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### THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

"Adapt or perish, now as ever, is nature's inexorable imperative."

H.G. Wells

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## 'IT'S A TRUE WIN-WIN PROGRAM'

### BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Inmate work crews from the Worcester County Sheriff's House of Correction have once again provided significant financial savings to communities this year, including work completed at Spencer's Camp Laurel Wood.

Committed to making a difference both inside the Worcester County House of Correction and in the community, Sheriff Lew Evangelidis has been providing inmate work crews to assist budget strapped cities and towns throughout Worcester County. The Sheriff's Inmate Courtesy photo Community Service Program provides

preparing hundreds of campsites and tents in anticipation of the arrival of thousands of campers and Girl Scouts for the summer. In total, the inmate work program provided over \$50,000 in savings in labor and maintenance costs for Camp Laurel Wood.

"As usual, they did a super job – the campsites look great," said Camp Laurel Wood site supervisor Jim Looney. "Every spring there is a tremendous amount to do here in preparation of the thousands of young campers and Girl Scouts who will camp here all summer long. Having the inmate labor saves us an extraordinary amount of time, manpower and money. We cannot thank the Sheriff

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Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis with Camp cost-free labor to several municipalities Laurel Wood site supervisor Jim Looney following the and nonprofit organizations each year. Most recently, one of the Sheriff's work completion of the weeklong project. crews spent a week at Camp Laurel Wood,

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Common Core question nixed

#### **BY KEVIN FLANDERS** NEWS STAFF WRITEF

LEICESTER — Residents and officials worked tirelessly statewide to get their voices heard in opposition to Common Core standards, but more than 100,000 signatures still wasn't enough to bring the topic to ballot.

A recent Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling silenced the voices of opposition. Even after parents, edu-cators and residents from throughout the state gathered signatures from those opposing Common Core, the court quashed their efforts.

"This ruling is an example of big special interest money using intimidation tactics with scores of lawyers and public relations machines to do what is best for them and drown out the voices of the people," said Donna Colorio, the chairper-son of the End Common Core Massachusetts movement. "The special interests behind Common Core do not want an open and fair debate about education in Massachusetts, so they rely on legal maneuvers and technicalities to control public education."

"The ones who really lost are the students," Colorio added. "They are the ones most nega-

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## **CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE**



Kevin Flanders photo

EAST BROOKFIELD — Residents made the most of a drizzly day at Connie Mack Field, as the Independence Day celebration took place on July 9. From left, Colby Ford, 8, Kelsey Ford, 1, and Mackenzie Ford, 13, of East Brookfield. For more photos from East Brookfield, as well as West Brookfield, turn to pages A4-A5!

## Leaders continue opioid crisis discussion

### **BY KEVIN FLANDERS**

With the opioid crisis raging, area residents and officials have joined forces in a variety of initiatives to reverse the momentum. Last week, the Quaboag Hills Community Coalition's (QHCC) Substance Use Task Force members from throughout the area discussed several wavs to combat the drug crisis during a community dinner.

The event took place at the United Church of Ware, bringing together people from diverse

backgrounds eager to make a difference. Among them was West Brookfield's Gary Blanchard, the owner of Positive Path Counseling Center.

The coalition also includes members from the other Brookfields towns, Spencer and Warren. At the dinner, a small panel of local speakers, each with a different specialty, addressed questions from the audience and helped spark new ideas. Areas of expertise included harm reduction, recovery options, and economic forces,

among others.

For Blanchard, who has been providing treatment to individuals struggling with addiction since 2007, it always means a lot to share new ideas and help keep people informed.

"The biggest takeaway for me is that the community is looking at all options to deal with the problem, including prevention, treatment, and harm reduction," said Blanchard, who has

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Boosters to host second annual cornhole tournament

#### **BY KEVIN FLANDERS** NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — A cornhole competition won't be featured at the Olympics this August, but it's returning in grand fashion to North Brookfield.

Following a successful debut last summer that drew guests of all ages, the North Brookfield Sports Boosters will host their second annual cornhole tournament next month.

Set for Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Town Common, the double elimination event will feature 48 teams of two players. Registration is \$25 per player, and the minimum age for participants is 14.

Proceeds will benefit athletes on North Brookfield sports teams.

'We had a very successful event last year. We made \$3,000 at the event, which was much more than we were expecting," said Allyson Bulger, the vice president of North Brookfield Sports Boosters. "This is a great event because you don't even have to know how to play beforehand. You can just come out and have a fun time."



Courtesy photo Guests participate in last year's cornhole tournament.

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## **QUOTATION OF** THE WEEK

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## Spencer resident releases memoir

#### BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

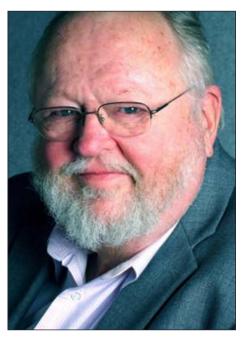
SPENCER — In a compelling and enlightening recently published memoir, a former Catholic priest explains what drew him to priesthood — and also what inspired him to leave it behind.

Spencer's William Shea wrote "Judas Was a Bishop" for a variety of reasons, including his desire to create a commentary on that which many Catholic officials have tried to ignore over the decades. The memoir not only provides memories from Shea's priesthood, but it also features his reflections on the church abuse scandal among the Catholic clergy and the subsequent cover-up by bishops.

Additionally, the book provides suggestions on how to change the clerical structure and culture that enabled the abuse.

Unlike many memoirs, Judas Was a Bishop takes a comprehensive approach by reflecting on Shea's entire life in the Catholic Church -25 years as a priest and then 35 years as a husband and a professor. In a fascinating aside, it even includes the documents Shea submitted to the then pope to allow for a release from the vow of celibacy.

"The book is a highly personal account of my relations with the Catholic Church over 60 years," said Shea, a former College of the Holy



Courtesy photo Spencer's William Shea recently released his memoir, "Judas Was a Bishop."

Cross professor of American religion. "I was inspired to write it by reading the accounts of journalists and historians like the [Boston] Globe reporters' Spotlight team. I thought I knew the church well, but the events and public reports shocked me to my shoes."

As Shea prepared to write the book, he also realized that the memoir could provide helpful insights for friends and family into the life of a priest.

"I realize fully that I am not in any way an important man, but I am after all a man and a Christian who has an obligation to tell the truth if he has a truth to tell," he added.

Shea wrote the book from 2009 to 2013 before beginning the challenging process of forging a route to publication. After an arduous two-year search, he finally came across a small publisher, Anaphora Literary Press, that shared his vision for the book.

For Shea, writing not only serves as an opportunity to convey his message to others, but it also helps him better analyze his thoughts and shape them into a narrative.

"I love writing but find it painful – it forces me to think," added Shea, who has published articles and books since 1973. "I love developing my thought and correcting it – I find out what I think only when I write."

Shea has also been busy with other writing projects in recent months. He just finished editing his father's memoir, which chronicles his life of poverty in Ireland and his immigration to the United States. Shea also has ideas on potentially writing books about athe-



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ism and evangelicalism, but he hasn't fully committed to the process yet.

Meanwhile, the author is eager to continue sharing his memoir with residents. Judas Was a Bishop can be purchased at Barnes and Noble and at Amazon.com. Copies can also be obtained by visiting www.anaphoraliterarypress.com.

Moving forward, Shea hopes to do a presentation at Holy Cross in the fall, in addition to possible library visits.

Outside of writing, Shea enjoys going whale watching as often as he can. He is also a big dog lover.

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## Gobi, Schmid announce environmental initiatives maintained in State Budget

BOSTON — Massachusetts lawmakers enacted a \$39.15 billion state budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) last week that prioritizes environmental initiatives, including funding for local agricultural programs and natural resource preservation.

Joint Chairs of the Committee on the Environmental, Natural Resources and Agriculture Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Rep. Paul A. Schmid (D-Westport) advocated for increased funding for environmental agencies and programs throughout the budget process this session.

Highlights include funding for important programs such as Farm to School and Buy Local efforts, which increase access and availability to health, locally grown foods in schools and other institutions. Gobi advocated for Buy Local efforts during Senate debate and was successful in passing an amendment for the funding of the program. Also included is a \$90,000 appropriation for the apiary inspection program which helps protect the honey-bee industry and significantly benefits our fruit and vegetable industries. "This budget reflects a commitment to protecting the environment and promoting agriculture throughout the state," said Schmid. "I am proud that programs focusing on local, healthy foods continue to be prioritized by the Legislature."

"Local agriculture and the protection of our natural resources continue to be a priority and this budget reflects a shared vision to continue to enhance and move important programs and initiatives forward that benefit all," said Gobi.

The budget also establishes a new commission, the Farmland Protection and Farm Viability Advisory Commission that will create a Farmland Action plan to set the Commonwealth's goals, priorities, and actions for farmland protection and access. Amongst other things, this Commission will do a review of the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program and an analysis of

## Spencer woman arrested for OUI

LEICESTER — A two-town police pursuit ended with stop sticks being deployed and a repeat OUI driver behind bars.

On July 6, Spencer officers were dispatched to the Price Chopper parking lot at 7:30 p.m. after receiving reports of an intoxicated woman operating a red Volkswagen Jetta. Police were unable to initially locate the vehicle, but over two hours later another officer spotted the Jetta proceeding east on Main Street.

After stopping the vehicle, the officer was attempting to obtain the driver's information when she fled the scene. The police pursuit of the vehicle crossed into Leicester, where officers set up stop sticks near Castle Restaurant. Three tires were punctured as the vehicle ran over the sticks. The driver, Deborah White, 59, of 30 Elm Street in Spencer, then exited the vehicle and attempted to walk away from police, refusing to comply with their orders.

White was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor (second offense), negligent operation, marked lanes violation, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

White was arraigned on July 7 and will return to court next month.

Officers from both towns involved in the pursuit were praised for their collaboration in safely ending the public safety threat.



farmland enrolled in the Chapter 61A Program.

The Governor has ten days to veto or change language and sections of the budget.



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It means a lot to the North Brookfield Sports Boosters to receive continued support from the community. Money raised each year is used in a variety of ways, including purchasing new uniforms, funding two scholarships given to graduating NBHS seniors, organizing an annual awards banquet for athletes, and purchasing apparel for coaches and athletes.

Thanks to the funds raised at the cornhole tournament, which instantly became the Sports Boosters' largest fundraiser, new uniforms will be purchased each year for a given sports team. Jackets are also awarded to juniors who excel in their sports, while sweatshirts are handed out to team MVPs and most improved players as chosen by their coaches.

The goal moving forward is to continue driving up participation in sports at all age levels.

"Budgets are tough in every school district, and we try to do as much as we can to help the kids and make sure they have a great athletic experience," Bulger added.

The tournament will once again be run by Boston Cornhole, which specializes in coordinating the brackets for such events. The event will also include vendors and crafters, raffles and food, and musical entertainment. Organizers said there will be increased signage this year to bring even more guests to the event.

"With eight or ten games going on at once, it's a great social atmosphere for everyone," Bulger said.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place finishers at the tournament.

To register for the tournament online, visit www.nbsportsboosters.weebly. com. You can also register via mail. Please send to the following address your team name, players' names, contact information, and a check made out to North Brookfield Sports Boosters: Allyson Bulger, 73 Maple Street, North Brookfield, MA, 01535. For the vendor fair, a 12x12-foot space costs \$25. There is no access to electricity, and vendors are asked to bring their own tents and tables to the Common. No duplicate vendors, so sign up early.

To learn more about the tournament and vendor fair, send an email to Bulger at ally10169@yahoo.com. The rain date is Aug. 21 from 12-4 p.m.

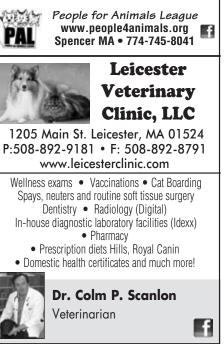
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## East Brookfield celebrates the red, white and blue

EAST BROOKFIELD — Residents made the most of a drizzly day at Connie Mack Field, as the Independence Day celebration took place on July 9. From musical entertainment to carnival rides and vendors, there was something for everyone to enjoy in celebration of the red, white and blue.



The Truss and Worthington families enjoy the afternoon.

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Pauline Stockman, of Brookfield, left, and Joanne Dorman, of West Brookfield, show off their Olive McKrell, 1, of Hatfield, can't wait for the next fun activity. quilted creations.





The East Brookfield Baptist Church youth group provides refreshments to guests.



Corey Arnold, of East Brookfield, takes a ride with his 7-year-old daughter, Madeleine.

space for additional carnival prizes.

Make room! East Brookfield's Jackson Aiden Los, 2, of North Brookfield, who has Greencayer, 3, doesn't have much more inspired the community with his recovery from serious illness, spends the day with his grandfather, Ed Los, of East Brookfield.





Nanigian, 8, and Mikayla Moorcroft, 5, all of Buzz and Margie Tremblay, of Spencer. Spencer.

From front to back, Madison Natale, 7, Aydan Owen Dilfoy, 6, of Gardner, goes tie-dye with

## Fourth of July celebration draws a crowd in West Brookfield

WEST BROOKFIELD - Fourth of July festivities drew an impressive crowd to the Town Common, where guests came together to celebrate the nation's birthday with several activities. Hosted by the Quaboag Historical Society, the event included dramatic readings, a performance from Quaboag Choral Society, and a display from the Sturbridge Colonial Militia.

Organizers wished to thank the following individuals, businesses and organizations for their help in making the event possible: Indian Rock Farm, Clover Springs Farm, Image Production Services, Darren Lussier, Stephen Segatore, Jr., and Bill Jankins.







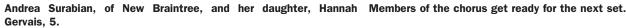
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Diane Lincoln, of North Brookfield, spends the night with her 6-year-old daughter, Lillian, and Chuck Kevs.

and his brother. Nicholas Merriam. 5. are all ready for some fun on the Common. smiles as they play with their trucks.

West Brookfield's Ryan Merriam, 4, left, Zachary Mielnicki, 7, of West Brookfield, is













Jacob Dustin (2) and Lillian Dustin (4), of West Brookfield, get a tour of the fire truck.



Youngsters take a moment for a photo before returning to games and snacks.



Friends Isla Czub, 4, left, and Violet Atwood, 6, both of West **Brookfield** 



Jeff Kirby, of Brookfield, and his daughter, Karsyn, hang out in front of the soon-to-be bonfire.



Members of the Sturbridge Colonial Militia gather on the Common.

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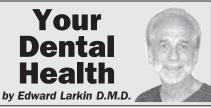
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LEICESTER — The town's summer concert series celebrated Independence Day in style, with a July 6 concert featuring Dan Gabel and The Abletones. Joined by vocalist Elise Roth, the 18-piece big band group wowed guests on a hot night on the Common. The concert series will continue on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The series is supported, in part, by a grant from Leicester Arts Council.







Rochdale-based VFW members line up before the concert. The Jacques family, of Leicester, is ready for a fun night on the Common

Patrick Flynn, of Paxton, and his 9-year-old daughter, Jordan, grab a couple hot dogs for the show.



A big crowd honors the flag during the National Anthem.

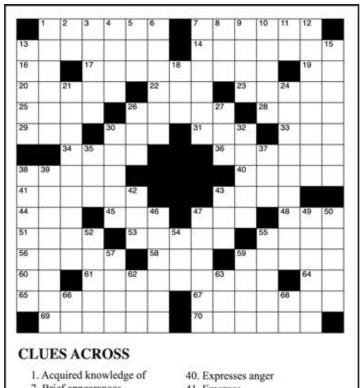
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old son, Noah, enjoy some popcorn.



Deirdre Legancy, of Auburn, and her 2-year- The Waltz family, of Worcester, can't wait for some music.







Kristin Hartness, of Leicester, spends the night with her 4-year-old dog. Asha

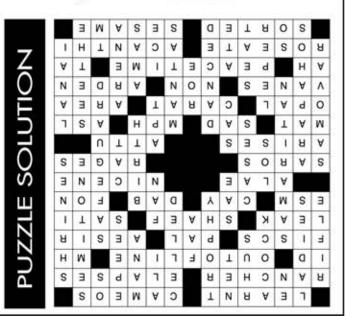


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### Worcester State University

WORCESTER — Laura Bouvier, of Spencer, has received a Lt. Col. James F. Sheehan, USMC Ret., Junior Academic Achievement Award from Worcester State University.

Bouvier, a junior majoring in public health with a concentration in global studies, was honored last month at the 2016 Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

Each year, the University honors and rewards the highest-ranking students in each of the academic disciplines, as well as those who have received special recognition awards.

Laura is currently working with Syamak Moattarai, Ph.D., assistant professor of health sciences at WSU, as an intern with Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which has the goal of making Worcester the healthiest city in the United States. Laura is working on the violence and injury prevention part of CHIP, creating a newsletter and updating an already established website.

WORCESTER — Worcester State University has announced the Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester:

• Brookfield: Eleanor M. Blodgett, Craig A. Makynen, Kristian M. O'Donnell

• Cherry Valley: Elizabeth M. Annunziata, Evette Danek, Becca D. Dunkerly, Brandon D. Malloy, Uriah Ntiamoah, Jennifer L. Putnam

• East Brookfield: Julia E. Anderson, Kasey L. Hamilton, Daniel J. Livermore, Jeffrey M. Robichaud

• Leicester: Nicole B. Allain, Amber-Lynne Army, Michael F. Belanger, Kiana N. Besse, Amber L. Costello, Christopher P. Daige, Nicole M. Ethier, Bridget R. Granville, Mollie Jasper, Brittany E. Knight, Kenny H. Le, Lisa A. Leveillee, Joseph A. Mazza, Naomi E. Miller, Katherine M. Piscopo, Melanie E. Riedle, Tina M. Schwartz, Danielle Staples-Magario, Celine Tran, Jillian M. Witkowski

• North Brookfield: Nicole M. Ducharme, Hannah C. Forgit, Kaitlyn E. Furtado, Erica R. Gilman, Haley M. Gosselin, Kyle M. Haghighi, Dakota R. Hinerth, Emily J. Kokansky, Kara E. Lowkes, Lorraine M. McMaster, Heidi L. Metcalf, Janet E. Novack, Ashley J. Seymour, Rebecca E. Wood

 Rochdale: Michelle A. Aldonis, Joseph T. Hamm, Shannon K. Richards

• Spencer: Alec J. Barber, Jason T. Barrett, Jillian M. Boquist, Laura M. Bouvier, Dennis P. Brunnett, Midaly Carrasquillo Delgado, Jennifer L. Fleming, Christopher D. Head, Zachary G. Jorritsma, Jered A. Kent, Joseph P. Kroell III, Kylie A. McCready, Daniel J. England University for Spring semester of 2016. Sokol is working toward a degree in Business Analytics Information Management.

Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

SPRINGFIELD — Alexander Blanchette, of Leicester, received the Chemistry Book Prize Award and the Excellence in Forensic Chemistry Award at the 2016 College of Arts and Sciences Awards Ceremony at Western New England University.

The Chemistry Book Prize is awarded to the graduating senior with excellent achievement in Chemistry and The Excellence in Forensic Chemistry Award is given to a graduating senior with the highest grade point average and has demonstrated commitment to advancing the field of Forensic Chemistry. Dr. Anne Poirot, Professor of Chemistry, presented the Chemistry Book Prize Award and Mr. John Drawec, Associate Professor of Biology, presented the Excellence in Forensic Chemistry Award.

Blanchette, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, is graduating magna cum laude with Honors with a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry.

"Throughout his four years here at WNE, Alex has repeatedly demonstrated determination, creativity, and much to the delight of the chemistry faculty, unparalleled enthusiasm as he completed his chemistry courses, mentored fellow students, and conducted research within our department," commented Dr. Poirot at the Awards Ceremony.

Alexander will continue his studies at the University of Maryland where he has been accepted into the PhD program in Forensic Toxicology.

## Southern New Hampshire University

The following students have been named to the President's List for the Spring 2016 semester. To be eligible, a student must compile a grade point average of 3.7-4.0.

Ana Byers, Leicester

Michelle Cox, Spencer

The following student has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester. To be eligible, a student must compile a grade point average of 3.5-3.699.

Megan Driscoll, Spencer

## Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College has recognized 460 students who achieved Dean's List for their academic work during the spring 2016 semester. Joshua Harvey, of Spencer, was awarded a master of engineering degree in biomedical engineering.

## Merrimack College

NORTH ANDOVER — Merrimack College recognizes local students who have achieved dean's list for Spring 2016.

Meghan Sweeney, of Leicester Abbey Bryant, of North Brookfield Bradley Picard, of Spencer

## Quinnipiac University

HAMDEAN, Conn. — The following area students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2016 semester at Quinnipiac University:

Spencer: Sydney Ingel, Troy Ingel, Rebecca Streeter

West Brookfield: Thomas Jankins

## **Elms College**

CHICOPEE — The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named the following students from your area to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester of the 2015-2016 academic year. To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

Rebecca Adams, 2017, West Brookfield

## **Boston University**

BOSTON — Daniel C. Gould IV, a resident of Brookfield, has recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Spring semester. Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

## Salve Regina University

NEWPORT, R.I. — Laura Jedynasty, of Brookfield, a senior at Salve Regina University, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester.

## **Clark University**

WORCESTER — The following local residents received a degree from Clark University on Sunday, May 22.

• Lisa D. Gaudette, of Brookfield, graduated with a master of public administration. Gaudette is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda honor society. Graduation List for Spring 2016.

Spencer: Holly DeSha, BS, Sociology; Samantha R. Kaplan, BS, Nursing

Brookfield: Dean N. Tooley, BS, Interdisciplinary Studies

North Brookfield: Devin L. Hildick, BSE, Special Education; Dominique M. LaFond, BS, Nursing, LPN to BSN

## Annual SkillsUSA Workforce Development

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Career and technical students in Massachusetts won some of the nation's highest awards at the 2016 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Louisville, Ky., on June 22-23, 2016. More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.2 million square feet, equivalent to 19 football fields or 25 acres.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 100 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking.

Industry leaders from 600 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material.

More than 1,700 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

Skill Point Certificates were awarded in 86 occupational and leadership areas to students who met a predetermined threshold score in their competition, as defined by industry. The Skill Point Certificate is a component of the SkillsUSA Work Force Ready System, a national assessment program for career and technical education.

The following students are Skill Point Certificate recipients:

• Kyle J. Anderson, from Spencer, and a student at Bay Path RVT High School (Charlton), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Sheet Metal.

The following student received a SkillsUSA Championships medal and Skill Point Certificate:

• Alexander M Schrader, from Spencer, and a student at Bay Path RVT High School (Charlton), was awarded the high school silver medal in Power Equipment Technology.

## Worcester Academy

Mongeon, Laura L. Piccirillo, Kayla M. Pugliese, Yolanda L. Sullivan

• West Brookfield: William J. Buttitta, Grace E. Cook, Jesse C. Fortin, Monica S. Greenlaw, Shelby E. Jankins, Tristan Tenerowicz

## University of Hartford

HARTFORD, Conn. — Emily Rock, of West Brookfield, has been named to its Dean's List for Spring 2016.

## Western New England University



The following local students were welcomed as alumni on May 21:

Alexander Blanchette, Leicester, magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry. Also a Dean's List member Spring 2016.

Bradley Griffin, West Brookfield, with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering/Computer Concentration. Also a Dean's List member Spring 2016.

Ryan Begley, North Brookfield, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Ryan Plante, West Brookfield, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry.

Michael Stasiewicz, Leicester, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Finance.

The following local students were named to the Spring 2016 Dean's List by achieving a grade point average of 3.3 or higher:

Alexander Orsi, North Brookfield, Mechanical Engineering major

Tyler Simons, Spencer, Sport Management major

SPRINGFIELD — Gregory Sokol, of West Brookfield, has been named to the President's List at Western New Brendan Coughlin, of North Brookfield, a Management major, has achieved Dean's High Honors.

Christopher Doyle, of Leicester, a General Business major, has achieved Dean's High Honors.

Brianna Kilborn, of North Brookfield, an Accounting major, has achieved Dean's List.

Jason Radzik, of Leicester, a Finance major, has achieved Dean's High Honors.

Caitlynn Reynolds, of Leicester, an Accounting major, has achieved Dean's High Honors.

Aaron Rollins, of Spencer, an Accounting major, has achieved Dean's High Honors.

Nicole Smith, of Rochdale, a MBA major, has achieved Dean's High Honors.

## Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WORCESTER—On Saturday, May 14, on the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) campus quadrangle, 907 bachelor's degrees were awarded during the university's 148th commencement ceremony.

Tyler Keenan, of Leicester, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in actuarial mathematics with distinction.

Jaclyn Bouvier, of Spencer, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering with distinction.

Zachary Grasis, of North Brookfield, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in management engineering.

Benjamin Gaudet, of Spencer, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering with high distinction.

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) began its 148th Commencement celebrations with the graduate students' ceremony on Thursday, May 12, awarding 739 master's and doctoral degrees. This was WPI's first-ever graduate commencement, a reflection of the growing stature of its graduate programs, which have expanded substantially-in size, diversity, and international recognition.

## Fitchburg State University

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University recently announced its

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Final Upper School Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for the 2015-2016 School Year. The

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# Taking the plunge

I didn't really know how much I depended on my phone until I suddenly have one.

It happened in slow motion too. That moment of realization followed by a sudden onslaught of panic, a rush of dread and then lightning quick action with lin-gering amounts of shame and repeatedly slapping oneself on the forehead.

We were in Joliet, Ill., last week, visiting my brother-in-law and his family, and it was our final night there before making the two-day journey home by car. It had been a long day, as we had just spent the previous hours at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, running around with my kids and their cousins, as they looked at all the different animals. We were tired, but there was one more thing to do before calling it a day — taking a swim at the hotel my in-laws were staying at. I wasn't in the particular mood to swim at that moment, but the kids were, and as a Dad, if the kids are in the pool, I need to do my part to keep them safe. So after stopping to change into my swimsuit, I headed over the hotel with my brother-in-law. I left my wallet back at the house, and really, I should have left my phone there too. After all, I was on



it. would in a pool, and wouldn't even be able to use it, even if I

wanted to. But no, I can't be without my phone! So I slipped it in my pocket and enjoyed the drive to the hotel.

Stepping into hotel's pool area, there before me was a hot tub area and the in ground pool. I pondered starting off in the hot tub, but instead, seeing the kids having fun in the pool, I quickly removed my sandals and shirt ... and leapt in, cannonball style.

After splashing around with the kids for a bit, and doing a couple dives to get myself acclimated with the temperature of the water, I approached my niece like a shark, ready to horse around for a bit, when suddenly I felt something brush against my thigh.



## Common Core question nixed — anyone surprised?

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So, parents of school aged children, you thought you were finally going to get the chance to tell the ruling class what they could do with their plans to mal-educate your kids — and thereby severely limit their future opportunities with their so-called Common Core Curriculum. Perhaps you signed the peti-

tions or even collected signatures to have the question put before the voters in this upcoming November election. Well, think again.

Even though the wording for the ballot question was validated by none other than our very own uber-liberal Attorney General, Maura Healey, the Massachusetts State Supreme Judicial Court, in its elitist wisdom, said, "Whoa, hold on there now; let's not get carried away.'

For its own specious reasons, the Court declared the question out of bounds. Sorry for all your wasted time and efforts, petitioners. Sorry that you were so foolish as to think that the ruling class would actually let you have a say in anything of such vital importance to you and your family.

But, why is anyone surprised? This is just standard operating procedure for the monied interests, the Business Roundtable and Chamber of Commerce types, the social engineers who will go to their graves trying to mold and shape the kind of society they think will work best ... for them. Whenever the social planners can't convince the rubes that's us — to go along with their cockamamie schemes - no matter how demonstrably ridiculous - all they need to do is go to a court where they can reach one or several dependable judges – who are all on the team — and, hesto presto, mission accomplished. They did it with same sex marriage, the end of "Don't ask, don't tell," affirmative action programs, the tidal wave of illegal immigration, various gun control issues, and on and on. When Alexander Hamilton famously commented, "Here, Sir, the people rule..." He couldn't pos-sibly have envisioned a time in the future of the beloved Republic, that a gang of liberal fascists could run roughshod over the clearly established will of the people and not even be questioned by those very same people, let alone be taken out to be hanged.

## <u>Letters to the</u> Editor

Here's the simple truth: Your kids' lives and futures are being dictated by the doyens of the ruling class whose children most assuredly won't be attending schools that have to abide by all the nonsensical demands of curricula like the Common Core. Their elite private

or religiously affiliated and expensive — schools will not be wracked by chaos, apathy, violence and a sense of resignation by both staff and students to what they see as their dreary and inescapable fate.

No, the children of these judges, lawvers, politicians, and corporate and union leaders of the ruling class will continue to receive whatever passes for legitimate education in this broken culture of ours, while their par- for Britain's trade and economic relaents couldn't care less what happens to your kids. Ideally, they want your students to be trained — like a bear in a circus — to do some little job in life and After all, right after the results came in, to keep their mouths shut, while the children of the elite will be the thinkers. the ones who will make up the rules of the United States. And we may well see the wielders of the real power over the culture, and the sole possessors of fearsome wealth and privilege.

If you're satisfied with things as they are, then keep voting for these traitors to you and to your children's futures, the ones who put these judges and commissioners into positions of such awesome power over you and your family. Maybe your kids will never realize that what was done to them and their chances in life are charged as much to your actually departs. This extended time account as to anyone else's. Or, maybe they'll forgive you. Who knows?

On the other hand, if you're "crazy" enough to think you could do a better job yourself, that your little boy or girl might stand a better chance for a worthwhile life because of your sacrifices and determined efforts on his/her behalf ... then get going. What better time than the beginning of summer to start mak- actually drive stock prices – and, despite ing plans for the start of the next school Brexit, these fundamentals remain genyear?

class children who can compete with  $\overline{2}$  percent to 2.5 percent range, and the the sons and daughters of privilege in anything: academics, athletics, the arts, and, most importantly, in character and integrity. Go for it, mom, dad.

## How should investors respond to 'Brexit'?



As you know by now, United the Kingdom (U.K.) has voted to leave the European Union. The 'Brexit" vote

is expected to have major implications tionships - but how might it affect you, as an individual investor?

At first glance, you might be worried. we saw a sharp decline in stock markets around the world, including here in the game, the masters of the language, more volatility in the near term. But by taking a step back and looking at the big picture, you might see that the outlook for investors is nowhere near as gloomy as you may have thought.

Here are some suggestions for maintaining your perspective:

Be patient. Despite the Brexit vote, it's not so simple for the U.K. to just pack its bags and bid "adieu" to the European Union. In fact, it may take three or more years before the U.K. period can give financial markets a chance to absorb the new reality – while giving investors time to ponder their long-term strategy.

Don't forget about the "fundamentals." Financial markets dislike uncertainty, which is why they fell so sharply after Brexit. But the markets move much faster than the fundamentals that erally positive. In the U.S., economic Defy all the odds! Produce working growth is expected to continue in the prospects of a recession remain small. U.S. companies will continue to operate in Britain as before, and British companies will still participate in the global economy.

Review your investment portfolio and look for opportunities. If you've done a good job of building a diversified portfolio that's based on your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you may not need to take any action in the immediate aftermath of Brexit. Diversification is especially important, because it's possible that some financial assets may be more negatively affected by Brexit than others; you can blunt this impact by owning a wide range of investments. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can ease the effects of volatility, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.) As you review your holdings, you may even want to consider adding international and U.S. stocks, if appropriate for your situation, to take advantage of the drop in price of many quality companies. As always, of course, be aware that the value of your shares will fluctuate and you may lose principal. Also, international investing does carry some special risks, mostly related to currency fluctuations and foreign political and economic events. Keep your focus on the long term. If Brexit-inspired volatility does go on for a while, keep your focus on your long-term financial goals, which have not changed. By staying focused on the "far horizon," so to speak, you'll be less tempted to make short-term moves that may not be in your best interest. The Brexit vote may not be a positive development for the global economy. But we've gotten past bigger events in the past, including wars and other political crises, and we'll get through this one, too. As the British themselves famously posted on their walls during World War II, "Keep Calm and Carry On." That's good advice for investors, too.

Running my hand down to my swim trunks, I noticed that something was in my pocket. My heart dropped.

It had been nearly two full minutes underwater, and I suddenly realized that my phone was still in my pocket. "Oh no!" I shouted, as my family turned

to me.

Now in a panic, I reached into my pocket and yanked my phone out, presenting it to everyone around me.

Realizing what I had done, everyone gave me that defeated, "Oh man" look, the look you give someone who just stubbed their toe, giving you flashbacks of when you did it yourself.

Luckily, my sister-in-law was quick to action. She grabbed the phone and wrapped it in a towel, darting from the room. Only a few minutes later, she was back with a bag of rice. Disassembled, my phone remained in that bag for nearly 50 hours, which included the entire ride home.

It was weird not having my phone with me. I suddenly thought of all the times I mindlessly take it out and surf around on it, going on Facebook, surfing the web, texting or using any of the countless apps that make like "easier." There were even a couple times my hand went to my pocket before I would realize that there was nothing in that pocket to grab.

In another way, it was kind of nice not be anchored to a phone for a couple days. Granted, I spent the vast majority of that time in a car, but there was something oddly simple about it.

Once safely back home, I carefully retrieved my phone from the bag of rice, made sure there were no pieces in places they shouldn't be, assembled it, and pressed the power button. Magically, it worked. I couldn't believe it. After spending two minutes underwater, my phone was working like nothing had happened. That is, until it didn't. After randomly restarting a couple times, I started to wonder if the damage had been done. Later that night, after a full day of working relatively well, it shut down, and didn't come back on. It was gone.

So now, I have an old phone and am hunting for a new one, but with that one day I had with my phone, I was able to take off all my pictures and relevant data. I'm glad I did that.

These days, it's easy to rely on technol-ogy, and I'm sure that my next phone will have even more bells and whistles, but those two days going without reminded me that I'm probably a little too dependent on technology.

Something to think about...

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## The 'heavy hand' of the attorney general

#### To the Editor:

Contrary to what the proponents say, the Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Initiative will not solve the problem of Brookfield's moribund property market or its high tax rate, but only lead to the loss of property rights for targeted individuals.

The fact that town's tax base is not growing is no excuse for the heavy hand of the attorney general. There are number of reasons for flat tax base, chief among them the lack of a commercial district and robust job market. Any student of market economics understands that if the economy was vibrant in our area — with an abundance of employers offering good paying jobs — then developers would purchase abandoned property from the owners, rehab the building, and have home buyers waiting in line to buy the renovated house.

To advance the claim that government seizures of abandoned property would result in higher property values ignores housing market realities. In addition, that's a statist solution, one suited to communist countries.

other argument The that Abandoned Housing Initiative will provide additional tax levies to cover

the Brookfield's high tax also does not make economic sense. Despite the efforts of the Advisory Board, the selectmen and town meeting have not held the line on expenditures. Expanding the tax base only encourages more spending.

Not only does the AG's program not solve the underlying causes for the town's tax base problem, it tramples on property rights. Under The Abandoned Housing Initiative the AG's office can take a property owner to court, force the owner to repair the property, and ultimately transfer the property to the housing contractor if the owner can't pay for the repairs.

A government abetted transfer of property rights is un-American, and has never been held legal by the U.S. Supreme Court (these initiative are new, stemming from 2007 recession.) The Bill of Rights states that the government can only take property for eminent domain, and, when it does, the property owner must be compensated for his or her loss. Just because no one is living on a property is no reason for the owner to forfeit his or her rights if taxes are being paid.

JAMES COOKE BROOKFIELD

## Mr. Gobi would be proud of his daughter

#### To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the recent letter submitted by John McRae. In that letter, he was not only critical of my sister, Sen. Anne Gobi, but also offered an opinion that my late father would be disappointed in her work.

That statement could not be further from the truth.

It is quite common for people to criticize elected officials, and I was not particularly surprised to read yet another letter from Mr. McRae doing just that. What did surprise me is that he chose to criticize the Senator's voting record while at the same time acknowledging that he did not know what her voting record was as it pertained to the issues he was discussing.

Mr. McRae did speak well of my father. He referred to my father as a great man — a hardworking man that treated his customers fairly, and he raised his family well. I appreciate his

sentiments, and I know they are shared by many.

But Mr. McRae goes on to say that if my father was still living, that he would see the way "his kid was making the lot of his people even more difficult" and would say, "What are you doing, girl?" These comments have convinced me that Mr. McRae did not know my father, nor does he know Anne, as well as he thought he did.

Senator Gobi is a tireless advocate for the people of her district. She commits a great deal of herself to the position she holds, and along the way she has helped and assisted many people. Her work ethic, her compassion, and her ability and willingness to help others is very much in line with how my father lived his life.

My father would be very pleased with the work of his daughter, and so am I.

BRIAN GOBI Spencer

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# VIEWPOINT

## Lavender tips

Lush lavender has found a home in many New England gardens, and with good reason. The fragrant flowers are not only a favorite to display, but the popular herb also boasts many medicinal and practical uses. Since the time of the ancient Greeks, lavender has been hailed as remedy for everything from insomnia to moth invasions. With a record interest in the virtues of herbs, this week's column will review how lovely lavender can be utilized in an array of duties all around the house.

Did you know lavender blossoms and leaves can be used instead of rosemary in many recipes? Try it to add a dash of color as well as flavor to your next gourmet dish.

Lavender lemonade is a summertime favorite. Here's a classic recipe using fresh lavender from the garden:

Victorian Lavender Lemonade

Ingredients: five cups water: one and one half cups sugar; 12 stems fresh lavender; two and one quarter cups lemon iuice

Directions: Boil two and one half cups of water with the sugar. Add the lavender stems and remove from heat. Place on the lid and let cool. When cool, add two and one half cups water and the lemon juice. Strain out the lavender. Serve the lavender lemonade with crushed ice and garnish with lavender blossoms and lemon wedges. Serves eight tall glasses over ice.

Drying tip: Dry lavender by harvesting it on a dry day and tying into bundles. Hang the bundle bouquets out of direct and allow to completely dry.

Essence of Lavender FYI: Lavender essential oil is a concentrated form of lavender that lends itself to many convenient uses. It takes about 175 pounds of fresh lavender flowers to produce a single pound of lavender oil! A little goes a long way, as one drop of lavender essential oil can be equal to one ounce of the fresh plant.

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Did you know pure essential oil of lavender is proven more antiseptic than many commercial chemical disinfectants? Make up your own spray by

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adding 20 drops of pure essential oil of lavender to one cup of water. Pour into a spritz bottle and use around the house to kill germs on surfaces.

Lavender oil also comes in handy when you vacuum. Just place

a few drops on the vac bag before vacuuming to cut down on dust microbes that trigger allergies.

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For generations, minor burns have reportedly been soothed by applying lavender oil immediately after the injury occurs. If done in time, the lavender can prevent a blister from forming and ease the hurt with its pain killing properties.

Lavender's role in inducing calm is legendary. Here are two remedies to try: Mix a little lavender essential oil with a carrier oil and massage on the bottom of the feet to soothe away stress. Or place a drop or two of the oil on a cotton ball and tuck it inside a pillowcase to lull you off to sleep.

NOTE: Use herbs and essential oils at

your own risk and only under proper direction. Consult an herb guide for direction on usage.

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

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Spencer lacks a 'sense of community'

#### To the Editor:

As I sit before my computer it is July 4. My wife and I just completed a short walk through Luther Hill Park, which we do often as we live nearby.

I cannot help wondering why this lovely jewel in the pantheon of Spencer's assets is sitting fallow, unused and decaying, becoming over grown by trash maples and invasive weeds. A gate sits locking the citizens from access to it.

As I see it, Luther Hill Park is a metaphor for what ails this community. Nothing is valued, nothing is maintained, nothing is appreciated. All I ever hear from the residents of this town is we are either too poor, too cheap or too lazy to inconvenience ourselves for the good of the community. We don't value our schools, our children, our elderly, our parks, our roads, our public employees or anything else that would indicate that we are more than just another animal occupying space contributing nothing to the welfare of ciety. It seems that we are content to do nothing but eat, sleep, reproduce and mindlessly consume the junk that the global economy offers. I am old enough to remember when there was a vitality to Americans. We were a nation of doers. We didn't sit indolently about waiting to be entertained, we entertained ourselves. We didn't wait to have someone else present us with public assets, we went out and made them ourselves. We weren't passive takers, we were creative makers. Practically all that is of value in Spencer was provided and paid for by prior generations of Spencer residents. Not only do we contribute nothing to this legacy, we are so self-obsessed by our own wants that we cannot even maintain the largess that we received from them.

Shame on Spencer. We pay some of the lowest tax rates in this state and complain the loudest about it. We continuously sacrifice our public services to our selfishness or try to get the state to pay for them. As for the physical assets of the town, they just sit and rot from neglect. When I was a boy growing up in Texas and Kansas, every town I lived in had public parks, a community swimming pool and youth activities for me to partake of. They were not rich communities, but they had what Spencer lacks, a sense of community.

I visited Egypt many years ago and observed that one of the princidifferences between and American societies is that the Egyptian's seemed to take responsibility for nothing. Nothing was kept up, nothing was repaired, nothing was appreciated. If something fell over 100 years ago, it was still lying where it fell. Now I cannot see that there is much difference between us anymore.

I am an ugly child of an ugly mother.

However, I have always felt deep down that I am beautiful and always looked at my own mother in the same way. I would like to touch more on the subject of body shaming this article, however, held my attention and my

heart. My mother is the most beautiful person I knew until she told me how ugly she was. I thought I was beautiful, until I realized I too, was chubby and shorter than my mother. I was always under the assumption that beauty was only if you were slim (or wore black if you weren't), had tan skin, thick dyed hair, long acrylic nails done every few weeks, and goodness forbid you left the house without your "face on." No makeup meant ugly.

Everyone always told me I looked like my mom. For a long time I was proud, until she reminded me how ugly she was. To this day, I still pull my unruly curly hair back in what I hope looks like a cute ponytail, because my budget allows me to cut my hair once a year. I don't bother with my nails because with two small children my hands are always in some kind of mess. Sometimes, I grab a polish and paint them something fun like blue or purple, but even so, I know it will wear off in a matter of hours or days. I'd love to dress per my style that I love, but again, sometimes buying Pullups and milk seems much more of a necessity to me than saving for my own wardrobe. I do try to look decent when I leave the house, I am always clean and smell good. But since I have two of the most beautiful children in the world, the one thing I have made sure of is that

**MOM IN MOTION** JILL ROUSEY jill@ stonebridgerpess.com

Be careful what you say...

I always tell them I think they are beautiful inside and out, and as poorly as I may feel about myself on any given morning, I know that to someone, I am "pretty like a princess" (according to my amazing 8-year-old boy). I know that to me, my daughter is the most beautiful lady, I have

ever laid eyes on in my entire life. I also know she looks like me. How could I in any good conscious tell either of them their mother is ugly and yet tell them they are beautiful? The same theory that a person cannot love another human being until they love themselves applies as well to the theory of beauty. If a mother thinks she is ugly, and looks at her children whom she carried for almost a year and who share her traits, she cannot in all honesty tell them she thinks they are beautiful. I am beautiful, and so are my children. You are beautiful as well!

Please look in the mirror and rethink what you see in yourself. Please remind your children that they are beautiful, and please pay attention to what you say about yourself in front of your children. Everyone has a bad hair, bad skin, bad clothes day ... but your children look up to you. Don't break their beautiful thoughts.



ROBERT EMERSON Spencer

## Dump truck issues on Madden Road

#### To the Editor:

My name is Lucas Gorham and I've lived on Madden Road, West Brookfield, for 16 years, and there have been dump trucks coming up and down the road ruining the road.

The road needs to be replaced badly. There are potholes everywhere and it's all due to this one man and his father who own Madden Estates the mobile home park. The potholes are costing the

residents of this road a lot of money to have their cars fixed. The town won't repave the road until the guy stops digging up gravel in the pit he's made in the field below the road. This needs to be taken care of. The only way to get to his gravel pit is down our road. People have petitioned to have this stop but with no luck.

> LUCAS GORHAM WEST BROOKFIELD

## Spencer shouldn't stop accepting waste from campers

#### To the Editor:

I read with disappointment the Town of Spencer Sewer Commissioners have decided to stop accepting waste from campers, etc. due to them "feeling" this may pose "probable" injury. As an engineer we have a saying, "a conclusion without data is only an opinion." Feelings and probable are opinions, and should not be a reason to stop this welcomed service, which I have

used several times without incident. I would appreciate the Commissioners supplying data to support their decision. Spencer taxpayers pay for sewer services and this is just one more eliminated while our taxes continue to escalate.

> PETER SPENCER Spencer

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## Should I hire an individual agent or a team to sell my home?

The answer to this question will depend on you quite a bit.

In every real estate transaction you will have a team helping vou. If you are selling your home you are going to want to hire a real estate agent, an attorney, a stager, and

a photographer. So essentially, there is always a team involved. When it comes to the real estate agent team, the benefit of hiring one agent instead of a team is having the one person to talk to so you don't feel like you are being shuffled from one person to the next. There are also several advantages to hiring a team to cover the real estate agent piece of the transaction, which will many times include an agent, a marketing professional, a transaction coordinator,

a stager, a photographer, and a runner. One advantage is that your house never goes on vacation when your agent does. If your agent is away or sick you should still see everything as seamless because the support is there to cover in their absence. So if you hire an individual agent make sure they have a contingency plan in place for this. Also, many times but not always, the team will sell more homes than an individual agent and will have more experience dealing with more complex situations.

I try to think of other professions such as the dentist where you usually have

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several specialists. When you go to the dentist you typically do not have the dentist checking you in or doing the billing. Then you usually don't go right in to see the dentist, you will see the dental hygienist and they will clean your

teeth and then you may see the dentist for any complex issues or for a few minutes to check in on what was found by the dental hygienist. Each of the roles in the dentist's office are held by specialists in each area, which as a whole, will make the whole experience better. You don't want to be in the middle of getting a cavity filled and have the dentist stop so they can check someone in or answer the phone. So, I wouldn't think you would want that to happen when selling your home either.

Again, make sure you ask lots of questions of any agent that you interview to understand who will be doing what and when so you understand if that experience is what you are looking for and whether a real estate team or individual agent will be a better fit for you.

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## SPORTS Cherry Valley Legion finds a win over Wachusett before season's end



Tyrus Garvin of Cherry Valley slides safely into second base.

### BY GREG BARLOW SPORTS CORRESPONDE

LEICESTER — Right-hander Tucker Hetherman (a recent Bay Path Regional graduate) pitched a complete game for the Cherry Valley Post 443 American Legion baseball team, recording eight strikeouts, while batting 2 for 4 with a pair of doubles at the plate, as Cherry Valley soared past Wachusett Post 42, 13-8, at Rochdale Park on Saturday, July 9.

"We are resilient and just love playing baseball," said Hetherman. "Even when we're down, we still come out and play every day. It doesn't always go our way, but today it certainly did. Ending the season, we will continue to play as hard as we can."

The win boosted Post 443 to 5-17 overall, but their tough season ended at 5-19 after closing out the year with a 6-3 setback to Northbridge Post 343 on Sunday, July 10 followed by a 15-5 loss to Milford Post 59 on Monday, July 11.

Cherry Valley will look ahead to a potentially brighter 2017 season.

"I think we're going to get some guys from Leicester and David Prouty next year. We've been grinding it out and have had good constructive attitudes,' said Post 443 manager Peter Coyle.

"These kids are playing for something and have grown a lot, getting a lot of swings, which is good," added Cherry Valley general manager Jim Stephens. "They've become better ball players. You come here and play Legion baseball

on base, as Cherry Valley stranded five. Catcher Rvan Sanderson (of Shepherd Hill Regional) led Cherry Valley at the plate, 3 for 4 with two singles, a double and three RBI. Just behind Sanderson was Ryan Fahey (a Bay Path graduate), who batted 2 for 4 and added three RBI.

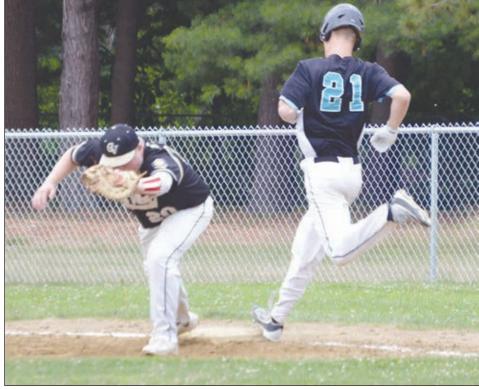
After a quick frame for Post 42, Cherry Valley notched six runs on five hits to jump out to a lengthy lead in the bottom of the first inning. Third baseman Jeremy Rabidou (a Bay Path graduate), Sanderson, Fahey, and second baseman Kaiden Kunkel (of Shepherd Hill) each batted in runs during the span.

Wachusett responded in the second inning with two runs on two hits and an error to trim the deficit to four.

But Post 443 took the next run to stretch out to a 7-2 lead. Hetherman cranked a leadoff double to center field before Rabidou plated him on a single to right field.

After a scoreless third inning, Post 42 scored again to get within four runs in the top of the fourth. Wachusett logged a double, followed by a sacrifice grounder to plate the run.

Cherry Valley then scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth and fifth innings. First, in the fourth, Hetherman doubled to opposite left field with one out before Sanderson followed with double to opposite right field to bring him home. Next, in the fifth, right fielder Mike Collins (of Auburn High) stole third base before crossing home plate on a passed ball to give Cherry



Ryan Fahey of Cherry Valley stretches to make a catch for an out at first base.



you're going to be better when you go back to school next year. Hopefully we'll get some more kids next year who will step in and help."

Post 443 used a 13-7 hitting advantage to grab their late-season win over Wachusett. Post 42 left seven runners

Valley a 9-3 edge.

Post 42 then rallied for a three-run spurt in the top of the sixth to cut the margin to three. Wachusett scored its runs on two hits and two errors.

Cherry Valley refused to back down, continuing the scoring frenzy by plat-

Conor Scully of Cherry Valley drives the ball out to center field.

ing four more on three hits and two errors to move out to a 13-6 lead. Fahey and left fielder Tyrus Garvin (of South High) each had RBI in this inning.

Wachusett then strung together two more runs on two hits in the top of the seventh inning, but Cherry Valley's infield found the outs on three infield grounders to hold on for the 13-8 victory.



Ryan Sanderson led Cherry Valley at the plate, batting 3 for 4 in the victory versus Wachusett.

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Tucker Hetherman pitches from the windup in the top of the fourth inning versus Wachusett.



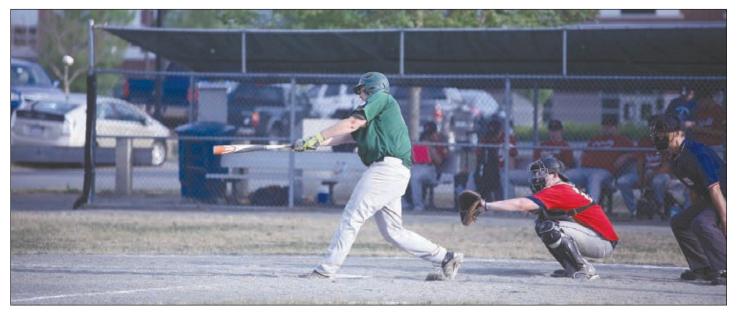
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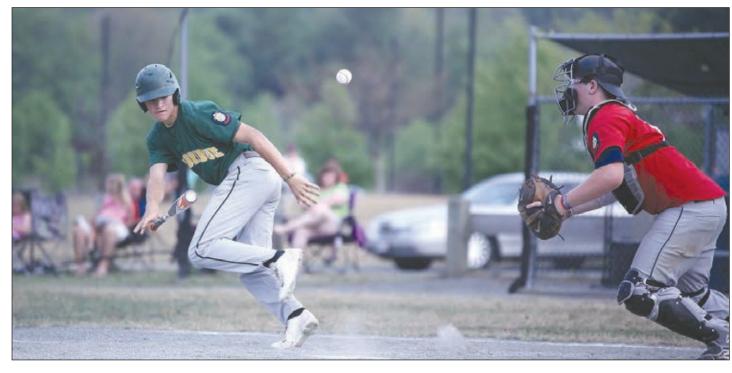
## Despite losses, Sturbridge Legion's season still deemed 'a success'



Nick Ethier photos

Sturbridge Post 109's Tyler Stoever swings at a pitch and gets just enough to foul it straight back.

Sturbridge Post 109's Dante Ortiz hits an RBI double versus Grafton Hill.



Sturbridge's Mick Sullivan drops down a sacrifice bunt for Post 109 versus Grafton Hill.

#### BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Although the Sturbridge American Legion Post 109 baseball team took plenty of lumps this summer, the youthful group gained more than enough experience to help improve things on the diamond next summer.

"As bad as our record was, this season was kind of a success because all the young players got to play," explained Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel following Post 109's 3-2 setback to Grafton Hill Post 323 last Thursday, July 7 at Tantasqua Regional. "They got the Legion experience. You can't replace Legion experience...it's a step above high school." The loss to Grafton Hill dropped Sturbridge's record to 4-18, and then they ended their season by falling to East Side Post 201, 6-2, and Framingham Post 74, 4-2, to finish 4-20. Those games were played on July 9 and 10, respectively. Versus Grafton Hill, Post 109 was "one hit away" from victory, according to Rosseel. Sturbridge stranded eight runners on base, which didn't include a trio of runners that were called out on double plays turned in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

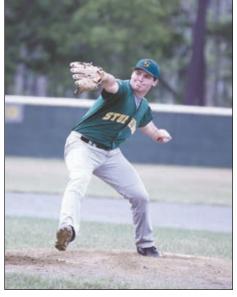
right time," Rosseel said of the unfortunate situations.

Sturbridge's Dan Gilligan took the loss on the mound, but he pitched well enough to win. Gilligan made his second to last pitching appearance for Post 109 (he also pitched a complete game in the finale versus Framingham), as he has satisfied his age limit to Legion baseball. Gilligan threw a complete game, surrendering three runs on seven hits with eight walks and two strikeouts. He stranded 12 Post 323 runners, which help keep his team in the game. Stoever, next up, laced a liner up the middle, but shortstop Anthony DiStefano tracked it down to end the contest.

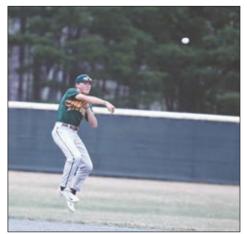
"We needed this, even though we lost, to show we can compete," said Rosseel, adding that it was good for the team's "morale."

Rosseel mentioned that he hopes the bulk of the roster will come back next season, which he believes will happen.

"Even when we got beat the last few games bad, they've been leaving the field with smiles on their faces laughing



Sturbridge's Dan Gilligan made his second to last pitching appearance for Post 109 on Thursday, July 7.



Shortstop Mick Sullivan of Sturbridge Post 109 finishes off a nice play by throwing over to record an out at second base.

"One of them was a true double play, but two of them was right place at the "It helps when you get good pitching. That's what it's all about," said Rosseel. "It meant a lot for our team because he's been our go-to guy most of the year, him and [Tyler] Stoever. How he got himself out of the seventh inning...he was up to 125 pitches."

Leading, 3-1, Grafton Hill looked for added insurance in the top of the seventh — especially when they reached on a pair of walks to open the frame. Gilligan bore down, though, and recorded three straight outs.

Sturbridge then rallied in the bottom of the seventh. Jared Langevin (2 for 3) led off with a single and advanced to second base on Mick Sullivan's groundout. Connor McCaffrey then walked before Brannon McMullen grounded out, which brought the runners to second and third base. Langevin then scored on a wild pitch before Gilligan walked.

and joking," he said.

A particular instance he remembered was in a 12-2 loss to Northbridge Post 343 a day prior (July 6) when left fielder Keegan Moynahan tracked down the ball and relayed a throw to third baseman Dante Ortiz, who continued the relay to McMullen at catcher. The terrific play resulted in an out, which the team continued to talk about upon the conclusion of the contest.

Rosseel noted that the 2016 season was the first season in a three-year plan. Being so young, the team struggled to find wins this season. By next year, he hopes Post 109 will get "a little better." Then, by 2018, Rosseel sees Sturbridge winning plenty of games and clinching a Zone 4 playoff berth.

"That's the one. That's what we're shooting for," he concluded.



Center fielder Robbie Kenyon of Sturbridge Post 109 backtracks to make a catch.

## **Tucker Hetherman** The Cherry Valley Post 443 pitcher tossed a complete game with eight strikeouts in a 13-8 victory over Wachusett Post 42 on Saturday, July 9. Hetherman also went 2 for 4 at the plate in the American Legion contest. Athlete of the Week is sponsored by: SPENCER CHRYSLER 764 Main Street (Rte. 67) Warren, MA 413.436.7721 www.spencerchrysler.com **NEW • USED • SALES • SERVICE**

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### **Quail Hollow Golf Results**

YooHoo Open

- First place: Jim Fritz, John Horan, Jim Laney, -3
- Second place: Mike Kularski, Gary Fuller, Ron Olson, Dave Caron, -3
- Third place: Dave Woodward, Kris Houston, Ein Stein, -3

Red, White and Blue Low Gross: Rich Jefferson, 71 Low Net: Jason Goodrow, 59

Pit's Crew

First place: Dennis Trela, Gary Herl, Ed Messier, Dave MacCumber, -8

Second place: Gary Fuller, Mike Fitton, Ted Lechowicz, Ray LaFaille, -8

Third place: Toby Snelson, Paul Cilley, Gary Miner, Dick LaPierre, -7

#### Still Hart's

First place: Rob Becker andMoose, +4

- Second place: Todd Allen and Mike Toomey, +3
- Third place: Mike Befford and Kevin Vessaire, +3

Most over quota: Rob Becker and Fred Slauenwhite, +5

## Leicester Parks and Recreation sponsoring bus trip to Pawsox game

Leicester Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a bus trip to the Pawtucket Red Sox game on Saturday, Aug. 6 versus the Buffalo Bisons. The game starts at 6:05 p.m. The bus will leave the town hall at 4 p.m. There will be a cookout prior to departure for the game at 2 p.m. The price is \$40 per person. As a bonus, there will be a fireworks display after the game. Also, the Tarentino family will be participating in the opening ceremonies. For any questions please contact Bob at 508-892-9592.

## Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League Week 11 Results

First Place: Fred Wozniak and Steve Thebodo, +8

Second Place: Roger Pontbriand and Dave Lussier, +5

High Individual: Roger Pontbriand, +8

Closest to the pin on eighth hole: Scott Letendre

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## **SPORTS**

## Blackstone Valley Cats end weekend with sweep over South Central Express



Auburn's Ryan Mulcahy came on in relief for the South Central Express runs scored. during a fourth inning Blackstone Valley rally,

#### **BY JON GOUIN** SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS-The Blackstone Valley Cats (13-11) of Douglas and the Central New England Baseball Association (CNEBA) wrapped up a perfect weekend on Sunday, July 10, with a 10-3 win over the South Central Express (6-16) of Charlton at Soldiers Field.

The win was the third in two days for the Cats after a doubleheader sweep of the Express on Saturday, July 9, with scores of 6-1 and 6-2. On Friday night, July 8, Blackstone Valley took a 4-0 win over Shrewsbury to start their current four-game winning streak.

South Central threw Zach Mero, a soft-throwing lefty

against the Cats' Tanyon Ventres, who picked up the win with five innings of work, allowing a pair of runs on four hits with three strikeouts. Mero didn't fare as well, giving up seven runs (five earned) on five hits while taking the loss.

"It's been a real tough weekend," South Central manager Bob Snow said after the Sunday defeat. "We started the year like gangbusters at 3-0, but it's been tough getting the bodies to the field with vacations and stuff. If we have a full crew, 18 to 19 guys, we're pretty competitive.

Leading the way offensively for Blackstone Valley was former Uxbridge High standout Tim Beaudette, who smacked a pair of solo homers in going 3 for 4 with four RBI. Tim Reeves led the Express going 2 for 3 with a double and a pair of

"A solid weekend of games," Cats first-year manager Scott Kennedy said. "We're really starting to hit the ball and as long as we're crushing the ball like this and making plays in the field, we're going to do well."

Things got going in the second inning as the visitors took a 2-0 lead in the top half of the inning. Three straight hits — a single from Connor Fahey, a single for Reeves and an RBI double from Hunter Darling (2 for 3) — got the Express on the board. Later in the frame, Matt Mortimer hit his first of two groundouts that drove home runs, and it was 2-0.

It didn't take long for the Cats to answer, as they tied the game at 2-2 in the bottom of the inning. Beaudette got them on the board with his first solo shot, a towering fly to left-center. After Oxford's John Burke walked, Trevor Reed tripled to tie the game. Beaudette later homered in the sixth frame for Blackstone Valley's final run.

"That kid had a good couple of home runs, some real pokes," Snow said of his opposition. "Give Blackstone a lot of credit, they play hard all the time."

"It felt good, yesterday was kind of a rough day," Beaudette said of his monster day at the dish. "I hit the ball hard, but right at people. Today I just came out and had the same approach and was able to find the wall a couple times and get some good hits.'

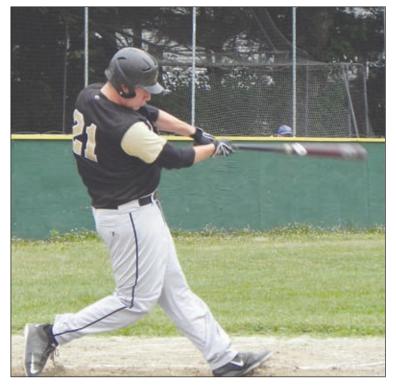
The Cats got three more runs in the third inning, largely due to some defensive miscues by the Express. Eric LaCaire started by reaching on an error at shortstop and later scored on a Jono Crimmin (2 for 4, 2 runs, 2 RBI) RBI single. A batter later Beaudette laced another one for a sacrifice fly to very deep right-center field.

The Cats poured on four more in the fourth, chasing Mero from the game and ultimately taking a 9-2 lead. The rally was highlighted by LeCaire's two-run single. Auburn's Ryan Mulcahy came on in relief and finished the game for the Express, firing three innings while allowing three runs on five hits.

The Express tried to rally against reliever Mitch Page in the fifth, but to no avail. They attempted another rally in the seventh against Ben Lodge, and got something started with a pair of hits to start the frame. Reeves doubled, then Darling singled, and Mortimer grounded out to make it 10-3, but that would be all.

The CNEBA is headed into its stretch run with roughlv two weeks remaining in season. the Six of the seven teams in the league will make the

That



Connor Fahey of South Central keeps his head down as he wraps a second inning single. Fahey later scored the first Express run of the day.



Jon Gouin photos

Tim Reeves of South Central gets congrats at the plate from Tim Padeni after scoring the second Express run last Sunday, July 10, in a 10-3 loss to the Blackstone Valley Cats.

potentially pit these teams come season's end. against each other once again. "We just need some breaks," postseason. "We don't like getting the but the botplay-in game, but if that's tom pair will where we are, then that's be in a onewhere we are," Snow said of game playoff. could his team's ultimate resting spot





ed the 3rd grade. She is extremely smart and benefits from having an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) for social/emotional supports. Marissa loves to be active in community sports programs and activities. Marissa also enjoys music and dancing. She is an avid reader as well. Marissa greatly enjoys oneon-one attention. She is very open about what she is feeling, and has an excellent ability to advocate for herself at such a young age.

Marissa is legally freed for adoption. Marissa would thrive in a home where she is the youngest child or the only child, as at times she requires a little extra attention. Marissa shares a close relationship with her younger sister who is being placed separately. The best family for Marissa would be a family that is willing to maintain contact between the girls.

#### **Ironstone Adoption Party**

Have you ever considered adopting a child from foster care with a physical, intellectual or developmental disability? Join the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at Ironstone Farm on August 7th from 11am-1pm in North Andover to find out more about the process and children in foster care with special needs. Learn about the different services offered to families post-adoption, meet waiting children and their social workers and participate in activities. Pre-registration is required. Please call Victoria at MARE to learn more about this annual event (617)-542-3678 x135 or email victoriat@mareinc.org. You can also visit www.mareinc.org to register.

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Kennedy said of his Cats. "We're hitting the ball hard and we've got great camaraderie, and that's the key to success, you know?"



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## Locals react to rejection of Common Core question

#### CORE

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tively affected by this ruling."

For Leicester School Committee member Scott Francis, who led opposition efforts in Leicester and beyond, the court's ruling was a major disappointment. Francis and several other regional captains had worked to demonstrate opposition with the hope of eventually seeing the state return to pre-Common Core standards.

Since the implementation of Common Core, students, teach-

ers and lawmakers throughout the state have complained about a system of educational standards they feel is not making the grade. Though opponents aren't sure what their next steps will be following the ruling, they are currently exploring all options.

Meanwhile, in spite of intense opposition from educators and lawmakers alike, it doesn't appear as if Common Core will be departing any time soon.

"We will continue to fight for our children and try to make sure Massachusetts has the best possible education for our students," said Francis, who organized local events to help convey his organization's message.

For opponents like Francis, it's frustrating to see voters denied the opportunity to deliberate on a highly controversial topic. Even if the End Common Core question had ultimately been defeated in November, Francis at least wanted to see it put to a vote.

Common Core and its aligned PARCC testing have been losing popularity nationally, with several states opting out of the framework. Prior to the implementation of Common Core, Massachusetts was known as an educational leader on which other states modeled their approaches.

The End Common Core team and its supporters still hope to see the old system returned. Resisting the new initiative has been an uphill battle from the start, but they aren't giving up.

up. "There was never a doubt in our minds that if the truth was brought before the voters in November, Common Core would have ended in Massachusetts and the very best standards in the nation would have been restored," Colorio added. "The special interests may have won this time, but ultimately the people will prevail and overcome a corrupted system that does not represent the children and their future."

To learn more about the End Common Core Massachusetts movement, visit www.endcommoncorema.com.

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## QHCC task force takes battle to opioid problem

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led countless classes and workshops nationwide, in addition to presenting at conferences.

In July of 2014, the QHCC held a community dinner to discuss urgent issues facing the sixteen towns that comprise the Quaboag Hills region. At that meeting, area residents identified the opioid crisis as the most urgent priority, and in response the coalition formed the Substance Use Task Force.

Since then, the task force has been meeting monthly for two years. It has

provided lifesaving trainings in several towns on the use of Narcan, a drug that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. The task force also sponsored and helped organize a walk for recovery in September 2015, as well as several other events.

For QHCC officials, it's important to invite people from throughout the area to bring their knowledge to the task force. It's all about pooling resources and insights, they said.

"Our meetings unite service providers, members of the community, law enforcement, EMT and fire officials, clergy, and government officials. We form significant relationships that change the landscape of our community," said Dane Kuttler, an administration coordinator with QHCC.

This year marked the third community dinner for the coalition. The panel of community experts explored several target areas and analyzed what improvements can be made. Grants will continue to be a key focus area moving forward, among others.

"The task force is applying for a grant for a prevention program, and people attending the dinner seemed to accept that medication may be a part of the recovery process. It is wonderful to see such an open-minded approach," Blanchard added. QHCC's efforts are just the latest of several regional events this year designed to combat the opioid crisis. This past spring, the Project Purple team at North Brookfield High School invited former NBA player Chris Herren to share his story of overcoming addiction. Additional events will take place throughout the fall from area task forces and community groups.

To learn more about the QHCC task force and its upcoming events, visit www.qhcc.weebly.com.

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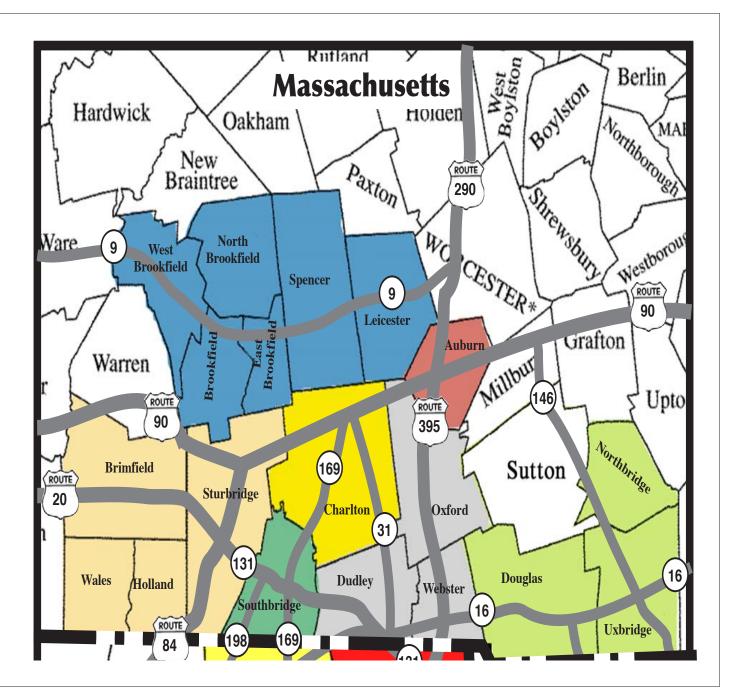
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## Inmate work crews save 'millions' for communities

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for helping us out each year.'

The work crews are comprised of nonviolent, non-sex offender inmates who have earned a place in the program through good behavior. And the results have not only been favorable for communities, but also the inmates, helping them learn valuable skills as they prepare to reintegrate into society.

Since taking office in January 2011, Evangelidis has more than tripled the size of the Inmate Community Service Program, providing Worcester County communities with \$6 million in savings along with thousands of projects completed. Many local organizations would not have been able to afford certain projects without the assistance of the productive workers. By work crews.

"In addition to our primary responsibility of public safety, our department is also proud to serve as a resource for Worcester County cities and towns," said Evangelidis, who has remained active in his communities in a number of ways. "Through our inmate community service program, we not only save millions of dollars for our local communities, but we promote the idea that the inmates who work in this program are people trying to turn their lives around."

The program also helps reduce the stigma that all inmates are calloused and untrustworthy. After completing the program and eventually serving the remainder of their sentences, many of the inmates use the skills they learned to become

acquiring new skills and accomplishing goals while incarcerated, their risk of recidivism also steeply decreases, officials said.

"These individuals have earned their way into this program. They are giving back, and the communities benefit as well," Evangelidis added. "With thousands of projects already completed county-wide, we were happy to help out at Camp Laurel Wood in Spencer. It's a true winwin program."

For more information about the Sheriff's Community Inmate Service Program, call 508-854-1801 or visit www. worcestercountysheriff. com.

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Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and Sheriff's Department Officer Michael Mastrorio team up with inmates in the Sheriff's Community Service Program to assemble tents at Camp Laurel Wood in Spencer.

## Antique and auction news

Hopefully some of you have been able to attend the July Brimfield antique show this week. There is still time for those of you who want to go. The second of three 2016 shows runs through Sunday, July 17.

There are always new happenings and finds in the antique world. We've gathered some of the more interesting recent news stories.

The "Las Vegas Review-Journal" reported that a Nevada man discovered a second-generation printing of the Declaration of Independence. Kevin Kostiner WAYNE TUISKULA paid \$75 for a few boxes of papers in an online auction. As he

sorted through newspaper clippings, advertisements and other ephem-era he found an old folded, creased, slightly stained paper. The paper was marked "W. J. STONE SC. WASHN." William Stone was a Washington engraver who printed some copies of the Declaration of Independence using a copper plate in first half of the 19th century. Mark Patton-Hall of the Clark County Museum has authenticated the piece. Other news sources report that the paper from Kostiner's \$75 purchase



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

could be worth \$35,000.

June edition of Α "Newsweek" reported that auction results were great-er than expected for memorabilia by recently deceased music icons David Bowie and Prince. A lock of David Bowie's hair brought \$18,750 at auction. Prince's "Yellow Cloud Electric Guitar" had an auction estimate of \$30,000. It sold for \$137,500 to Jim Irsay. Irsay is the CEO of the Indianapolis Colts NFL football team.

The July 6 edition of "Money" offered a list of "6 Treasures Lurking in Your

Attic." Old electronics is first on their list. For example, a DynaTAC 8000x cell phone was the first hand held cell phone. One recently sold for \$375. They also advise checking through your old toys and games. A rare Star Wars Luke Skywalker figure sold for over \$25,000 at auction recently. Comic books are third on their list. 1960's and earlier action hero comic books are very desirable but even some newer comics can be valuable. Old and rare baseball cards can be worth millions but some more

recent cards such as a Reggie Jackson or Michael Jordan rookie card in top condition could sell for over \$1,000. Scarce VHS films can have value to the collectors with some bringing figures in the hundreds of dollars. The last item on their list is video games. A rare version of a game can bring you a figure in the \$10,000's. Some of the things that you tucked away in a drawer when they became outdated now might be worth as much as a car.

I'll be at the Leicester Senior Center for an antique appraisal event at 10 a.m. on July 20 at 40 Winslow Ave. There is a one item limit per person. The Senior Center has a sign up sheet for the event.

Our next live auction will take place in Worcester on Aug. 25. We also have many estate sales and other events being planned. Follow updates on our website, www.centralmassauctions. com.

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## Library

WEST BROOKFIELD — Ongoing: Knitting Group, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.



Courtesy photo

One of the plates from 1889 French poster books in our Aug. 25 auction.

program is open to children from preschool age through 6th grade. Children will receive reading logs, bookmarks and certificates of achievement, as well as weekly prizes when reading levels are achieved. Special prizes, including two tickets to the "Big E" in Springfield, Sept. 16-Oct. 2, will be awarded by drawing from a pool of names of children who read at least one book during the Summer Reading Program. A highlight of the program will be a performance by two-time Parents' Choice Award-winning recording artist, Roger Tincknell, who will perform for the children on Wednesday, July 27, from 3-4 p.m. Other highlights of the summer include two programs for the pre-school set. On Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 1-2 p.m. Jessica Garneau of the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant program will present "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" for children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall. Stories, music and movement games will celebrate the "big first day" for these budding students. On Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 10-11 a.m. Jessica will bring the very popular "Read, Play, Build" program to the library. This program is meant for 2-5 year olds and includes a story time on the theme of construction, followed by time for the children to build their own structures, using their imaginations and many types of materials. Come in and sign up for the Summer Reading Program any time during library hours. Call 508-867-0208 for more information.

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honors represent the achievements that each student has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth. Among the students are: Nell Fitzgerald, of Spencer, Grade 12, Headmaster's List.

from the Acton Children's Museum and does require pre registration as the spaces are limited. Call the library at 508-885-7513 or email rslibraryma@

Adelyne Reynolds, of North Brookfield, Grade 9, Headmaster's List. Jack Steele, of Rochdale, Grade 10, Honor Roll.

## **Richard Sugden Library**

• July 18: Teens, (entering grade 6-9) come design and create a miniature golf course for the Richard Sugden Library. Then challenge each other to a game

July 19: Looking for a fun activity to do with your toddler? Come to toddler story hour at the Richard Sugden Library and meet other parents, enjoy songs, movements, stories, and activities with your toddler! This group is for toddlers aged 18 months-3 years. Caregivers must remain in the room with their toddler. Note: The first 15 toddlers to arrive will be welcomed into class that day. If we are full, try again next week. We'd love to have you attend! This week's theme: Obstacle Course

Bubbles! This is an interactive LSTA grant funded STEAM preschool program for 3-5 year olds. It's at the Richard Sugden Library community room from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This program is coming

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• July 20: Make and play mini-sports at the Richard Sugden library. There are two sessions, one at 2 p.m. for grades 1-3 and one at 3 p.m. for grades 4-5.

• July 21: Lego Club Drop on by to build fantastic creations out of Legos. We provide the Legos-you provide the imagination. Meets from 6:00-6:45 at the Richard Sugden Library for kids going into Kindergarten through grade 6.

### North Brookfield Schools Reunion

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The annual North Brookfield Schools reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Time Out in North Brookfield.

Set for 6 p.m., the event will allow anyone who went to a school in North Brookfield to reconnect. Last year, over 100 people attended the event, some from as far away as Florida.

The cost is \$5 per person, and guests are invited to bring a finger food to share. For more information, or offer to volunteer at the event, call Pam Wetherell Woodbury at 508-885-7016. You can also send an email nobrookfieldreunion@yahoo.com.

### Merriam-Gilbert Public

• Now through Thursday, July 28: New Art Exhibit: "Bee Dreams" featuring longtime local resident, Dorothy Benedict & her tapestries of rivers & fields in the Brookfields. All are crafted from wool from her sheep & dyed with natural extracts from plants which bees visit on a regular basis on her farm.

### Merrick Public Library

Harmonious Happenings: Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-School Music Time with Ms. Renee. Free snack and juice served. No signup. Funded by the Jeppson Memorial Fund for Brookfield, Greater Worcester Community Foundation, and the Friends of the Library. Snack donations are always appreciated.

 For Adults: Fridays at 3 p.m. Free home delivery and pick-up of library materials for anyone housebound. This free service may be long or short term. This service is sponsored by the Friends of the Library — call for more information.

## Haston Public Library

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Haston Public Library's summer reading program, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" runs through Saturday, Aug. 13. The

## Caissie announces bid for re-election to Governor's Council



Jen Caissie

Governor's Councilor Jen Caissie (7th District) is seeking re-election on Nov. 8.

Caissie is an attorney in private practice and special pros-

Caissie was first elected in 2010 on a platform of public safety, victims' rights and 2nd Amendment rights. "Those were my core issues then and continue to be with nominees that I vet for judgeships. The public demands it and the taxpayers deserve it," Caissie said. Caissie is the only

Republican on the eight member Governor's Council, but says her issues transcend politics.

"People want safe neighborhoods and schools for their kids and families. Confirming the right judicial nominees have a direct impact on public safety. Likewise, victims of crimes should be treated with

ecutor for the Middle District. respect and have their voices heard. I have voted for judicial nominees who make public safety and victims' rights their priority," she said.

Caissie believes her nearly 20 years of experience as an attorney in criminal and civil law in addition to her work as a Special Prosecutor has been invaluable to her in her public service as a governor's councilor.

"No question about it, this training has enabled me to be an effective Councilor. I believe my reputation is that I do my homework on every nominee, come to hearings prepared, ask the tough questions and vote for qualified nominees," Caissie said.

Asked about her questions to nominees about the 2nd Amendment, she says: "I respect lawful gun owners' rights. They should not be punished because criminals and thugs are buying guns out of the trunks of cars.'

Caissie is a member of Singletary Rod and Gun Club in Oxford and received a 100 percent rating from GOAL.

Caissie noted the importance of this election where Governor Baker will have five Massachusetts Supreme Court nominations in the next six to nine months.

"The impact five new supreme justices will have on the Massachusetts justice system is really incredible. I want

to continue to work hard to ensure we get the best-qualified people on our Supreme Court and all Courts in Massachusetts," she said.

Caissie served as a selectman in her hometown of Oxford for 13 years, served as a Trustee at Worcester State College, served as a member of the Harrington Memorial Hospital and currently served as a Trustee at Nichols College and a Corporator at Webster Five Cents Savings Bank.

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## POLICE LOGS

The arrests and offenses below were listed in each town's police department logs. People charged are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. This newspaper will publish dispensations of cases at the request of the accused, with proper documentation.

## **LEICESTER POLICE** DEPARTMENT

June 29

8:42 a.m.: MV Stop, Paxton St & Harberton Dr, Citation issued

- 10:24 a.m.: MV Stop, Marshall St, Citation issued
- 10:37 a.m.: MV Stop, Marshall St & Crystal St, Citation issued
- 11:52 a.m.: MV Stop, Stafford St, Citation issued

June 30

6:46 p.m.: MV Stop, Main St, Citation issued

July 1

12:31 a.m.: Jose Luis Martinex-Garcia, 20, 105 Cross St Apt 2nd L Southbridge Ma, Fail to appear upon recog, Arrest 4:43 a.m.: Accident, MV no PI, Gary

Rice, 34, 245 Pommogussett Rd Rutland, Vehicle towed July 2

1:45 a.m.: MV Stop, Marshall St & Paxton St, citation issued

2:16 a.m.: MV Stop, Stafford St, Citation issued

6:31 a.m.: MV Stop, Main St, Citation issued

July 3

2:08 a.m.: Joseph Matthew Corriere, 31, 4 Langevin St., Apt. 13, Spencer, OUI liquor, no inspection sticker, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, arrest July 4

1:29 a.m.: Brian David Gebo, 54, 23 Hazelhurst Ave., E Longmeadow, operation of a motor vehicle, subsequent offense license suspended, no inspection sticker, arrest

2:57 a.m.: Motor vehicle stop, Stafford St., Citation issued

4:38 a.m.: Motor vehicle stop, River St., Citation issued

2:42 p.m.: Motor vehicle stop, Pleasant St., Citation issued July 5

6:38 p.m.: Soojians Dr., Jonathan Velez-Hernandez, 37, 28 Ripley St., Apt. B, Worcester, shoplifting by asportation 3rd and subsq, larceny over \$250, Arrest 7:12 p.m.: Linnea J. Lytle, 42, 125 Henshaw St., Leicester, uninsured motor vehicle, Arrest

## **SPENCER POLICE** DEPARTMENT

#### ARRESTS

Michael Jason Trick, 31, 48 Pine Tree Ln, Avon, Conn., OUI liquor, operating a motor vehicle negligence, speeding, arrest

June 28

1:24 p.m.: Meadow Rd, 911 call, child got ahold of ph

2:21 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Main St, Hit curb on moped, lying in yard

June 29

10:04 a.m.: West Main St, Animal control, dog left in vehicle

2:56pm, Richland Dr, Audi doing donuts/speeding, General mv complaint

June 30

9:15 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Main St & Bond St, Husband hit deer in road

July 1

8:59 a.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Chestnut St & Mechanic St, Car struck pole

10:30 a.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Mechanic St. & Wall St., UHaul hit roof of building

July 2

5:22 p.m.: West Main St, Juvenile missing

7:12 p.m.: Maple St, motor vehicle accident, Hit stone wall

8 p.m.: Gold Nugget Rd, Burglary, items missing

July 3

10:16 p.m.: Fire, Water St

11:13 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident,

North Spencer Rd, Into guardrail July 4

11:04 a.m.: Fire, Old Farm Rd., Rear of house on fire

8:06 p.m.: Juvenile domestic matter. Chestnut St, Dtr wont give grandson back

## Senate passes omnibus energy bill

BOSTON — Sen. Anne (D-Spencer) М. Gobi announced that the has Massachusetts State Senate voted to engross an omnibus energy bill on Thursday, June 30 to diversify the state's energy portfolio by procuring additional clean energy resources to replace aging power plants that are going offline and move the Commonwealth closer to its emissions reduction goals under the Global Warming Solutions Act.

'I look forward to this comprehensive energy legislation moving into action," said Gobi. "I am especially pleased that a number of amendments I sponsored or co-sponsored were adopted including opportunities for more small hydroelectric and anaerobic digesters to be a part of the state's energy portfolio. I was also glad to take a stand against expanding pipelines into areas they

are not welcome and making sure the ratepayers do not have to pick up the tab for private expansion of pipelines.

"This is an energy bill with a climate focus," said Senator Benjamin B. Downing, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee Telecommunications, on Utilities and Energy. "In it, we help meet our climate requirements, confront retiring dirty power plants, and show that acting on climate is consistent with strengthening our economy.

The bill, S. 2372 — An Act to promote energy diversity, requires electric distribution companies, in consultation with the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to solicit long-term contracts for at least 2,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2027. The bill calls for successive, staggered solicitations to keep costs down through competition. Additionally, distribution companies would be required to purchase a minimum of 12,450,000 megawatt-hours of clean energy from hydropower and other Class 1 resources such as onshore wind, solar, anaerobic digestion and energy storage.

Further, the bill increases the percentage of Class 1 renewable energy that must be purchased by retail electric suppliers under the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) from an additional 1 percent annually to an additional 2 percent annually beginning in 2017, putting the state on track to reach an energy mix of 37 percent renewables by 2030. The bill also supports fuel cell and waste-to-energy technology by including them in the Alternative Portfolio Standard.

Massachusetts leads the nation in energy efficiency. The MassSave program offers free

home energy audits provided through electric distribution companies and offer rebates and discounts for making energy-saving upgrades. The Senate bill would require that homes sold in the Commonwealth have such an audit at some point in the five years prior to the sale of a home and the energy rating, similar to a milesper-gallon rating on a car, is disclosed at the time of the sale. This way, prospective buyers are made aware of the energy consumption, costs, and emissions of their home, and the ways to improve it. The bill further establishes a task force to develop recommendations for a next-generation energy efficiency program to be implemented at the expiration of the current three-year efficiency plans.

Investments in energy storage help to maximize the value of new clean energy generation and reduce costs to consumers during peak energy usage. To that end, the bill tasks DOER to consider setting appropriate targets for distribution companies to procure cost-effective energy storage systems by 2020.

The bill also prohibits the Department of Public Utilities from approving contracts for pipeline capacity filed by electric companies, meaning electric ratepayers cannot be charged by their energy supplier to defray the costs of natural gas pipeline expansion.

The Senate bill was offered as an amendment to the energy bill passed by the House of Representatives earlier this month. The bill will now be reconciled with the House version though a conference committee to work out the differences between the two bills.

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## **SENIOR SCENE**

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Monday, July 18: Hot dog on bun, baked beans, hot potato salad, melon, mustard packet

Tuesday, July 19: Chicken sausage jambalaya, rice pilaf, cauliflower, yogurt, Italian bread

Wednesday, July 20: Salmon boat/ dill sauce, Yukon Gold potatoes, peas and pearl onions, peaches, 100 percent whole wheat

Thursday, July 21: Beef Mediterranean, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, chocolate mousse, marble rye

Friday, July 22: Lasagna, broccoli, mixed fruit, French bread, garden salad (congregate)

## LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

The Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Leicester, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is served at noontime, Monday through Friday for a nominal meal donation of \$2.50. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance by calling Elder Services of Worcester Area at 508-852-3205.

In addition to many "Special Events," the senior center also offers many activities that are repeated each week and are open to all.

• Mondays — 9 a.m., Art with Genevieve; 10 a.m., Zumba Gold; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1:15 p.m., Line Dancing

• Tuesdays — 11:30 a.m., Golden Needles; 1 p.m., Exercise Club; 6:30 p.m., Fiber Group

• Wednesdays — 1 p.m., Balance

• Thursdays — 10 a.m., Cribbage; 11 a.m., Yoga; 12:45 p.m., Bingo

• Fridays — 10:30 a.m., Tai Chi; 1 p.m., Chair Yoga by Jessica

• Saturdays — 7 p.m., Pitch Party

## **UPCOMING TRIPS**

Call Joan Wall at 508-892-3967 for more information and reservation.

Gloucester Lobster Cruise & buffet.
Thursday, Aug. 11, at 9 a.m. Cost is \$89.
Ogunquit Play House for "Seven

Brides for Seven Brothers" and a lobster bake or BBQ chicken at Foster's, Thursday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. Cost is \$139. • Foxwoods Casino: Friday, Oct. 21, at

8 a.m. Cost is \$24.
Pigeon Forge & The Smoky

Mountains Show Trip (6 nights – 7 days) 6 breakfasts & 4 dinners. See the Titanic, 3 dinner shows, 1 evening show, one morning show, and more. Sunday-Saturday, Oct. 2-8. Cost is \$560, including tips.

• Indian Head Christmas Tour in the

White Mountains of New Hampshire. Incudes buffet, welcome cocktail reception and open bar and Christmas show. Thursday, Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$79.

## NORTH BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER

#### ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Daily: Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee available all day. Pitch and Cribbage all day until closing. Jigsaw table open. Puzzles available to take home.

• Monday: Line Dancing with J.P. (9:30 a.m.), Bingo (12:45-2:15 p.m.), free refreshments following last call.

• Tuesday: Hannaford Bread Distribution (9:10 a.m.), Blood Pressure Clinic (10:30-11:30 a.m.) Center Café open for home cooked lunch. See menu for details.

• Wednesday: Corner Cafe: (9:15 a.m.), Free specialty coffee & baked goodies; Queen's Knitting Group (9:45 a.m.), Center Café open for home cooked lunch. See menu for details.

Thursday: Breakfast with Bill (9 a.m.), Community Yoga (2:15 p.m.)
Friday: Funday Fridays

## **MONTHLY SPECIALS**

• COA Meeting: No meeting until September

• Nails by Candy: July 29 (9 a.m.-12 p.m.)

• Book Club: July 27 (1:30 p.m.)

#### BREAKFAST WITH BILL

• July 21: Sausage and Apple Quiche

• July 28: Blueberry Pancakes, bacon Breakfast served with a selection of fruit, juice, milk, coffee, and tea. Registration required by Tuesday Suggested donation \$3. Menu subject without notice

## JULY SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

• Wednesday July 20, 27: (10-11:30 a.m.) Intergenerational Program, Learn Knit/Crochet. Open to adults and children or all ages. Under 12's must be accompanied by an adult. All supplied provided. Free refreshments.

• Friday, July 15: 10-11:30 a.m. Intergenerational Program, My Family Scrapbook, bring your own photos, all supplies provided. Free refreshments.

• Tuesday July 19: 12:30 p.m. Clarinet Quartet, featuring our own Joe Salvadore.

• Wednesday, July 20: 11:30 a.m. Summer Luncheon at Quaboag Rehab Center. Registration required. Carpool from the Senior Center at 11:15 a.m.

• Friday, July 22: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bunco. Cost \$5 includes refreshments, prizes, and lunch.

## WEST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER

The following is a schedule of events at the West Brookfield Senior Center:

• Mondays: 9 a.m., Walking Group; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 1:30 p.m., Yoga (drop in, \$5).

• Tuesday: 9:30 a.m., Wii; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:30 p.m., Busy Bees knit and crochet.

• Wednesday: 9 a.m., Walking Group; 10 a.m., Veteran Agent Office Hours; 10 a.m., Blood Pressure (second Wednesday of month); 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:30 p.m., Pitch.

• Thursday: 8:30 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 1 p.m., Genealogy (second Thursday).

• Friday: 9 a.m., Walking Group; 10 a.m., Coffee Hour (third Friday of month); 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:45 p.m., Duplicate Bridge.

### SPENCER SENIOR CENTER

The Spencer Council on Aging activities at the Spencer Senior Center. The senior center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Free Blood Pressure Clinic on the last Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Free wellness clinic on the second Thursday of the month for Spencer residents only.

• Monday: 9:30 a.m., Cribbage, cost is \$1

• Tuesday: 9:30 a.m., Yoga (13-week session), \$15 for resident \$20 non-residents; 10:30 a.m. Exercise (13-week session), \$15 for residents \$20 for non residents; 11:30 a.m. Lunch (48 hours notice required); 1 p.m., Bingo.

• Wednesday: 9:30 a.m., Computer instruction by appointment, free; 11 a.m., Tai Chi (13-week session) \$10 for residents, \$15 for non residents; 12:30 p.m., Line Dancing (13-week session), \$10 for residents, \$15 for non residents; 1:30 p.m., Beginners Line Dancing (13week session), \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents.

• Thursday: 9:30 a.m., Yoga, no fee if enrolled in Tuesday class; 10:30 a.m., Exercise, no fee if enrolled in Tuesday class; 11:30 a.m., Lunch (48 hour notice); 1 p.m., Bingo.

## BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

Members of the Council on Aging will not be meeting during the months of July and August but will resume meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the Brookfield Congregational Church. Anyone needing to contact the Council before then, please call Barbara Clancy at 508-867-6043. Brookfield Seniors do not meet in July or August but will resume monthly meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 11:30 a.m. downstairs in the Congregational Church meeting hall.

Tai Chi will continue throughout the summer months every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. In the Brookfield Town Hall. It is one of the best ways to keep your body flexible, by loosening and stretching your muscles and joints. Please come and try it! You are also invited to the West Brookfield Senior Center every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. for Tai Chi there. Please join us!

Foot Clinic: The Foot Clinic continues to be held once a month at the Brookfield Town Hall, although the date and times vary. The July clinic meets on Tuesday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. To participate, please call Rikki LaMonda at 508-867-4578 to make an appointment. Leave a message if necessary.

Medi Car: the Medi Car is available for doctor appointments (there and back). Please call 508-867-1407 at the W. Brookfield Senior Center.

Brookfield Food Pantry: Open Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Church, located at the rear of the building off Howard St. The library is also a drop off point for donations to the Brookfield Food Pantry.

Laptops at Library: Laptops from the C.O.A. are available for use by Seniors at the Merrick Public Library during open hours.

## EAST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Would you like a day of fun? Come on down to the East Brookfield Senior Center! It is opened at 9:30 a.m. for a free coffee and muffin, lots of friendly conversation and laughs.

We need your participation and ideas. Enjoy a card game, cribbage, coloring in an adult coloring book or do a puzzle. Do you prefer knitting, crocheting or embroidery? Bring it down and share patterns. Would you like to do some creative writing or memoirs? You could also learn a new game. Try it – you might like it.

Opened first, third and fourth Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A Tri-Valley lunch is available for \$3 (call Ginny Allen at 508-867-2741 for reservations). A terrific home cooked luncheon is available for \$4 the fourth Thursday of each month (call Judy Shute at 508-867-9224).

## <u>NEWS BRIEFS</u>

## Rep. Berthiaume supports bill providing state assistance for roads and bridges

BOSTON — State Representative Donald Berthiaume (R-Spencer) joined with his colleagues to support legislation that will help cities and towns address critical infrastructure needs.

House Bill 4424, an Act financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges, includes \$50 million in funding for a new Small Bridge Program and streamlines the Complete Streets Program to encourage more communities to apply for funding assistance for local road projects. It also authorizes \$750 million in new highway spending, which will be used to leverage additional federal dollars.

"Maintaining local roads and bridges is a costly but necessary expense," said Berthiaume "The bill passed by the House today represents a significant investment of state resources that will help our cities and towns improve the safety and reliability of their infrastructure."

The Small Bridge Program is designed specifically to

reimburse communities for repairing or replacing structurally-deficient smaller bridges — measuring 20 feet or less in length — that are located on municipal roadways but do not qualify for federal funding assistance. Approximately 1,300 bridges statewide fall into this category.

The bill funds the Small Bridge Program at \$10 million a year for five years. Funding awarded through this competitive grant program can be used to cover design, construction and administrative costs. In addition to capping the maximum funding available to a single municipality at \$500,000 per year, the bill also prohibits the Massachusetts Department of Transportation from allocating more than 20 percent of funds to any one highway district.

Under the Small Bridge Program, participating municipalities will be responsible for administering local bridge projects through the design and construction phases, including the procurement of a designer as well as the bidding and oversight of the construction contract. The municipality will also be responsible for obtaining all environmental permits, coordinating with affected utility companies and securing required rights of way. Representative Berthiaume noted that the bill also updates the Complete Street Program by changing it from a certificate program to a grant program. This change is designed to make it easier for communities to access funding through the program, which can be used for municipal roadway improvements such as new crosswalks, enhanced street lighting, timing changes to traffic signals and the creation of designated bike lanes.

Established in 2014, the Complete Streets Program is designed to promote safe and accessible roadways for people of all ages and abilities, whether they walk, bike, use public transit or drive a motor vehicle.

The bill now heads to the Senate for further action.

## Campanale supports major funding increase to boost workforce

BOSTON — Citing the importance of maintaining quality pre-school programs in Massachusetts, Rep. Kate Campanale (R-Leicester) recently supported a significant funding increase for early education and care workers as part of the Fiscal Year 2017 state budget.

Campanale cast a vote on June 30 in support of the budget, which includes a \$12.5 million rate reserve in the Department of Early Education and Care, more than double last year's appropriation of \$5 million. This money will be used to increase reimbursement rates for center-based subsidized early education and care programs and to help fund salaries, benefits and professional development stipends for early educators.

"The early education workforce in Massachusetts has been experiencing an alarmingly high turnover rate, due in part to the comparatively low salaries these educators are paid," said Campanale, who previously worked as a substitute teacher at the Leicester Middle School. "This additional funding will help to stabilize the state's workforce by allowing early education programs to attract and retain skilled workers."

According to the Put Massachusetts Kids First coalition, the turnover rate in the early education field is estimated at 30%. With early educators earning a median salary of just \$25,000 a year, the coalition says that as much as 37 percent of the state's workforce relies on some form of public assistance to support their own families.

Campanale noted that the Fiscal Year 2017 budget also includes a funding increase for the Massachusetts State Scholarship Program, which this year will provide \$95.6 million in financial assistance to Massachusetts residents pursuing a program of higher education at an approved public or independent college. Since Fiscal Year 2006, the budget has included language authorizing a portion of the funding included in this line item to be used for early educator scholarships.

"Early education is critical to a child's development, and I intend to continue fighting to support these important programs," said Campanale. "The funding being made available through the rate reserve and scholarship program will help to ensure that Massachusetts has a highly-trained workforce in place, and that families will continue to have access to quality early education programs."

Campanale represents the Seventeenth Worcester District, which includes the town of Leicester and Ward 7 and Ward 8 (Precincts 2, 3 and 4) in the city of Worcester. She is currently serving her first term in the Massachusetts Legislature.

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Summer is the time to enjoy fresh seafood! CHARLIES DINER is offering stuffed sole this weekend, and EB FLATTS' seafood fest is on all summer! Prefer Chinese food? CHEF SAU is back from vacation! Check out our Dining Guide for local great places to eat! Bored this summer? How about doing

some creative writing and sending it in for THE WRITE STUFF when it starts up again in September? For the time being, please email to junosima@hotmail. com until my work email is back up and running.

Have a great week!

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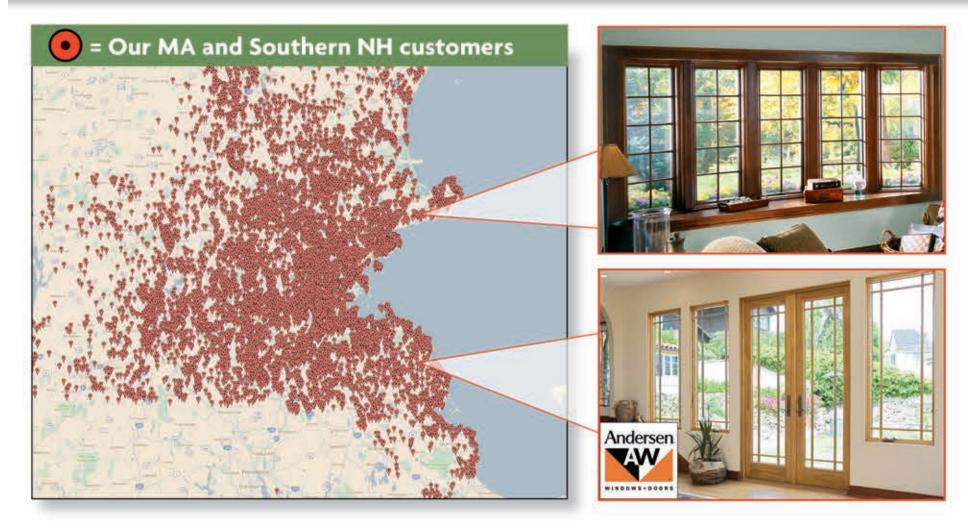
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Cheryl A. Boucher, 70

Janice Elaine Ripley, 71

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## **OBITUARIES**

## Joseph C. Bene, 71



W BROOKFIELD Joseph C. Bene, 71, of Chapman Avenue, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital. He leaves his lov-

ing wife of 47 years,

Eileen; two sons, Christopher J. Bene and his wife Christi of Chatham, N.J., and Scott J. Bene and his wife Jolene of Hackettstown, N.J.; one daughter, Michele E. Fetzner and her husband Drew of Chelmsford; one brother, Charles Bene and his wife Camille; two sisters, Geraldine Brower, and Janet Lawrence and her husband William; and eight grandchildren, Jeremy, Matthew, Bryce, Tyler, Andrew, Mason, Stella, and Ryan. He was born in Elizabeth, N.J., son of the late Scanio C. and Elvira (Lebel) Bene, and lived in Long Valley, N.J., for 39 years. He

and Eileen have had a home on Lake Wickaboag for the past 37 years.

Mr. Bene was an Electrical Engineer at Jersey Central Power and Light for 36 years, before retiring in 2001.

Joe was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed his days on the boat, his various handyman projects and the week with his family in LBI.

A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, July 9, at 11 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Church in West Brookfield. Calling hours were held Friday, July 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, www. stjude.org.

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of Chickering Road died Saturday, July 2 in UMass Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family after a long illness. She leaves her husband of 52 years, Robert A. Boucher, two daughters; Monique Boucher and her husband

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Will Gassett of Marlborough and Nicole M. Boucher of East Brookfield, a son Darryl R. Boucher and his wife Melissa of North Brookfield, four grandchildren; Jacqueline, Amanda, Michael and Mathew, four great-grandchildren; Andrew, Brady, Maddisen and Raymond, a sister Kimberly Gregoire and her husband David of Rutland, a brother Raymond Wedge and his wife Mary of Spencer, and several nieces and nephews.

Cheryl was born in Worcester, daugh-

ter of Raymond Wedge and Barbara (Metterville) White. She was a systems analyst at Paul Revere Insurance Co./ Hanover Insurance Co. for 27 years, retiring in 2012. She was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish where she was a Eucharistic Minister and a former member of the Ladies Guild. She enjoyed working with stained glass, gardening, reading and traveling. Her happiest times where times spent with her family.

The funeral was held Friday, July 8 from J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer with a Memorial Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church Street, Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. A calling hour preceded the funeral. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Spencer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 147, Spencer, MA 01562.

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## James Arthur Parsons, 63



SPENCER — James Arthur Parsons, 63, died July 4, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Beloved husband of Audrey J. (Norberg) Parsons for 14 years, loving son of Toni Parsons and Victor

(deceased), brother of Susan, Elena and Gregory Parsons-Wilson, Victor and Jade Lu, and nephew Ari Parsons Miller, Susan's son. Brother-in-law of Judy and Warren Cobill, niece Shelly and Kevin Clark, nephew Michael Gain, and Aunt Helen Magee. Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jimmy was a beacon of strength and kindness in his community, with a sense of humor that never

ceased to inspire laughter in high times and low. With loving energy, Jim was devoted to his wife, family and large circle of friends and deeply committed to his faith and church. He found inspiration in nature and expressed his creativity through music, as an amateur tenor and bagpiper, poetry and with his uniquely inviting wit.

Jim was born in Providence, R.I., also living in Seekonk and Billerica. The funeral service was held Friday, July 8, in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 163 Main St., Spencer. Calling hours were also held.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Jim Parsons Memorial Fund: http://bit.ly/29k3xIi.

Please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome. com.

BROOKFIELD — Janice Elaine Ripley, 71, peacefully went home to the angels on Saturday, June 25. She was surrounded lovingly with

her daughters faithfully by her side.

She leaves behind her beloved three children Christopher Olson, Tammy Ripley-Boucher and Joetta Ripley. She was a grandmother to nine grandchildren and one great-grand daughter. Janice predeceased by her sister Cynthia (Olson), Calif.; brothers Kenneth Olson, Ohio, Herbert Olson, of Connecticut, and David Olson.

Janice was born in Holden, the daughter of Kathleen (Morrison) Olson and William Olson. She graduated from Wachusett Regional High School in Holden and Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester.

Janice was a loving, caring and compassionate person. A rare beauty with a golden heart. A loving soul who was always there to help guide people in any aspect. Always put others before herself. Janice enjoyed gardening, cooking and baking, reading, music, art, games, painting and the beach. Along with being with her family and friends. She had a great love for the outdoors and being with nature.

There will be no calling hours. Private burial services were held at Worcester County Memorial Park Cemetery, 271 Richards St., Paxton, MA 01602, on Tuesday, July 5. A memorial service will follow at Wycked Java, 108 Water St., Worcester, MA 01604.

Pillsbury Funeral Home, 3 West Brookfield Rd., Brookfield, is directing arrangements.

Please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome. com.

"I am excited for this opportunity to

grow and I feel very fortunate to work

for a bank that invests in its commu-

nities and its employees," said Slozak.

"I intend to deliver above and beyond

service to every customer, to meet new

customers and to continue to give back

Associate Degree in social science from

A resident of Warren, Slozak holds an

through community outreach."

## Dorothy S. Tappin, 104

BARRE — Dorothy S. (Sampson) Tappin, 104, passed away peacefully on June 17, in Holden Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband of 63 years Clarence W. Tappin. She leaves her son Randy Tappin of Rutland; her daughter in law Barbara Tappin of Hardwick; two grandchildren Michelle Tappin of Hudson and Jonathan Tappin & his wife Trish of Greenville, Maine.; two great grandchildren Molly and Emma of Greenville, Maine.

She worked in the Superintendents Office at Quabbin Regional School District for many years until she retired in 1972. She enjoyed painting and gardening. Dorothy was also a member of the Barre Congregational Church.

Funeral services will be private. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Winchendon. Pillsbury Funeral Home 96 S.Barre Rd. Barre. Please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com.

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<u>NEWS BRIEFS</u>

## Bank promotes two mortgage center employees



Renee Letendre



Center, located at 35 Summer Street, North Brookfield. R e n e e Letendre, a res-

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ident of North Brookfield, has been promoted to Loan Officer. In her new role, she will assist customers throughout the mortgage

process, as well as verify, com-

pile and produce application information to support the Mortgage Center team.

Previously, Letendre served as an NBSB Mortgage Representative/ Processor. Prior to joining NBSB, she garnered her lending knowledge and experience while working as a Retail Lending Manager for Barre Savings Bank from 2012-2015 and for several years was a Lending Specialist for Central One Federal Credit Union.

"I appreciate that NBSB places the highest importance on providing the best customer service and participating in the community," said Letendre. "I look forward to supporting those efforts through the NBSB Mortgage Center."

Caitlin Burns, of West Brookfield, has been promoted to Underwriter. Her primary responsibilities will include offering support to customers throughout the process of attaining a mortgage as well as verifying, reviewing, evaluating and preparing application information for loan approval, processing and closing

Among her previous NBSB positions in Loan Servicing and Mortgage Processing, Burns most recently served as Jr. Underwriter/Closer. She holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Worcester State University.

"I enjoy being involved in the mortgage process, and my new position will give me the opportunity to continue streamlining it - for maximized customer convenience and support," said Burns.

"Throughout their careers at North Brookfield Savings Bank, Caitlin and Renee have continuously demonstrated their dedication to the quality of our loans and their skills in expertly man-aging our loan portfolio," said Donna Tiso. Senior Vice President of Retail Lending. "They are very deserving of their promotions, and I know they will be valuable contributors to maintaining the excellence of NBSB's mortgage products."

## Bank promotes new assistant branch manager

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank (NBSB) is pleased to announce that Rachael Slozak has been promoted to Universal



### The family of John J. Ingemi, Sr.

would like to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love, sympathy, and overall acts of kindness toward our family during this most difficult time. John would be truly humbled. We are forever thankful for all of your support.

Sincerely, Theresa Ingemi and the entire Ingemi family





**Rachael Slozak** 

in 2014. After joining the NBSB family she was promoted to the position of Universal Supervisor of the West Brookfield branch location where she managed the teller line and assisted with customer support.

In her new position, Slozak will be responsible for opening new customer accounts, assisting customers with loan inquiries and processing loan applications, ensuring the efficient operation of the teller line,

providing superior customer service to strengthen relationships, and supporting the Branch Manager.

Assistant Branch Manager at its Route 9 West Brookfield branch location.

Slozak began her banking career in 2013 as a Teller at FamilyFirst Bank, which merged with

Holyoke Community College. "We are proud to recognize Rachael North Brookfield for her well-earned promotion. She is knowledgeable and dedicated to making Savings Bank

sure all customers receive the best service possible and is enthusiastic about investing in the community," said Patty Ostrout, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking. "We look forward to the continued value she will bring to both our customers and the community."

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## Saturday, July 16

#### BROOKFIELD

Join the Opacum Land Trust and the Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council as we embark on the Quaboag River for a fun paddle in the height of summer. Come and expect the unexpected! The paddle will occur on Saturday, July 16th at 10 a.m., with a rain date scheduled for Sunday, July 17, at 10 a.m. in case of inclement weather. We will leave from White's Landing, located at 7 Fiskdale Road, Rt. 148 in Brookfield. Feel free to bring your own boat - boats will available free of charge to participants as a courtesv from the folks at White's Landing, but we are asking that you RSVP by July 8 to reserve a boat. We will explore 10 points of interest along the Quaboag River, including breeding grounds for the American Bittern and historic Native American encampments used for summer hunting and fishing, as we make our way to Quaboag Pond in East Brookfield and back. Participants can also learn more about C4RWC's watershed efforts. We will have a picnic lunch after we return to White's Landing, so feel free to bring food and friends! For further information about this event, please contact Sarah Brodeur, Regional Conservation Coordinator for the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership at (413) 626-7084 or massconn@opacumlt.org.

#### CHARLTON

The Fourth Annual Christianality Festival will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. at Charlton City United Methodist Church, 74 Stafford Street in Charlton. Seven artists/bands will share God's love and pay respect to our local area first responders. Enjoy the music on the front lawn (shine) or inside (rain). Bring a friend and lawn chair.

There will be free games for the kids, prizes, food to purchase, and a great family atmosphere for all to enjoy. For more information go to www.christianality.com. Event is free thanks to generous donors and sponsors.

## Thursday, July 21

#### SPENCER

Chainsaw Carving Demonstration — Public welcome! Lincoln Hill Manor Rest Home, 53 Lincoln St., in Spencer, Thursday, July 21, at 1:30 p.m. Rain date, Friday, July 22, or TBA. Demonstration by Brad Bemis Sr., of "Whispering Moose." Chainsaw Carving Items beginning at \$5 are available for purchase. Orders also taken. Please bring a chair and earplugs if you are sensitive to loud noise. Parking is available on Lincoln Street and around the corner on Craig Street. Refreshments provided. Call 508-885-3338 for more information.

## Saturday, July 23

#### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Come join us at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 33 West Brookfield Rd., North Brookfield, for our Annual Country Fair to be held July 23, at 10 a.m. There will be games, prizes and snacks. You will also be able to register for Vacation Bible School for the following week! Pilgrim Baptist Church, 33 West Brookfield Rd., North Brookfield invites all children, ages 3-teens to join us for Vacation Bible School. There will be exciting Bible stories, crafts, games, puppets, snacks and store time. Bring your friends and join us July 23-July 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. For further information call 413-967-9250.

### Monday, July 25

#### BROOKFIELD

Brookfield Congregational Church Vacation Bible School will be held July 25-29, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 4 years or older. There will be an adult Bible study held for parents between 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nursery care will be available. Registration forms are available in the church office (508-867-6262) or you may sign up the first day of VBS. This year's VBS theme is "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace."

### Monday, Aug. 1 East brookfield

East Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 E. Main St., East Brookfield, invites children from 3 years old through 6th grade to Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World! This Vacation Bible School will be held from Aug. 1 to Aug. 5, 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon. At Cave Quest, kids will experience God's word in exciting ways and also learn about God's amazing love. They will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play games, and much more! For more information or to receive a registration form, please call 508-867-7725. Hope to see you there!

### ONGOING EVENTS

#### SPENCER

First Congregational Church, 207 Main Street, Spencer. Economy Shop is closed for the month of July. We will reopen on Wednesday, Aug. 17 with new fall items. Hours will be every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon. Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to noon. If you need more information, please call the church office at 508-885-2149 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

#### NORTH BROOKFIELD

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

The North Brookfield Historical Society Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Saturdays of the month through October. Special appointments will be arranged whenever possible. For details and updates, please visit http:// northbrookfieldhistoricalsociety. wordpress.com.

#### WARREN

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

#### RUTLAND

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

#### SPENCER

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

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

#### EAST BROOKFIELD

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



## Senate passes bill to protect puppies and kittens

BOSTON — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced that the Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed legislation to improve several areas of current law dealing with the sale and treatment of dogs and cats. The bill helps to ensure that puppies and kittens are bred and sold in safe and healthy environments and strengthens the Commonwealth's "Puppy Lemon Law" to give pet owners more options if they unknowingly purchase a sick pet.

"As a proud dog owner, and having served as an Environmental Police Officer, I certainly recognize the importance of protecting vulnerable animal populations," said Sen. Moore. "I was pleased to offer my support for this legislation which offers commonsense reforms to enhance breeding and safety standards to protect pets and pet owners."

"This is a significant victory for both animals and consumers. We receive complaints about, and state records document, consumers who have been devastated after purchasing a puppy who they quickly find out is sick," said Kara Holmquist, Director of Advocacy at MSPCA-Angell. "This bill will allow better remedies for these families, prevent pet shops from selling puppies and kittens from large-scale breeders with significant violations of the Animal Welfare Act and support safe, healthy development for growing animals. We thank Senator Spilka for being a great champion for both animals and the people who care about them."

The bill prohibits the sale of puppies and kittens younger than eight weeks old, increasing the likelihood that they will grow to be healthy dogs and cats, and outlines a process for a veterinarian to declare an animal suffering from a significant adverse health condition "unfit for purchase."

In an effort to protect pet owners when they unknowingly purchase a sick pet that then requires extensive veterinary bills, the bill outlines remedies available to a buyer of an animal declared unfit for purchase by a veterinarian. Remedies contained within the legislation include exchanging the animal or a refund and reimbursement for reasonable veterinary fees. The bill also sets forth a procedure for a seller to contest these demands.

The bill regulates commercial breed-



ers and so-called "puppy mills" to further protect the health and safety of animals. It prohibits pet shops from selling dogs or cats that originate at or are purchased from breeders that are not properly licensed or have committed certain violations of the Animal Welfare Act. Pet shops would also be required to maintain certain compliance records and conspicuously post identifying information for the animal and the breeder.

Finally, the bill empowers the Department of Agriculture to create rules and regulations to ensure commercial breeders maintain humane conditions.

The bill, which was originally filed by Senator Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland), now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

## Senate passes solid waste recycling bill

BOSTON — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced that the Massachusetts Senate passed legislation to develop and achieve performance standards for solid waste recycling, promoting a healthy and sustainable Commonwealth.

"Aside from the clear environmental benefits of expanding opportunities for recycling, reuse, and remanufacturing, it's also worth noting that this industry directly supports an estimated 14,000 jobs in Massachusetts," said Sen. Moore. "I am proud to have supported this legislation in the Senate and hope the bill will arrive on the Governor's desk during the current legislative session."

Before 1990, Massachusetts residents recycled about 10 percent of their discarded materials. In 1990, Massachusetts adopted its first Solid Waste Master Plan, a blueprint for managing solid waste that is generated, reused, recycled, recovered and disposed in the Commonwealth. Since then, government and citizen efforts have led to a 47 percent recycling rate overall, which is among the best in the nation. However, waste generation continues to increase while the growth in recycling has leveled off, and we continue to dispose of materials that have significant value.

The legislation requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to establish performance standards for municipal solid waste reduction by July 1, 2017. It also requires the reduction of no more than 600 pounds of solid waste per capita by July 1, 2018, and no more than 450 pounds per capita by July 1, 2022. A Municipal Solid Waste Standards Action Plan will be developed by DEP by Dec. 1, 2017.

"This bill provides multiple benefits such as relieving pressure to expand landfills and incinerators, conserving natural resources, reducing emissions and saving municipalities money," said Erica Mattison, legislative director of the Environmental League of Massachusetts. "To fulfill the state's Solid Waste MasterPlan, it is necessary for best practices already in place in many of our communities to become more commonplace."

Cities and towns will annually report to DEP the amount of solid waste disposed of through solid waste programs. If unable to meet the municipal solid waste reduction standards prescribed by DEP, a report shall be submitted detailing reasons therefor and a plan to achieve performance standards. DEP is also required to issue a report providing per-capita solid waste disposal statistics for all municipal solid waste programs. The department shall file the report with the clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Solid waste has two major components that consist of municipal solid waste or trash generated by residents, businesses, institutions and municipalities (not including hazardous waste and other industrial by-products) and debris generated by building construction and demolition work.

The bill, which was originally filed by Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D-Taunton), now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm. 4 Bdrm. 4.5 Bath. A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Technical/Electrical Marvel! 2 Story Grand Entry! Fully Appliance Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/2 Dishwashers, Heated Flr & Pantry! Spacious Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to the Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm w/Entertainment Center! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! 1st Flr Lake CHARLOW - URAN LOW - URAN LOW CARE IN THE WEEKEN LOW - BEAUTINI SUBJECT 4492 14 KM, CUSTOM COOMMA WYATIMEY FORCH 2001 Waterfrom Wanicured Grounds 14 Bartins 14 5 Baths 13 Freplaces I CAIr (CVac, CYstereo, Security Hrdwish Open Fir Plan Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/14' Ceilings, Sliders to Lake Facing Deck! Din Rm wCrown Moldings, Chair Rail & Waterford Chandelier! Cherry Cabinet Kit w/Quartz Counters, Center Isl w/Decor Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! 2 Master Bdrms - Lake Facing 1st Flr w/11' Ceilings. Frplc & Bath w/Dble Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool & Walk-in Closets! Lake Facing Sunrm w/French Door, Sliders, & 14' Ceilings! Office

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Facing Master wTray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet, Full Bath wDble Vanity, Whirlpool & Corner Shower! Upstairs 3 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing, Both connect to a Full Bath, the 3rd has its Own Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Walkout Lower Level Lake Facing Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Cedar Sauna & Full Bath! Separate Utility Rm & Workshop! 3 Car Attached Garage! Detached 1 Car Garage! Security System! LP Gas Whole House Generator! Boat House that Auto Draws Boat Out of the Water, Launches It on a Rail System! Weather Station! Well Irrig System! See/Ask For All Attachments! \$1,275,000.00

1/2 Bahi, Laundry Rm! 2nd Fir w2nd Master Suite w/Full Bahi w/Dble Sinks! 2 Bdrms Share Another Bahi! Lower Level w/Frplc Fam Rm, Wet Bar, Billiard Parlor, Workout Rm & 6 Seat Theatre Rm w/60" TV w/Surround Sound! Full Bahi! Walkout to Lake, Patio & Private Yard! 4Z Baisi Furnace! 2 Car Garage! Extra Lot! Glen Echo Awaits! **\$849,900.00** Your Consideration! **\$199,900.00** 



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WEBSTER LAKE! 39 Loveland Rd! Custom 13 Rm 5,252' Contemp! 130' South Facing Waterfront! 10' Ceilings! Granite & Cherry Kit w/Slate Flr, Wolf SS Gas Range w/Dble Ovens, Sub Zero Frig, Isl w/Dble Sink, In-Counter Steamer! Formal Din Rm & Frplc Liv Rm w/Brazilian Cherry Hrdwds! Granite Wet Bar w/Ice Maker, Bottle Cooler & Bosch Dishwasher! Office/18 Ft 5th Bdrm w/Marble LP Frplc Bthrm w/Watk-in Kohler Steam Shower! Beautiful Stairways! 4 Bdrms w/Water Views! Huge Lake Facing Master w/Cathedrals, 3 Dble Closets & Slider to Private Deck! Master Bath w/\*Vita" Whirlpool Tub, Tile Shower & Dble Marble Vaniy! Another Marble & Granite Bthrm! Lower Level Walsto Ut to Lake 8 Seat Theater! Stone Frplc Fam Rm! Granite Wet Bar! Workshop w/French Dr to Lake, Possible Bdrm! Half Bath! House Sound System! Andersons w/Nickel Hardware! 2 Car Heated Garage! Beach! Dock! \$1,299,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE – 17 Lakeview Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! West Exposure = Sunsets! 100' Level Waterfront! 7 Rm Yr Rd or Ideal 2nd Home! Enjoy Music from Indian Ranch Free! Fantastic 12,298' Flat Lot w/Plenty of Space for Outside Enjoyment! 2 Docks! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! **\$489,900.00** 

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WEBSTER LAKE - 17 South Point Rd! Middle Pond! 6 Room Cape! 72' Waterfront! Completely Renovated! Center Island Kit! Mostly Lake Facing Rms! Master w/Bath & Private Deck! 2/3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Oil by Ruderus! & Flectric Mitsubishi Heat Pumps w Air! Farmers Porch! Garage! \$499,900.00



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## HERE & THER Local Events, Arts, and **Entertainment Listings**

### SATURDAY, JULY 16

9:00 p.m. MAMA BEAR Trio that plays bumpin' bluegrass & familiar favorites **308 LAKESIDE** 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

### SUNDAY, JULY 17

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. JOE MACEY On the outside patio **308 LAKESIDE** 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333



#### SATURDAY, JULY 23

9:00 p.m. THE LESTER RAWSON BAND 4-piece group playing a mix of pop classics, blues, rock and country **308 LAKESIDE** 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333



#### FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY JULY 22, 23, 24

DockDogs The world's premiere canine aquatics cpmpetition **KLEMS** 117 West Main St., Spencer, MA

### FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

JULY 29, 30, 31 M.A.D. Productions Presents BIG FISH The Musical The Cultural Center at Eagle Hill For tickets centerateaglehill.org

### **ONGOING**

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

TRIVIA NIGHT Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m. HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB 325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA 508-892-9822



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

**308 LAKESIDE** Live Music on the patio every Sunday 2-5 p.m. through Labor Day 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT



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

#### TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE STOMPING GROUND Every Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. 132 Main St., Putnam, CT 860-928-7900 Also, live music five nights a week (Wed.-Sun.)

#### TRAP SHOOTING

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISING FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW June 8th through August 31st **KLEMS** 117 West Main St., Spencer, MA





## TRIPS OFFERED

The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this space must submit a copy of a not-for-profit certificate to Editor Adam Minor. Mail your certificate and information to Trips Offered, c/o Adam Minor, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to 508-764-8015 or e-mail to aminor@stonebridgepress.com.

#### MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

• Germany, Switzerland & Austria, including a Rhine River Cruise: Aug. 22 to Sept. 4, 2016

• America, Our Land: From Albuquerque to Tucson: May 22 to June 4, 2017

• Greece and the Islands: Sept. 14-26, 2017

• Alaska (land and cruise): June 27 to July 10, 2017

• Australia & New Zealand: Jan. 28 to Feb. 18, 2017

#### WEST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER: UPCOMING TRIPS

• The West Brookfield Council on Aging is sponsoring a Narrangansett Bay Lighthouse Cruise trip on Aug. 17. This trip features a full course luncheon at the Quonset Point Officer's Club with an entree choice of scrod or chicken, followed by a narrated Narragansett Bay tour on the Millennium Ferry. The bus departs the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central Street in West Brookfield at 10 a.m., with a return time of 6 p.m. The trip cost is \$89 per person, with a \$40 deposit required upon signup and final payment of \$49 due by July 20. Checks are made payable to Fox Tours. Please call the West Brookfield Senior Center at (508) 867-1407 for more details.

#### **DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**

The Daughters of Isabella proudly present 2016 Fantastic Worldwide Tours!

• Aug. 7: Newport Playhouse — Show and Lobster Fest special lobster feast! \$102. 8:30 a.m. Southbridge, 9 a.m. Webster. Terrific "Unnecessary Farce" show and cabaret. Lobster feast and Newport's best show!

• Aug. 21: Essex Steam Train & River Boat — Great summertime tour in Connecticut, \$92. 9 a.m. Southbridge, 9:30 a.m. Webster. Delicious luncheon, train ride and CT river cruise. Make tracks for the Essex Steam Train!

• Sept. 11-13: Atlantic City Resorts Casino — Atlantic City's original casino! \$229. 7 a.m. Webster, 7:30 a.m. Southbridge. \$25 casino slot play/two buffets/casino revue show. Atlantic City! The shore thing!

Sept. 21: Plymouth Whale Watch
— Narrated whale watch cruise, \$89.
8 a.m. Southbridge, 8:30 a.m. Webster.
Lunch at the Hearth & Kettle, visit to
Plymouth Rock! Have a whale of a time!
Oct. 2-8: Myrtle Beach — Showtime

Deluxe Hotel, 12 Meals, three exciting shows, \$889. 7 a.m. Webster, 7:30 a.m. Southbridge. Oceanfront room, wonderful shows and sightseeing! Hit the beach!

For reservations on these exciting tours, please contact Jan Caouette at 508-887-2215. Please make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709, and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, P.O. Box 201, Webster, MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a non-profit and charitable Catholic women's organization!

#### UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER/ SUNSHINE CLUB

The Uxbridge Senior Center, in conjunction with the Sunshine Club, will be offering the following bus trips in 2016:

• Thursday, July 28: My Fair Lady at Interlakes Theatre/Meredith, N.H., \$74

Monday, Aug. 15: Casco Bay Cruise, Portland, Maine, Bailey's Island, \$92
Tuesday, Sept. 13: Lake

Winnipesaukee Cruise w/buffet on boat, \$72

• Friday, Sept. 30: Day trip to Vermont for foliage viewing w/lunch, \$85

• Monday, Oct. 3 – Oct. 12: 10 Days – Scotland – Please Call Pam at 508-476-4474 for information.

• Monday, Oct. 10 – Friday, Oct. 14: Niagara Falls – 5 days/8 meals, \$489

• Sunday, Nov. 6 – Tuesday, Nov. 8: Villa Roma, all-inclusive – \$369.

• Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 28-30: White Mountain Hotel, North Conway, \$439

• Wednesday, Dec. 7: Newport

Playhouse "Nana's Naughty Knickers," \$75

• Saturday-Monday, Dec. 10-12: NYC at Christmas with 9/11 Museum, \$339

There are still a few seats left for the Loretta Laroche trip in Stoneham on May 13 w/lunch at Polcari's. Come and enjoy a fun day out with lots of laughs! A new trip has been added on Sept. 30 – a day trip to VT for foliage viewing w/lunch for \$85! The "My Fair Lady" trip has been changed to July 28th by the theatre and the price is now \$74. Come and enjoy summer theatre in Meredith, N.H.!

Call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information on any of these trips. Remember the new parking spot is the Whitinsville Walmart.

#### MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER: UPCOMING TRIPS

• York Maine Lobster Bake at Fosters: Tuesday, Aug. 16, Cost: \$65.

For Additional trip information or reservations please contact us at 508-865-9247.

#### **CALLING ALL TRAVELERS!**

The FINE Travelers Group presents two exciting bus trips this Fall:

1. Washington, D.C.: 4 Days/3 Nights, Sept. 9-12, \$369/DBL

2. Chicago 7 Days/6 Nights, Oct. 2-8, 2016, \$575/DBL

Details of these trips can be viewed at www.grouptrips.com/finetravelers Click on "Join This Tour". Or call the Sr. Center for more information.

## **LEGALS**

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the POWER OF SALE contained in a certain mortgage given by Cathleen S. Groleau also known as Cathleen Groleau to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mackinac Savings Bank, FSB, a federal savings bank, dated May 22, 2009 and recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 44317, Page 262, which mortgage was subsequently assigned to Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, by Assignment dated October 5, 2011 and recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 48068, Page 168; thence assigned to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by Assignment dated May 28, 2013 and recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 51145, Page 51; thence assigned to RBS Financial Products Inc., by Assignment dated June 20, 2013 and recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 51368, Page 360; further, a Confirmatory Assignment from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to RBS Financial Products Inc., dated January 28, 2015 was recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 53378, Page 319; thence assigned to Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society. FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee on behalf of RBSHD 2013-1 Trust, by Assignment dated November 22, 2013 and recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 52020, Page 121; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 P. M. on August 12 2016 on the mortgaged premises known as 53 CHERRY STREET, SPENCER, MA 01562, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to-wit: The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts consisting of two tracts of land, bounded and described at follows: TRACT 1:

ing said Tyler land, conveyed to said Tyler by William F. Browning in 1875 and strip being 24 feet wide at said street and 15 feet wide at the north end thereof.

TRACT 2:

The land in Spencer with the buildings thereon, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Division of Land in Spencer, Mass" owned by Francis A. Hobbs, dated August 11, 1965, Theodore P. Drazek, R.L.S. said plan not being of record, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the northerly line of Cherry Street at the southwest corner of the premises herein described at the land of Anna I. Hobbs, now or formerly;

THENCE N. 16 degrees 28' W., 126.33 feet along said Anna I. Hobbs land to a point at land now or formerly of E.L. Ingalls;

THENCE N. 73 degrees 21' E., 45.60

#### Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Bernard and Brenda Bouvier for the property located at 9 Hillside Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a room above his garage at the above pre-existing nonconforming property in Neighborhood Residential District requires a special permit as per sections, -1.5 Nonconformity, - §1.52 Nonconforming Structures, (a) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White Clerk

July 8, 2016 July 15, 2015

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** 

tate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 29, 2016

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate July 15, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO16A0086AD CITATION G.L. c. 210, §6 In the matter of: Hilton, Haley Marie To: Evan Bissonette

any unnamed or unknown parent and

The land in Spencer, with all the buildings thereon situated on the north side of Cherry Street and bounded as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner thereof in the north line of said street it being the southeast corner of land formerly of Isaac C. Tyler;

THENCE N. 13 1/4 degrees W., by said Tyler land 7 1/2 rods;

THENCE N. 70 1/4 degrees

E., 5 rods and 19 links to the northwest corner of land formerly of John Moore; THENCE S. 19 3/4 degrees E., by land formerly of Moore, 7 rods and 17 links to said street;

THENCE S. 72 degrees W., on said street 6 rods and 13 links to the place of beginning.

Excepting however therefrom the strip of land extending the entire length of the west side of the above tract adjoinfeet along said Ingalls land to a point; THENCE S. 13 degrees 30' E., 127,75 feet to a point in the northerly line of Cherry Street;

THENCE S. 75 degrees 09' W. 39.0 feet along the northerly line of said Cherry Street to the point of beginning. Containing 5,290 square feet of land more or less.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 39871, Page 164.

The above-described premises will be sold **SUBJECT TO** and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, to any and all unpaid taxes, tax title, tax liens, water and sewer charges, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, to all tenancies and parties in possession, if any, which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens, tenancies or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash, by certified check, or by cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as a deposit. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, by certified check or by cashier's check by the purchaser within 30 days thereafter at the offices of Philip L. Eiker, Attorney for the Mortgagee, P.O. Box 1241, Patagonia, AZ 85624. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price.

OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SALE.

Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee on behalf of RBSHD 2013-1 Trust Present Holder of Said Mortgage By its Attorney, Philip L. Eiker, Esq. P.O. Box 1241, Patagonia, AZ 85624 (520) 394-2230

July 15, 2016 July 22, 2016 July 29, 2016 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO16P2087EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Frances A. Korzec Date of Death: 03/25/2016

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Appointment of **Personal Representative** has been filed by

Robert Korzec of West Brookfield MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Robert Korzec of West Brookfield MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in <u>an unsupervised</u> administration

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/26/2016. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the court in any matter relating to the espersons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Eric M Peterson of East Brookfield, MA Susan M Peterson of East Brookfield, MA

requesting for leave to adopt said child IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERE-TO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEAR-ANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Worcester** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: **09/13/2016** 

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

Date: July 5, 2016

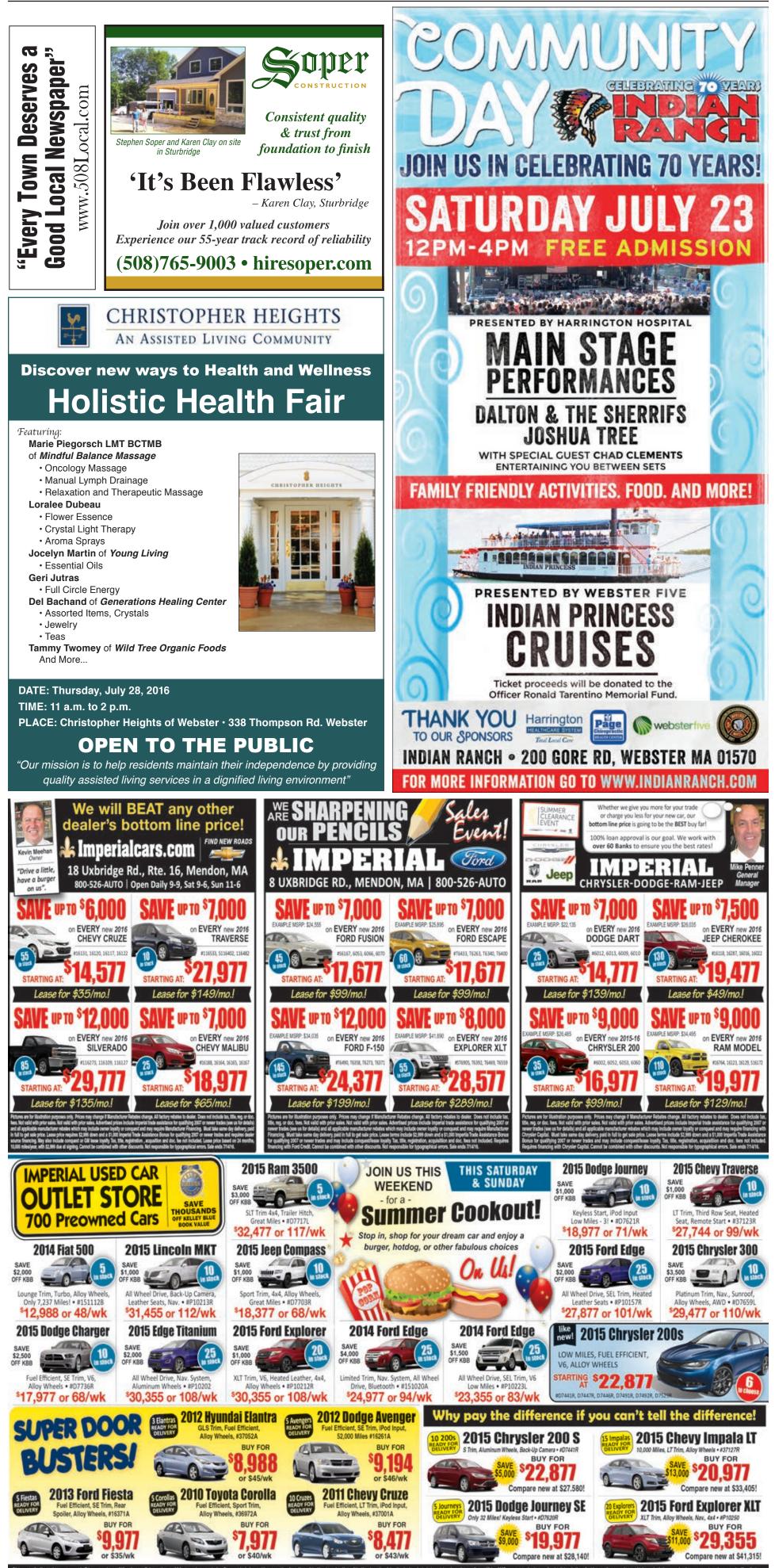
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2013 Toyota Highlander

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### 2015 Ford Mustang

vindows, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel

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2006 **Harley Davidson Road King** 

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ghts, Multi-function ren

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#### 2006 Mini Cooper

-Speed Manual, Self-leveling nearinghts, conversion roo. or locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, 4-wheel ABS bra ine 4 cylinder SOHC engine, 115 hp horsepower, 2 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Fuel ecor 35 and EPA city (mpg): 27, Remole window operation, External temperature display, Ta

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### 2008 BMW 325i

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#### 2013 Mercedes Benz C300-4matic

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### LAW299 - \$322/Mo OR \$77/Wk



2012 MBW 550xi



#### LAW321 - \$605/Mo OR \$140/Wk



#### 2013 Mercedes Benz GLK350

my EPA highway (mpg): 24 an isplay, Tachometer, Clock - Inirrors - Passenger mirror, Trip computer, Rear fog lights, Signal mirrors - Tum signal in mirrors, Stability control, 8-way power adjustable passenger seat

#### LAW317 - \$408/Mo OR \$94/Wk



#### 2015 Nissan Rouge

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er door lock



#### LA1539- \$499/Mo OR \$116/Wk



#### 2012 Hyundai Veloster

3dr Hatchback, 43k miles, Loaded with Traction control, Stability control, Transmission hill holder, 4 wheel ABS brakes, Auto-shift manual Transmission, ice-cold Air conditioning, Bluetodh, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 1 one-touch, Audio contois on steering meet, 1.6 liter hilling 4. of yinder DOHG en-ring. 13b h plorespower, Multi-holmon remote - Trunk/hatch/dooc/haligule, Power heated mirrors, Tit and telescopic steering wheel, 3 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Tachometer, External temperature display, Interior air filtration, Steed-propriorian power steering, Privacythurd glass, Rear spoiler, Rear wijner, Transmission controls on steering wheel, Tip computer, Video Monitor Location - Front, Rear Helnonwr

#### LAW398 - \$195/Mo OR \$45/Wk



### 2014 Nissan Altima 2.5S

Che Owner, Traction control, Stability control, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, CVT Transmission, ice-cold Air conditioning, Audio controls on steering wheel, Keyless Ignition - Push button start , 182 hp horsepower, 2.5 liter inline 4 cyl-inder DOHC engine, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/ hath/door/haigate, Power mirrors, 4 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Tachometer, External temperature display, Speed sensitive window wipers, Speed-proportional power steer-ing, Trip computer, Video Monitor Location - Front, airbag, Bluetooth

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### 2013 Jeep Wrangler

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LAW459 - \$423/Mo OR \$98/Wk

2007 Chevrolet Tahoe LT

Cruise control. Audio controls on steering wheel. 320 hp horsepower. 5.3 liter V8 engine. Tilt steering

wheel, 4 Doors, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Healed driver, mirror – Healed, Heated passenger mirror – Heated, Trip computer, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear spoiler – Lip, Rear wiper, Running boards, Trailer hitch

2013 Ford Escape

eparate Rear air conditioning, full power options includ dows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission 4-w

LAW291- \$225/Mo OR \$52/Wk

#### 2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee

wa muto, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers, Rain sensing window acy/tinted glass, Rear wiper, 8-way power adjustable passenger seat, Climate seats, Split-bench rear seats

LAW518 - \$423/Mo OR \$98/Wk

Variable down payment maybe rquired to secure approval based on credit score.







### 2013 Cadillac CTS

windows with 4 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ASS brakes, Air-e crimate control, Crusice ontrol, Universal render transmitter, Autoi controls headights, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 2 drivers, Multi-function headinghts, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 2 drivers, Multi-function reliander, emotie sater, Power headed mirrors, Titl and elescopic steering table drivers seat, 36 liter V6 DOHC engine 318 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.j. power door locks, Power conditioning with dual zoi on steering wheel, Xenon remnte - Trunk/hatch/doo remote – Trunk/halch/door/hailgale, remote engine sfart, Power healed mirrors, Till and telescopic steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, 36 liter V6 DDHC engine, 318 hp horsepower, 4 Doors, All-wheel drive, Exterior Parking Camera, Front fog/driving lights, External temperature display, Compass, Tachometer, Adaptive headilohts

#### LAW070A - \$332/Mo OR \$77/Wk



### 2012 Jeep Wrangler

Unlimited Sahara, Convertible root, Four Wineel Drive, Traction control, Stability control - With anti-roll control. Transmission IIII holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front forg\friving lights, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Remote power door locks/ Power windows with 2 one-louch, Audic controls on stearing wheel, Power heated mirrors, Till stearing wheel, 285 hp horsepower, 3.6 liter V6 DOHC engine, 4 Doors, External temperature display. Compass, Fachometer, Trip computer, Dusk sensing headlights, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Tow Hook, AC power outlet

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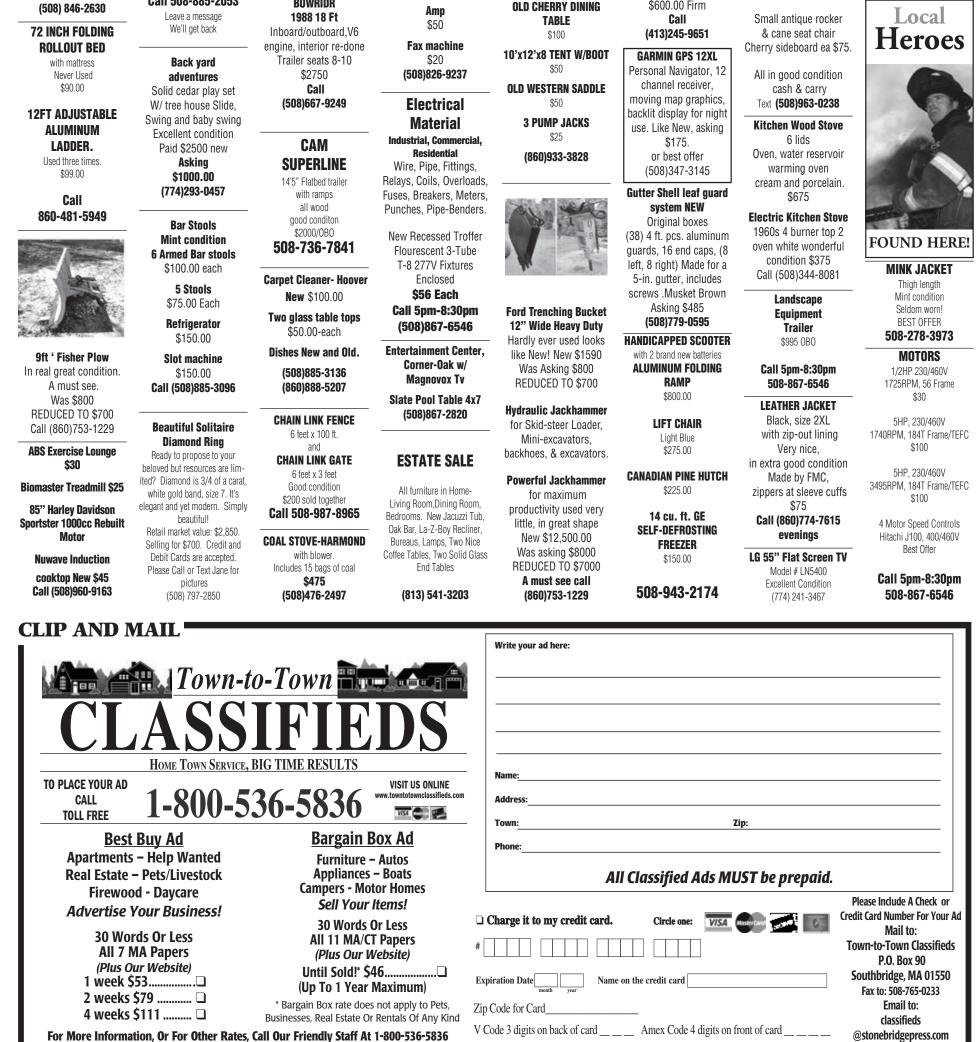
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