took pride in his work which included projects on the Big Dig and building the Ted Williams tunnel. In addition,

he was a realtor for Sterling Realty for many years, a part time job he loved. After retiring from Local 4, he opened and operated Love Birds on the Common Aviary in West Brookfield for over 13 years where he bred and raised over 300 topical lovebirds during that period.

Mr. Morway was active in the Webster community as a former member of the Finance Committee and Planning Board where he served multiple terms over the years. He was a member of Singletary Rod and Gun Club in Oxford for many years. He was a skilled handyman who enjoyed carpentry and had a special ability to work with most anything mechanical, a true engineer. He enjoyed living on Webster Lake where he loved taking his family out on the boats tubing, fishing and water skiing. His children, nieces and nephews will always hold these special moments with "Uncle Tom" very close to their heart.

Services will be private at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford. Private burial will be held at a later date at North Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701, or to the M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## Charles A. Hagglund, 65



**LEICESTER / ROCHDALE** - Charles A. Hagglund, 65, of 2 Hankey St., Rochdale, a section of Leicester, died Sunday, January 13 at St. Vincent Hospital surrounded by his family,

after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 45 years, Nancy (Catachio) Hagglund, a son, Nathan C. Hagglund and his wife Sarah of Leicester, a daughter, Jessica L. Hammond and her husband Todd of Upper Saddle River, N.J., a brother, Paul Hagglund of GA, a sister, Diane Miller of Holden, 4 grandchildren; Zachary, Maverick, Michael, Benjamin, and his loyal dog "Peanuts". He was predeceased by a brother, Steven Hagglund in 2011.

Born in Holden, he was the son of Birger C. & Helen F. (Anderson) Hagglund.

He was a graduate of Wachusett Regional High School and then went on to serve his country during the Vietnam War in the Air Force. He was a tech aircraft mechanic with the 23rd Organizational Division, earning the

rank of Staff Sergeant.

He received the Veterans Service Medal as well as the Veterans Combat Medal. He also served in the Air Force Reserves and was stationed at Barnes ANG.

He was a 3rd generation owner of Anderson Tool and Stamping Co. and went on to work at Dexter Russell in Southbridge for 15 years as a tool and die maker, retiring in 2018.

He was also a firefighter on the Rochdale Fire Department, Company 3 for 15 years and was an EMT with Leicester EMS for 10 years.

He was a member of the Worcester Lodge of Elks, served on the Oxford Rochdale Sewer Commission, past Board Member of the Leicester Housing Authority and the self proclaimed "Mayor of Hankeyville".

The Funeral was held Thursday, January 17 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester, with a Mass at 10 A.M. in St. Pius X Church, 1161 Main St., Leicester. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Calling hours were Wednesday from 4-7 P.M. in the funeral home.

Please omit flowers, contributions may be made to Cops for Kids with Cancer, Inc., PO Box 850956, Braintree, MA 02185.

[www.morinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.morinfuneralhomes.com)



## Robert J. Gerber Sr., 78



**WORCESTER / OXFORD** – Robert J. Gerber Sr., 78, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He was predeceased by his wife of 42 years, Judith A. (Collette) Gerber of Oxford who died in 2005; and a son, Mark C. Gerber. He is survived by three sons, Robert J. Gerber Jr. and his wife Michelle of Worcester, Matthew E. Gerber and his wife Debra of Worcester, and Michael C. Gerber and his wife Lori of Leicester; a sister, Mary Madore of Leicester; five grandchildren, Nicholas, Brendan, Brittany, Erin, and Michael Gerber; a great-granddaughter, Sophie Cook; and many nephews and nieces. He was born in Worcester, son of the

late Edmund D. and Anna M. (Leduc) Gerber, and lived most of his life in Worcester and Oxford.

Mr. Gerber was a mechanic at Parkway Transmission in Worcester for 30 years, retiring in 1998. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, and he enjoyed fishing and camping.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Meadows of Leicester and the ICU at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, for the exceptional care given to Robert.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. A calling hour was held Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## Robert A. Desforges, 97

**WARE** - Robert A. Desforges, 97, of Ware died on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at Baystate Wing Hospital. He was born in Ware, on August 12, 1921 to the late Arthur and Clara (Perreault) Desforges.

Robert was a United States Marine Corps veteran of WWII. He served with the First Marine Division, and was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action.

Robert worked as painter at the University Massachusetts in Amherst before retiring in 1986.

He leaves his daughter, Beverly Desforges of Southbridge; a brother, Alfred Desforges and his companion, Ruth Kinell of Brookfield; a sister-in-law, Jean Mongeau of Ware, and several nephews and nieces and great-nephews and nieces.

Robert was predeceased by his wife of over 70 years, Gloria R. Desforges in 2017. He was also predeceased by

his four brothers, Leo, Arthur, Paul and Clifford Desforges and three sisters, Rita Wisnoski, Edna McLaughlin, and Laurette Harszy.



Robert was a member of the Ware Knights of Columbus. He was an avid card player and fisherman, along with his friend, John. Robert and Gloria enjoyed spending many winters in Sarasota, Florida.

A Graveside Service for Robert will be held in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Ware at a later date. Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at [charbonneauhf.com](http://charbonneauhf.com)

## Jennie Champagne, 88



**LEICESTER** - Jennie (Cooper) Champagne passed away peacefully at the age of 88 on Friday, January 11, 2019.

She was born on April 7, 1930 to William and Jennie Cooper. She worked for many years at Holden Plastics until her retirement in 1992. She was a happy and vibrant lady who always enjoyed spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.

She leaves behind her sons Leonel E. Champagne and his wife Maryanne of Portsmouth, RI and Robert B. Champagne and his wife Sheila of Leicester.

She also leaves her siblings Virginia

Wiesman, Dorothy Lam, and Wayne Cooper. Her grandchildren, Lisa Lynch, Mark Champagne and his wife Amanda, Isabelle Champagne, Emily Beaudry and her husband Mark, Matthew Champagne and his wife Kristie, and Joanna Ahearn and her husband Michael, her husband Paul Lessard, eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Leonel E. Champagne in 1973 and her siblings Lorraine Brunett and George Cooper.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday January 16, from 10-11 a.m. with a prayer service at 11 a.m. in the Morin Funeral Home, 1131 Main St., Leicester.

Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA. [www.morinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.morinfuneralhomes.com)

## Ad Libs by June



The 2019 BUSINESS, COMMUNITY & RESTAURANT GUIDE is going out this week! As in

the past, there are business yellow pages, white community pages, and a blue restaurant guide. New this year are glossy white pages in the front and green coupon pages. I'm going to give you a few weeks to look it over and then run a crossword puzzle challenge where the answers will be in the book. **THANK YOU** to the advertisers in this book! Please check out the book cover to cover to see all the amazing local businesses and be sure to endorse them and tell them you saw their ad in the 2019 Guide.

**THE WRITE STUFF** is scheduled for next week and there is still time to send in an essay, poem or short story. Open to students and adults. PLEASE if you're working on something, send it in via email by Monday.

Join the fun this Saturday at **LAMOUREUX FORD'S** "Tailgate Party" - Saturday JAN 19th from 11am-2pm for the BIG game prep featuring Burgers, Dogs, Balloons and MORE!!!! See their ad in this week's paper and while you're there, check out some of these amazing deals!

I'd like to give you an update on the dinner-show I attended at **TERESA'S RESTAURANT** in Ware last weekend. First of all, the banquet room was beautiful. Having been to Teresa's only for lunch and dinner, I didn't know this room existed. What a great venue for weddings, showers, parties, etc. Ok, back to the show. We skipped the cocktail hour as we were running a little late, but I did notice an appetizer table on our way in. The dinner was served family style by a friendly waitstaff and consisted of a fresh salad with house dressing, fresh baked rolls, pasta with sauce, chicken parmesan, and baked haddock, ice cream for dessert and coffee/tea. The food was very generous and fabulous! The River of Dreams Billy Joel Tribute band was fantastic with a six piece band of musicians, including an incredible saxophone/piccolo instrumentalist. The singer somewhat resembled and sounded like Billy Joel and the music selection was classic Billy Joel with a couple non-Billy songs, but all were very well known and the audience sung along. Many of the diners worked off some of their calories on the dance floor. I would highly recommend these shows and am so glad that I finally had a chance to go to one. Thank you Cha & Ed for a great time and for joining us. The next show is coming up on February 23 with an Elton John Tribute. Call 413-967-7601 for tickets!

Have a great week... and **GO PATS!!!** We're getting closer to the Big Game!

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# CALENDAR

### Saturday, January 20

**LEICESTER LIONS CLUB WINTER PITCH PARTY:** 1:30 p.m., Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave. Admission: \$4, plus a non-perishable food item. Prizes for the top eight scores. Proceeds to benefit Lions charities and the Leicester community.

### Saturday, January 26

**11TH ANNUAL NB HEARTS FOR HEAT SPAGHETTI DINNER:** 5-7 p.m., North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria. The dinner is \$8 per person, with a cap of \$25 for a family of four or more. Takeout available. Sponsored with the Hayden Masonic Lodge and supported by Hannaford Supermarket, this is truly community helping community. Raffle items have been donated. Additionally, Michelle and Wally Connor, founders of S.O.N.G. in Brookfield, have again offered a pair of Red Sox tickets. Brad Stevens, coach of the Boston Celtics, has donated a signed basketball and a pair of tickets for a home game. The Otters will provide musical ambiance all evening. Students from the NBHS National Honor Society and Valley View School will assist. The dinner snow date is Saturday, Feb. 23. NB Hearts for heat is a 501(c)3 charitable organization to help North Brookfield residents in need of emergency home heating assistance for oil, propane, natural gas, electric, pellets, or cord wood. One hundred percent of donations are used for fuel purchases. We have assisted 158 families since 2009. Donations can be mailed to NB Hearts for Heat, P.O. Box 44, North Brookfield, MA 01535. To access the printable 2019 application,

visit <http://www.heartsforheat.org/NorthBrookfield/assistance.html>.

### Sunday, January 27

**CUB SCOUT PACK 148 PANCAKE DINNER:** 4:30-7 p.m. at E.B. Flatts, 245 W. Main St., East Brookfield. Adults \$10, Kids 10 and under \$5.

### ONGOING EVENTS

**ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR Jan. 9 through Feb. 9, 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.

**ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR August 22 through June 28, 2019**

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

**EAST BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAMS:** The East Brookfield Public Library is currently conducting their fall registration for children's programming. Rhythm and Rhyme is for toddlers aged 18 mos. to 3 years. This program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and includes lots of music, finger plays, physical activities and a story with a related craft.

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

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

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





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# LEGALS

## Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Variance for property owned by Edward O'Donnell, for the property located at 37 Ware Street, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to demolish the existing structure and build a new single family dwelling. In General District requires a variance as per section, -4. Dimensional Requirements, 4.2 Schedule of Dimensional Requirements (General) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White  
Clerk

January 11, 2019  
January 18, 2019

## (SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

18 SM 007422

### ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:  
**Christopher M. Leck and Pamela J. Dunigan, n/k/a Pamela J. Leck**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 *et seq.*

**Cornerstone Bank f/k/a Spencer Savings Bank**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 149 Paxton Road, given by **Christopher M. Leck and Pamela J. Dunigan, n/k/a Pamela J. Leck to Spencer Savings Bank, dated November 18, 2008, recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43526, Page 62, as affected by Amendment dated April 26, 2013 and recorded in said Deeds in Book 50848, Page 91**, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now, or recently have been, in the **active** military service of the United States of America, then you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property **on that basis**, then you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before February 11, 2019 or you may be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, Gordon H Piper, Chief Justice of said Court on December 27, 2018.

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
January 18, 2019

## Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Roger Bouchard, property owned by Roger and Laurie Bouchard, for the property located at 73 Lake Shore Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a dormer and canopy roof. In Neighborhood District requires a special permit as per section, -1.5 Nonconformity, and -1.52 Nonconforming Structures: a (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White  
Clerk

January 18, 2019  
January 25, 2019

## (SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

18SM007530

### ORDER OF NOTICE

To:  
**Dean Palli**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*)  
**County Mortgage, LLC**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in East

Brookfield, numbered 109 Gleason Avenue, given by Dean Palli to County Mortgage, LLC, dated July 31, 2017, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57515, Page 200, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the **active** military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property **on that basis**, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before February 18, 2019 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 3, 2019.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
January 18, 2019

## TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD Office of the collector of Taxes

01/18/2019

The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD and WORCESTER County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2018 as committed to the collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD on Friday, 02/01/2019, at 10:00am for non payment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.

LISA TAYLOR  
Collector of Taxes

Property Location: 31 WILLOW ST

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2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 603.65  
603.65

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.470 acres described as parcel 1010 0023 00310 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 28402 0300, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 8 SUNSET DRIVE

Assessed Owners:  
CARON, CHRISTOPHER D.  
& WENDY A.  
Bill Number: 352  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,873.67  
1,873.67

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.080 acres described as parcel 0210 0112 00140 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 38664 175, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 12 MT GUYOT ST

Assessed Owners: CURTIS, TYLER A.  
Bill Number: 486  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 369.36  
369.69

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.080 acres described as parcel 1040 0025 00120 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 56417 320, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 11 BIRCH ST

Assessed Owners:  
DEROSIER, FRANCIS J.  
Bill Number: 538  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 537.72  
537.72

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.080 acres described as parcel 1040 0021 00110 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH

BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 44686 259, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 309 NORTH MAIN ST  
Assessed Owners:  
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORT.  
C/O STRZELECKI, TED  
Bill Number: 651  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,147.97  
1,147.97

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.170 acres described as parcel 1010 0003 03090 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 55708 44, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 15 NORTH COMMON ST

Assessed Owners:  
KJORNES, DONALD M  
C/O BOWLIN, ROBERT  
Bill Number: 652  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 178.83  
178.83

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.162 acres described as parcel 1040 0022 00150 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 56317 373, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 22 BELL ST

Assessed Owners:  
HANDZEL, JOHN M  
Bill Number: 842  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 551.78  
551.78

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.170 acres described as parcel 1010 0078 00220 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 11708 0365, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 71 ELM ST

Assessed Owners:  
MCALISTER, GERALD  
Bill Number: 1334  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 566.83  
566.83

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.800 acres described as parcel 1070 0007 00710 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 52018 89, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 41 OLD E BROOKFIELD RD

Assessed owners: MURPHY, E c & co  
Bill Number: 1476  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 923.52  
923.52

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 5.000 acres described as parcel 0380 0008 00410 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 00000 0000, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 26 BELL ST

Assessed owners: PARTRIDGE,  
LESTER H & KATHRYN F  
Bill Number: 1614  
2018 S LIEN 460.67  
REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,840.37  
2,301.04

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.100 acres described as parcel 1010 0078 00260 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 19536 0003, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 41 BROOKFIELD RD

Assessed Owners: SAMEK, RAYMOND & SINKIS, LISA A.  
C/O LISA A. SINKIS  
Bill Number: 1804  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,728.31  
1,728.31

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about .840 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 0892 309, WORCESTER county

Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 164 OAKHAM RD  
Assessed Owners:  
SCHLEGEL, WAYNE  
Bill Number: 1823  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 589.02  
589.02

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.250 acres described as parcel 0110 0083 01640 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 17 61

Property Location: 89 WEST BROOKFIELD RD

Assessed Owners:  
SCHLEGEL, WAYNE A.  
Bill Number: 1826  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 581.91  
581.91

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.025 acres described as parcel 0410 0001 00890 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 36266 220, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 97 BROOKFIELD RD

Assessed Owners:  
SMITH, DENNIS & ANN L  
C/O STRICKLAND, JOSHUA P.  
Bill Number: 1885  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 39.71  
39.71

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.160 acres described as parcel 0460 0055 00970 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 10796 0362, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 29 BIGELOW RD

Assessed owners: STONE, DONNA A  
C/O MCKIERNAN, DANIELLE  
Bill Number: 1945  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 245.11  
245.11

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 16.100 acres described as parcel 0270 0911 00290 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 19147 0032, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 40 HINES BRIDGE RD

Assessed Owners: VANDALE, DAVID A & ARMAND A VANDALE  
Bill Number: 2092  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 834.83  
834.83

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 97.000 acres described as parcel 0350 0103 00400 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 05479 0223, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 73 HILLSVLE SPENCER RD

Assessed owners:  
VANDALE, DAVID A & ARMAND A  
Bill Number: 2093  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,776.63  
1,776.63

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 13.900 acres described as parcel 0350 0006 00730 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book 05481 0024, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 69 HILLSVLE SPENCER RD

Assessed owners:  
VANDALE, DAVID A & MARIE A  
Bill Number: 2094  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 12.68  
12.68

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.830 acres described as parcel 0350 0006 00690 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 19474 0275, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.  
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