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Heck on Wheels: Maddi likes to go fast!

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With every event she attends and achievement she earns, a local athlete continues to inspire her community.

The pioneering journey of 9-year-old wheelchair racer Madelyn Wilson continues to roll along, drawing interest locally and throughout the state. At her most recent event, the Spencer resident once again appeared alongside runners during the Seven Hills Foundation's AbilityFest 5K road race in Worcester.

Held on Sept. 23, the fourth annual AbilityFest community festival celebrated the talents of all participants. After competing in several events throughout the year, Wilson

was well prepared to showcase her skills. In August, she won gold medals in every race she entered at the Adaptive Sports USA Junior Paralympics Nationals track meet held in Ft. Wayne, IN. She swept the categories of 60M, 100M, 200M, 400M, and 800M.

Wilson was also thrilled to meet and train with Tatyana McFadden, the most successful female wheelchair racer of all time. The two athletes recently trained on the Wellesley High School track.

For Wilson's family and friends, it is an exciting challenge to keep up with the young athlete's determination to continue improving and attending events.

"Maddie loves going fast. I think it gives her a feeling of free-

dom," her father Carl Wilson said. "Racing is the great equalizer for her. Her success clearly shows that people with disabilities can excel with the right support and encouragement."

In addition to her other successes this year, Wilson also posted a record time in the girls' wheelchair division at the Falmouth Road Race. Finishing the seven-mile course in just one hour and 13 seconds, she continues to set the bar high for other competitors.

Wilson has also competed at the Tufts 10K in Boston, Worcester's Canal Diggers 5K, and the Dick Hoyt Classic in Holland. In her four years of competition, she has



Courtesy photo.

Nine-year-old wheelchair racer Madelyn Wilson continues to set records and inspire local families.

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100th Committee recipient of funds

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – Residents and business owners are doing their part to ensure that the town's 100th anniversary will be an unforgettable celebration.

Most recently, the 100th Anniversary Committee received a check from 308 Lakeside, which once again set aside funds from its charity golf tournament to benefit the cause. Recognizing the costs associated with the centennial celebration, several other businesses and residents have stepped up as well.

"The 100th Anniversary Committee is so thankful to 308 Lakeside, who, for the second year in a row, donated funds from their charity golf tournament to help support the 100th

anniversary of East Brookfield in 2020. We are grateful for their continued support," read a Sept. 18 statement released by the organization.

During a Sept. 18 ceremony, the 308 Lakeside staff presented the anniversary committee with a \$1,500 check. Located at 308 East Main St. in town, the restaurant continues to serve as a hub of the community in multiple ways.

Even though the centennial celebration is still more than a year away in the Commonwealth's youngest town, the committee knows it must prepare early. East Brookfield will officially hit the century mark on March 24, 2020, and several anniversary programs will take

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Kevin Flanders photo.

Leicester High School junior Jenna Albro joined several classmates in a distracted driving education program last week. Known as Distractology, the program educates young drivers on the dangers of distractions.

Driven to distraction: the dangers of looking away

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – With distractions abounding, today's roads are more dangerous than ever before. During a recent safety program, students at Leicester High School learned how quickly accidents can happen when drivers look away from the road.

Created by the Arbella Insurance Foundation, the

Distractology 101 course is helping young drivers throughout the region stay safe. During the week of Sept. 17-21, the mobile Distractology unit and its specialized simulators arrived in Leicester to give kids a crash course in safe operation.

After learning about the program and taking a few test runs on the simulators, students were able to plug

their phones into the devices and act as if they were sending a text behind the wheel. The results produced a series of mangled vehicles and smashed windshields, along with the realization of how quickly road conditions can change.

School officials were thrilled to bring the program to Leicester for students who

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Kevin Flanders photo.

Library director Dawn Thistle, right, and assistant librarian Brianna Lamb recently took over as the new leadership team at Haston Free Public Library.

New directions for Haston Library with Thistle and Lamb at helm

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – With a new leadership team in place, Haston Free Public Library staff members and patrons are looking forward to continued momentum.

New library Director Dawn Thistle took over in August, with Brianna Lamb arriving a few weeks later to serve as assistant librarian. Together they have learned their new roles while helping to enhance the library's identity as a center for the entire community.

"I really enjoy getting to know the people who use the library. It is a great opportunity to meet people from throughout the community," said Thistle, who previously worked in academic libraries. "In this role, you get to learn about the people who come in and what they want to get from their library. It's important to establish those relationships."

Thistle enjoyed her work as an academic librarian at the College of the Holy Cross

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Kevin Flanders photo.

Local bakers and senior center staff members representing them pose after the event.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – In a battle of area bakers, it was difficult for judges to determine a winner after sampling one delicious dish after another.

The first annual Senior Center Bake-off was held on Sept. 18 at Quaboag Rehabilitation Center. Featuring dessert entries from several local seniors, the contest was a treat for judges and guests alike.

"During our senior luncheons over the summer, someone mentioned this as an idea. We thought it would be a great way to bring everyone together," said event organiz-

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NEW LEADER NOTES

NEW ID INFO

On Monday, Oct. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer, a program entitled "Real ID: changing laws for US identification necessary for travel and other needs is planned. The public is invited, the event is free and refreshments are served. Call (617) 431-4937 for information or to reserve your place.

MELODY MAKERS CONCERT

On Monday Oct. 22 at 5:45 p.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer, a program featuring the Melody Makers, with a concert and a sing-along is planned. The public is invited, the event is free and refreshments are served. Call (617) 431-4937 for information or to reserve your place.

STRAUSS TO SPEAK

Jean Strauss (D-East Brookfield), candidate for state representative in the 5th Worcester district will be speaking at a coffee at 10 am on Monday, Oct. 1 at Senior Living at Prouty at 195 Main St. in Spencer.

Providing better services and opportunities to seniors to improve their quality of life in the community and their access to health care is one of Strauss's campaign priorities. She is also campaigning for better prevention and treatment to address the opioid epidemic and to improve education by addressing the

school funding formula for rural schools. This includes collaborating to find creative solutions to boredom and the lack of opportunities for young people.

Pumpkin cupcakes, coffee and donuts will be served and slide show images from around the district will be shown. The event is open to the public. For more information about Jean and the campaign, visit her web site at Jean2018.org or email cte@Jean2018.org.

FALL FAIR

Fall Fair, Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 am to 2 pm at the First Congregational Church, North Brookfield. The fair will feature plants, jewelry, baked goods, homemade items, attic treasurers and a drawing. Lunch will be served and will consist of a number of different soups, assorted sandwiches and apple crisp with ice cream. The public is invited.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

On Saturday, Sept. 29 9:00 A.M.-noon at North Brookfield Transfer Station, a hazardous waste day is planned. Free to Spencer residents with valid transfer station sticker; (Paints-no Latex, Household Chemicals, Pesticides, Solvents); NO Explosives, Oil, or Gasoline

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SCOUT FROM ROCHDALE EARNS STATE LEVEL AWARD



Courtesy photo

Girl Scout Morgan Emery with members of the Massachusetts VFW.

Rochdale Gold Award Girl Scout Morgan Emery was recently selected as the State Scout of the Year by the Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

The VFW Scout of the Year program provides Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts and Venturing Crew who demonstrate standout citizenship in school, scouting and the community, with the opportunity to be rewarded with college

scholarships of up to \$5,000.

Morgan applied through her local VFW post #7556 in Rochdale. The local post selected Morgan and forwarded her application to the state level for evaluation where she was chosen as the Massachusetts representative. John Larney, the Massachusetts State Quartermaster, presented the award along with the newly elected State Commander Keith Jackson and the former State Commander Eric Segundo at their annual Convention held at the Doubletree in Leominster this summer.

Morgan is presently a freshman at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), majoring in civil engineering and planning on a Masters in fire protection engineering.

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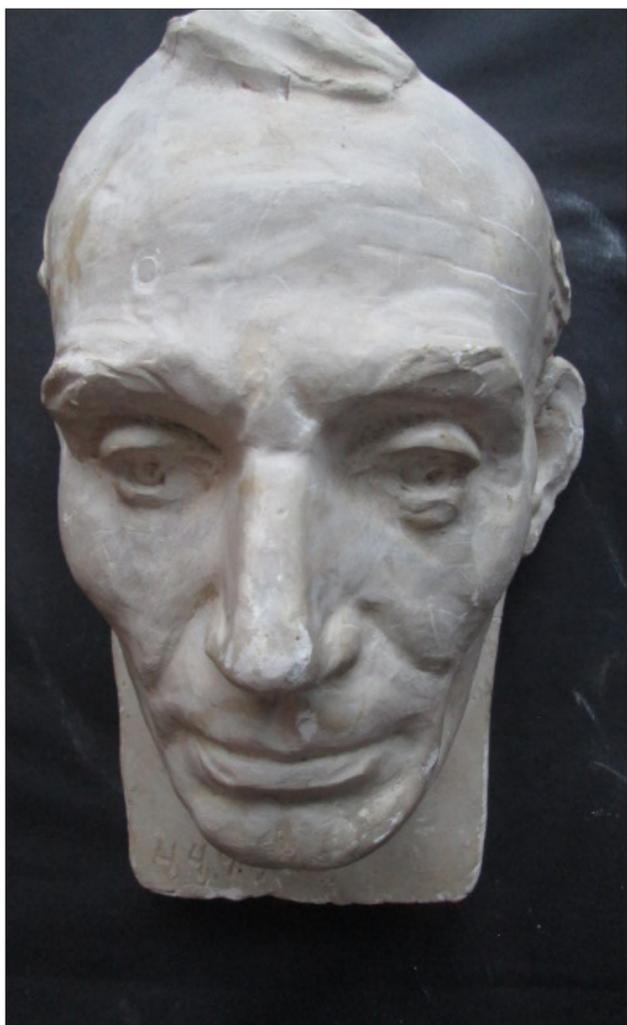
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Latest auction news



There has been plenty of auction news since my last update in this column. A collection featuring over 700 pieces of Abraham Lincoln memorabilia is among the important items soon coming to auction. The Smithsonian.com reports that the Lincoln memorabilia belonged to Historian Harold Holzer. One of the first items Holzer purchased for his collection was a franked letter by Lincoln. As a Congressman, Lincoln used his franking privilege to sign the envelope and not have to pay postage. One of the auction highlights is an 1860 portrait of a beardless Abraham Lincoln. A 1907 bronze relief plaque that was used as the likeness of the penny will also be featured, as well as a bust by artist Sarah Fisher Ames. A period painting believed to be by John C. Wolfe has the highest pre-auction estimate at \$12,000 to \$18,000.

Other important historical artifacts will also be coming to auction when 5,500 pieces of Titanic memorabilia are offered, according to CNN. Items include a bronze cherub from its grand staircase, sets of china from the dining room and a section of the hull. Premier Exhibitions, which owns and exhibits them in 4 cities, filed for bankruptcy in 2016. The Titanic sunk after hitting an iceberg in 1912. Individual items have brought strong prices at past

auctions. A letter written by a man during the Titanic's final hour sold for \$166,000 and a violin played by the band leader as the ship sank went for \$1.7 million in 2013. Three hedge funds have offered an opening bid of \$19.5 million for the collection, which is being sold as a group.

Some newer items are also making news in the auction world. Architectural Digest reports that memorabilia from the estate of Frank and Nancy Sinatra will be auctioned in December. There are a wide range of items being offered from Baccarat crystal and Dodie Thayer pottery to fine art. Two AKG microphones owned by Frank Sinatra will be included. The auction will also feature paintings by Pablo Picasso and Childe Hassam. One of the auction highlights is a painting of Frank Sinatra by Norman Rockwell.

A valuable car also made auction news, according to Barron's. The 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO considered to be the "Holy Grail" of the car collecting world recently sold at auction. The car with chassis # 3413, was the third of 36 built that year. The car was first driven as a test car by Phil Hill in the 1962 Targa Florio road



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race in Sicily. It then went on to win first place in its class at the race for the next 2 years. The bidding started at \$35 million before the winning bidder took the checkered flag at \$48 million, making it the most valuable car ever sold at auction.

My "Evaluating your antiques" class will take place at the Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on October 15th. Our live multi-estate antique and collectibles auction will be held on October 25th. I'll be appraising items at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center's antique appraisal event on October 28th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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Wednesday: Corner Café 9:15 a.m. (free specialty coffee and baked goods); Queen's Knitting Group 9:45 a.m.; Center Café open for home cooked lunch.

Thursday: low impact aerobics 9-9:45 a.m.; strength & balance 10-10:45 a.m.; community yoga 2 p.m.

Friday: walking club with Diane H. 9:30 a.m.

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Oct. 9, 2018 through Oct. 26, 2018

The North Brookfield Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout town beginning Tuesday, October 9 through Friday, October 26, 2018.

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Training for disasters on the rails

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Area first responders regularly receive training in lifesaving operations, but they seldom prepare for incidents on the rails. Next month, emergency officials will come together to put the "train" in training.

Hosted by the West Brookfield Fire Department and Board of Selectmen, the CSX safety train will arrive in October to provide first responders with a unique training opportunity. On Oct. 26-27, local police, fire, and EMS officials will travel to a rail siding in East Brookfield to take part in the training exercises. The program will cover an array of protocols for emergency personnel to follow in the event of a derailment.

With the CSX main line passing through Warren, West Brookfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Spencer, and Leicester, the training sessions will benefit several area communities. The program will also provide first responders in surrounding towns with knowledge that can help save lives if they are ever called to a major rail incident.

"We wanted to reach out to area first responders and let them know about this opportunity. Everyone is very excited about it," said West Brookfield Selectman Daniel Bigda, whose career in the rail industry enabled him to help organize the event.

The two-day safety train program will cover several topics, including operations on railroad property; rail shipping documents; rail equipment identification; tanker car safety; locomotive fires; flammable liquid unit trains; incident response procedures; and working with railroad officials.

The program will also cover well-known derailments and incidents, with an emphasis on

preparedness and response protocols. Among the most notable incidents featured in railroad safety training exercises nationwide is the Lac-Mégantic wreck that killed 47 people in Quebec. The 2013 disaster occurred after several unattended tanker cars loaded with crude oil broke apart from the train and descended a hill, eventually derailing in the downtown area and exploding.

With a constant focus on safe operations, CSX officials designed the company's safety train program to provide realistic training for first responders across the country. Whether they're dealing with a full-blown derailment or a minor leak on a siding, responders need to know how to assess incidents on the rails quickly.

"We have a main line of trains running through our towns, and they're carrying all kinds of products and chemicals every day," said Bigda, who currently works as a rail car lessor. "We want our first responders to be well trained on how to respond to different situations."

Bigda previously served as a train conductor and a designer of railroad cars. Well aware of how difficult it can be to identify different cars and their contents, Bigda worked hard with town and fire department officials to bring the safety train to the Route 9 corridor.

Safety train sessions in East Brookfield will be four hours long, with each session accommodating 35 people. The program is open to local first responders only, including fire depart-

ments, police departments, EMS services, HAZMAT response teams, emergency management personnel, military members, and homeland security personnel. All attendees should wear pants, work shoes, and gloves.

If your organization would like to take part in the program, please sign up before Oct. 20 by sending an email to dan@boxxcarco.com. You can also email West Brookfield Fire Chief Paul Foster at pfoster@wbrookfield.com.

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fear losing out. This strategy backfires when you have an open house and that interested buyer stays for 45 minutes and no other buyers come and they start to wonder why they are the only one interested in the home. Lets say your home is beautiful but for whatever reason there is no way to get someone to see its true beauty online, this would be a great time to do an open house. This would bring in people that are



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JAMES BLACK

sort of interested in the home but not interested enough to setup a private viewing. An open house is also a way to

bring people back that saw the home but still had not purchased another home but are not 100% on the home. In summary, the open house is not going to bring you a buyer that were not buyers before but may pull in some people on the fence. It will pull in many unqualified buyers and nosey neighbors. Sometimes the nosey neighbors however will know someone who wants to move into the

neighborhood. I have heard stats that only 1% of homes sell at open houses, which is about right based on our personal sales. So open houses can be a strategy but not the main strategy to sell the home. You want to hire a local expert that knows what strategy to implement in your market to sell your home and sell it quickly for the most money.

Cleaning strategies that cut time, effort & money

Autumn has officially arrived and fall cleaning is an annual chore that's almost always initiated with reluctance. With so many tasks to complete, it's no wonder we often procrastinate when it comes to the most dreaded household tasks. The good news is, today's dismissal of the strict cleaning rules of generations past means "a good cleaning" has been replaced with "a good enough cleaning." (Who really wanted to eat off of anyone's floor anyway?) That said, your seasonal deep cleaning efforts don't have to fall short - thanks to savvy shortcuts and strategies geared to save time, effort and money.

Priority and Purpose: prioritizing your cleaning efforts is probably the most important step to successful house cleaning. Tackling rooms in their order of importance means you'll see results quicker and gain inspiration to finish the rest of the house.

The Detergent Association's (SDA) reveals consumers rate the following rooms as priority areas: Kitchen (37%), Living Room (19%), and Bedrooms

(14%). Nearly one quarter of responders, 23%, claim the kitchen cleaning is their most rewarding task. Cleaning the garage was rated as the least rewarding cleaning chore.

Wherever you decide to begin, cleaning pros advise working in one room at a time, and to avoid moving to another until that first room is complete. If you stick to cleaning one area, you will likely remain motivated to finish it. Always start in one corner of the room and work clockwise from the ceiling down. Working from top to bottom prevents repeat cleaning of surfaces and ensures you only have to do it once. You'll be amazed at how quickly the job goes when you work around a room with priority and purpose in mind.

Save steps and stress by dragging around a plastic garbage bag as you clean, so you won't have far to go to throw away clutter.



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

of family activity, the kitchen is typically the busiest (and dirtiest) room in the house.

Kitchen Tricks: washing large windows, such as sliders to a deck can be grueling chore. Once you get them clean (use a squeegee to speed up the chore) keep them cleaner longer by treating the glass with Rain X, a water repellent sold in auto supply stores. Dirt, as well as water, won't be attracted to the glass which means less cleaning. Another area of the kitchen that can benefit from post treatment is painted walls behind the kitchen stove. After cleaning (with a degreaser) apply a generous coating of furniture polish. Buff it in well. The next time grease spatters on the area, all it will take is a swipe of a paper towel to clean it up.

For a sparkling glass oven door, wipe the window with household ammonia and let it set for several minutes. Scrape away grease with a spatula (or for stubborn stains try a straight edge razor blade) and wipe the window clean to a quick shine. Grease can also seep in between the glass in the door window. Cleaning this area requires a bit more finesse. Open the drawer under the oven to access the view of the bottom of the door. Some models have open slots through which you can reach the inside of the glass with a rod and a cleaning cloth. Otherwise, remove the bottom of the door (check with the manufacturer, as doing so could render the warranty invalid). Wrap a paper towel sprayed with cleaner around a thin dowel or straightened coat hanger to clean the area, then repeat with a dry towel. The microwave oven is another appliance that is a magnet for grease and grime. The easiest and fastest way to clean the inside of a microwave is to heat up a cup of water in the oven and allow it to sit so the steam can loosen the grime.

If your dishwasher drains through your garbage disposal, you can clean it effortlessly by switching it on while the hot soapy water is running through, to give it a thorough cleaning.

Sink stains are a common challenge in the kitchen, but the secret weapon to battle stubborn stains on a stainless steel, porcelain or plastic sink is citric acid. The ingredient gives lemonade its tartness and is found in dry lemonade mix (Country Time, Kool-Aid and Tang). Fill up the sink with water, pour in a packet of the mix and allow it to sit overnight. In the morning, the stains will be gone or much easier to remove.

Whether you have wood floors, tile or linoleum in the kitchen, dust accumulates in the corners of the room. The quickest way to get into these corners is to attach is to attach a dryer softener sheet to your mop. The properties in the dryer sheet picks up the dust better than dry mopping (or Swiffering) alone. This trick also stalls the build-up of dust (which necessitates eventual scrubbing).

Use Mr. Clean Eraser in the kitchen

to clean up textured refrigerator handles with a mere swipe or two; to wipe away black scuff marks on linoleum or tile floors; and clean up chrome to a sparkling shine. The erasers can also be used to remove burnt food stains on a glass stove top and clean up any stains on porous porcelain sinks. To save money, try a knock off or store brand magic eraser, as they often work just as well as the real deal for less than half the price.

Bathroom helps: Prevention is the key to cutting cleaning chores, and the bathroom is a great way to practice this strategy. After cleaning grout and tile, rub liquid Turtle Wax car wax on, and polish when dry. It makes the tiles twice as easy to clean next time.

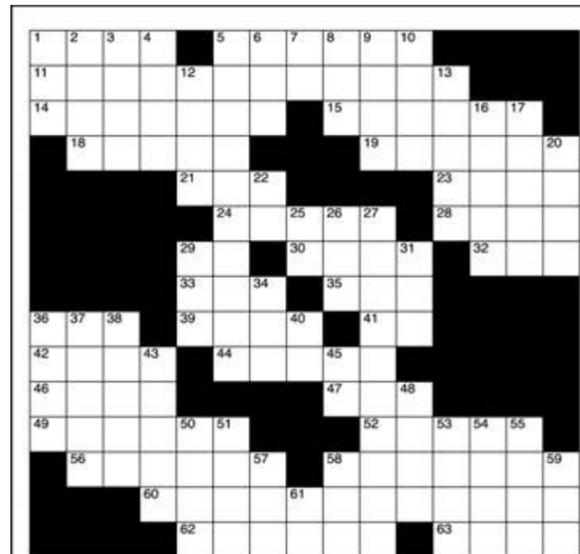
Daily shower cleaner sprays have all but alleviated hard scouring, but the popular commercial products are expensive to use. Thankfully a just-as-effective version can be mixed up for a lot less money. Here's how: Combine together in an empty spray bottle: one cup of white vinegar; one half teaspoon liquid dishwashing soap, and one quarter cup of dishwasher rinse agent (such as Jet Dry). To use, just spray down shower and tub walls after each use.

Around the House: rubbing alcohol does double duty as both a time and money saver. It's an inexpensive cleaner and disinfectant you can use all around the house. In fact, straight alcohol in a spray bottle quickly cleans windows to a streak free shine. It's also an effective disinfectant for counter tops, telephones and other surfaces you want to be germ-free. The alcohol disinfects as good as costly commercial disinfectants, but costs just a fraction of the price. Rubbing alcohol also shines up chrome trim with just a quick rub. If you buy the pine scented version it will leave a pleasant, clean smell behind.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

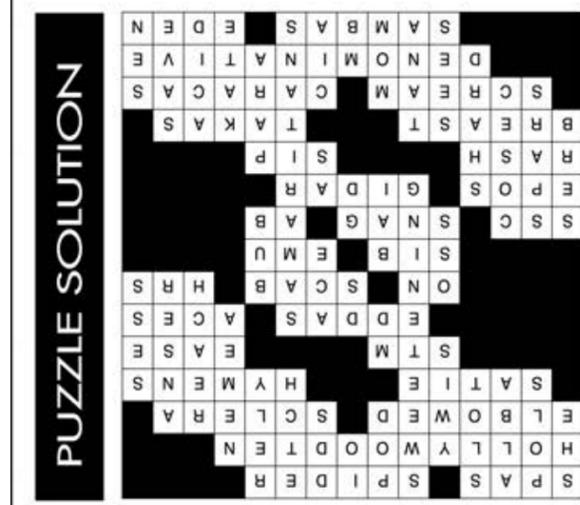


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Relaxing places
- 5. Creepy crawler
- 11. Blacklisted artists
- 14. Fought for position
- 15. Outer layer of the eyeball
- 18. Gymnopedies composer
- 19. Membranes
- 21. Short-term memory
- 23. Comfort
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Breezes through
- 29. In the general surface area
- 30. Replacement worker
- 32. Days have 24 of them (abbr.)
- 33. Bro or sis
- 35. Large, flightless bird
- 36. Future hovercraft
- 39. Complication
- 41. Core muscle
- 42. Electronic point of scale
- 44. Language of Cameroon
- 46. Skin problem
- 47. Slowly drink
- 49. Meaty part of a chicken
- 52. Bangladeshi currency
- 56. Shout
- 58. National capital
- 60. Word derived from a noun
- 62. Dances
- 63. A memorable garden

CLUES DOWN

- 1. The woman
- 2. Leaders
- 3. "Sin City" actress Jessica
- 4. A type of machine
- 5. Enhancing an offer
- 6. Detachable aircraft unit
- 7. Priestess of Hera
- 8. Tooth caregiver
- 9. A way to engrave
- 10. Count on
- 12. Williamson Airfield code
- 13. Ancient Greek city
- 16. Range
- 17. Ancient Roman poet
- 20. Scottish tax
- 22. Doc
- 25. Bad grades
- 26. A great pitcher
- 27. Helpers
- 29. Former CIA
- 31. Guy (slang)
- 34. Actress Ling
- 36. One from the Balkans
- 37. Unofficially boxes
- 38. Mathematical ratio (abbr.)
- 40. Atomic # 64
- 43. Broken glass
- 45. Equally
- 48. Serbian currency
- 50. Envisions
- 51. Source of the Blue Nile
- 53. Leo's acting pal
- 54. Sour
- 55. What relief pitchers do
- 57. Ma
- 58. Spy organization
- 59. Monetary unit
- 61. Megabyte



Upcoming 5K to raise awareness

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

HOLLAND - Participants in an upcoming 5K event will represent different towns, but they are all united by the same mission to end abuse.

Set for Saturday, Oct. 6, the second annual Stop Abuse Today 5K Walk and Run will kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event will begin at 9 a.m. at Holland Elementary School (27 Sturbridge Road). All proceeds will be donated to Stop Abuse Today, a local nonprofit organization that supports victims and raises awareness.

The event is sponsored by the Holland Police Department in association with Team Hoyt. The legendary father-son racing team of Dick and Rick Hoyt will once again be in attendance at the event, and they are thrilled to continue their support for the cause.

"We want to raise awareness for the organization and let people of all ages know that it is here to help them," said Kathy Boyer, a manager with

Team Hoyt who helped promote the event.

Stop Abuse Today has gained significant momentum under the direction of Holland Police Chief Bryan Haughey, who chairs the organization. Haughey was instrumental in helping Stop Abuse Today advance through the steps of registering as a nonprofit organization. The group is also led by several volunteers from Holland, Sturbridge, Wales, and Monson.

Stop Abuse Today focuses on domestic violence, elder abuse and bullying, with an emphasis on supporting victims and educating residents through outreach programs. The organization also helps connect victims with the services they need to begin to heal, in addition to assisting law enforcement with support efforts.

"Many abuse victims suffer emotional and psychological effects as a result of the crime that is committed upon them. Stop Abuse Today, Inc., provides a very important service,

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Leicester Police Department

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
12:12 a.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Road), services rendered; 2:40 a.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 2:50 a.m.: suspicious person (Mill Street), services rendered; 6:14 a.m.: welfare check (Pine Street), services rendered; 7:24 a.m.: investigation (Winslow Avenue), report taken; 8:41 a.m.: suspicious person (Paxton Street), unable to locate; 10:03 a.m.: mutual aid (South Main Street), assisted; 10:38 a.m.: ambulance (Marshall Street), transported; 12:15 p.m.: ambulance (Forest Street), transported; 1:39 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), services rendered; 2:52 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:44 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 3:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:38 p.m.: welfare check (Brown Street), services rendered; 4:58 p.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), transported; 5:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 6:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:14 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 9:37 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
2:25 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), written warning; 2:40 a.m.: ambulance (Folsom Street), no service necessary; 8:43 p.m.: welfare check (Crystal Street), report taken; 9:26 a.m.: investigation (Memorial School Drive), services rendered; 9:52 a.m.: debris in road (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 12:03 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), written warning; 12:47 p.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), message delivered; 2:05 p.m.: animal complaint (South Main Street), services rendered; 2:49 p.m.: suspicious mv (Winslow Avenue), spoken to; 3:21 p.m.: investigation (Fairview Drive), spoken to; 4:31 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), mv towed; 4:57 p.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), spoken to; 5:25 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 5:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 8:13 p.m.: gunshots heard (Main Street), spoken to; 8:58 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:18 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 9:52 p.m.: hazardous condition (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 10:29 p.m.: lost/found (South Main Street), spoken to; 11:57 p.m.: suspicious activity (South Main Street), spoken to.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:16 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 12:21 a.m.: suspicious activity (Mannville Street), services rendered; 1:19 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 1:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:11 a.m.: disturbance (Bottomly Avenue), spoken to; 9:22 a.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), verbal

warning; 10:30 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 12:14 p.m.: assist citizen (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 1:32 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:05 p.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 3:19 p.m.: investigation (McKeon Road, Worcester), services rendered; 4:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Reservoir Street), spoken to; 4:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:14 p.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), services rendered; 5:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 5:39 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 5:52 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), report taken; 5:54 p.m.: lost/found (South Main Street), services rendered; 6:48 p.m.: suspicious activity (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 9:17 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
12:12 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), service rendered; 12:42 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:55 suspicious vehicle (Locust Street), verbal warning; 12:56 a.m.: welfare check, entire incident redacted from police log; 12:57 a.m.: noise complaint (Bottomly Avenue), no service necessary; 3:22 a.m.: suspicious mv (Marshall Court), services rendered; 10:26 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 11:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:48 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 2:11 p.m.: assault (Soojians Drive), unable to locate; 3:29 p.m.: investigation (Tanglewood Road), services rendered; 3:43 p.m.: investigation (Olney Street), services rendered; 4:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), service rendered; 4:24 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 4:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation of mv, report taken; 5:10 p.m.: animal complaint (Clark Street), report taken; 5:31 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), investigated; 5:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 5:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 7:19 p.m.: ATV complaint (Watch Street), gone on arrival; 9:48 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
12:52 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:13 a.m.: suspicious mv (Towtaid Street), spoken to; 1:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:13 a.m.: mv stop (Warren Avenue), services rendered; 9:23 a.m.: investigation (Tower Street, Worcester), services rendered; 11:01 a.m.: investigation (Autumn Lane), report taken; 11:48 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 12:02 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 12:13 a.m.: ambulance (Ingram Road), services rendered; 12:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Lynde Brook Drive), services rendered; 12:22 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 12:45 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 1:02 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:46

p.m.: parking complaint (Gerald Court), services rendered; 3:33 p.m.: parking complaint (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 4:37 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:02 p.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Street), services rendered; 5:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 5:49 p.m.: officer wanted (River Street), services rendered; 8:47 p.m.: assist other agency (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 9:15 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 9:46 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
9:35 a.m.: mutual aid (Rochdale Street, Auburn), transported to hospital; 10:05 a.m.: ambulance (Town Beach Road), transported; 11:16 a.m.: warrant service, arrest (Dale Court), unable to serve; 11:31 a.m.: warrant service, arrest (Huntoon Memorial Highway), unable to serve; 12:19 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:47 p.m.: warrant service, arrest, name and address redacted from police log, juvenile arrest; 1:56 p.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), services rendered; 2:08 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 2:21 p.m.: hanging wires (Baldwin Street), services rendered; 2:38 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:34 p.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), gone on arrival; 4:59 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), written warning; 5:02 p.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:30 p.m.: investigation (Tanglewood Road), services rendered; 5:51 p.m.: ambulance (Siani Road), transported; 7:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Marvin Al Johnson, 57, 73A Manchester Street, #7, Leominster, unlicensed operation, speeding, failure to appear upon recognition, arrest.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
3:54 a.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), mv towed; 7:17 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), referred; 7:32 a.m.: warrant service, arrest (Dale Court), unable to serve; 10:48 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 1:25 p.m.: assist citizen (Chapel Street), referred; 1:45 p.m.: animal complaint (South Main Street), report taken; 1:58 p.m.: ambulance (Washburn Square), transported; 2:15 p.m.: investigation (Deer Pond Road), report taken; 3:29 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken

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Ron's Ride raises fund for charitable fund

BY KIMBERLY MASCHI
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On Sept. 30 the third annual Ron's "I'm Kind of a Big Deal" Ride will begin at the Leicester Primary School and end at the Indian Ranch in Webster.

"This is always a big event," says the Auburn Police Department. "If you have a motorcycle, we can't think of a reason not to be there."

Registration will begin at 9:00am and kickstands are up at 11:00am. The cost is \$20 per person and the cost will include a barbecue luncheon, live band, and raffles. All riders welcome and non-riders are more than welcome to join the event after the ride at the Indian Ranch.

The after the ride celebration will include a pig roast, pulled pork, and the chicken barbecue. The local band to perform is "Undercover" and there are many raffles to win. Some prizes include a grill, Bose speaker, prime rib and lobster package, golfing packages, liquor basket, lottery tree, and more great prizes to draw for. Last year, Ron's Ride brought over 500 motorcycles onto the road for this event.

Again, this year, all proceeds will go to the Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. Charitable Fund 501©3. This ride is "dedicated to honoring Ron's memory by embodying his character through acts of kindness, generosity, and service to our greater community" states the charitable fund on their Facebook page. The Funds website is still under construction but will be found at tarentinocharitablefund.org. Tickets and information are available through the email Ronsride74@hotmail.com.



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Officer Ron Tarentino Jr. Charitable Fund will be benefit from Ron's Ride.

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CLASSROOM CORNER

History in the mirror: Nichols looks at apartheid

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DUDLEY – It's almost a truism to say that understanding the world requires living elsewhere for a while.

But most people who do that don't get to experience events that are truly historic, like Dr. Jeffrey McKee did.

Speaking to a few dozen Nichols College students last week, the Ohio State professor related his decade in South Africa, when he saw the collapse of the brutal apartheid regime while doing field work at one of the most famous locations in anthropology.

He almost didn't go at all. McKee said he originally declined the offer, but saw a Time cover on the anti-apartheid sanctions headlined "If not here, where? If not now, when?" and took that as a personal message to do it. Friends thought he was a little crazy, some thought he'd live in "a mud hut," and when he jokingly told some his gear had to travel by elephant, several believed him.

The reality was far different. McKee lived in one of the country's major cities, Johannesburg, and had a job at its most prestigious university, Witwatersrand, working with Dr. Phillip Tobias, "the leading expert in the world on human evolution in Africa." When he was in the field, McKee was mostly at the famous Taung site, where railroad workers in 1924 accidentally uncovered a 2.8 million year old child's skull, identified the following year by Raymond Dart as the first sample of Australopithecus africanus, one of humanity's ancestors. The Taung Child and various related fossils are now at Witwatersrand.

Getting there proved a minor challenge. At the time, everyone had to carry an identity book everywhere, and its key question was "What is your race?" When he applied, McKee wrote "American," and the South African authorities transcribed that as "white." But he later found the country had nine racial categories including black, white, colored and Indian, and the year he arrived many people were allowed to change their categories – but none went from black to white or vice versa.

To show how arbitrary they were, he showed a photo of four of his co-workers who look the same. Three were legal-

ly "black," but one was "colored." In reality, their distinctions were cultural – two were Tswana, one Zulu and one Ndebele.

"The South African government could have divided things that way," McKee observed. But the fact they did not proved the goal was to distinguish whites from others, he noted.

Ironically, the government did make such distinctions politically, creating a mishmash of tiny black tribal "homelands" (sometimes termed "bantustans") the government claimed were "independent," but no other nation ever formally recognized. McKee said that was the expression of "Grand Apartheid," in which blacks "were pushed out of the rest of South Africa" and forced to live in poor places most Americans have never heard of, including Transkei, Ciskei, Venda and the one Taung is in, Bophuthatswana. The latter, he said, was "the worst land possible, desolate land, and white South Africans thought that was a gift." Its president, like most of the homeland leaders, was notoriously corrupt; "his benevolence pretty much just went to his family."

Afterward, McKee agreed that the South African system looked a lot like our country's way of forcing Natives onto reservations, and he noted a similar kind of conflict can be seen today in places "where Christians attack Muslims or Muslims attack Christians." Others, including President Jimmy Carter, have called present Israeli treatment of the Palestinians a form of apartheid.

Bophuthatswana's people were seriously poor, "uneducated but bright," and mostly unemployed. The nearest village had once worked in a limestone quarry at Taung, but it had closed years before. When McKee arrived, he hired about 40 people to do field work.

He soon found they had an interesting belief system. While they were "basically Christian," they still maintained some ancient practices, including having shamans called sangomas and believing strongly in legends surrounding "the Snake," a creature that dwells in rivers and caves. When annoyed it "would move up and you'd have a tornado or a great big thunderstorm,"

McKee said. "Very strong grown men were deathly afraid of the Snake."

He saw that firsthand. He wanted to explore a cave for fossils and took three men with him. Two of them refused to enter for fear of riling the Snake, and urged him not to. He and the other man did, and on the way back to the village, a major storm developed despite the fact it was the middle of the dry season. The locals attributed it to his entering the cave, and McKee said he could have dismissed it, but accepted their criticism.

That and other acts – sharing his music and theirs, playing soccer with them, and generally treating them with respect – eventually led them to tell him "nobody has ever treated us with as much dignity and respect as you."

At one point, while listening to a Zulu song about killing white people, they said, "Oh, no, Mr. Jeff. You are not a white man." That was the biggest compliment I got there." He's still friends with many of them, and visits them periodically.

Regarding apartheid itself, McKee said it was marked by extensive censorship, particularly of any reference to or photo of Nelson Mandela. Thus, when the government of F.W. deKlerk finally agreed to release Mandela after 27 years in prison, one of the biggest questions was what he'd look like. The major newspaper's headline for that day, Feb. 11, 1990, was a simple "Here he is," and a picture of him with deKlerk on the prison steps.

To get there took a lot of protest, some of which McKee joined. One of them, directed specifically at deKlerk (who was Minister of Education at the time and trying to impose caps on black students at Witwatersrand), involved much of the faculty speaking against the government (which they allowed) followed by a street protest (which they didn't). They faced off against cops in riot gear with guns, and although the school administration had reached a deal with the cops to let them do one more protest song then disperse, the cops started tear-gassing them. In the middle, he and some of the students sent the circling police choppers a rude message using the chairs.

McKee said that experience taught him two lessons: If you're going to a protest facing tear gas, bring cigarettes and a lighter (the smoke helps clear one's lungs of tear gas) and "protests can change minds."

McKee said he thinks that and other protests encouraged deKlerk to release Mandela, and the two later shared the Nobel Peace Prize.

As a permanent resident, McKee was able to vote in the subsequent election that made Mandela president. He and his wife (a South African) stood in line for three hours.

"Everybody was all mixed together



Gus Steeves photo

Prof. Jeffrey McKee

in line, like one great big party," he recalled. Afterward, Mandela's inauguration highlighted the change, with an air force flyover – "After 27 years in prison, he now had the entire military behind him. That meant a lot to South Africans, and now it means a lot to me."

The people had high expectations of what would happen with democracy, but soon found any one man couldn't possibly live up to them. McKee told his friends it'd "take a generation" to see real change "and they were crestfallen;" within six months, Johannesburg "became the crime capital of the world. That's what happens when you build up people's expectations and let them down."

McKee noted subsequent presidents have been inept and/or corrupt, although he said he thinks the current one seems more like Mandela.

McKee ended by noting what he saw as the biggest lesson he took home from South Africa: "There is nothing that can keep the human spirit down. Nothing can break human resiliency as long as they have dignity."

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not only to victims but to the police departments they partner with as well," Haughey said. "It allows us as police officers to provide a better service overall by allowing us access to a network of professionals that we can in turn supply to the victim."

The organization recently teamed up with the Holland Police Department to conduct an elder abuse awareness and prevention seminar, which was held at the senior center in June. The event covered several forms of elder abuse, including the myriad scams seeking to financially exploit seniors.

Looking ahead, Stop Abuse Today plans to hold further training seminars with the police department. Events will focus on RAD training, domestic violence, elder abuse and anti-bullying awareness and education. Moreover, the organization hopes to partner with local school districts to advance the

anti-bullying message.

For organization members, it's important to collaborate with residents and public safety officials in several towns. Each member brings unique experiences to a versatile group.

"Working together as a cohesive group of people from different backgrounds allows us to brainstorm and bring ideas to the table from different points of view," Haughey said. "Our members and partners are made up of people who have the ability and expertise to focus on different aspects of the education, prevention, and service process."

The organization takes part in several fundraising and awareness programs each year. Its annual Walk Against Domestic Violence in Brimfield will take place on Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. on the Town Common. A vigil for victims of domestic violence is being planned for late October, with more details to be released in the coming months.

To learn more about the organization, visit www.stopabusetoday.org.

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NBSB holds successful back to school supply drive



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North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to support our local schools through the Back to School Supply Drive. Shown are bank employees Regional Branch Manager and Consumer Loan Manager Cindy Fountain, Assistant Vice President and Marketing Manager Caitlin O'Connor, Supervisor Jessica Shimansky and Senior Vice President of Human Resources Andrea Healy proudly displaying some of the school supplies donated by generous community members, customers and NBSB employees.

North Brookfield Savings Bank knows it is essential for the children of our communities to get an excellent education. Each and every child, regardless of income or circumstances, deserves the opportunity to be as prepared as possible to receive their education and start the school year off right. This is why North Brookfield Savings Bank proudly continued the popular Back to School Supply Drive at all North Brookfield Savings Bank locations.

All through the month of August, North Brookfield Savings Bank employees, customers and local community members showed their kindness and generosity by making thousands of donations. Donors came to the branches, arms filled with backpacks, lunchboxes, pencils, pencil cases, erasers, colored pencils, markers, pencils sharpeners and notebooks for local elementary school children in need. When the fundraiser came to a close, over 6,000 school supply items were collected to be distributed to the children of local schools.

School supply donations were delivered directly to local elementary schools where the delighted staff divided up the collected supply items and prepared them for children who would benefit from them in the coming first days of school.

"The North Brookfield Savings Bank Back to School Supply Drive fundraiser is a 'feel-good' fundraiser for all involved - both the donors and the receivers. We all want to do what is

best to help the children of our communities have a positive back to school experience that will then help launch them into having an excellent education overall," said Caitlin O'Connor, assistant vice president and marketing manager. "The Bank is so proud to host and donate to this fundraiser and we thank the members of our communities for their ongoing generosity."

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Friday's Child



Felix and Felixiano
Ages: 7 and 9

Hi! Our names are Felix and Felixiano and we care a lot about each other!

Felix and Felixiano are brothers of Caucasian and Hispanic descent. They are very close and play well together. Felix describes himself as a caring, friendly, funny boy who likes karate and is a good sharer. He loves to eat and will try almost anything, including vegetables! Felix identified basketball as his greatest talent and when he grows up he wants to be a teacher or a firefighter. He is communicative, outgoing and likes to ask questions so that he knows what is going on around him. Felix enjoys school, and has a strong desire to learn. He particularly enjoys math.

Felixiano describes himself as a boy who does the right thing and likes to play catch with his friends. Felixiano also enjoys playing basketball, video games, giving hugs, superheroes, cooking and playing outside. His favorite color is red and his favorite food is pancakes. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, he said to be a teenager. Others who know Felixiano say that he is a playful and curious boy who is eager to please, and is both endearing and imaginative. Felixiano is very smart and performs well in school. His teacher reports he is helpful in the classroom and gets along well with the other students.

Legally freed for adoption, Felix and Felixiano can be placed in a home of any constellation, with or without other children. Any prospective family must be open to maintaining relationships with the boys' siblings and biological parents.

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EDITORIAL

The angst of it all

In 1967 there was a rather large party, an after party really, at a large apartment complex in a military town. This was after there had already been a fun evening at a local dance and drink establishment where soldiers and airmen were encouraged to congregate, were charged a small cover charge, but local young women were allowed in without that charge to encourage them to come, an enticement to get those soldiers and fly-boys in the door.

It worked. The place was always jumping.

So back to the story. A few people found themselves at an apartment; with beer and snacks. Not ready to call it a night yet.

There were some willing partnerships, but some weren't quite so willing; and sometimes there was some pressure to be "more willing" than certain people wanted to be.

Depending on who needed a ride home, that could be pretty daunting.

And scary.
 And downright dangerous.

To be real, some of those people weren't even using their names, only nicknames.

We were lucky, the one or two of us who really, really wanted to leave found a way to do so.

It was not the last situation, or even the worst situation women have found themselves in.

Being hugged a little too tightly, kissed a little too knowingly, leered at, innuendos, "teasing" in an unpleasant manner, overbearing and condescending language; even wolf whistles in the street.

Unwanted attention is just that. Unwanted.

It is a frightening experience. And very, very hard to handle at the time it happens.

It is often unexpected, coming without warning from someone we thought we could trust; who had shown no signs of being covertly disdainful of us in the past. But suddenly there is an opportunity and that person becomes someone different.

We not only react badly, both frightened, and unnerved; but wonder what happened. Where did this behavior come from?

The excuse of drinking, or "only teasing" or a myriad of other reasons doesn't hold water.

Yet we are so astonished our first reaction, besides fear and surprise, is to blame ourselves and worry about reactions of others.

It's a woman thing.
 Women will understand.

So the brouhaha over whether something should have been said 40 years ago is valid. Absolutely it is. But we do understand too why something wasn't said.

The first reaction would have been, "But this isn't like him! What the heck, what is going on? Stop it! Get away!"

And then shame, worry, fear, and agonizing over whether or not it really happened (it did), whether you had somehow done something yourself (she didn't), or whether he meant to do it (yes, he did, he just didn't have the courage to do it right when not drinking).

Drunken stupors aside; and age of people involved as well, the right of a woman of any age to be safe in an environment should be a given.

We will give one caveat however to the entire scenario. Why didn't she contact Kavanaugh through private channels, or his lawyers or representatives; or other people involved in this entire procedure to present this and try to quietly present her case? It did not have to be as sensational as it has become. It has indeed been 40 plus years. If Kavanaugh has been free of incidents since that time, it was indeed a one-off and not a pattern of behavior for his entire life, then this investigation could have been one and done. People doing the vetting could be informed as part of the entire process, it would have been informational with ALL the facts.

If in fact he is guilty of many breaches of conduct, this then would have been discovered and then a bigger case made at that time; and most likely be more plausible because the investigation would already be done.

Instead, we have a tempest over the woman's behavior instead of his, and questions over the timing instead of the reality of the incident.

How and to whom the query was made were not well planned. We have to ask whether that was done intentionally to cause the sensationalism or whether someone was just that dumb.

VIEWPOINT

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cohen: now it's football?

To the editor:
 In response to Mr. McRae's letter of 9/7/2018 I would like to address his defense of football.

How exactly is football being destroyed by liberals? Is a game you love being destroyed because not every person involved is saluting and worshipping your flag? Some have rejected your mandatory patriotism? In order to enjoy a game as a spectator do you need to know that every player has submitted to your political whims? Are you aware that the "tradition" of standing for the flag originated in 2009, before which the players stayed in the locker room? In one sense I am sorry you no longer have any interest in watching an American pastime you love. In another sense, I'm glad your intolerance has caused you to lose the football you previously loved.

I'm glad Mr. McRae and his son presumably got a lot out of playing football, presumably without being injured too seriously. There is a lot of value in learning teamwork, overcoming obstacles, persevering through the weather, etc. As a general statement if all participants — players and spectators are having fun then it is all good fun, right? In all sports there is a risk of injury, and in most sports the benefits far outweigh the risks. In football, not so much. It is one of the few sports where the risks outweigh the benefits and as a society we probably should not be encouraging young people to play it.

Chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) is a degenerative brain disease nearly universal in former professional football players. Everybody knows that too many concussions cause permanent brain damage. What everybody doesn't know is that there is no number of concussions that is "safe," "good," or even neutral. Concussions are always bad, always cause damage, and are cumulative. I don't suggest people should live in a bubble — there are many benefits to being active. Football on the other hand is a sport built around contact and tackles. Concussions are part of the game. Even football players who did not have documented concussions show cognitive decline. Permanent brain

injury is part of the game and we now know this. In other sports head injuries are accidental and infrequent. What makes football different is that such injuries are part of the game. The risk of problems with behavioral regulation, apathy, and executive function is simply too high. There are plenty of other sports that burn energy and foster teamwork and comradery without the risk of CTE such as running and cycling that are proven to boost cognitive function.

Now let's say you are not a fan of cognitive function.... There does seem to be a movement to consider those that know things to be out of touch and a deplorable pride movement. What about the joint injuries? How many people have complained about "old football injuries." Is it really worth it to play football in high school only to have a back problem or a knee problem for the rest of your life? These permanent injuries are extremely common. It is beyond me how people could consider these lifelong injuries "worth it" or encourage their kids to do it.

What about watching professional football? I didn't watch football until the Patriots started winning around 2001. I'll admit it can be interesting to watch, and all the fanfare around the NFL these days can make it an autumn Sunday event. I won't put football on, but I will watch it if it is on or I am at a social event structured around a particular game. I'll also admit I feel a little dirty taking entertainment from watching people destroy their brains and bodies for money to fuel an industry that ultimately entertains me. \ I also am concerned that we are glorifying a game which should definitely not be played by kids and probably shouldn't be played for money.

Personally, I think it is time for OSHA to take issue with workplace injuries in the NFL. As a civilized society we need to wind this down. Perhaps NFFL (National Flag Football League)? It is not about "toxic masculinity," It is about having standards for decency in a civilized society.

ESTHER COHEN
 WEST BROOKFIELD

O'Connell:

To the Editor:
 Although the debate over the national policies of the current administration is a valid one, I believe the Spencer New Leader should promote substantive discussion among citizens and candidates for statewide office about solutions to our local issues. Let me provide some examples of the issues that might be areas of focus for information and discussion.

All ages are experiencing the tragedies of opioid addiction. All our politicians, Republican and Democratic, list this as one of the top issues, but I have seen relatively little reporting and even less analysis of the causes and possible cures to this huge issue that affects our area as much as any other place in the state.

Kids have just returned to school, but many are attending school in a town other than their own under the school choice and charter school enrollment programs. Massachusetts voters overwhelmingly defeated the Republican Party's proposed expansion of charter schools as the solution to school improvement through competition. But are people aware of how North Brookfield and Spencer continue to lose millions of dollars in state aid to education because parents have opted to send a large number of kids to other towns? How are these towns to turn around their schools so they function as one of the key cornerstones of community life when their resources are drained by these programs? Correspondingly, some

towns have become overly dependent on school choice revenue to pay for faculty and for capital repairs to their schools. What can our legislators do to promote equity in education and make sure that all districts have the resources they need? Are ever-larger regional schools the future of education in central Massachusetts or should the state provide leadership and new funding?

Much has been made of the anger of voters in some towns of central Massachusetts, but very little has been said about strategies to address the income inequality gap in those towns or about creative ideas for economic development in rural Massachusetts. What ideas do our best thinkers have for addressing these issues?

Massachusetts does poorly by its older population, and older voters constitute a large percentage of central Massachusetts towns. What is the solution to the dearth of services and assisted living facilities in central Massachusetts? What can be done to halt the escalating costs of prescription drugs? How do we combat the social isolation of our older people?

Could the editors of the Spencer New Leader figure out a strategy to invite discussion about one of these key issues in each of the weeks remaining before Election Day in November?

PETER O'CONNELL
 BROOKFIELD

Blais: November election

To the Editor:
 This November election is very important, it will determine who will control the House and the Senate and I am making an effort to encourage many of you Christians to come out of your comfort zone. Some of you are not registered and some of you can't be bothered, you don't believe it is necessary and how important it is, that you can make a difference.

God wants to make some changes and God wants to use president Trump, however, God needs for us to vote and help make that difference, we need to do what we can and should, and God will do the rest.

President Trump needs support and our votes as Republicans or indepen-

dents, we are needed to take over the house/congress and senate so that the president can get the work done he promised the people who elected him president.

If we let the Democrats win in November they will discontinue Capitalism and introduce Socialism and we will lose our freedom, tax breaks and income we are now experiencing.

Come on Christians and President Trump supporters come and join me in November in support of president Trump. It is up to us! God bless America! Watch Fox News!

ROLAND BLAIS
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Understanding risk tolerance is essential for investment success



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To succeed as an investor, you might think you need to know about the economy, interest rates and the fund-

amentals of companies in which you'd like to invest. And all these things are indeed important. But it's most essential to know yourself. Specifically, you need to know how much risk you are willing to tolerate to achieve your goals.

Of course, you've lived with yourself your entire life, so you probably have a pretty good idea of your likes and dislikes and what makes you comfortable or uncomfortable. But investing can be a different story.

Initially, you may believe you have a high tolerance for risk, but if the financial markets drop sharply, and you see that you've sustained some sizable losses (at least on paper — you haven't really "lost" anything until you sell investments for less than what you paid for them), how will you feel? If you find yourself constantly fretting over these losses, perhaps even losing sleep over them, you might realize your risk tolerance is not as high as you thought. In this case, you may need to scale back the part of your portfolio devoted to growth in favor of a more balanced approach.

On the other hand, if you believe yourself to have a low risk tolerance, and you start off investing in a conservative manner, you may indeed minimize short-term losses — but you also might find yourself frustrated over the slow growth of your portfolio. So you may decide that being highly risk-averse carries its own risk — the risk of not making enough progress to achieve your long-term financial goals. To reduce this risk, you may need to tilt your portfolio somewhat toward more growth opportunities.

In short, you may have to invest for a while before you truly understand your response to risk. But even then, don't get too locked in to one approach — because your risk tolerance may evolve over time. When you are first starting out in your career, and for many years after, you are probably investing primarily to accumulate assets for retirement. Consequently, you may need to include a relatively high proportion of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks, in your portfolio. While stock prices will always fluctuate, you will have many years, perhaps decades, to overcome short-term losses, so you can possibly afford to take on a greater risk level in exchange for the potentially higher returns offered by stocks and stock-based investments.

However, things can change once you reach retirement. At this stage of your life, your overall investment focus may shift from accumulation to income. This means you will need to start selling some investments to boost your cash flow — and you won't want to sell when prices are down. (Remember the first rule of investing: "Buy low and sell high.") To help avoid these "fire sales," you may want to adjust your investment mix by adding more income-producing vehicles and reducing your holdings in growth-oriented ones. By doing so, you will be lowering your overall risk level. Keep in mind, though, that even in retirement, you will need some exposure to growth investments to help you stay ahead of inflation.

Become familiar with your own risk tolerance — it can play a big role in your investment decisions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rosenberg: Let's stay on topic

To the Editor:

Mt. Everest levels of condescending arrogance? OLD news, let's move on. I believe I already agreed with Mr. Newton's description - I think you forgot pompous, audacious, and my self-inflated ego. Churlish remarks? Insulting and Mocking? That was kind of the point! I am taking my cues from the President the rubes of this area voted for, perhaps it is the best way to get through to the readers of this publication.

I did not bring up Mr. Newton's graduate degree from WPI, he did presumably to demonstrate he was quite intelligent. In his letter he demonstrated mathematical fallacy, specifically cherry picking and statistically insignificant anecdotes...So fair game, his WPI degree isn't helping guide his thinking or providing context for him in 2018. As far as "math education" vs. "math" degrees, both require a lot of effort and work however they cannot be confused. One degree focuses on new methods of teaching 8th grade math, providing for teacher pay raises, and in Massachusetts is now basically required to get permanent licensure. The other focuses on advanced topics far beyond 8th or 12th grade. In his profession, Mr. Newton had no need for eigenvectors, partial differential equations, fourier analysis, or stochastic calculus. He had a need for a graduate degree designed to fulfill Massachusetts requirements and help him play the pay rubric, had no need for advanced mathematics, so I assume it was a "for educators" degree. I would hope that his graduate education covered basic statistical analysis, gaussian distributions, and histograms.

Regarding intelligence, some people have an uncanny ability to compartmentalize various subjects. Religion is one of the most common examples - there are scores of famous biologists, physicists, and other scientists who seem to build a wall inside their head

to contort themselves into a pretzel to also believe the earth is 6,000 years old. By the same token there are people who may be excellent at solving quadratic equations yet have limited understanding of civics, history, or global context. Human intelligence is not consistent across topics, it is lumpy. That is why we all have subjects we are good at while there may be others we struggle with.

Regarding deplorability, I reference Germany in the 1930's. I am sure there were people who wouldn't hurt a fly but voted for the National Socialist Worker's party considering they won a plurality of seats in the Reichstag. I am sure many of these majority voters also coached youth sports teams and being Germany it was more likely soccer instead of basketball. Superiority in sports was very important to Germany and part of the Aryan ideal. What of the career civil servants who coached youth sports teams but voted for the National Socialist Worker's party? Deplorable.

Let's stay on topic. In my letter of 8/17 I defended Hillary's remarks as accurate, described facts about Spencer that correlate strongly with being a "red town", and I used language which was unflattering to describe both Spencer and Trump voters. In Mr. Newton's 8/24 letter he used his Master's degree to dispute me while being mathematically inaccurate with cherry picking in the same letter. In my letter of 8/31 I counter-punched, added data, and challenged anyone to prove me wrong. Mr. McRae's letter of 9/21 started with name-calling, then sidestepped and changed the topic, as people usually do when their position isn't supported by the facts.

Again, I challenge anyone to look through the archives and prove me wrong.

DAVID ROSENBERG
SPENCER

Har-Yarok: Kavanaugh(R) unfit for SCOTUS

To the Editor:

By the time of publication, I predict Brett Kavanaugh will be confirmed to the Supreme Court of the United States, and if not he will be shortly. This represents the end of non-partisan jurisprudence on the SCOTUS. Instead of referring to him as "Judge Kavanaugh" he should be "Kavanaugh (R) nominee for SCOTUS".

While the country is busy deciding whether or not to believe an allegation of sexual assault from 30 years ago when both he and his accuser were in high school and Trump is viciously attacking his accuser (as if he knew the truth) we should consider a few things. First of all, it probably happened, there is no actual proof, and it isn't terribly relevant to the rest of his career or his fitness as a judge considering how young he was. Shocking, I know, that a local 'moonbat' like me wouldn't be up in arms over this. I feel we should judge the Republican nominee based on his professional career, and based on his career and adult life he should not be confirmed.

Kavanaugh is a Republican party hack and has showed little if any judicial consistency in his career. He has demonstrated no judicial philosophy and has not demonstrated he can be a fair referee even with personal biases, he has demonstrated he is on the Republican team.

Kavanaugh was Ken Starr's deputy during the Clinton independent counsel years. He was heavily criticized for investing federal money into investigating partisan conspiracy theories behind Vince Foster's death. In his one and only case argued to the SCOTUS he asked it to disregard attorney-client privilege in relation to his partisan fishing expedition; he lost 6-3. Kavanaugh was the principal author of the Starr Report which called for the impeachment of Bill Clinton. He described Clinton as being "involved in a conspiracy to obstruct justice," having "disgraced the office," and "lied to the American people."

Kavanaugh worked for the Bush campaign regarding the FL recount. After

George W. Bush became President Kavanaugh was hired into his administration. He was embroiled in a myriad of policy decisions and political disputes translating to the biggest paper trail for any high court nominee in history yet Senate Republicans aren't releasing it all because they claim it is irrelevant. He misled the Senate about his work in the Bush administration during his last confirmation hearing.

Kavanaugh has many disturbing decisions on the U.S. circuit court since 2006. He ruled to strike down Clean Air Act regulations, dissented when the court allowed human rights violations by Exxon to proceed, and he ruled on several cases to strike down net neutrality (when we had it). He has invalidated the 4th Amendment because of the government's "special need to prevent terrorist attacks." He ruled that Gitmo detainees could be held indefinitely and without trial.

Kavanaugh has recently said that Presidents should not be questioned while in office and has suggested that presidents should be immune from criminal investigations and prosecutions as well as personal civil suits until after leaving office. This is an incredible reversal from the Bill Clinton/Ken Starr years and an astonishing concentration of power with the President. His support for a "unitary executive" model of government should concern us all, conservatives included.

Amid the criminal inquiries into Russian interference, campaign finance violations, and crimes ranging from perjury to treason the likelihood that the high court will stand in judgement of the president is extremely high. It is as if Trump is picking his juror and he picked the one who thinks he should be immune.

Kavanaugh has an unusually partisan background for a judge, and unheard of for a SCOTUS nominee. That should be enough to disqualify him for the highest court, with the sexual assault as the cherry on top.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD

Bagg: setting herself up

To the Editor:

Mr. McRae's letter of Sept. 7 suggested that only an out of touch fool would think Trump's 63 million member base would stand for being presided over by Ivanka because she is a "true-believing New York City liberal." I contend that if Ivanka had any ideological or moral compass whatsoever she would have already abandoned this administration and distanced herself from her father. I further contend that only a fool would believe that very much of Trump's 63 million member base is actually conservative.

The Trump effect is a combination of a cult of personality and the politics of grievance. Ivanka is setting herself up now. If DJT avoids impeachment and wins in 2020, Ivanka will likely slowly shift to the spotlight and Trump's 62 million zombies will support her. I imagine there are 1 million or so true un-democratic and un-republican fascists that will reject Ivanka in 2024 and find a fringe third party.

Personally, I am starting to believe that Ivanka in 2024 might be our best way out of this mess. DJT's supporters

continue to support him through thick and thin, regardless of the facts, the things he continues to do and say, and the news as it unfolds. DJT's supporters believe anything and everything against him including election losses to be "fake" and "rigged." DJT's supporters are the ones with the guns. If DJT were to lose both the popular vote and electoral college, declare it rigged, then refuse to concede the election, what next? Civil war? That is what normally happens.... Ivanka is far more palatable than her father, and the zombies will accept her and we can all move on in a 21st century de-facto monarchy led by a hopefully benevolent Ivanka.

Democracies (and Republics) around the world are failing, it isn't just here. I have come to the conclusion that democracy, and republicanism as a form of government is failing and likely dead. Our best path forward as a nation without civil unrest or civil war may be for Ivanka to follow-up DJT in 2024 because she is palatable to most.

FRED BAGG
SPENCER

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participated in more than 40 races, usually competing as the youngest female wheelchair racer. Moreover, she remains the youngest member of the North Jersey Navigators track team based in Bayonne, NJ.

But far more important to Wilson than personal accomplishments is the

hope she imbues within other children. Whenever families see her pink racing chair and a bright smile to go along with it, they are reminded that anything is possible if you work hard and don't give up.

The AbilityFest community festival in Worcester also included a one-mile walk, live music, games for kids of all ages and abilities, food vendors, and several other activities.

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Planet Earth to Humans:
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The formation of Planet Earth took place 4.5 billion years ago

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We humans have existed for about 300,000 years, and human "civilization" only existing for the last 6,000 years.

About 250 years ago, humans created an "Industrial Revolution". Some of these industries, have created deathly, dangerous for humans climate and environmental changes. Given the essentially indisputable evidence of these negative changes, we have made a far too slow response. It seems we humans remain indifferent to our own slow suicide.

During the time Planet Earth has existed, it has survived many cataclysms, including massive climate and environmental changes. As with dinosaurs, many species have come and gone, but Planet Earth remains. Humans may not survive climate change and pollution, but Planet Earth certainly will.

For those who question the scientists warning and conclusions, consider the following evidence.

For a quick answer, use Google to find and read Justin Gallis article "Short Answers to Hard Answers About Climate Change." Over a just a few pages, he provides a complete picture.

For Scientific Evidence use Google to find and read three American Government sites;

climate.nasa.gov - read the Facts and Solutions sections - for example it says

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global temperatures have risen two degrees since 1880 and sea levels 7 inches in the last 100 years.

climate.gov - read the global dash bar readings - for example it says climate warming CO2 emissions have risen nearly 30% in 60 years, compared to rise only 15% in the hundred

years before that globalchange.gov - for an overview of the challenges in our Northeast region. Here are a few quotes from the northeast region 2014 report:

"Heat waves, coastal and river will pose a growing challenge to the region's environmental, social, and economic systems. This will increase the vulnerabilities of the region's residents... Infrastructure (including dams) will be increasingly compromised....Moreover, adaptive capacities...Could be overwhelmed by changing climate" and

"Hurricanes Irene and Sandy demonstrated the region's vulnerability to extreme weather events and the potential for adaptation to reduce impacts... Hurricane Sandy was responsible for approximately 150 deaths and 50-80 billion dollars in damage."

Scientists say that the most important environmental decisions and actions need to take place at the national level. Unfortunately, for decades, American politicians, both Republican and Democrat and their donors, have placed us, our children, and our children's children well beyond mere risk.

Were the situation not terrible enough, the Trump Administration, particularly the Environmental

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DRIVING

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recently earned their driving permits or licenses. According to the CDC, nine people are killed every hour in the U.S. as a result of distracted driving. Moreover, individuals who text and drive are eight times more likely to be involved in a crash.

Approximately 38 percent of teenagers polled across the country admitted to texting behind the wheel, according to the Journal of Adolescent Health. Now that they have gone through the Distractology program, Leicester students understand how important it is to keep their eyes on the road.

"It was a really eye-opening experience. You truly don't realize how little it takes to get into a potentially serious accident," said LHS senior Meghan Joslyn. "It showed me that it really doesn't take much to get distracted enough to crash."

Distractology was one of the first programs in the nation tailored toward young, inexpe-

rienced drivers. Students who take part in the program are 20 percent less likely to be involved in an accident. The program not only demonstrates the danger of texting while driving, but it also shows the risks of other forms of distracted driving like talking on a phone, eating, changing radio channels, or talking with passengers. Even glancing away from the road for a few seconds to look at a social media post or photo can cause hazards.

"Distracted driving problems continue to escalate, so it's critical to do everything we can to educate new drivers on the dangers associated with distractions," said John Donohue, the president of Arbella Insurance Group. "It's our hope that by working with new drivers, educators and parents, we can create a new generation of safe drivers who believe distracted driving is unacceptable."

Each Distractology mobile classroom includes two driving simulators that feature several real-world examples, enabling kids to see how difficult it is to handle distractions while

managing the ever-changing conditions of the road. Even a seemingly empty road can be made instantly hazardous by an animal darting into the lane or debris falling from a vehicle. In situations where there are only a few seconds to react, Distractology creators hope young drivers will have their eyes on the road, not a screen.

"Programs like Distractology are vital to help teenage drivers experience and learn just how difficult driving can be while they're distracted," said LHS counselor Scott Smith. "Rather than putting all of our kids in the auditorium and telling them how dangerous distracted driving can be, they have the opportunity through use of the driving simulators to learn about these dangers firsthand."

The Distractology mobile unit will visit schools throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island this year. After completing the program, students are eligible to enter an online Distractology challenge for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.

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Protection Agency has, foot to the pedal, speeded up this death and destruction process (until recently it was headed by the exceedingly corrupt denizen, Scott Pruitt).

Consider a few examples from the respected National Geographic Magazine's "Running List of How President Trump Is Changing the Environment."

"EPA Plans to Repeal Obama Era Methane Emissions" (perhaps the most deadly emission of all). Current estimates of the USA indicate that air pollution alone cause upwards of 200,000 deaths per year, including 50,000 from vehicle emissions

"Trump Plans to Nullify Federal Rules on Coal Power Plants"

"Trump Announces Plan to Weaken Obama Fuel Economy Rules," and

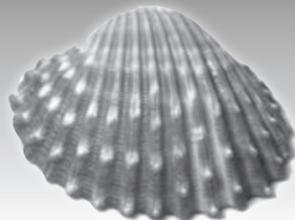
Most outrageous for our hurricane threatened areas, "FEMA expels 'Climate Change' from Strategic Plan"

Planet Earth is basically a mix of solids, liquids and gasses. Most major polluters, with their political enablers such as the Koch brothers, seek to profit from the dirty, messy use of these elements while at the same time, avoiding much of the costs of maintaining a healthy environment we humans.

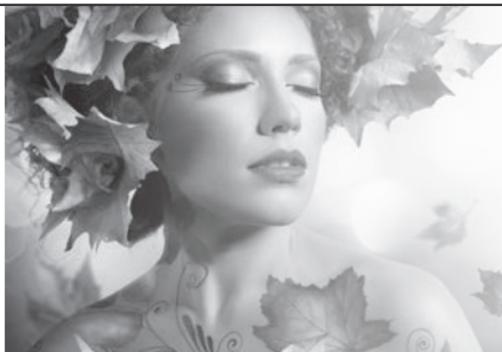
Much evidence of polluters colluding with politicians exists, for example, in the writings of Jane Mayer including "Dark Money."

For polluters, the swamp that is Trump administration and its enablers provides ever expanding profits at the expense of Planet Earth and especially, we humans.

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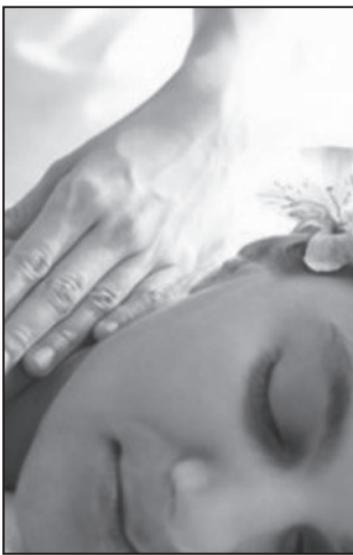


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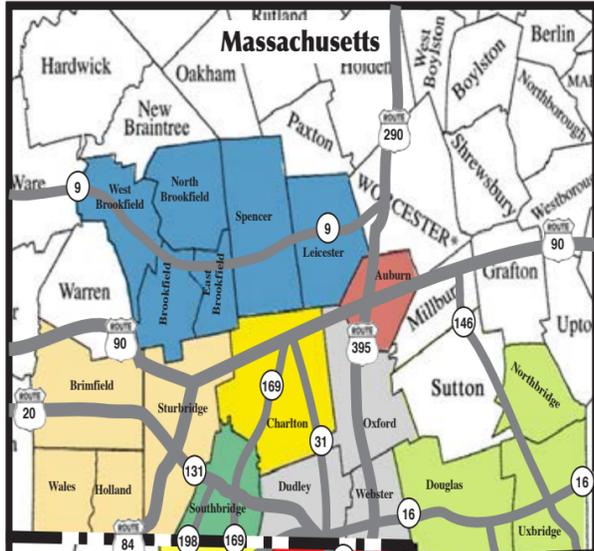
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SPORTS

David Prouty's defense holds true in shutout of Minutemen



David Prouty's Stephen Ceccarini races past Bay Path defender Justin Orrell as he makes his way up the field.

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Geo Martinez of David Prouty comes down with a diving catch in the end zone.



Cam Dubey of David Prouty takes a handoff and looks for a hole in the defense.



David Prouty's Sam Dubois cuts in front of Bay Path's Daniel Keefe to snag an interception.



Jason Fyrberg of David Prouty sacks Bay Path quarterback Michael Keeler.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The David Prouty Regional varsity football team played dominant defense throughout, along with 14 second half points, to complete a 14-0 shutout of Bay Path Regional on Friday, Sept. 21. Both the Panthers and Minutemen are now 2-1 on the season.

With 28 seconds remaining on the clock before halftime hit, Bay Path lined up for a fourth-and-goal play

from the David Prouty five-yard line. Signal-caller Michael Keeler turned to the right and tossed a pass to Tyler Gillespie, who was swarmed by a bunch of Panthers' defenders.

"It was our best shot at it," Bay Path head coach Matt Fall said of scoring against Prouty. "It was a missed assignment and we tried to make the correction at half, we ran the same play after the half and the correction wasn't made and it bit us. What we did good as a team last week we didn't do as a team this week."

David Prouty's defensive stand forced a scoreless tie at halftime and was the positive reinforcement they needed being on the road against a previously undefeated team.

"It was a great momentum swing," expressed head coach Pat Rossi. "It gave our defense a lot of confidence.

We played a different scheme this week based on what they were doing and the guys bought in and were in the right spots. They played true to form and played their assignments the entire night. You can't ask for anything better than that."

To open the second half the Panthers drove down the field methodically — taking over nine minutes of game time — and eventually scored on a 19-yard touchdown strike from Braedon Wood to Geo Martinez. The Panthers were successful on the two-point conversion to make it 8-0 with 1:44 left in the third quarter.

"That was good to chew up a lot of clock," Rossi explained. "We had noticed a couple things they were doing defensively, so we wanted to make a couple adjustments to capitalize on that. We knew if we did that and controlled the third quarter we had a good shot to win this football game."

The Panthers' defense used the momentum gained from their stop to end the second quarter and just smothered the Minutemen's offense in the second half. David Prouty was getting multiple players to the tackle and

brought many different looks to the line of scrimmage with their linebackers, which made it hard for Bay Path to move the ball efficiently.

"They changed up their blitzes," Fall stated. "Their defense is similar to ours, we had an idea it was coming. Their linebackers created a lot of chaos with our offensive line."

On Bay Path's final drive of the game, Keeler launched a ball down the left sideline that was intercepted by David Prouty's Sam Dubois. It not only sealed the win for the Panthers, but was also his second pick of the game. Dubois also was huge on their long scoring drive in the third quarter, catching three passes for 23 yards and two critical first downs on the drive.

"Sammy is special," Rossi praised. "He had two picks today and a couple big completions and it is just week five of him ever playing football. I can't say enough about him, he works hard and is just a great human being. The kids really put a lot of trust in him and he made a lot of great plays for us tonight."

Cam Dubey added a fourth quarter rushing touchdown for the Panthers to account for the 14-0 final score.



Geo Martinez of David Prouty takes on a Bay Path tackler while carrying the ball.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Sam Dubois

The David Prouty football player collected two interceptions — including the game-sealing pick — in the Panthers' 14-0 victory over Bay Path on Friday, Sept. 21. Dubois also hauled in three catches for 23 yards and a pair of first downs on Prouty's first scoring drive.

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Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League Week 20 Results

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Fournier cards ace at Quail Hollow

Edmond Fournier carded his first career hole-in-one on the 182-yard fourth hole with a 6-iron at Quail Hollow. Ron Dulak, Dan Mahue and Derrick Dineen attested the ace.

SPORTS

Shepherd Hill gets past Panthers in close contest, 2-1



Nick Ethier photos

Olivia Pepin of David Prouty makes a move past a Shepherd Hill defender.



David Prouty's Brooke Pepin charges in to steal the ball away.



David Prouty's Kailyn McCue juggles the ball on her stick while maneuvering in open room versus Shepherd Hill.



Abby Cashman of David Prouty sets up the Panthers' goal with a service pass on a penalty corner.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Practice makes perfect. That's certainly what Shepherd Hill Regional head field hockey coach Katie Pellegrini was thinking after the Rams defeated David Prouty Regional, 2-1, for their first win of the season — and the first of Pellegrini's head coaching career at the school, at Eugene R. Hurley Memorial Field on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Shepherd Hill's Abby Karalus broke a 1-1 tie and scored what wound up being the game-winning goal in the 12th minute of the second half. Karalus, a senior, scored off a scramble in front of Panthers' goalie Fiona Halloran.

"Abby was in the right place at the right time," Pellegrini said. "We always talk about how there is a sweet spot right in front of the goalie. We stress that in our shooting drills, having them right there with their stick down ready to go."

The Rams improved to 1-3 with the win while David Pouty fell to 1-2-2 with the loss. Last year Shepherd Hill won the lone meeting between the teams, 6-0.

Brooke Garrepy put Shepherd Hill ahead, 1-0, less than four minutes into the game on a left-to-right shot that slipped just inside the right post of the goal cage.

"We've been working on trying to go around the goalie with our shots and she executed that perfectly," said Pellegrini, who added that jumping out to the early lead was very important for the Rams. "We've struggled in the first 10 minutes of every game and our opponents have scored multiple goals and we've had to fight back from that."

"So, for us, getting that first goal was a complete game-changer," Pellegrini explained. "It boosted our confidence. Then, after they scored to tie the game, 1-1, the girls kept battling, didn't let up and pushed through. I'm very happy with how they responded. They played real well."

David Prouty evened the score in the 12th minute of the first half, on a goal by Brooke Pepin off a penalty corner.

"Abby Cashman sent the corner in and it went to Brooke," Panthers' head coach Cricket Bolduc said. "She had just come into the top of the circle on the left side and she took the shot. She took one step into the circle and drove the ball and it went in just inside the far post."

David Prouty had chances to tie the game in the final 18 minutes, but the Panthers just couldn't put together an offensive effort that would result in a game-tying goal.

"I feel like we should have won. We had a lot of chances," Bolduc said. "We're slim, numbers-wise, and our substitutions, we just can't rely on them yet. They're working hard and they're growing and they're improving, but they're just not there yet. So, it's tough for us when the girls who are playing

run out of gas.

"But, we played hard. We're putting it together. We're passing the ball into open space and our defense, our formation, they're coming together," Bolduc continued. "We played Grafton [Monday, Sept. 17] and beat them, 1-0. That was a sweet win."

Bolduc knows one thing for sure — the David Prouty field hockey program is headed in the right direction.

"I definitely think we have the nucleus to have a good program," Bolduc said. "We lost a lot of kids that went to play at Bay Path, and we lost our seniors off of last year's team, so I wasn't sure when the season started what we were going to have, but boy have they come together."

"I have players that are making great strides and we're working together. And we didn't give up," Bolduc contin-

ued. "We battled. We're disappointed by the loss, but we'll learn from it."

Both goalies performed solidly in net. Halloran finished with six saves while Hailee Cronin-Loggie, Shepherd Hill's guardian of the cage, finished with three saves. The Rams won the battle of penalty corners, taking 12 in the game compared to just three for the Panthers.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Sept. 17
Northbridge 164, Tantasqua 165 — Michael Sosik's 2-over par 37 earned medalist honors as the Warriors' golf team played the Rams, but Northbridge earned the one-stroke victory. Tantasqua is now 3-2 overall and 2-1 in Southern Worcester County League play.

Sept. 19
Leicester 27, Tantasqua 28; Millbury 26, Leicester 33 — A 1-1 day was had by the Wolverines' female cross-country team at a three-mile meet in Sturbridge, as they are now 4-2. Emily Moughan was the race winner, clocking in almost a minute faster than the second place finisher. She has won all three of her races this fall. Leicester's top five runners, in order, were Ellie Hills, Abby Bernabei, Molly Ledbetter and Lianna Jennings.

Leicester boys set impressive times in loss to Millbury, Tantasqua — Despite a pair of defeats in boys' cross-country, the Wolverines improved on a lot of personal bests.

Ryan Butler was the team's top finisher, while Matthew Berube, Seamus O'Connor Justin McLeod and Josh Garcia all had PR's.

Millbury 169, David Prouty 194 — Colin Nosek (40), Fisher Haynes (48), Colin Dube (52) and Gaven Haynes (54) all scored for the Panthers' golf team in a loss to the Woolies. Prouty's total of 194 was the best team score of the season.

Tantasqua 153, Uxbridge 207 — Michael Sosik was the medalist for the Warriors' golf team after carding a 1-under 35 at Hemlock Ridge. Ryan Slade shot a 36 for Tantasqua, who improved to 4-2.

Tantasqua 6, Uxbridge 0 — In a boys' JV soccer contest, the Warriors exploded for six goals in a shutout victory. Ethan Kenyon, Jack Leland, Dominic Murphy, Nate Blaine, Shawn Bradley and Cooper Hurt scored the goals. Tantasqua is now 1-0-1.

Sept. 20
Tantasqua 154, Nipmuc 195 — Using a best four scores of eight for-

mat, the Warriors' golf team cruised to victory at Hemlock Ridge. Michael Sosik (35) and Will Pieczynski (37) led the charge for Tantasqua.

David Prouty 201, Uxbridge 203 — Colin Nosek shot a 39 to become medalist for the victorious Panthers' golf team. Fisher Haynes (47), Colin Dube (57) and Ashton Valley (58) also contributed to Prouty's victory.

Sept. 21
Tantasqua 154, Quaboag 206 — Michael Sosik and Ryan Slade of the Warriors' golf team were co-medalists after carding matching even-par 35's at Quail Hollow to help Tantasqua defeat the Cougars.

Doherty 14, Tantasqua 0 — The Highlanders' Tajon Vassar had a pair of first half rushing touchdowns, and it proved to be enough as the Doherty football team blanked the Warriors.

David Prouty 196, Nipmuc 198 — Thanks to Colin Nosek's 36 (medalist), Fisher Haynes' 48, Adam Gibson's 56 and Ashton Valley's 56, the Panthers' golf team defeated the Warriors.

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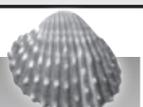
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SPORTS

Big plays help boost Blackstone Valley Tech by Wolverines



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Jack O'Neill of Leicester makes his way into the end zone for a touchdown.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

UPTON — Making big plays and forcing turnovers are two sure-fire ways to ensure success in a high school football game. Against Leicester High on Saturday, Sept. 22, Blackstone Valley Tech used both to score 33 unanswered points and roll to a 40-12 victory over the Wolverines.

The Beavers improved to 2-1 with the win while Leicester dropped to 1-2 with the loss.

The Wolverines jumped out to a 6-0 lead, taking the opening kickoff and driving 62 yards in six plays, junior quarterback Dan Mero hitting classmate Jack O'Neill with a six-yard scoring strike to cap the pos-

session.

Blackstone Valley Tech took a 7-6 lead with 18 seconds left to play in the first quarter, senior Conner Christensen scoring on an 85-yard double reverse, a play that could have ended at the BVT two-yard line with a loss of 13 yards. Instead, Christensen wriggled out a potential tackle by a Leicester defender, darted to his left and raced down the sideline and into the end zone. He then tacked on the extra point.

Leicester re-took the lead on its next possession, 12-7, junior captain Bryce Gosselin scoring on a four-yard run to cap an eight-play, 57-yard drive. Following the touchdown the Wolverines attempted a two-

point conversion, but the rush failed.

On the ensuing kickoff Beavers' freshman Josh Mateo gathered in the ball at his own 10-yard line started to run into the middle of the field before quickly veering right and streaking down the sideline and into the end zone, giving Valley Tech the lead for good, 13-12. Christensen made it 14-12 moments later when he tacked on the second of his four PATs on the day.

After Mateo's return the floodgates opened for the Beavers, who scored on its next three possessions and led, 34-12, at halftime.

"Conner has been a three-year starter for us and he's a senior," Blackstone Valley Tech coach Jim Archibald said of Christensen. "We've been trying to get him the ball and it just hasn't worked out. That was a huge play for us. On the opposite end of the spectrum from Conner is Josh, a freshman who comes in and gives us a big lift by returning that kickoff for a touchdown. Those two big plays swung the momentum for us."

Junior JD Antaya scored the first of his four touchdowns on BVT's next possession, gathering in a 22-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Scott Mackay to help the Beavers extend their lead to 21-12.

On the first play of Leicester's next possession, Mero was intercepted by senior John Warren at the Leicester 45-yard line. Warren returned the interception to the Wolverines' two-yard line and Antaya bulled in from there on the next play, helping to push the Valley Tech lead to 28-12.

The Beavers also scored on their next possession to extend their lead to 34-12 with 1:12 left before intermission, Antaya (12 carries, 74 yards) scoring on a 19-yard run. His fourth TD of the day came in the fourth quarter on a seven-yard run.

"High school football is all about emotion, turnovers and giving up big plays," Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths said. "They ran a double-reverse and we had [Christensen] in the backfield and he ends up with an 85-yard touchdown. We rebound from that, we score, we re-take the lead and then we let them return the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown.



Jeffrey Puchalski of Leicester fights off Blackstone Valley Tech defender Sal Ante as he moves up the field.

"We're suspect defensively," Griffiths continued. "They scored on almost every series they had the ball. We've got to get better defensively and that's on the coaches. They're a good football team. I think we can play with them but in high school football there are ebbs and flows and when you give up the big plays — which are just as bad as a turnover — and turn the ball over, you're not going to win the game."

Lost in BVT's offensive explosion was the play of its defense, which held Leicester to 60 rushing yards and made big plays all over the field.

"Our defense has been our

strength all year; it's been outstanding," Archibald said. "They had us on the ropes early and our guys did a great job getting us back into it. All week we [practiced] what we saw on film of them. We have a few former players on the coaching staff and all week we had them on the scout team.

"We really had a great week of practice," Archibald continued. "We were tough on the kids and today I think it showed; as the game went on it got easier for us. We knew what was coming and we knew where to be. My hat's off to our kids. It was a great, great job by them."



Leicester quarterback Dan Mero zips a pass out to Jeffrey Puchalski.



Leicester's Donald Harrington takes a handoff and follows Devon Gillis downfield.

Strong second half showing boosts Beavers by Bay Path

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — After a pair of defensive breakdowns led to first half goals for the Blackstone Valley Tech and Bay Path Regional boys' varsity soccer teams at George L. Fowler Memorial Field on Monday, Sept. 24, the Beavers played a more inspired second half, scoring a pair of goals.

That effort was enough to get past the Minutemen, 3-1.

"I was definitely a lot happier with the second half — obviously the score, but also I do think that we were controlling a lot more and making better passes. I'm glad that the results showed," said Valley Tech head coach Khalid Al-Haza'.

"They had control of the game in the second half," conceded Bay Path head coach David Martinson. "They were a little quicker than we were. We went a little flat."

The Beavers nearly took the lead in the 45th minute when Steven Makynen hit a 25-yard free kick that ricocheted off the Minutemen's defensive line, which altered the save that was made by keeper Aiden Sabatinelli.

Undeterred, Makynen set up the eventual game-winner two minutes later when he made a left-to-right and up-and-over crossing pass to Grant Van Dyke, who finished the job with a shot back into the opposite lower left-hand corner of the net.

Makynen capped off his stellar second half by drawing a penalty inside the box in the game's final minute. He then booted the PK past Sabatinelli to make the 3-1 final.

"He's my center attack, my senior captain. He's the one kid that I've had since freshman year on varsity," said Al-Haza'.

Makynen started his career as a defender and then moved to midfield and now attack throughout his four



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Tyler Bohenko makes a play on the ball to settle it and send it up the field.

years.

"I'm proud of him," Al-Haza' said. "He plays defense for his club team, but I need him at attack."

Back in the first half, Van Dyke gave his team a 1-0 lead in the 10th minute with his first of two goals. A Bay Path defender couldn't clear the ball out of the box and it scooted over to Van Dyke, who slipped his shot into the far left-hand corner.

Martinson called a timeout just five minutes later to possibly jolt his team and to take an offensive approach upon the game's restart.

"We started flat, so the idea was to get the timeout and try to get them regrouped, and we changed our formation," he explained. "It gave us a little more offensive opportunity."

It worked, as Devin Hanlan scored in the 24th minute to knot the score at 1-1. Hanlan found the ball on his foot when keeper Zachary Brabham (two saves) misplayed a clearing attempt. Hanlan then had an open net to shoot into as the



Joseph Starr of Bay Path sends Devin Hanlan on his way down the sideline with a long pass.

game was tied at halftime.

But BVT's impressive second half improved their record to 4-2. The win was crucial for the Beavers, who have lofty seasonal goals.

"Our first goal this year is we want to win back our league. The last three years, since AMSA's been in our league, they've won it," Al-Haza' said of the Advanced Math and Science Academy, adding that qualifying for the State Vocational and District Tournaments are the team's other goals.

Bay Path, meanwhile, slipped to 4-3-1 as Martinson praised the play of Sabatinelli in net, who finished with 16 saves.

"He did a great job, kept us in the

game," said Martinson.

Martinson hopes that his team can avoid short stretches of flat play as the season reaches its second half.

"That's been the case every game, we have a flat spot," he said. "It's just practice and getting prepared."

The Minutemen have a game against a new opponent — Pioneer Valley of Springfield, to be played after press time — and Tri-County at Homecoming (Saturday, Sept. 29). Martinson wasn't afraid to call those contests must-wins.

"We need the next two, it's not an option. It would be a disappointment if we don't make Districts this year," he concluded.

SPORTS

Late lineup shift doesn't deter Tantasqua in win over pesky Pirates

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — The Tantasqua Regional varsity volleyball team had to make a last-minute substitution in the starting lineup because one of its regulars was not feeling well, but the Warriors showed no ill effects of the change, defeating Oxford High, 3-0, on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Tantasqua, who won the match with set scores of 25-8, 25-13, and 25-8, improved to 3-3 overall and 2-1 in the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) with the win, while Oxford dropped to 0-3 overall and 0-3 in SWCL play with the loss.

"I'm really proud of the whole team because they really adapted today," Warriors' head coach Brittany Sargent said. "One of our middle hitters — Lindsey Zak — was out so I had one of my setters, Addie Ellithorpe, playing middle. Addie, who is normally one of our setters, did a fantastic job."

Despite Zak's absence Tantasqua didn't miss a beat, jumping out to leads of 6-0 and 11-1 in the first set. Morgan Smith, the Warriors' sophomore co-captain, said getting a fast start in matches is important to her and her teammates.

"It's really important because if you start slow then the team chemistry will start to fall and the communication between players really shuts down," said Smith, a middle back who had eight kills in the game. "When you get off to a fast start the team's morale gets a boost, everyone's upbeat and we play better together as the game goes on."

"When you start fast as a team you know you're going to have a good match," Smith continued. "Everybody feels it and you can see that confidence in each other's eyes and body language."

Sargent said that in addition to Smith, other players who performed well against the Pirates included seniors Emily Reyes, Hannah Raymond and Isabel Batchelor, and Ellithorpe, a

junior.

"Emily is one of our setters and she had a lot of great assists. Without her, Morgan wouldn't have been able to put the ball down the way she did. Emily did a really great job setting for us," Sargent said. "Hannah played really great defense; she did a good job covering the floor, and Isabel hit the ball really well. Addie is a great all-around player. She did a great job playing back row. We're a versatile team; we have a lot of versatile players that can play multiple positions."

Sargent said she likes the direction her team is headed this season.

"I feel good where we're at; we're continuing to jell as a team," said Sargent, whose team has also defeated Bartlett High and Doherty High and lost to Nipmuc Regional, Shepherd Hill Regional and Millbury High, despite having taken the Woolies to five sets. "We graduated six seniors last year. At the beginning of the season you're always trying to figure out lineups and I think so far the girls are coming along and doing a great job. I'm excited about the rest of the season."

For Oxford, first-year head coach Emily Boutilette said this season is not about wins and losses.

"We're kind of starting over," said Boutilette, who is also the boys' volleyball coach at Doherty during the spring season. "Previously the girls weren't properly shown certain things on the court. So, I've had to really start over with them, even though some of them have been playing for three years. I have tons of athletes. The girls are amazing; they want to learn. It's just that it's a learning process. What I love about them is that they don't give up in a game. They always hustle; they always go after it."

Last Friday's loss to Grafton High was a perfect example of the Pirates' never-say-die attitude. Oxford lost the first two sets 25-10 and 25-9 but then won the third set 25-20 before losing



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Addie Ellithorpe launches a serve over to Oxford's side of the court.



Emily Reyes of Tantasqua makes a play on the ball to set up a teammate with a pass.



Tantasqua's Isabel Batchelor watches as the ball sails away courtesy a bump pass.

the final set 25-20.

"Instead of rolling over and playing dead after the first two sets the girls ramped it up instead of giving up," Boutilette said. "I'm really proud of them for that."

"They're really trying hard, they really are. I can't ask for more out of them because they're really, really trying," she added. "They've been playing for a while; they just haven't been playing together. The process we're in is playing together and being in the right spots and knowing the switches. These are things they're not used to doing that they have to learn how to do, and then faster, and better."

One goal enough for Uxbridge to top Warriors



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Keira Bergeron tracks down a loose ball.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Scoreless after 55 minutes of play, the Uxbridge High girls' varsity soccer team set up a perfect counterattack to defeat Tantasqua Regional, 1-0, and extend its winning streak to four games.

The Spartans, now 4-1, gained possession of the ball at midfield, connected on a couple of crisp passes until Madeleine Schleinitz gained possession and sent a beautiful through-ball to a streaking Elena Franzosa, who sent a rocket of a shot under the outstretched arms of Tantasqua keeper Caitlyn Mills for the only goal of the contest.

"We are playing very composed," Uxbridge head coach Brian Linnehan said. "I teach a lot of combination and possession and that is what led to our goal. We ran a combination through-ball and we got a ball behind the defense. We have a great striker in Franzosa who scored 23 goals for me last year and she got her sixth today. She can get in

behind defenses on penetrating passes and finish the way she does."

With two minutes left, after a great defensive game by Uxbridge, they gave Tantasqua a huge opportunity to tie the score. Alli Parker ran down a pass inside the box and was tackled by two Uxbridge defenders, which forced a penalty kick attempt.

Regan Jones set up for the prime scoring chance and sent a shot that hit off the crossbar and out of the net, preserving the Spartans' shutout. Aside from the PK attempt, the Spartans' defense didn't allow many other clear Tantasqua offensive chances.

"Yesterday our training session was all defense," informed Linnehan. "We talked about that second defender, that cover defender and our cover defender today put on a clinic, there was someone always there to cover the ball if it came through. We also work a lot on deflections, so if you see a player loading up for a shot you get a foot up to make deflection."

Early on it was clear that the Warriors wanted to play aggressive. Tantasqua was able to force five first half corners, but had nothing to show for it in the scoring column.

The Warriors have struggled putting the ball in the back of the net as of late, as their record slipped to 1-2-2.

"We have to work better in the air and take the ball out of the air, as well as their confidence in shooting," explained Tantasqua head coach Matt Rickson. "They don't want to pull the trigger, they're getting in the right spots but are just hesitant to pull the trigger. They aren't selfish, they are too nice."

Despite the lack of offense, the defensive play for Tantasqua was superb against Uxbridge, which was led by their backup keeper Mills.

"That was our substitute goalie, our starter was ill," stated Rickson. "She did great job and we honored her at the end of the game. She did what she was supposed to do today and did it well. I was very pleased with that."

"The back four did their job, none of their shots were that crazy expect for that great counter attack," added Rickson.



Kate Jones of Tantasqua makes a play on the ball while avoiding a high kick from Uxbridge's Eilish Linnehan.



Tantasqua's Halley Maglerowski kicks the ball out of her team's defensive end while Uxbridge's Elena Franzosa pursues.



Bake-off judges Ronny Remillard and Jessica MacDonald will need a light dinner after sampling several delicious desserts prepared by local seniors.

BAKING CONTEST

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er Christina Webb, the director of marketing at Quaboag Rehabilitation Center.

Several local senior center directors were on hand to represent members who submitted an entry. Judges Ronny Remillard and Jessica MacDonald had a

full plate – literally – in attempting to determine a winner, but the judges were well prepared. Remillard has several years of experience in running his own bakery in Worcester, while MacDonald is always baking at home when she isn't at work serving seniors as director of social services.

After sampling each any-

mous dish, the judges took a few minutes in private to make the difficult decision of choosing first, second, and third place. After careful consideration, a dish prepared by Brimfield Senior Center member Dot Warren was selected as the golden dessert. Warren and her delicious noble apple cake were represented at the bake-off by the activities director at Brimfield Senior Center.

The silver medal dish, a pumpkin delight with a maple cream cheese filling, was entered by Palmer's Cindy Jasak. The bronze entry was a cake presented by Danuta Saladyga, of Ware. After the event, the judges congratulated all seniors on their dishes.

"It was our honor to taste all of them. They were fabulous," MacDonald said.

For bakers and guests alike, it was fun to meet residents of area towns who also enjoy creative desserts that demand second servings. The Quaboag Rehabilitation Center staff was pleased to host a unique event that brought seniors together, and they are hoping to hold additional events that multiple senior centers can take part in.

"I love baking and cooking. It's great to meet others who like it as well," said Kathy Buzzell, a longtime member of the West Brookfield Senior Center.

Though only the top three entrants earned trophies, everyone in attendance felt like a winner after getting to sample the dishes for themselves. Seniors were also able to share recipe ideas and provide helpful ingredient insights.



Courtesy photo.

Staff members from 308 Lakeside present East Brookfield 100th Anniversary Committee members with a check.

FUNDS

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place throughout the year. Donations from residents and business owners will go a long way toward adding new events and broadening programs already planned.

A few of the events currently slated for the 2020 celebration include a reenactment of the signing of the bill that made East Brookfield its own town; the unveiling of an anniversary quilt created by the Lashaway Quilt Guild; a Roaring Twenties dinner dance; and a parade with a variety of marchers and floats.

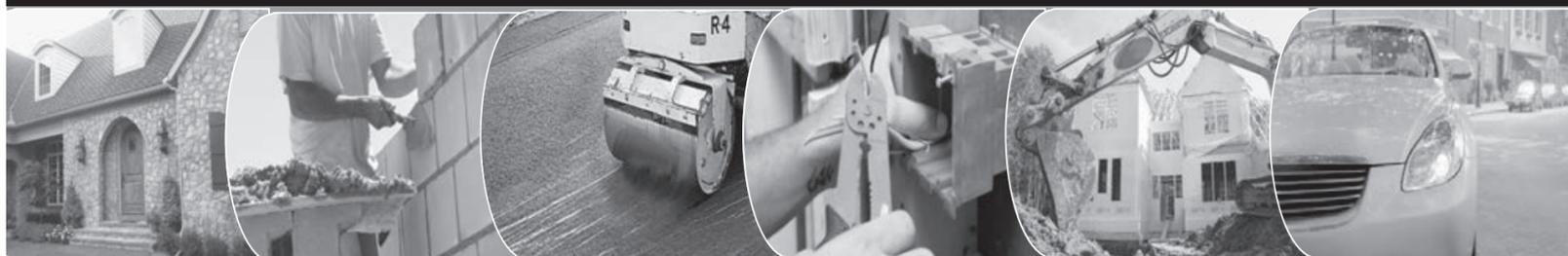
Additionally, a family fun day will feature such activities as tug-of-war, sack races, three-legged races, a movie, and several other offerings. Moreover, a community baseball game will be played using old-time rules as part of the 100th celebration.

For those who want to take a glimpse into the past, historical discussions, tours of local sites, and a cemetery walk will also take place during the yearlong celebration, providing longtime residents and newcomers with a chance to learn more about the town.

With such an extensive schedule of events planned, fundraising will play a key role in paying for the anniversary party. Fundraising efforts began in earnest two years ago, and they will continue through the upcoming year. Trivia Night will return for the second straight year in November to help raise additional funds.

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

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Strutting their stuff on a runway

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Seniors and staff members showed off their style last week, as the North Brookfield Senior Center hosted a fashion show on Sept. 19. The event featured several outfits provided by Dress Barn in Sturbridge. Council on Aging members and community volunteers modeled dozens of fashionable autumn pieces, providing seniors with plenty of ideas for fall fun. Senior center director Diane Nichols thanked Dress Barn and all volunteer models. The event represented the second fashion show held at the senior center, and it once again drew a strong attendance.



Senior Center Director Diane Nichols announces the volunteers.

Kevin Flanders photos.



Ashley Sturges, a program assistant with the Council on Aging, is all smiles.



Bonnie Davis, a customer service assistant at Hannaford's, provides seniors with a few ideas for accessories.



Milca Ayala takes a walk down the senior center runway.



Paula Cummings, the Friends of North Brookfield Council on Aging director, shows off her style.



Volunteer Holly Clark displays a fashionable vest.



Robin Tebo shows her style.



There's nothing like a stylish scarf to help you stay warm during the fall months, as shown by volunteer Helen Foyle.



You can never go wrong with denim, as proven by Council on Aging board member Mary Waytina.

Goodbye Mel; fishing will not be the same



THE GREAT
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This past week my brother Merrill "Mel" True Sr. passed away at the Providence Hospital from numerous complications at the age of 81. He had heart trouble for many years, and when it seemed as though he did not have long to live, a new heart was found after a long wait. The donor of the heart was not revealed, but we were all appreciative of the new heart, and it gave Mel 17 extra years of life, which he enjoyed to the fullest.

When he became well enough to use his boat again he called it Second Chance. His love of fishing and hunting never stopped him from enjoying his favorite pastime with his two sons Jamie and Mel Jr. Mel Jr. left his job a few years ago to pursue his love of fishing, and is now a boat captain in Massachusetts! His boat is named Fishnet Charters, and has become well known on the ocean and on the internet. Mel Jr. often brought along his dad to fish alongside many of the charter fishermen and women, giving him the opportunity to continue fishing. This week's picture shows my brother Mel a few years back with a 40 lb. striper he caught while fishing

with his son Mel Jr.

I also fished alongside of my brother Mel in our younger years when our dad took time off from his job at the Whitin Machine Works to fish for trout on opening day. Fishing Prentice Brook and Johnsons Brook in Whitinsville back in the day did not take long for us to catch our limit of brook trout. We were back home in time for school, but my dad was a bit late for work.

When we got out of school we both grabbed our fishing rods and bicycles & fished both Meadow Pond and Arcade Pond. Our report cards reflected our failure to do our homework, but we could not do both, so fishing took up most of our time. I showed one of my report cards to my granddaughter. A big smile said it all!! If I had it to do all over again I would not change anything. I know my brother would do the same. In our early years, we were a different kind of millionaire with little money, but enjoyed a great childhood growing up in Whitinsville enjoying life.

Catching stringers of yellow perch, blue gills and calico bass, which were brought home for my dad to make fish chowder at least once a month. I have not had a good fish chowder since his passing many years ago.

When we got out of church on Sundays, we quickly grabbed the fishing rods and left the neighborhood to do some fishing, but it was not long before my mother realized that we had gone fishing. My moth-

er was very upset, as a Dutch Deacon of the church would take a walk along the shores of our favorite fishing spots every Sunday after church. God forbid he spotted us and reported our fishing activities to my mother. Our mother would instruct my dad to get in his 1937 Pontiac and try to find us. The poor guy would slowly drive up and down the road at Meadow Pond trying to locate us, but we would stop fishing as he drove by, and he could not see us crouching against the embankment of the pond.

As soon as he went by we started to fish again. Being a good Dutch family back in those days was really tough. There was no fishing, no reading Sunday papers, no movie theaters, etc. Our family was very religious which was not a bad thing, and our parents were trying to do their best to raise us that way.

I will miss my brother's weekly phone calls updating me on the fishing he and his son enjoyed the previous week, and the visits he and I had in my back yard weekly. Rest in peace brother.

A spay and neuter clinic in Boston's Angell Memorial Hospital offers low cost dog & cat services, as well as low cost veterinary care in some cases. There are also low cost pet services at some of the major pet shops in the area. This is a follow up on my recent column about high cost veterinary bills for pet owners which drew a substantial response from our readers. They also offer adop-



Courtesy photo

Mel True Sr. with a 40 pound striper caught while fishing with his son Mel Jr.

tion to responsible residents looking for a pet. Check them out on line for more information and other low cost care for your pet at www.mspca.org/medical-centers/angell-animal-medical-center-boston/

Fishing on the saltwater has been sporadic, but anglers that are putting in their time have had some great fishing. Now that the hurricane threat is over for now, things should get back to normal, although this week's weather forecast had a lot of wind and rain for most of the week.

The early goose hunting in the valley was extremely poor this year, but hopes are high for the start of the second open-

ing day scheduled for Oct. 9, at which time ducks also become fair game. Waterfowl hunters are reporting a significant number of ducks in the area, with many wood ducks and mallards. By the time you read this column, trout stocking by MFW should be underway.

Pheasant hunting opens on Oct. 13 in Massachusetts! More next week!

"Correction" The 200 Sportsmen's Club will hold their chicken & rib barbecue on Oct. 13 and is open to the public starting at 1 p.m.!!!! Plenty of good food there.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!!!

Hay! I see pumpkins!

Yes, we are THAT family. You know the one. With our bigger than necessary comfy sweaters, fleece lined boots that makes our feet sweat (but we don't care), flannel scarves, and pumpkins on the brain. We are the first ones onto that hay wagon and last ones to pick out our pumpkins. We take our time, we examine each of the 700 orange orbs that are in the magnificent patch! We are the family to get totally and completely lost in corn mazes, even the ones made for kids. We are what some may call the Fall Frenzied Family. We line our front steps with pumpkins and gourds. So many, many gourds that you cannot walk up the steps. If you do somehow get up there, good luck finding the door. There are corn stalks and wreaths all over the place. Hay bales and leafy drifts, colorful scarecrows and funky doormats. We love it all and we love fall.

On Sunday, the first official day of fall, I took my family to Monson to visit Westview Farms and bask in the delight of campfire smoke, churning ice cream, and crackling straw beneath my feet.

We finally land in Monson, after driving through the ever-exquisite antique shops along the way. I am happy to report that I did not make my husband stop the car so I could go into every open shop available.

I know, I am proud of myself too.

We parked on the grass and walked towards the farm. Now, I had my children with me so I could not go total fall fanatic. Not yet at least. I had to hold my composure and keep it at a suitable pace because I have to be a good role model and be an adult and blah



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The Maschi family on the hay ride

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blah blah. It was difficult. But thankfully when you have kids you get to go on to all the kids' activities and live your life vicariously through them. It's a perk! A pumpkin patch perk!

I did lose my composure a wee bit, I really wanted to ride the wagon the tractor was pulling, but I wanted to be in the front. You know, where it bounces the most and tosses you around like a ride. So I whisper secretly to my daughter, 'hey Charlotte want to ride up front?' She of course, as a miniature me, obliged and I shrugged my best, 'well if she wants to go up there, I guess I have to go with her' shrug.

Good job Charlotte! When frolicking though fall festivities, like Westview, I have some helpful tips.

First tip, enjoy your visit. The seasons are short and fall is one of the best ones, not too hot, not too cold, goldilocks would say it is just right. So, Enjoy!

Second, goats. Goats are awesome. Don't just go over to the goats and have expectations that they will do backflips or act like that famous goat that goes around flip kicking its friends all over the farm. Stoop down to their level, gaze into those weird looking eyes and really see the goat for what it is. A magnificent fall creature, here to amuse you with its bleats and tiny soft licks at your hands. Bring food for them of course, if you don't, well than don't expect them to stick around.

Third, take home the weirdest gourds and pumpkins. Take the ones that are deformed and dented. Pick up the ones with weird stony bumps all over them because we weird things need attention too. Trust me, people will love your peculiar pumpkin a lot more than some perfectly round boring, grown and aged right pumpkin. Put some pumpkin spice into your décor!

My last tip, wear jeans, I am still picking hay out of places I rather not discuss because I thought yoga pants were okay to wear! Wrong, so very wrong.

If you are a Fall Frenzied Family, like us, then you will appreciate all things autumn. So, go out there and pick those apples, drink that cider, and befriend a goat. Take your time, relax and breathe in that crisp cinnamon air.

The Vote in the Cemetery

In that great time, searching for truth became a revolutionary act.

The barrage of lies and half-truths, the understanding that names and identities and pictures and films could all be faked, could be made to seem real but were not, all of this seemed to make falsehood and truth indistinguishable.

Everyone seemed to have an agenda. Some media in particular had helped this confusion along by mixing opinion and facts, by complacently accepting that all points of view were worth listening to. But this bow to the idea of fairness gave a podium to the hateful and uncaring...those who would re-write history and ignore science.

How did we get here?

He walked into the Veteran's Cemetery slowly, reading the names and dates on each grave site, unconcerned that he did not know each individual, less concerned with where he or she had served, how they had died, what their last words to themselves were as the dark closed in...

And then he saw "Marine, Iwo." He knew that slaughterhouse only from books and films: chaos, terror, shouts, explosions, the decision to move, friends falling with a groan...and all the while knowing that there was no rhyme or reason to who lived or died. You just could not let your buddies down, you could not stop to weep or ponder or say goodbye. If you lived, there would be a lifetime for that.

You were up and off, killing them before they killed you. No matter what anyone said, when your time was up, your time was up. Frightened, but trained, you moved on. Only later would you worry about what you had done in order to survive, what you might have become. And only if there was a "later."

And then the shock, the surprise, body and mind as one, falling, falling hard.

Were there flashes? Her smile in close up, her laughter, the boy standing for the first time, his first step, that slow dance music, the dog rushing to greet him...

Or did the shock and fear and adren-

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aline shroud memories in a blanket of fog?

Row on row of sacrifice: all that someone was or might have been.

Each past, present and future...gone.

Good people were now convinced that democracy had gone

down too, that an oligarchy ruled the country. A rich few had unusual sway over public discourse. Money wrote greed into law. Ambition muted conscience. A smooth corporate voice offered platitudes and false hope and distracted many good people from... what exactly?

These public voices were wrong about so many things: the importance of character; the unimportance of race or gender or religious belief to define citizenship; protecting the vulnerable; looking out for your neighbor; considering the future not just for a few years, but for a few generations; a work ethic that would strive to leave a better place for those that followed; a deep understanding that the courage to do the right thing accumulated in small increments, like confidence.

And those who scoffed at voting, seeing it as a waste of time because the powerful would do as they please? His message to them was simple: the dead had sacrificed everything...but they handed each of us a promissory note that came due Election Day. Vote character. Vote conscience, not party. Mistakes would be made because we are human. But we could not evade our obligation to the sacrifice.

At that moment, he decided that any politician who would scorn this sacrifice was not worthy of consideration. And anyone who supported that scorn, who enabled that disrespect, was unworthy of his vote.

There were excuses on Election Day. Good people were working hard to make ends meet, dealing with personal pain or illness, confronting a sudden life change. But Absentee Ballots were available.

To his fellow citizens who had pondered the sacrifice, he offered a reminder:

Not to vote was to spit on those graves.

LIBRARY

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and Assumption College, but the constant cycle of students graduating and transferring prevented her from forming long-term relationships. At Haston Free Public Library, she will have an opportunity to create those bonds with patrons of all ages.

Thistle and Lamb have already gotten to know several patrons very well, and they look forward to bringing in even more residents.

"This is a really close-knit community, and it's a lot of fun to meet new people and see what their interests are," said Lamb, who previously worked at Paige Memorial Library in Hardwick.

Thistle has been encouraged by the

number of inter-library loans processed through the CW Mars network, which enables guests to request books from libraries throughout the region. Library staff members were also pleased by the summer reading program statistics, and they hope to see increased attendance for children's and adult programs.

The library also recently received financial gifts in memory of a patron, which will fund arts and crafts programs. Looking ahead, the library will create a strategic plan that will likely include community surveys. Based on the results, librarians may decide to add specialized events that are representative of community requests.

"We also want to do more activities with the schools and bring in more intergenerational programs as well," Thistle said.

The library reminds residents of several ongoing programs that have seen increased popularity, including the adult coloring program on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. A knitting group and a monthly young adult book club have also caught the interest of residents, and the library staff is always searching for more members.

Thistle also strives to continue emphasizing the library's role as a community center. Long gone are the days where libraries were dedicated exclusively to books. Whether guests are seeking internet access or would like to print out documents, they can always rely on their local library.

Having worked in IT for 10 years, Thistle is also well-equipped to assist guests with technology-related questions.

"We always want to think about the library as a place where people are coming here for the overall experience," Thistle said. "This is a place for people who care about similar things to come together. If you have questions or need assistance, this is a place where the staff can help you out."

Outside of work, Thistle serves as an organist and choir director at her church; she also enjoys quilting, gardening, and spending time with her three dogs.

Lamb sings at many restaurants and other local venues, and she also enjoys arts and crafts.

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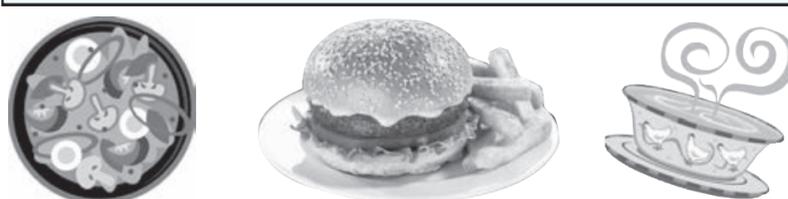
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Bye bye September! Not sure where the month went. Wasn't it just Labor Day? It's just 88 days till Christmas and we all know how quickly that will come. I'm already planning my usual holiday promotions...Tis the Season to Shop Local which starts the week prior to Thanksgiving, and the Holiday Triple Play!

Just one week till deadline for the 2019 **BUSINESS, COMMUNITY & RESTAURANT GUIDE!** It's like advertising 365 days a year in print and online! Call or email me... you'll be glad you did! Still accepting photos for the cover contest! Please send in your local pics and identify where they were taken, to jsma@stonebridgepress.com.

The **7TH ANNUAL WEST BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB HARVEST FESTIVAL** is this weekend, Saturday, September 29 from 10am to 5pm on the West Brookfield Town Common. There will be local musicians, beer/wine tent, food vendors, and arts & crafts vendors. All proceeds benefit local communities and eye research.

Also this weekend is the **22nd ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE at THE PUMPKIN PATCH**, 66 Paxton Road, in Spencer, Saturday September 29 and Sunday, September 30! This year the event will be held in their new Red Shed! Check it out!

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The **WRITE STUFF** will begin on October 26, as I only received a few essays for September. These will be held for October. If you like to write, please consider joining our feature next month or every month! You can write about any topic, and I give suggestions to those who prefer some direction. This is an open writing forum for students and adults! (Of course we reserve the right to edit inappropriate language). In the past, teachers would offer this as a writing assignment to their classes and I would love students to write again and get published! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please send me your photos for the **8th Annual Pet Halloween Costume Contest!** It's running early this year, on October 26. It's free to enter the contest. Business sponsors are also needed. Cost is just \$50 to run a full color ad in 7 Mass papers! Deadline is October 10th! Thanks! Have a great week!

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CALENDAR

Saturday September 29

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: On Saturday, Sept. 29 9:00 A.M.-noon at North Brookfield Transfer Station, a hazardous waste day is planned. Free to Spencer residents with valid transfer station sticker; (Paints-no Latex, Household Chemicals, Pesticides, Solvents); NO Explosives, Oil, or Gasoline. If you have any questions please contact the Office of Utilities & Facilities at 508-885-7515 during normal business hours of 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday.

Monday October 1

STRAUSS TO SPEAK: Jean Strauss (D-East Brookfield), candidate for state representative in the 5th Worcester district will be speaking at a coffee at 10 am on Monday, Oct. 1 at Senior Living at Prouty at 195 Main St. in Spencer. Pumpkin cupcakes, coffee and donuts will be served and slide show images from around the district will be shown. The event is open to the public. For more information about Jean and the campaign, visit her web site at Jean2018.org or email cte@Jean2018.org.

Saturday October 6

TAG SALE at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St. North Brookfield. 9am-2pm. NAME YOUR OWN PRICE. Rain Date: Saturday, Oct. 13th.

Saturday October 13

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 13th! The Friends of the East Brookfield Public Library will be holding their annual Book and Bake Sale on October 13 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. There will be a variety of books, DVDs and audio books for all family members. We will also be offering fresh baked goodies for sale as well raffle tickets for a "Fall Gift Basket". Stop in and browse and stock up from a great selection of material for your winter reading. We'll be set up in the lobby of the Municipal Town Complex at 122 Connie Mack Drive at the library entrance. All proceeds go directly to

the library for programming and supplies. Thank you for your support.

Monday October 15

NEW ID INFO: On Monday, Oct. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer, a program entitled "Real ID: changing laws for US identification necessary for travel and other needs is planned. The public is invited, the event is free and refreshments are served. Call (617) 431-4937 for information or to reserve your place.

Saturday October 20

FALL FAIR: Fall Fair, Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 am to 2 pm at the First Congregational Church, North Brookfield. The fair will feature plants, jewelry, baked goods, homemade items, attic treasurers and a drawing. Lunch will be served and will consist of a number of different soups, assorted sandwiches and apple crisp with ice cream. The public is invited.

Monday October 22

MELODY MAKERS CONCERT: On Monday Oct. 22 at 5:45 p.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer, a program featuring the Melody Makers, with a concert and a sing-along is planned. The public is invited, the event is free and refreshments are served. Call (617) 431-4937 for information or to reserve your place.

Saturday October 27

HALLOWEEN BARKTACULAR On Saturday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Camp Marshall, 92 McCormick Road, Spencer a Halloween event to benefit Second Chance is planned. Indoor and outdoor event activities including costume contest and trick-or-treating for kids and pets, haunted hayrides, pony rides, indoor Kid Zone with carnival games, bouncy castle, Walk 'N Wag pledge raising trail walk with scavenger hunt, doggie games and contests, music, food & craft vendors and other Halloween fun for families and pets. Special featured events include indoor RC racetrack sponsored by Turn4 HobbyTown, guest appearance by the Pike's Adam Webster, CGC certification by 4 Paws Academy and

agility 'Try Its'. FREE ADMISSION! Families and pets are welcome!

HARVEST THYME FAIR: The annual Harvest Thyme craft fair will be held on Oct. 27 at St. John's Church, in East Brookfield. We are currently accepting applications for vendors. The cost is \$25. per table if you apply before Sept. 30. For more information please call Lou Meyerdiereks at 508-885-5456.

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR August 22 through June 28, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

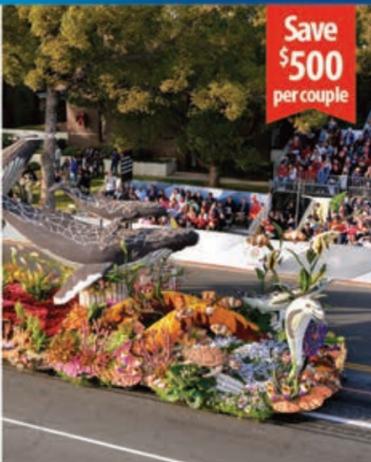
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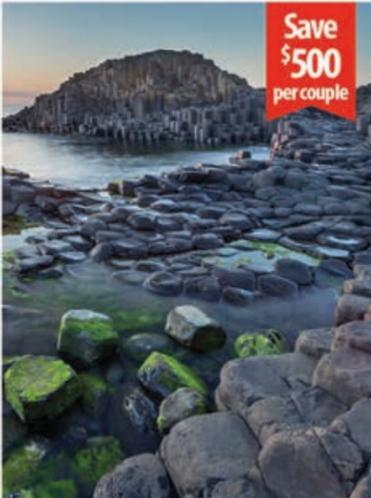
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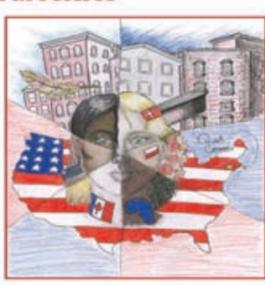
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Albert J. Grudzinskas Jr., 67



OXFORD – Albert J. Grudzinskas Jr., 67, of Charlton Street, died Saturday, September 15, 2018, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Joy M. (Lockwood) Grudzinskas of

Oxford; two children, Jason Ellis and his wife Elaine of Pembroke, and Lisa McGarry of Oxford; two sisters, Julie Grudzinskas of Park Hill, and Christine Mancini of Spencer; four grandchildren, Rilee Ellis, Daniel Ellis, Robert McGarry, and Rachel Torres; two cousins, Cathy Erickson of Barre and Paul Cody of Chatham, and several nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his brother Michael Grudzinskas who died in 2009. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Albert and Eve (Jurgelionis) Grudzinskas, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford 36 years ago. He graduated from St. Peter's High School in Worcester, Northeastern University, and received his Juris Doctorate from Syracuse College of Law.

Mr. Grudzinskas was currently the Assistant Professor of Psychiatry in Law Coordinator in Legal Studies at the University of Massachusetts Department of Psychiatry. In addition, he was also the Director of Mental

Health and Sexually Dangerous Persons Unit for the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. Previously, he worked in the Psychiatry Department at Worcester State University and was in general private practice. He was also the co-author of several mental health text books.

Mr. Grudzinskas was active in Oxford as a member of the Planning Board, Finance Committee, High School Building Committee, and Master Plan Committee. He had a great love for soccer. He was the founder and coach of the Zalgiris soccer team in the Worcester area. He coached Oxford Youth Soccer, Oxford High School soccer, and Nichol's College soccer. He was the assistant coach of the Worcester Wildfire semi-professional soccer team. In addition, he coached the American Indoor Soccer team when they won the International Championship in Lake Placid, NY.

Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005, the American Society of Adolescent Psychiatry, PO Box 3948, Parker, CO 80134, or to the World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20037. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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Della A Tornblom, 66



SPENCER- Della A (Leonardi) Tornblom, 66, died peacefully on the morning of Thursday, September 6, 2018 at Rose Monahan Hospice Residence, Worcester. She was born in Worcester,

the beloved daughter of Mario and Stephania (Jatranski) Leonardi and had lived in Spencer for nearly 40 years.

Della will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 47 years, Jan P. Tornblom; her son, Jason Tornblom and his wife, Angela of Grafton; her daughter, Heather Simmons and her husband, Kyle of Auburn; her sisters, Jeanne Macklin of Colorado, Kathy Whalen and her husband, Paul of West Boylston and Karen Ricketts of Florida; three grandchildren, Brayden, Lennox and Kase Simmons; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, John Leonardi

and her sister, Joan Leonardi.

Della grew up in West Boylston and graduated from West Boylston High School with the class of 1969. She went on to work at Astra Pharmaceutical Co. in Worcester for several years before going on to work in Admissions at WPI. While at Astra she caught the eye of a coworker, Jan Tornblom and it was love at first sight. Della and Jan married in 1971 and lived in Greendale before settling in Spencer. During the 47 years that Della spent at WPI her coworkers and so many of the students became like family to her. She truly had a passion for helping students, consistently going above and beyond to help them establish a happy and healthy college career. Della also enjoyed cooking and caring for her garden, but above all she treasured being with her family.

The Tornblom family would like to extend their most sincere thanks to the staff at the Rose Monahan Hospice Residence for the exceptional care they gave to Della during her stay.

Evelyn M. Phipps, 91



WARREN- Evelyn M. (Brodeur) Phipps, 91, of Carl St., died Thursday, September 20, 2018 in the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

She leaves a step-son, Alan W. Phipps of Conway, NH; a step-daughter, Marcia M. Terry and her husband David A. Terry of Brookfield; 3 grandchildren, David A. Terry, Jr., Douglas Phipps and Jean Phipps; 3 great-grandchildren; her nephew, Marcus Phipps and his wife Michelle of Monson, her cousins in Northampton, and many friends. She was predeceased by her husband of 46 years, Vernon W. Phipps in 2012, a brother, Wilfred Brodeur, Jr. in 2016, and her daughter-in-law, Jean Phipps in 2018. She was born in

Palmer, daughter of the late Wilfred J. and Mary A. (Mulcare) Brodeur, and has lived in Warren for 44 years.

Mrs. Phipps worked as a quality control inspector at the former American Optical Company in Southbridge for 36 years before retiring. She was a long-time member of St. Stanislaus Church in West Warren.

A Funeral Service for Evelyn was held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. A calling hour was held prior to the service from 9 to 10 AM in the funeral home. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery in Warren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Warren Fire Department Ambulance, P.O. Box 608, Warren, MA 01083.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Mary Ellen Grazulis, 76



SPENCER – Mary Ellen (Fellner) Grazulis, 76, of 350 Main Street, died Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at Webster Manor Healthcare in Webster. She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Daniel John Grazulis of Spencer; her son, Paul Grazulis of Stafford, CT; two brothers, Robert Fellner of St. Louis, MO, and David Fellner of East Stroudsburg, PA; four grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. She was born in Belleville, IL, daughter of the late Virgil J. and Eleanore (Rennschidt) Fellner, and lived in Dudley for over 25 years. She graduated from Notre Dame High School in St. Louis, MO, in 1960 and received her bachelor's degree in Art and Music from Notre Dame College in St. Louis, MO, in 1963.

Mrs. Grazulis was a school teacher at

David Prouty High School in Spencer before retirement. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Charlton. At the church, she belonged to the adult and children's choirs, the Mary Martha Guild, and made her Cursillo. In addition, she was a Eucharistic minister and lector at the church. Mrs. Grazulis was a sister of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis, MO, for 25 years before leaving the convent.

A funeral was held on Monday, September 24, 2018, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 12 noon at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial followed at Mary Queen of the Rosary Cemetery in Spencer. Calling hours were Sunday, September 23, 2018, from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, 320 East Ripa Ave., St. Louis, MO 63125. paradisfuneralhome.com

Joyce E. Wennerlof, 74



SPRING HILL, FL- Joyce E. Wennerlof, 74, passed away September 5, 2018. A long time resident of Leicester, Joyce moved to Florida in 2003. She worked as a book keeper for many businesses in Worcester and Leicester. Joyce is survived by her husband, Alan; a

daughter, Susan; four brothers, David, Robert, Ronald, and Paul; two grandchildren, Jamie and Steven; and a great-grandson, Kayden.

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OBITUARIES

Gwendolyn K. Locke, 85



WEST BROOKFIELD - Gwendolyn K. (Demas) Locke, 85, of West Brookfield died on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at Baystate Medical Center with her family by her side.

She leaves her ten children, Anita Bermudez of Ware, Jesse Locke of West Brookfield, Frederick Locke of Bangor, ME, Shari Jones and her husband James, and John Locke and his wife Paula of Lubec, ME, Marla Lyons of Ware, Rebecca Mason and her husband Raymond of West Brookfield, Lisa Gilman and her husband Kenneth of Brookfield, Kerri Tinker of West Brookfield, and Franklin Locke and his wife Amanda of North Port, FL; two sisters, Linda Soboleski and her husband John of Spencer and Carol Lopez and her husband Charles of CA; twenty-eight grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, John

H. Locke in 2004, her brother Jimmy and her sister Bonnie. Gwendolyn was born in Montpelier, VT, daughter of the late Elton F. and Florence E. (Russell) Demas.

Gwendolyn was a homemaker, staying home and caring for the most precious things in life, her ten children. Later in life she became a cook at Phinney's Seaview Restaurant in Lubec, ME for 10 years.

She enjoyed camping at Somerset Airfield in the Green Mountain National Forest near Shaftsbury, VT with her husband and kids. This became a big part of their summers, eventually leading to the purchase of their RV. Gwendolyn also enjoyed dancing, playing cribbage, gardening, crocheting & knitting, and reading.

A Funeral Service for Gwendolyn was held on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 E Main Street, West Brookfield. Calling hours were held from 9:00 to 11:00 AM prior to the service. Burial was in Rural Cemetery in Rutland.

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Robert A. Hartman, 67

WORCESTER: Robert A. Hartman, 67, of Atlas Street, died Saturday, September 15 in UMass Memorial Hospital after an illness.

He leaves his wife Karen L. (Howard) Hartman, a brother Richard P. Hartman and his wife Lisa of Douglas, a sister Elaine I. Hartman of Cherry Valley and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Robert was born in Worcester, son of John and Wanda (Siedleski) Hartman. He was a purchasing agent at Electric Boat in Groton, CT for many years before retiring. He was a Grand Master and a 33 year member of the

Hayden Masonic Lodge, AF & AM in North Brookfield. He was a talented trumpet player and played in several area bands years ago. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and enjoyed reading.

A Memorial service was held Saturday, September 22 at 11:00 AM in MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family in Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester. A calling hour preceded the service from 10:00-11:00 AM.

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Linda L. Buckley, 84



Linda L. (Lehtinen) Buckley, 84, formerly of 30 Pleasant St., died peacefully, Monday, Sept. 24 at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge.

Her husband of 50 years, Thomas E. Buckley, Sr. died in 2000. She leaves her sons; Thomas E. Buckley, Jr. and his wife Linda of Leicester, James R. Buckley and his wife Frances of Auburn, Leon R. Buckley and his wife Terri, and Raymond W. Buckley all of Leicester, John E. Buckley and his fiancée Sharon Lynch of Jacksonville, FL., Francis K. Buckley and his wife Mary of Spencer, and Henry R. Buckley of Ft. Lauderdale, FL., her daughter Cheryl G. Tebo and her husband John of Rochdale, 17 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Haapaja) Lehtinen and lived in

Jacksonville Beach, FL. from 1978 to 1999 before returning to Leicester.

Linda was an accomplished Yahtzee and Monopoly player. She enjoyed her Word Jumbles and crossword puzzles.

The family would like to thank the staffs at Lanessa Extended Care and Harrington Memorial Hospital for their exceptional care of Linda while a patient at both facilities. "God speed, Mom!"

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. A prayer service concluded the visitation at 6 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either the Leicester Library Renovation Fund (www.leicesterlibrary.org), 1 Paxton St., Leicester, MA 01524 or Jeremiah's Inn, 1059 Main St., Worcester, MA. 01603.

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Owen M. Slein, Jr., 90

LEICESTER- Owen M. Slein, Jr., 90, of Marshall St., died Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Knollwood Nursing Home in W.Boylston.

He leaves his brother William F. Slein of Orlando, FL., his longtime friends and caregivers, Seamus and Judith Doherty of Leicester, several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by sisters Bernadine Drapeau in 2015 and Anne Berlo in 2017.

Born in Leicester, the son of Owen M. and Alice (Bolland) Slein he was educated in Leicester schools, later graduated from the old North High School in Worcester in 1946 and served his country with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He began working in the floor finishing business in 1960 and owned and operated Owen Slein Floor Sanding and Refinishing in Leicester until his retirement in 2008.

He was a long-time member of St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish where he was a collector.

His funeral was held on Friday, Sept. 21 from the

MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main St., Leicester. A calling hour preceded the service on Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester or Nazareth Home, Mulberry St., Leicester, 01524.

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Monday— Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty on WG Roll or Pizza

Tuesday— Hamburger on WG Roll, Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty

Wednesday— Assorted Pizza Choices or Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty

Thursday— Hamburger on WG Roll or Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty

Friday— Chicken Patty on WG Roll

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Pear Cups & Mixed Fruit Cups

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Crunchy Beef Tacos
Lettuce, Tomato, Shredded Cheese
Buttery Corn & Pineapple & Craisins

Wednesday, October 3
Ham & Cheese Croissant
Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings
Roasted Carrots, Peach Cups & Strawberry Cups

Thursday, October 4
Chicken Dinner— Roasted Chicken with Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce, Roll & Butter
WG Cookie & Assorted Fruit Choices

Friday, October 5
No School Today
Professional Development Day

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Columbus Day

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Kayem Hot Dog in WG Roll
French Fries, Cucumber Slices
Baked Beans, Fresh Apples & Apple Crisp

Wednesday, October 10
Chicken Stir Fry with Broccoli
Carrots & Pea Pods in a Teriyaki Sauce
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas, Peach Cup & Bananas

Thursday, October 11
Grilled Cheese Sandwich on WG Bread
School Made Vegetable Chicken Soup
Crunchy Carrots
Pear Cups & Cinnamon Applesauce

Friday, October 12
School Made Pizza— Assorted Toppings
Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings
Buttery Corn
Assorted Fruit Choices

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Baked Beans, & Fresh Apples & Pineapple Cups

Tuesday, October 16
Barilla Pasta with or without Meat Sauce
Roasted Green Beans & Caesar Salad
Garlic Bread, Pear Cups & Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, October 17
Chicken Fajita's -Sautéed Peppers & Onions, Salsa
Seasoned Potato Wedges
Buttery Corn, Peach Cups & Strawberry Cups

Thursday, October 18
Shepard's Pie
Roasted Carrots, Roll & Butter
WG Cookie, Fresh Fruit Choices

Friday, October 19
Stuffed Crust Pizza
Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings
Roasted Broccoli & Fruit Choices

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, October 22
Turkey Bacon Melt Sandwich
French Fries, Baked Beans, Pear Cups & Peaches

Tuesday, October 23
Sweet Orange Chicken
Breaded Chicken tossed in a Sweet Orange Sauce
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas, Steamed Corn
Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple Cups

Wednesday, October 24
Breakfast for Lunch
Pancakes & Syrup, Scrambled Eggs
Potato Puffs, Celery & Carrots Sticks
Strawberry Cups & Mixed Fruit Cups

Thursday, October 25
Chicken Alfredo Pasta
Available with or with out Broccoli, Garlic Bread
Roasted Carrots & Applesauce Cups & Fresh Apples

Friday, October 26
WG School Made Pizza - Assorted Toppings
Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings
Roasted Green Beans & Fruit Choices

Monday, October 29
Meatball Grinder w/ Mozzarella Cheese
Roasted Green Beans
Caesar Salad & Fresh Apple & Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, October 30
BBQ Rib Sandwich on WG Roll
French Fries & Ketchup
Cole Slaw, Peach Cup & Applesauce Cup

Wednesday, October 31
Chicken Tenders w/ Assorted Sauces
Mashed Potatoes
Corn, Pear Cup & Strawberry Cup
Halloween Cookie

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Wendy Harmon, Cafeteria Manager
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Popcorn Chicken Crispy Breaded popcorn Chicken Bites Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Pear Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Meatball Grinder Italian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce on a WG Roll French Fries & Ketchup Cucumber Slices Fresh Apples Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Tacos Seasoned Beef with Crunchy Taco Shells Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese Salsa & Sour Cream Buttery Corn Peach Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	School Made Pizza Cheese & Pepperoni Caesar Salad Steamed Carrots Assorted Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	No School Teacher's Professional Development Day
Monday, October 8	Tuesday, October 9	Wednesday, October 10	Thursday, October 11	Friday, October 12
No School Columbus Day	Build a Burger Hamburger on a WG Roll Condiments Lettuce & Tomato Baked Beans French Fries Pear Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Toasty Croissants Ham & Cheese on a WG Croissant Lettuce & Tomato Steamed Carrots Apples Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Barilla Pasta served with Or without Meat sauce Tossed Romaine Salad & Assorted Dressings Peach Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Stuffed Crust Pizza WG pizza with a cheese filled crust Crisp Steamed Corn Buttery Green Beans Assorted Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly

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Pear Cups

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Chicken Alfredo Pasta
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Friday, October 26
WG School Made Pizza - Assorted Toppings
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Roasted Green Beans & Fruit

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Meatball Grinder w/ Mozzarella Cheese
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BBQ Rib Sandwich on WG Roll
French Fries & Ketchup
Cole Slaw & Peach Cup

Wednesday, October 31
Chicken Tenders w/ Assorted Sauces
Mashed Potatoes
Corn & Pear Cup
Halloween Cookie

Leicester Middle School
Valerie Thompson, Cafeteria Manager
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HEY, KIDS! JOIN US FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK OCTOBER 15-19

Monday, October 15	Tuesday, October 16	Wednesday, October 17	Thursday, October 18	Friday, October 19
Crispy Chicken Sandwich Breaded Chicken Breast on a WG Roll Lettuce & Tomato Baked Beans Pear Cups	Breakfast for Lunch WG Pancakes & Syrup Scrambled Eggs Potato Puffs Cucumber Slices Strawberry Cups	Macaroni & Cheese Elbow Pasta mixed with Land O Lakes Cheese Sauce Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Roasted Carrots Mixed Fruit Cups	Deli Day Turkey & Cheese Grinder Lettuce & Tomatoes French Fries Craisins	School Made Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Buttery Corn Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fruit Choices
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What's on YOUR plate?

Monday, October 22	Tuesday, October 23	Wednesday, October 24	Thursday, October 25	Friday, October 26
Hot Dog Kayem Hot Dog in a WG Roll Smile Fries Steamed Carrots Pear Cup	Chicken Tenders Tyson Breaded Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Buttery Peas Applesauce Cups	Chicken Alfredo Barilla Pasta & Chicken tossed with Land o Lakes Italian Sauce Steamed Broccoli Buttery Carrots Fresh Apple	Build a Burger Hamburger on a WG Roll Condiments Lettuce & Tomato French Fries Peach Cups	Pizza Day Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Assorted Dressings Green Beans Assorted Fruit Choices
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Can you solve the Amazing Maze o' Maize?

Another name for corn is "maize," and although this may not be the biggest maize maze in the world, it's still FUN! Can you find your way to the delicious ear of corn in the center?

Monday, October 29	Tuesday, October 30	Wednesday, October 31
Deli Day Ham & Cheese Grinder Lettuce & Tomato Potato Wedges Condiments Peach Cup	Spaghetti & Meatballs WG Pasta with Meatballs in a Marinara Sauce Green Beans Strawberry Cup	Chicken Nuggets All White Meat Chicken Chunks w/ Assorted Sauces French Fries Buttery Carrots Fruit Choices Halloween Cookie
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Leicester Primary & Memorial School Menu
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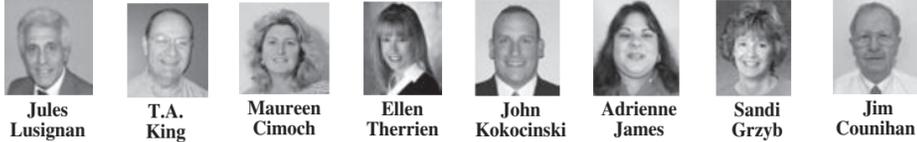
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THOMPSON - Quaddick Lake! 52 Breaults Landing! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Level Lot/Lawn to the Water - .88 Acres! Open Floor Plan! 4/5 Room Ranch! 2 Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Applianced & Furnished! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Round! LP Gas Heat & HW! Generator! **\$229,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

DOUGLAS - Charles Condominiums! 5 Rm Townhouse! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Country Living! Freshly Painted Interior! Liv Rm w/ Private Deck! Hrdw! Applianced Kit w/ Custom Counters! Spacious Din Area! Large Bedrooms! Updated Baths, Full w/ Dressing Area! Finished Walk-out Lower Level to Patio! C/Air! Easy Access! **\$189,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER - 175TH AVE! 3 Fam! 4/4 Rm! 2/2 Bdrms! Each w/ Spacious KIt, & Liv Rm! Full Baths! 1st & 2nd Flr Units Remodeled, Rented in V/Good Cond! 3rd Flr Vacate, Needs Cosmetics! Washer/Dryer Hookups Each Unit! C/Breakers & Landlord Meet! Separate Gas Heat & Water Heaters! Newer Roof! Nice Yard! Shed! **\$249,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

AUBURN - 9 Lorna Dr! 2880 Split Entry! Applianced Oak Eat-in Kit w/ Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/ Hardw! Sun Rm Cathedral Frpk Cathedral Liv Rm! Den or Din Rm! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/ Master Bath! 2 Add Bdrms! 3 Baths Total! C/Air! LL Fam Rm! Garages! Irrigation! Shed! **\$349,900.00**

SOLD

DUDLEY - 13 Pine Hill Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tile Foyer! Kit w/ Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath! Full Bath! Master Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/ Gas Frpk! Patio! Fire Pit! Rm! 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**

SOLD

DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Car-decked! Hardw! Through-out! Open Liv Rm, Kit, & Din Area! SS Applianced Granite Kit w/ Sl! Slender to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/ Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/ 2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**

NEW LISTING

SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! Expandable 9 Rm, 2,156' Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/ Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/ Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Fir! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/ LP Gas Frpk, Recent Wood Fir & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Half Bath! 2nd Flr w/ 3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/ Fantastic Lake Views, Frpk, French Dr to Deck, Dressing Office Area & Full Bath w/ Whirlpool Tub! 2nd Full Bath of the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/ Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! **\$559,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER - 14 Elaine St! 6 Rm Ranch! Level Tree Studded 12,023' Lot! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Bay Window Liv Rm w/ Hardw! Lower Level Knotty Pine Plym! Large Attached Garage! Large Deck! Detached Garage! Updated Electrical! Town Services! **\$199,900.00**

NEW LISTING

SHERWSBURY - 747 Grafton St! 8 Rm Cape! 3 Acres off Route 20! Great Business Location! House Needs Total Rehab! 1st Flr Consists of Eat-in Kit w/ Built-in Hutch! Large Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/ Closet! Office! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Has 4 Bdrms w/ Closets! Vinyl Windows! **\$198,500.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Point Rd! Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond! Panoramic Views! Conservation Approved! Build Your Dream! 100' x 50' of Shoreline! 53' x 47' Frontage! Land Area 8,147' Town Services Available! 2 Docks! Lots on Webster Lake a Rarity, Don't Let This Slip by without Your Consideration! **\$199,900.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER LAKE - 812 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse! Lake Facing! Recently Applianced Galley Kit! Frpk! Liv Rm w/ SS! Smart TV & Hardw! Master Bath w/ Recent Styling! 2.5 Baths w/ Recent Vanities & New Toilets! 2013 AC & Heat! Garage! Great Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$284,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/ Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, AC'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/ Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/awning! Lake Facing! Liv Rm w/ Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frpk! Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 210 Beacon Park! 5 Rm, 1,100' Corner Garden Unit! Applianced Kitchen! Dining Room! Spacious Living Room! 2 Bedrooms! Master Bedroom with Master Bath! 1.5 Bathrooms! Tile Floors! Through-out! C/Air! Garage! Gazebol! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$239,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Yr Round! Great Potential! 4 Bdrms w/ Hrdwds, 2 Lake Facing! Frpk! Liv Rm w/ Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 5 1/2' of Sandy Beach! **\$475,000.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunsets! 1,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Bath! 2015! Like New! Open Flr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/ Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frpk! Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Dining Area w/ Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/ Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/ 2 Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/ Slider to Deck, Hard Center Island w/ custom Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bthrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/ Hrdwds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/ Hrdwds & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath! Get! Granite Vanity & Tile! Fr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x30' 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! **\$789,900.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER LAKE - 810 Beacon Park! 5 Rms, 1,100' Garden Unit! Fantastic Lake Views! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths! Brand New Heat & AC Unit! Appliances! Din Rm w/ Bay Window! Large Covered Patio & Manicured Courtyard! Garage! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! Best Seat for July 4th Fireworks! **\$259,900.00**

NEW PRICE

WEBSTER LAKE - 100 Union Point Rd! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! 11 Rooms! 2,300' Recently Renovated! Hardwood Floors! 5 Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Expansive Deck! Garage! Extra Lot! Parking Across Street! Still In Time for Summer! **\$629,000.00**

SOLD

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

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MILLBURY - WATERFRONT! Ramshorn Lake! 51 Davis Rd! Beautifully Landscaped & Private 1.22 Acres with 500' On the Water! One of Ramshorn's Premier Properties "Royledge"! Sprawling 3,117' French Country Villa with Panoramic Water Views from this Perfect Peninsula! Ideal for Entertaining! Stonewalled Gate Entry, Long Private Driveway to its Stately Appearance! Sprawling Stone & Slate 6+ Room Masterpiece! Light Abounds Throughout! Cathedral & Tray Ceilings with Skylights! Unique Country Kitchen! Formal Dining Room! Fireplace Great Room! Lake Facing Spacious Master Suite with Everything You'd Expect! 3 Comfortable Bedrooms! 3 Full Bathrooms! Central Air! Garages - 2 Car Detached & 1 Car Detached! Reward Yourself! **\$999,000.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874' Hrdwd Floors! Applianced Granite Kit! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/ Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 3 Baths! Frpk! Din Rm! C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$334,900.00**

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WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN

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THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD

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

THOMPSON, CT - 653 QUINEBAUG RD

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

PUTNAM, CT - 310 WALNUT ST

NEW PRICE! Simply Move In & Enjoy! Spacious 1,868 SF, 3-4 BR! Ranch Home! Finished Lower Level & 2 Car Garage Under. Park-like 3 Acres - parcel w/ 250' of road frontage! Quality built & meticulously maintained home! Cantaria counters, updated appliances, ceramic tiled floors, and Center Island w/ custom lighting and a ceiling pot rack. Formal Living room, bow window! fireplace w/ gas insert. Fully heated 4 season sun room! Entertain your guests in the private 20x16 3 season room! Finished lower level cozy family room w/ fireplace! Central air conditioning, wiring for a generator, 2 outbuildings! **\$289,900.**

WEBSTER - 36 WEST AVE

First Time Offered! This Great 1960 Custom Built Cape is a WALK-OUT! Lower level ready for 50 Yrs by the Sun! Family Rm, Spacious Rooms include 4 Bds, 2 1/2 Baths, 2 Full Kitchens, Dining Rm, 2 Lightly Used, Gorgeous Formal Living Rm w/ Fireplace & Lovely Front Entry Hall, Plus Delightful 3 Season Enclosed Patio Rooms w/ SS & Terra Cotta Tile Flrs & Windows! Great This FINE HOME offers an amazing 3,225 SF +/- of FR - 1,815 SF +/- FR - 548 SF +/- - 1,060 SF +/- finished finished living great! The main flr is to have everything you could possibly need for outstanding ONE LEVEL LIVING w/ 2 Bdrms (including Master BR) & Full Bath. Around the beautiful open 2nd flr staircase to discover 2 huge BRs & full of the bath! All BRs have hardwood floors! This is potential for a dynamic low-maintenance kitchen, family living rm, full bath, close to school & means of access. This home offers a new opportunity to own a great home! **\$299,000**

THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE

New Listing! Roomy 1300 sq. ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 3x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, fireplace living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on 87 +/- acre! **\$275,000.**

PUTNAM, CT - 10 KNOLLWOOD LN

NEW LISTING! Spacious Townhouse! 2 Large Bedrooms w/ plenty of closet space, 1-1/2 Baths, Open Floor Plan, Appliances Packed Kitchen with Breakfast Bar & Pantry Closet, Living Room with Sliders to Private Deck, 1 Car Garage Under, Basement for Laundry/ storage. Convenient Location, near Interstate 395! Fabulous area amenities like restaurants, shopping, walking trails along the river, community events, and recreation! **NEW PRICE \$129,900.**

WEBSTER - 7 ARKWRIGHT RD

First Time Offered! Beautiful & Spacious 1600 +/- SF 3BR! Ranch! Freshly painted! Kitchen and Bath. Large Formal Living Rm w/ lighter bay window. Great RM w/ cathedral ceilings, fireplace, ceiling fan, & skylights! 3 BRs. Whole house fan. Private back yard, & in-ground pool! 10' x 12' - 3 season porch! Patio w/outdoor fireplace. Room in basement served as a large workshop. 15' x 20' Carport & 2 storage sheds! **\$248,800.**

WOODSTOCK, CT - 606 PROSPECT ST

FIRST TIME OFFERED! Pristine Colonial on 2.54 Acre! Picturesque Setting! Magazine Quality Decor! Arched Openings, Balcony, Bonus Room above Garage! 9 rooms, 3 Bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, Teen Suite - Media Room - Game Room - Craft Room! Brick Patio with Attached Fire Pit! *2011 Updates: Roof, Furnace & Re-pointed Chimney! All This and More is Waiting for YOU **NEW PRICE \$399,000.**

DUDLEY - 32 DUDLEY HILL RD

Expanded Cape! 3 bedroom 1.5 bath located in beautiful Dudley Town Water & Sewer! A Little TLC will go far to making this your forever home. Extra large perennial packed park like yard is sure to help soothe and relax you **NEW PRICE \$219,900**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD

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WEBSTER LAKE - 93 BIRCH ISLAND RD

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New listing! 2 Family on Webster lake middle pond waterfront! Rare Opportunity! Great for the investor or home owner looking for additional income. Views with a sandy shoreline! First floor has one bedroom - second floor is 2 bedrooms. Each unit has its own washer/dryer hook ups. Quick access to 1-95! Walkout basement & storage area. Paver patio! Taxes \$424.74.

WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR

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WOODSTOCK Charming Cape style home on a quiet country rd. This home offers a first floor bedroom & office, living room with cathedral ceilings and fireplace, large eat in kitchen and first floor laundry. Two more bedrooms & 2nd full bath are located on the second floor. There is a family room with walk out on the lower level that includes a large workshop off the garage, all on 2 acres! This home is located less than a mile from the Woodstock Town Beach to easily enjoy through the seasons. **\$249,000**

KILLINGLY This completely renovated Bungalow style home is sitting on a great city lot with a spacious fenced backyard for gardening and close to downtown & all amenities. Two bedrooms, 1 bath home features a kitchen with new appliances, counters, lighting & flooring. The heated second floor walk-up attic has been recently remodeled and makes great additional living space. The three season front porch is a great addition along with the rear entrance/mudroom off to the back deck. There is a large 1+ car garage also! Live here & own for cheaper than you can rent! **\$152,500**

THOMPSON A great mixture of new and old greet you in this 1920's vintage gambrel colonial with 1990's style addition. Located just off historic Thompson Hill, this home offers 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths, one of which is located in the master suite. There is a formal living room in the main section while the newer addition hosts a 600 sqft family room with fireplace and wet bar. The kitchen has solid oak cabinets, Corian countertops, and double corner sinks. There are numerous nooks and crannies for reading, sewing or play. Sitting on almost 1/2 acre, the graciously manicured grounds also provide a potting shed as well as a 1 car garage with attached workshop. **\$295,000**

WOODSTOCK A unique Ranch style home sitting on 1.27 acres. Large kitchen opens to a dining room with wide pine floors and a living room with vaulted ceilings and a newer pellet stove. 3 bdrms, 2 full baths with the master suite featuring double sinks. The lower level is just about completely finished with a bar, another possibly bdrm, and a family room. The commercially zoned barn is over 3,500 sq. ft. on 2 floors of commercial space with heating system that could easily be hooked up along with plumbing for a potential bathroom. Currently heated with pellet stove. The town of Woodstock is limiting commercially zoned properties in the town so do not miss this opportunity to live and work on one property! **\$339,900**

KILLINGLY You must see this 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch that sits nicely on 29 of an acre in a quiet neighborhood to believe that it has to offer. Hardwood floors throughout most of the home, attached garage, central air conditioning are just a few of the nice features here. The kitchen is large and sunny with loads of storage. The patio overlooks a private and bany with loads of storage. The solar panels that have been recently installed. Priced at only **\$179,900** this home won't last for long. Call today for your private viewing.

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Southbridge: SPECTACULAR CONDO! Over 1000SF of living area which includes 5 rooms 2 bedrooms 2 baths including master bath. New kitchen has granite, glass backsplash, new sink and SS appliances. Balcony overlooks acres of woods! (Nothing to be done! Truly picture perfect! Low Condo Fee of \$220. Asking **\$119,900.**

Southbridge: PRISTINE CONDITION! All beautifully remodeled! 6 rooms 3 bedroom 2 1/2 baths! Master bathroom is stunning! Open Spacious eat in kitchen w/under counter lighting, recessed lighting, all updated. Livingroom gas fireplace, gleaming hardwood floors, with French doors opening out to private patio to inground pool. Wait till you view the lower level!! **\$275,000.**

Sturbridge: Sought After Mobile Home in Sturbridge Retirement Community. 4 rooms 2 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths Appliances stay. Private location due to being at the end of a dead end street. Move right in! Nice! Shed. Enclosed back porch locking into woods. **\$65,000 plus \$25,000 park share.**

Southbridge: Beautifully renovated Split Level Ranch on almost 1/2 acre lot! 6 rooms 3 bedrooms 2 baths. Living room has fireplace and picture window. Cabinet packed kitchen with new SS appliances, new counters with peninsula. Dining room has sliders to brand new deck. Lower level has huge family room with pellet stove, full bath wishower, laundry and 2 car garage. **\$259,900.**

Southbridge: Desirable Townhouse at Riverview Place! Beautiful 5 room 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Condo. Pride of Ownership shines throughout! Sunken living room with cathedral ceilings and wood stove. Sliders to private deck. Spacious sliders bedroom w/cathedral ceilings & large closet. Washer & Dryer hook up on second floor. Complex has in ground pool. Complex set in country location surrounded by trees. **\$115,000.**

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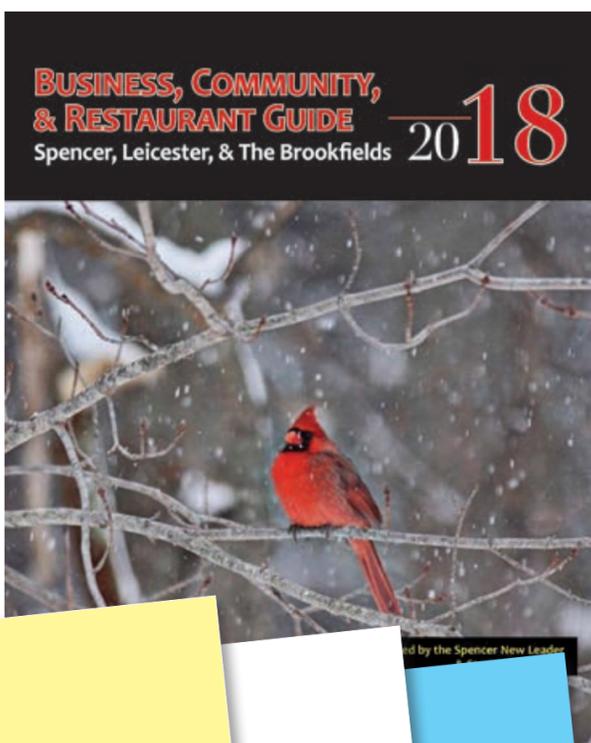
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7-10 p.m.
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

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There will be cartoon characters, face painting and balloons
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Chepachet, RI
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LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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"The land in North Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon situated on the southerly side of Summer Street, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner thereof on the southerly side of said Summer Street;

THENCE southerly by land formerly of Charles Duncan now of one Brusco 221 feet and 3 inches to a stake and stones; THENCE westerly by land formerly of Dulcena B. Adams now of one MacKay 76 feet to a stake and stones;

THENCE northerly by land formerly of Hiram M. Bemis now of one Cuddy 225 feet to said Summer Street;

THENCE easterly by said Summer Street 76 feet to the point of beginning; Containing about 62 square rods, more or less.

BEING THE SAME PREMISES conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by Deed dated July 24, 2000 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 22823, Page 353."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

TERMS OF SALE: FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price on the sale shall be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check within thirty (30) days thereafter and the Deed transferred contemporaneously therewith. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of terms of sale containing the above terms at the Auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.

Country Bank for Savings, Present Holder of said Mortgage
By: Jonathan C. Sapirstein
SAPIRSTEIN & SAPIRSTEIN, P.C.
1331 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, MA 01103
(413) 827-7500
Date: August 22, 2018
Its Attorneys
September 14, 2018
September 21, 2018
September 28, 2018

Notice of Public Hearing- Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals
At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 09, 2018 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:15p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Special Permit (Renewal) -Applicant/ Owner: Bond Construction Corp. Location: Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R09-1 & R09-

2. The applicant is looking to renew their Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

Special Permit (Renewal) - Applicant/ Owner: Leo Aucoin. Location: 89 Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R02-2-1. The applicant is looking to renew his Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays.

The ZBA is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885-7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.

September 21, 2018
September 28, 2018

Notice of Public Hearing- Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday **October 16, 2018** in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit-Applicant/Owner: James Caruso, Caruso Construction; Location: Intersection of Barclay Road and North Spencer Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R56-41 & R56-4-2. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under Section 6.2.5 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to install a Common Driveway serving the two lots. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.

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September 28, 2018
October 5, 2018,

Burncoat Pond Watershed District A Special Meeting of the Proprietors of the BPWD will be held on: October 9, 2018 @ 7:00PM Leicester Senior Center 40 Winslow Ave

The following article requires a vote by the proprietors in order to act there upon:

Article 1: To see if the District will vote to transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, to adjust the budget for Fiscal Year 2019, or act anything thereon.

September 28, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE Town of Spencer

FY17 Spencer Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing

The Town of Spencer will conduct a public hearing regarding their FY17 Community Development Block Grant Program. This public hearing will involve discussion of the Chestnut Street Improvement Project funded through the Block Grant Program. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in Town Hall.

Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning the programs will have an opportunity to be heard. Persons who require special accommodations should contact the Spencer Town Hall at least one week prior to the hearing date at (508)885-7500 Ext: 155.
September 28, 2018

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. WO18P2995EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Betty M Kendall Date of Death: 07/21/2018
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Daniel Kendall of Ware 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 **Daniel Kendall of Ware MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/16/2018.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Date: September 07, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
September 28, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE DEP File No. TBD

The East Brookfield Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L.c. 131, §40, will hold the following Public Hearing relating to proposed work within a wetland, waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 100-foot buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody, or resource area on:

October 16, 2018 at 7:40 PM in the Memorial Town Complex

This Public Hearing is in regards to Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by: Mark A. Morin on behalf of Mark and GERALYN Morin for the following: removal of a stump, located on 120 North Brookfield Road in East Brookfield, MA, Tax Map No. 004.3. Parcel No. 084/004.3-0174-0008.0.

Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this request should appear at the time and place designated. Copies of the above noted submittal are available for review at the East Brookfield Town Clerk's Office,

Submitted by:
Robert Baronoski
Chairman
EAST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 28, 2018

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law:

Paul Goodrich has filed a NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a single family home, driveway, well, and septic system located at 115 Smithville Road, Spencer, MA.

Esmeralda Reynolds has filed a NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to repave an existing parking lot and gravel parking area, install an infiltration trench, curb stops, fence and associated site work located at 369 East Main Street, Spencer, MA.

Robert Zurkowski has filed a NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace the shoreline retaining wall with an armored slope made of 3'-4' diameter rocks located at 27 Sherman Road, Spencer, MA.

John Miczek has filed a RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install 6 inch irrigation pipe 30 inches deep and backfill with excavated soil at 8 North Spencer Road. Install a meter pedestal 25 feet from Pole #4 and 8 feet above seasonal river flood. Add a 2 inch electrical conduit from Pole # 4 to the meter pedestal.

Thomas J. Costagliola has filed a RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to perform tree work, landscaping, outdoor staircase reconstruction, and sediment controls at 9 Woodland Lane, Spencer, MA. An oil absorbent boom shall be installed and inspected prior to tree work.

Glen & Cheryl Pike have filed a NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to reconstruct a block retaining wall and stairs along the bank of Stiles Reservoir. Six trees will be removed. A 26' x 32' Garage to be built within the 100-ft buffer zone at 137 Wilson

Avenue, Spencer, MA
Rebecca Southwick has filed a NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to repair Septic and relocate well at 226 North Spencer Road, Spencer, MA
Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
September 28, 2018

Notice of Public Hearing- Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday **October 16, 2018** in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Amend Site Plan- Applicant/Owner: Steven Turner, Charlie's Diner; Location: 5 Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map U11-12-1. The applicant is requesting to amend a Site Plan approved under Section 7.4 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to add a Vestibule to the front entrance of the establishment. The property is located within the Commercial zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday.

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September 28, 2018
October 5, 2018,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO18P3059GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: Emma E Kopacka Of: West Brookfield, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Raymond C Kopacko of West Brookfield, MA
Susan G Kopacko of West Brookfield, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Emma E Kopacka** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Raymond C Kopacko of West Brookfield, MA Susan G Kopacko of West Brookfield, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **10/23/2018.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 13, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
September 28, 2018

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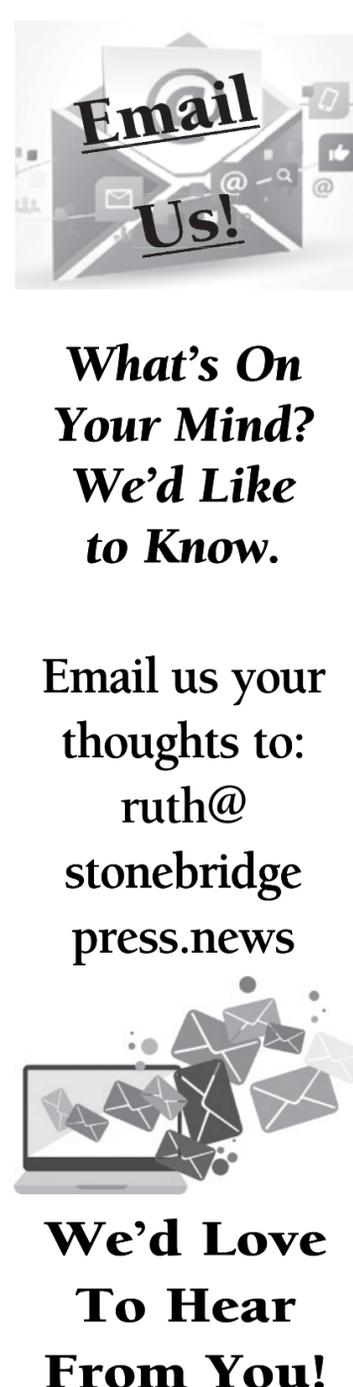
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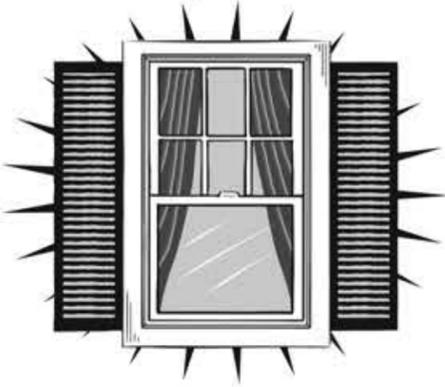
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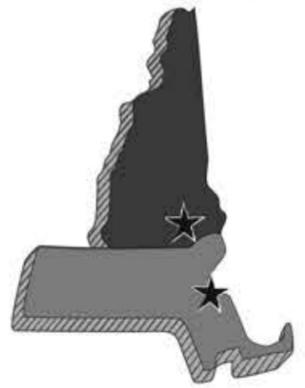
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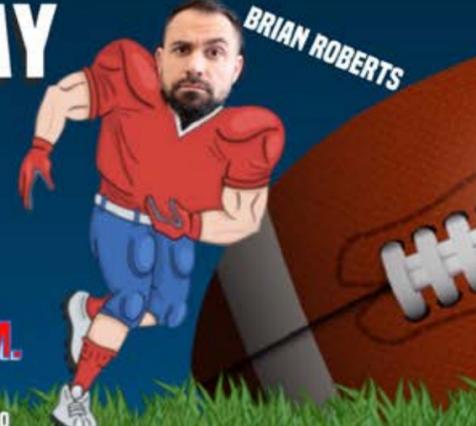


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What To Do When The 'Lice Letter' Comes Home



(NAPS)

If any of America's 56 million schoolchildren is yours, you are probably familiar with the "lice letter" alerting parents that a head lice outbreak has been identified at school. When the letter comes home, some parents panic while others delay action because "it wasn't my child." Fortunately, there are steps you can proactively take to control the exposure risk.

Be Proactive

Catching lice early is vital in halting the spread of these itchy pests. It can take four to six weeks after infestation begins for itching to start, and not everyone develops this telltale symptom. Help the entire family to avoid an outbreak by acting quickly after exposure.

Steps to Take

- Check the child and ALL family members for lice using a nit comb. To check fine sections of hair with the comb, apply a 50/50 solution of conditioner/water to the hair to help facilitate combing. Work under bright light and watch for movement. Examine the comb after each stroke, wiping it on disposable towels or running it under water.

- Nits and scurrying lice are so small that they can be easily missed. It's likely other family members and friends have already been exposed to lice by the time an infestation is identified. If you don't find lice but are still concerned, switch the whole family to a daily lice defense shampoo. How is a daily lice shampoo different from a lice treatment shampoo? For starters, shampoo is a form and treatments

If you get a message from your child's school that there are lice in the class, don't panic, but take control.

come in many forms. This topic really deserves its own article, but there is one key difference worth noting. A daily lice defense shampoo is pesticide-free and can be used like regular shampoo to defend your family against a head lice infestation or control against re-exposure to someone who has not been successfully treated. A lice treatment shampoo is used to treat an active lice infestation, and most OTC products contain pesticides so they aren't ideal for a daily regimen. One gentle daily shampoo that offers ongoing control is Vamousse Lice Defense. It's been found in laboratory studies to kill lice with each use and is recommended for 10 to 14 days following the risk to help reduce the potential growth of an infestation contracted but not yet identified.

- Treat anyone who is infested. With lice increasingly resistant to traditional over-the-counter pesticides, look for a pesticide-free treatment that is proven effective against super lice. There are many new types of products, so read the instructions carefully. For example, Vamousse Lice Treatment comes in a convenient mousse format that kills lice and eggs before they hatch—in just one application. Lice eggs are rendered no longer viable with this treatment, so there's no waiting for them to hatch to treat again a week later, thus decreasing hassle and the risk of spreading lice throughout your family.

- If you are concerned about your home, vacuum, and then wash and dry any launderable items in high heat. For items that cannot be washed or soaked in 130° F soapy water, the company offers a powder that is the only one on the market proven to eliminate super lice in the environment.

Learn More

For further facts and tips, go to <http://vamousselicelice.com>.

Thirty Years Later—Laser Vision Correction Remains A Good Option For Many



Looking at LASIK? Work with a highly qualified ophthalmologist to learn if you are a good candidate for the procedure.

(NAPS)

2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the first laser vision correction procedure where, for the first time, people with vision issues had an option beyond glasses and contact lenses to see well. So far, more than 19 million LASIK procedures have been performed in the U.S., proving it is a popular alternative to the struggle many people have with their vision. In fact, the U.S. military relies on LASIK for its operation-ready personnel. While technologies and techniques have advanced the science of LASIK, not everyone is a good candidate for the procedure. On average, between 15 and 20 percent of patients are considered ineligible. While every patient is unique, there are general guidelines that surgeons use in determining if a patient is a candidate for LASIK eye surgery.

For adults over 18, LASIK can correct nearsightedness, farsightedness and

astigmatism, within certain prescription ranges set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. LASIK improves vision by reshaping your cornea—the surface of the eye that helps focus light to create an image on the retina. A thorough eye exam will confirm the vision correction needed isn't too extreme. Importantly, the prescription should be stable, meaning it has stayed the same for at least a year. During the exam, the thickness of the cornea is measured to make sure there is enough tissue for the reshaping required to achieve the desired amount of correction.

Certain health issues and medications may interfere with the healing process, making laser vision correction a poor choice. It is important that patients share their complete health history with their surgeon to ensure a recommendation for candidacy based upon all available facts.

Because many people are interested in LASIK, understanding that there is a process for becoming a candidate, accepting that the procedure has limits, and recognizing that there is a healing and recovery period involved is helpful in making an informed decision.

Knowing if you are a good candidate is important for considering any procedure, including LASIK. Finding and working with a highly qualified surgeon, having a complete evaluation of your eyes and vision, and doing your own research into the procedure are important steps in the process. Armed with the facts, both you and your surgeon will have the information needed to make the best recommendation for you and your vision.

To learn more about what to expect from a LASIK consultation, visit www.americanrefractivessurgerycouncil.org/blog.

Make Vision A Focus

(NAPS)—Did you know that more than 23 million American adults have never had an eye exam? May is Healthy Vision Month—and the National Institutes of Health's National Eye Institute (NEI) urges all Americans to make vision a focus.

Take steps to protect your vision today, so you can see the people and things you love for years to come.



To protect your vision, see your eye care professional.

Get an eye exam—Since many eye diseases and conditions have no early symptoms, an eye exam is the best way to find out how healthy your eyes are and if you are seeing your best. Talk to your eye care professional about how often you should have an eye exam.

Eat eye-healthy foods—The foods you eat can help you protect your vision. Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables—especially dark, leafy greens like spinach, kale, and collard greens—as well as fish that are high in omega-3 fatty acids, like salmon, tuna and halibut.

Give your eyes a rest—Spending a lot of time in front of a computer can tire out your eyes. Remember the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look away from your screen and focus on something that's at least 20 feet away for 20 seconds.

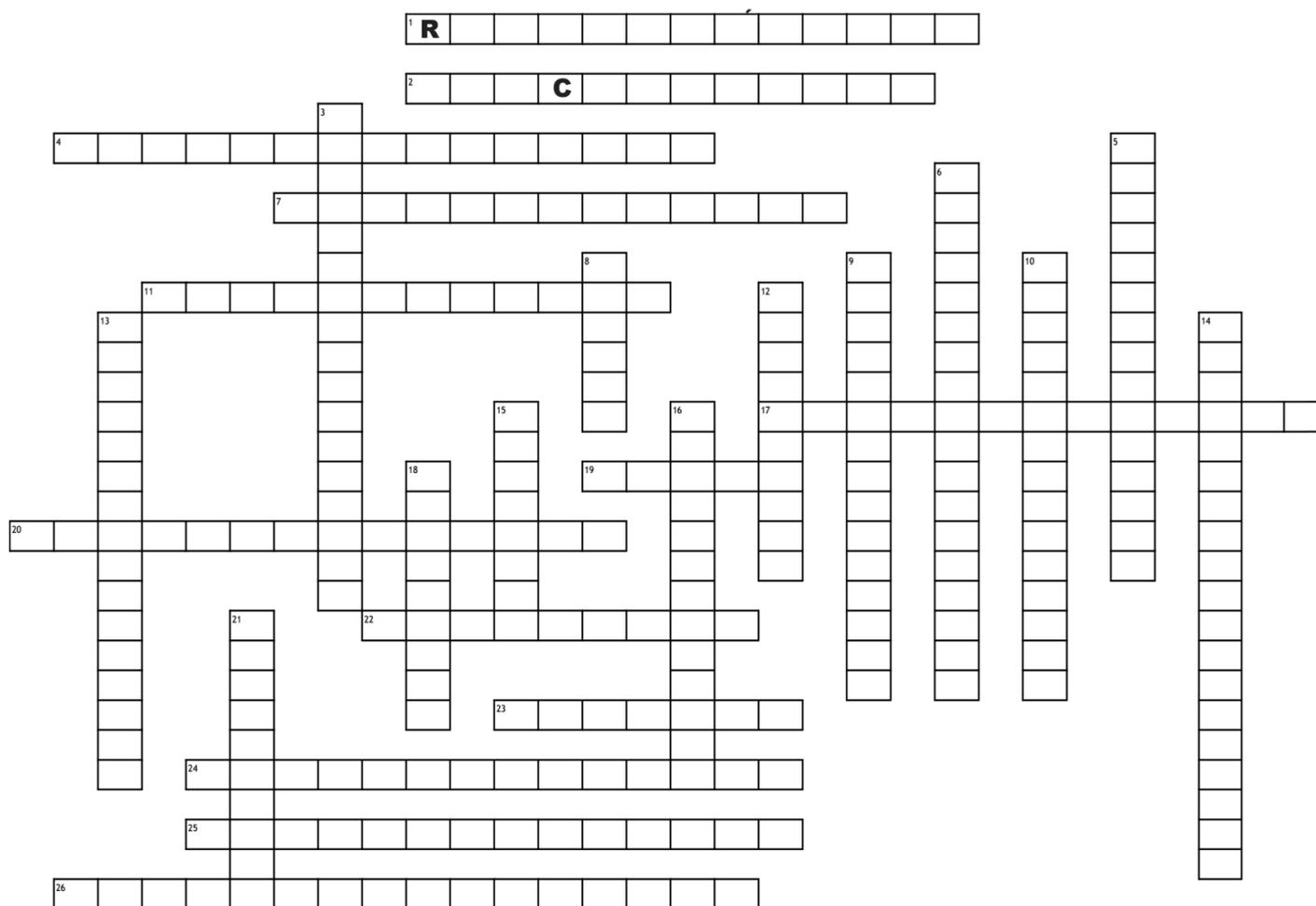
Know your family's eye health history—Ask your family members about their eye health. Because most eye conditions run in the family, knowing your family history can help you tell if you're at higher risk. If you learn that someone in your family has an eye disease or diabetes, talk to your eye doctor.

Wear sunglasses—even on cloudy days! Sunglasses can protect your eyes from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. When buying sunglasses, look for ones that block at least 99 percent of both UVA and UVB radiation.

Don't take your vision for granted—take steps to protect it! To learn more, check out the Healthy Vision Month website: <https://nei.nih.gov/hvm>.

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Reducing On-The-Job Stress Improves The Classroom Experience

(NAPS)

As with any helping profession, teaching can be a stressful job—but teachers say the rewards are worth it.

Why They Gladly Teach

According to a University of Phoenix survey, K-12 teachers most enjoy the interaction with children—with 68 percent citing seeing the growth of students and 57 percent citing working with children in general as their favorite part of the job.

How to Make Teaching Better

“Those who go into the teaching profession tend to have a passion for it. It’s hard work and sometimes thankless. Self-care is important,” said Pamela Roggeman, Ed.D., academic dean for the College of Education at University of Phoenix. She offers these tips:

1. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. Whether from the school principal, classroom parents or your colleagues, a support system is important.

2. Request donations for the classroom to relieve personal financial burden. Teachers often dig into their own pockets to pay for classroom supplies. Ask parents for assistance in collecting needed items.

3. Do small things every day to take care of yourself. Have snacks on hand for those days when your lunch break is interrupted. Look into short meditations or breathing exercises for times when stress levels are higher.

4. Take time to recharge. Career burnout can happen. Take a day off or a short break when you can and focus on something you enjoy.

5. Make your classroom



The teacher's self-care is an important tool for providing a better classroom experience for students.

a place where everyone can refocus. Remember that your state of mind will guide your students. Try things students can benefit from, too, such as mindful moments throughout the day or even aromatherapy.

What Else You Can Do

Staying up to date on current trends can also help reduce on-the-job stress. According to the survey, about half of the people who’ve been teaching for at least five years say there are more leadership role oppor-

tunities than in the past, but only 16 percent of all teachers gave themselves an “A” when it comes to educational technology, leaving room for growth in this area for many.

Many of those who feel that teaching may be their calling or are looking to advance their career in education may care for information about University of Phoenix teacher preparation programs, continuing teacher education and professional development

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Learn More

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