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East Brookfield joins statewide initiative

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD — Joined by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and several local legislators, town officials announced last week a major grant award as part of a statewide initiative.

East Brookfield will receive \$30,000 through the state-operated Community Compact program, which allows communities to voluntarily partner with the state and identify project goals. Each town chooses its own projects that will be funded by the grants, and

East Brookfield will commit the money to a comprehensive rate study for the water department. The study will include an analysis of options to fund future water infrastructure through a department enterprise account.

Senator Anne Gobi and State Representative Donald Berthiaume were both in attendance at the Community Compact announcement, as East Brookfield became the 323rd town in the Commonwealth to join the program. Town officials are thrilled about the opportuni-

ties provided by the grant.

“This is a great step forward for East Brookfield in making water infrastructure improvements by leveraging this innovative program offered by the Commonwealth,” said Board of Selectmen Chairman Theodore Boulay. “The \$30,000 is a lot of money for a town of this size, and it will go a long way. We are excited to work with the state to move the town forward with these improvements.”

The study will be conducted by a third party with extensive experience, which will enable

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Kevin Flanders photo.

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito signs a Community Compact agreement with East Brookfield Selectman Theodore Boulay, with local and state officials looking on.



Kevin Flanders photos

An impromptu May dance to demonstrate the versatile dresses

Leicester junior class raise money with prom preview fashions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The stage at Leicester High School was transformed into a fashion runway last week, as students modeled prom dresses and tuxedos supplied by local businesses to benefit a

junior class fundraiser.

The Jan. 10 event brought students' families and friends into the building for a small fee to watch the fashion show. Students showed off a rainbow of colors and plenty of pizzazz, combining music, creative dance moves

and fashion in an entertaining night for all. Raffles also assisted the fundraiser, with students winning such prizes as gift cards, spray tans, flowers, and hair products.

Though the event served as a fundraiser for the junior

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Warming more than hearts for 10 years

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Many families in need were able to stay warm during a bitterly cold stretch earlier this month, as support for a local organization continues to heat up in four area towns.

Dedicated to providing heating fuels to families in need, Hearts for Heat, Inc., operates chapters in North Brookfield, Leicester, Spencer, and Princeton. Each chapter focus-

es on assisting residents in its respective town, and support from donors has been increasing in recent years.

Since its inception, the North Brookfield Hearts for Heat chapter has provided emergency fuel assistance to 131 qualified families in town. Also in its tenth season, the Leicester chapter has made 206 deliveries over the years.

“It’s amazing to look back

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Kevin Flanders photo.

Miguel and Alejandra Perez, the owners of Mexicali Grill in Spencer.

Training in active shooter situations: local police taking proactive stance

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — “I never thought something like this could happen here.”

It’s a common reaction in the wake of mass shooting incidents. No one ever wants to envision an active shooter in their town, school, or workplace, but police nationwide feel that needs to change. Recognizing that it is no longer a matter of whether more mass shootings will occur, but instead when and where they’ll take place, police across the country are helping schools and businesses to become prepared for the worst.

In Spencer, businesses like FLEXcon have already taken advantage of training opportunities provided by the Spencer Police



Kevin Flanders photo

Spencer Police Sgt. Michael Befford provides active shooter defense training to residents during a course last week.

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Future for businesses still uncertain as town grapples with being landlords

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — As construction winds down this upcoming spring on the major revitalization project, many downtown business owners will have an even larger challenge to overcome. During the next few months, the New Leader will

spotlight several of these businesses and how they are grappling with an uncertain future.

At Mexicali Grill in downtown Spencer, business is back to normal now that the bulk of the downtown revitalization project is complete. A look out at Route 9 from the restaura-

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Gateway Players Theatre of Southbridge announce auditions for: "The Lost World"

Gateway Players Theatre of Southbridge announce Auditions for "The Lost World" written by local playwright Ed Humphries will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 4 p.m., and on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge. The entrance to the hall is at the back of the building.

This comedy/drama will be directed by Ed Humphries and produced by David Corkum. Auditions will consist of live readings from the script along with some light improv. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday and Tuesday nights. Performance dates are April 13, 14, 20, 21 and 22. For more information please contact Ed Humphries (508) 930-5392, e-mail ehumphries72@gmail.com, or David Corkum (508) 729-3999, e-mail mukroc@verizon.net

The 16-member cast consists of four women and four men in the principal roles; ages late 20s to early 40s. There is one additional role that calls for a woman - any age. In addition, seven teens are needed to play younger versions of some principal characters. Mid-teens to early 20s are encouraged to audition for those roles.

Synopsis: 'The Lost World' tells the tale of a 20-year high school reunion attended by only six people. This is not just any six people - these are six individuals who claim to have hated high school the most. Brought together 20 years later by a common friend, the six former classmates find themselves face-to-face in a discount hotel ballroom for one fateful night of laughs, fights, tears, and soul-searching; as they drag their skeletons to the light in a bid to exorcise the personal demons that have haunted

them since they last patrolled those hallowed halls of high school. Children of the Eighties now all grown up; they're 'The Breakfast Club' thrust into the Facebook generation - leading them to pine for a simpler time; an age where if you wanted to connect with someone; you reached out and touched them; not texted, tweeted or Skyped. Their world is truly "The Lost World."

CAST OF CHARACTERS
REILLY McINIS: a cop; having never left home he remains the one constant link to his hometown for so many of his former classmates
HANNAH BELLE: "the artist," she lives on a rural farm; off the grid - making her living and art from the land
PARKER KNOWLES: "the jock," it's been downhill ever since school let out
JAMIE CONNOR: "the theater geek," he and his domestic partner bought a

run-down movie theater and restored it, creating a profitable revival house for classic films

DANIELLE TENNEMAN: "the princess," now a mom with so many kids she doesn't know what to do

MICHAEL DONATELLO: "the brain," 12 years of bullying and abuse have left their mark

HALEY PIERCE: "the town slut," for 20 years she's tried to shake that reputation.

ALYSON HUTCHINS: "the class president," now a Fortune 500 CFO, she still retains that sweet persona that served her well back in school

MILLIE: a small town coffee shop waitress

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GOBI OFFICE HOURS
 Tyler Wolanin, district aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of January. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Walk-ins are welcome, but to set up an appointment you can e-mail Tyler at tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov, or call at (508) 641-3502. Appointments are strongly encouraged in this winter season so that information on cancellations can be shared. Town groupings are not restricted to residents of those towns. Spencer area hours include Tuesday, January 23: Holland Town Hall, 12:30- 1:30 p.m.; Monson Town Hall, 2-3 p.m. Monday, January 29: Paxton Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon; Spencer, Howe Village 12:30-1:30 p.m.; East Brookfield Town Hall 2 -3 p.m.; Tuesday, January 30: Oakham Senior Center, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; North Brookfield Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon; Rutland Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce that the following area students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester: Amanda Balicki of West Brookfield and Sydney Bolivar of Leicester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester.

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Author to lead workshop on writing process

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – Have you always wanted to write a novel but aren't sure where to start? Or perhaps you've written a lengthy manuscript and are eager to show it to agents and publishers. No matter which stage of the writing journey you're on, a local author is once again looking forward to guiding writers through the process.

Award-winning author Ed Londergan will hold his third annual writing and publishing workshop on Sunday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Salem Cross Inn in town. The workshop will cover the entire writing and publishing process, including content development, story structure and the creation of settings, character development, chapter arrangement, dialogue, and maintaining readers' interest throughout a story.

The cost of the workshop is \$95, and lunch is included.

"The purpose of the workshop is to help people who want to write but don't know how to go about it," said Londergan, who lives in West Brookfield. "It is also for those who have written something and need to know how to move ahead."

Common problems like overcoming

writer's block will be addressed. Every writer has experienced it — that dreaded moment of staring at the computer screen and not knowing how to advance the story. Having worked through writer's block on more than a few occasions, Londergan has plenty of tips to help writers regain momentum in their works.

The publishing process will also be heavily covered, including the pros and cons of traditional publishing and self-publishing routes. From writing query letters meant for agents, to creating a compelling press release and book description, every detail counts when you're attempting to get your story into readers' hands.

For Londergan, the workshop has become one of his favorite events of the year. He gets to help writers of all ages and experience levels, and he hears about many fascinating stories along the way.

"The past workshops have been attended by a variety of people of all ages and occupations, from 12-year-old students to 75-year-old retirees, all who have a story to tell," Londergan added. "The workshop is geared toward anyone who wants to write and does not know where to start, or those who have some writing experience but either hav-

en't written anything for a while or are not sure what to do next."

The workshop always includes writing exercises that get the creative juices flowing. Whether you're a new writer or someone who hasn't put together a story in decades, Londergan has found that sometimes all it takes is the spark of a writing prompt to get the story going.

Writers also enjoy the opportunity to meet other local storytellers and share inspirations.

"There is always a lot of discussion at the workshops. Individual issues or problems anyone is having with their writing are discussed, and the group helps them with suggestions and observations," Londergan added.

One of the common issues discussed each year is the challenging process of trying to secure an agent — and the inherent frustrations of the endeavor. It's no secret that writers must have thick skin, but hundreds of rejection letters can get even the most determined writers in low spirits. By attending Londergan's workshop, writers can meet others who are going through the process and develop an important support system. Some writers even connect afterward and offer feedback on each other's stories.



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"People do not realize how difficult it can be to get an agent," Londergan said. "It is possible to send a query letter to 100 or more agents and have few, if any, respond. Folks also don't realize that an agent will not consider representing an author unless they have a story that will make money for the publisher. It is a highly competitive marketplace that revolves around making money."

Registration is required for the workshop, and the deadline to sign up is March 7. To register, send an email to ed.londergan@gmail.com or call (413) 436-7901.

Local communities benefit from safety grants

STOW - The Baker-Polito Administration announced that 253 fire departments have been awarded public fire education grants. Two hundred-fifty fire departments will receive Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program grants to work with classroom teachers to deliver fire and life safety lessons. Of these, 238 fire departments will also receive a Senior SAFE program grant to work with older adults on fire and life safety. Three communities will receive Senior SAFE grants only.

Brookfield received \$2,808 for its S.A.F.E. program and \$2,115 for its Senior Safe program; Leicester received \$3,708 for S.A.F.E. and \$2,415 for Senior SAFE; and West Brookfield received \$2,808 for S.A.F.E. and \$2,115 for Senior Safe. North Brookfield did not receive either grant.

The S.A.F.E. Program has played an important role

in educating the next generation of fire safe children for 23 years," said Governor Baker, "The program is a great example of state and local governments collaborating alongside teachers to improve the lives of young people." The average number of children dying in fires annually has dropped by 72% since the S.A.F.E. Program began.

"In its fourth year, the Senior SAFE program is supporting fire educators who deliver fire safety education to seniors who are most at risk of dying in fires in Massachusetts," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Firefighters use these funds to provide older adults general home safety education and strategies on how to be better prepared to survive a fire," she added. Fire departments partner with local senior service agencies.

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said, "The

S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE programs are having a great impact on the fire and life safety of our most vulnerable populations - children and elders." He added, "The fire departments being supported in these public education efforts are increasing the safety of the people in their communities."

The S.A.F.E. Program provides \$1.2M through the Executive Office of the Public Safety and Security to local fire departments. The Senior SAFE program provides \$600,000 in grant funds from fees paid by tobacco companies to the Fire Standard Compliant Cigarette Program to ensure their products meet the fire safety requirements to be sold in Massachusetts. The programs are administered by the state Department of Fire Services.

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the town to acquire the best water rate structure possible. For Polito and her team at the state level, it's critical to make sure small communities aren't left behind when it comes to grant opportunities and state funding. Once a Shrewsbury selectman, Polito knows exactly how difficult it can be for towns in central and western Massachusetts to compete for funding.

"Resources are limited in smaller communities, and it's so important for us to provide this support for projects," Polito said. "All of these communities are finding creative ways to improve their towns. This is a very powerful program that leads to other opportunities."

"She has been supportive of central Massachusetts long before she became the Lieutenant Governor," Gobi said of Polito. "It's great that East Brookfield has been given this opportunity. This town has always been a great steward of state funding."

The Community Compact program was the very first executive order signed by Governor Charlie Baker upon taking office. Intended to strengthen relationships between the state and local communities, the program has continued to expand since its inception.

"This is great news coming at a very exciting time for East Brookfield, especially with the [one hundredth town] anniversary coming up," Berthiaume said.

Added Polito, "We want to make sure all communities in our state get the

resources they deserve. We represent the whole state, and this town has so many hard-working people and officials."

The creation of Community Compacts establishes clear standards and expectations for both the state and its partner towns, officials said. The program creates a direct link between town officials and the Governor's office, paving the way for future communications and grant funding opportunities.

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and realize we have been going for ten years," said Deborah Antanavica, the president of the Leicester chapter. "We couldn't do it without the amazing generosity of residents. We have many people who donate every year."

For families on tight budgets, the winter adds a new challenge of keeping the house warm from December through March, sometimes even April. Seniors on fixed incomes also struggle to stay warm, and those without heat occasionally resort to dangerous actions like burning items in unmaintained fireplaces.

Hearts for Heat members want to make sure everyone stays warm this winter, and they are expecting more requests to come in after the frigid snap depleted many people's fuel supplies.

"Temperatures have plummeted, so if you know a North Brookfield resident

who needs emergency fuel assistance, have them complete our 2018 application available online at www.heartsforheat.org/NorthBrookfield/, or at the Haston Free Library, the police station, or the senior center in North Brookfield," read a press release from that chapter.

If you would like to help North Brookfield families stay warm this winter, donations can be mailed to: NB Hearts for Heat, PO Box 44, North Brookfield, MA, 01535. North Brookfield Savings Bank will match up to \$2,000 of donations, and Hannaford Supermarket is donating all funds from its January kiosk collection to Hearts for Heat.

The early frigid temperatures have also kept the Princeton chapter busy with donations and deliveries. Chapter members can't recall such a prolonged cold stretch this early in the season, and they anticipate a potential record-breaking season.

"Princeton has helped keep nine peo-

ple warm so far this winter, and it is only the beginning of January," said chapter president Beth MacAdams. "Last year, the area saw a plethora of applications starting in mid-February, and we were able to help 75 of our neighbors stay warm. No one should have to go without heat in a New England winter."

Hearts for Heat is often a last resort for residents who have used up their federal and state funding allotments, or if they are still working through the application process.

"We are grateful to our neighbors and local businesses which support us. All of our donations go to providing fuel. Our expenses are covered by our fundraisers or sponsors," MacAdams added.

To learn more about how you can make a donation and help keep families warm this winter, visit www.heartsforheat.org. Once there, you can sign up for the organization's email list to learn about news and upcoming events. You can also view application and donation information for each town.

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Should I increase the living area of my home?

This is a question you should ask of a Realtor prior to finishing area in you home that is currently unfinished or adding an addition on your home. One common thing people will do is finish off a basement to gain an extra bedroom, maybe a second bathroom or a larger family room. This will depend heavily on things like the current square footage, bedroom count, and bathroom count. If you have a 2 bedroom 1 bath home with 800 square feet and you add a bedroom and bathroom into a walk-out basement that will definitely add significant value. However, if you have 3000 square feet and 4 bedroom and 3 bathrooms. Adding that bedroom and bathroom in the basement may not be necessary for some buyers and some may actually feel the home is now too

big. Another common way to add square footage that I see is converting the garage into another bedroom. This will add value because you have more square footage above grade and another bedroom. However you have now also lost value due to the removal of a garage and home will also possibly lose some buyers due to excluding buyers that require a garage. A more costly option is to add an addition onto your home. I always suggest weighing out the cost of the addition compared to the cost of buying a home that already has the square footage you want. The other concern is the setup



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JAMES BLACK

of the home that needed the addition. Did it have rooms that were tiny then you added a couple huge rooms and the square footage is big but the home itself feels small to the buyers. The other concern is if you are in a neighborhood where there are all 1000 square foot ranches and you add a 2000 square foot addition. Now you have overimproved for the neighborhood and will never get that investment back. This is why if you think you may want to add onto a house later, try to buy one of the smaller homes in the

neighborhood so you don't overbuild for the location. I have only talked about the investment part of doing the renovation. We also have to look at our lifestyle and quality of life as well. Lets say we want our parents to move into our home to help out with the kids and to help them out as they are aging and spend more time with them. This scenario may not financially make sense for the home but it could make sense because now between you and your parents the cost is less to have the one home and you get extra benefits that are not financial. Before doing any renovation I suggest your discuss with a Realtor that you know and trust how it will affect you financially in the long run.

Learning to use Boston archives focus of genealogists in February

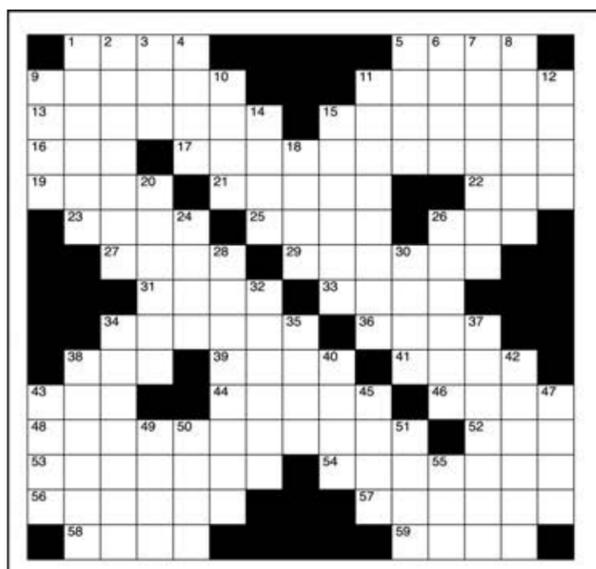
The January meeting of the Worcester Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc. will be held the first Saturday of the month on February 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the BANX Room at the Worcester Public Library (Contact: Reference Department at 508-799-1655 or mywpl.org), located at 3 Salem Square in Worcester. You can arrive from 9:30 a.m. to attend

an earlier half hour of socialization time. New members and potential members are always welcome. The day will begin with a short business meeting followed by the "Why, When and How to Conduct Research at the National Archives in Boston" presentation by Seema-Jayne Kenney. Seema is an experienced software instructor and a pro-

fessional genealogist. Based on over 20 years of research, her known roots are deep in New England as well as England, Germany, and Sweden. She has a certificate in genealogical research from BU, completed ProGen and is an active member of several societies, currently vice-president of the Worcester Chapter of MSOG. The meeting is open to anyone interested in this presentation. Attendees are encouraged to bring along a friend(s), as well as your own non-alcohol-

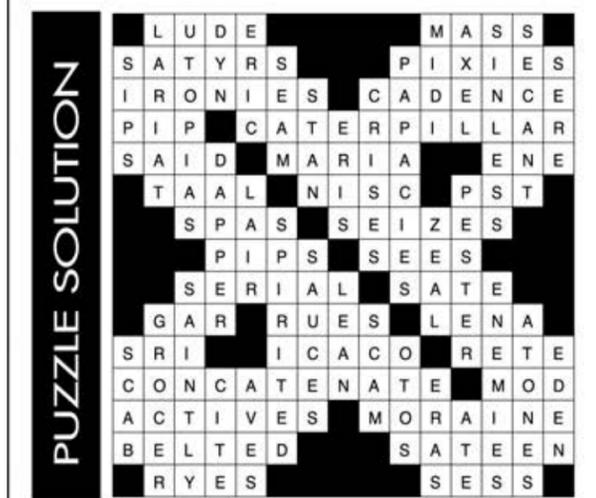
ic beverage, munchies will be provided. Anyone bringing goodies to share will receive an extra door prize ticket. Membership is encouraged for anyone pursuing the hobby, passion, or profession of genealogy. Annual membership is only \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family living in the same household. Please note that parking isn't allowed in the "green" areas (further from the door). Note your space number and pay for parking at the outdoor

kiosk (credit cards accepted) BEFORE entering the library. Arrive early to avoid the lines at the parking kiosk. Some on-street parking may be available as well. Questions? Contact: Nancy Schultzeberg, Publicity Chairperson, at 774-573-9529. For more information about the Worcester Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, visit our website: www.massachusettsociety-ofgenealogists.org -or- www.msoginc.org



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Methaqualone pill (slang)
 - 5. Religious service
 - 9. Woodland gods (Greek myth.)
 - 11. "Where Is My Mind?" rockers
 - 13. Deliberately contrary states of affairs
 - 15. Inflection of the voice
 - 16. "Great Expectations" character
 - 17. Becomes a butterfly
 - 19. Spoke
 - 21. Tennis player Sharapova
 - 22. Midway between northeast and east
 - 23. Afrikaans
 - 25. No instruction set computing
 - 26. Pacific Standard Time
 - 27. Relaxing places
 - 29. Confiscates
 - 31. Gladys Knight's fellow performers
 - 33. Witnesses
 - 34. Taking place in a series
 - 36. Satisfy
 - 38. Freshwater fish of N. America
 - 39. Laments
 - 41. "Girls" creator Dunham
 - 43. Indian title of respect
 - 44. Cocoa plum
 - 46. Network of nerve cells
 - 48. Link together in a chain
 - 52. Cool 70s crew "The ___ Squad"
 - 53. Persons engaging in energetic pursuits
 - 54. Accumulation of glacial debris
 - 56. Fastened
 - 57. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
 - 58. Whiskey and bread are two
 - 59. Scottish tax

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Rope used to lasso
 - 2. Idyllic places
 - 3. Field force unit
 - 4. Guitar great Clapton
 - 5. Slang for type of skirt
 - 6. Figure skating jump
 - 7. Innocent
 - 8. Mathematical ratio
 - 9. Slowly drinks
 - 10. Line where edges meet
 - 11. Offices of the pope
 - 12. Dry or withered
 - 14. "___ the Man" Musical
 - 15. Difficult situations
 - 18. Greek goddess of discord
 - 20. Marked by smartness in dress and manners
 - 24. Habitat
 - 26. Annoy constantly
 - 28. Full of life
 - 30. Great energy
 - 32. BBQ and soy are two
 - 34. Virtuous
 - 35. Not fatty
 - 37. Foes
 - 38. Merchandiser
 - 40. Dishonest scheme
 - 42. Repents
 - 43. Protective crust
 - 45. Native American people
 - 47. Any place of bliss or delight
 - 49. Bring up
 - 50. Birds
 - 51. Geological times
 - 55. Consumed



Planning underway for next edition of dinner dance

SPENCER — It may only be January, but local seniors are already getting their dance moves and red attire ready for the annual Valentine's dinner dance next month. The festivities are set for Friday, Feb. 9, from 5-9 p.m. at the Spencer Senior Center. Musical entertainment will be provided courtesy of DJ Sounds by Rich, and the event will also include a free catered dinner and of course, dancing. After an immensely successful debut event last year, seniors couldn't wait for the dinner dance celebration to return. Sponsored in partnership with RSSI Home Care, the event saw a strong attendance last year – and staff members are hoping for an even better turnout in 2018. Singles are encouraged to attend as well, so don't be afraid to get out there and meet some new friends and maybe that special someone in time for Valentine's Day. One of the best aspects of the event, staff members said, is its ability to give seniors a fun program that breaks up the winter monotony. It's also a chance for friends who haven't seen each other in a while to reconnect. "Last year's Valentine's Celebration was a huge success at our center," said senior center director Pamela Woodbury. "Having a partnership with RSSI Home Care is beneficial to the seniors in our community. I can't wait to see all those attending this year." Seating at the event is limited and is expected to fill up quickly, so be sure to sign up early to reserve your tickets through the senior center. The early signup period will last until Friday, Feb. 2. Call (508) 885-7546 to pre-register for the program. In the instance of inclement weather, the dinner dance will be held the following evening (Saturday, Feb. 10) at 5 p.m. A cancellation would be announced on the 96.1 WSRB radio station. The senior center is located at 68 Maple St. in the former school building.

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 \$212,000 114 Blaine Ave, Burlingame, Lester, and Ackerman, Nancy, to Anderson, Michael L.

WEST BROOKFIELD
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My name is Myrtle. I am very happy to be living here at the shelter where it's warm with good food. I was living at the dump in one of the local towns. I would visit with all the people and would try to sneak into one of the buildings to stay warm. The shelter staff tells me that I am a very pretty girl and that I am unique because most orange tigers are males. I am friendly with people and other cats (a cat friendly dog would be okay too). I am looking forward to the next adventure in my life – finding my forever home.

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Antique musical instruments

You may not have a Stradivarius violin in your home, but there are many other musical instruments that may be valuable.

Many people collect musical instruments. Other buyers purchase quality instruments that they can play. Musical instruments are also housed in museum collections including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

As with other fields of collecting, there are organizations for aficionados. The American Musical Society's mission is "to promote better understanding of all aspects of the history, design, construction, restoration, and usage of musical instruments in all cultures and from all periods." Their website states members include "collectors, historians, curators, performers, instrument makers, restorers, dealers, conservators, teachers, students, and many institutional members." The organization has meetings, a newsletter, a journal and online publications. Their website has links to collections



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will only make a nice wall decoration or if you can pay off your mortgage. Age and condition are important with musical instruments, as they are with all antiques and collectibles. The materials used and the quality of the workmanship are also important to collectors. Having an instrument that was owned and played by a famous person will certainly increase value. A guitar played by John Lennon sold for \$2.4 million in 2015.

If you have a violin, viola, cello or bass, you may be able

of musical instruments throughout the world, educational programs, instrument manufacturers and dealers.

Many factors can help you determine whether your instrument

to identify it by checking for the maker by looking through the f-holes. They are the slots on each side of the bridge. The labels on violins by better makers should be hand written. There should also be a date and the label might also show the city where the piece was made.

There are many types of musical instruments that can sell for five figure sums. Here are some instruments and makers to look for. Some of the most valuable pianos are made by Steinway. Shigeru Kawai pianos are also sought after by musicians and may bring similar figures. The right Verne Q. Powell flute can bring five figures, as can a Selmer saxophone. Guitars by several notable makers can also sell for five figures. Martin, Fender and Gibson are three of the top guitar makers.

We have auctioned some instruments that have brought strong auction prices. We have sold several violins that fetched prices in the high hundreds. A Hawaiian steel guitar from the mid-20th century went for \$2,800. A cello by a 19th century maker in fair condition sold for over \$1,300. A Rive sterling

silver flute brought over \$3,000. An RCA theremin brought over \$6,000 and an Estonia piano reached over \$8,000.

If this column motivates you to look through your musical instruments, take a second look if you see Stradivarius on the label. Odds are that you will see "copy of" before the Stradivarius name.

Our live auction takes place in Worcester on January 25th. On March 5, I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School. We have an estate sale scheduled for January 27 and 28 in Webster. Other sales are being planned. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

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28th Amendment proposal on ballot

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Enough petition signatures have been certified to guarantee a spot on the November ballot an initiative which would add a 28th Amendment to the US Constitution aimed at curbing the influence of special interest money in American elections. Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin okayed the required 85,000 signatures just before Christmas.

A statement from American Promise, the organization guiding the proposal said, "we want to get big money out of politics," specifically calling for the repeal of Citizens United v Federal Election Commission which struck down the Bi-Partisan Campaign Reform Act. In turn, asserted American

Promise, that 2009 Supreme Court ruling opened the floodgates for corporations to pour millions of dollars into campaigns for federal offices.

"The greatest threat to a government of, for and by the people is the takeover of our political system by concentrated wealth and power," said American Promise President Jeff Clements.

The organization envisions a 15-person volunteer Citizens Commission in Massachusetts to research and assisting in drafting the details of the proposed 28th Amendment.

American Promise associate director Ben Gubtis was bullish on the prospects in the Bay State.

"Thanks to the support of hundreds of volunteers who collected, sorted and submitted those signatures, 4.5 million

Massachusetts voters will have a chance to weigh in on the 28th Amendment in 2018 and stand up for democracy," he said.

Technically known as 'People Govern, Not Money Initiative', the proposal has been approved by voters in California, Colorado, Montana, and Washington.

The Massachusetts volunteer committee said it collected over 100,000 signatures from all 351 cities and towns in the state. That was news to Ianna Arthen, co-founder of the Winchendon Indivisible chapter.

"This is the first I've heard of it," she told the Courier.

Volunteer Kimberly Wass was excited.

"100,000 signatures mean our volunteers had over 110,000 face-to-face

moments of shared civic engagement, most of this outside in heat, cold, sunshine and rain, all within a nine-week deadline. It's really an extraordinary feeling of what is possible, of hope and optimism and the power of individual citizens to create change," she enthused.

In both 2012 and 2014, the state legislature passed resolutions supporting the proposed amendment, urging Congress to do the same and send it to the states for ratification. American Prospect said 150 of those 351 cities and towns have also passed similar resolutions. Nationally, American Promise says 19 states and over 800 cities and towns across the country have done likewise.



Students at Leicester High School took part in a prom fashion show last week at the school to raise money for the junior class.

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class, it was open to all grades. Junior class advisor Ashley Roy organized the show, and she was thrilled to see students have fun dressing to the nines while raising important funds. The students were excited about the level of community support they received from businesses for the first-time event.

"To include members of our community into our fundraiser was the best part because it shows how supportive we are of each other in a small town," said student Jack Soucie.

Prior to the event, students spent an hour rehearsing their moves and coming up with fun ways to display their attire. Some of the segments featured students walking the runway as duos, while others included large groups of students. Several faculty members and younger students got involved as well by volunteering for an array of tasks.

Students and staff members thank all of the generous local business owners

who provided dresses, tuxedos, and raffle prizes for the fundraiser. Participating businesses included Vonderful Nails, Q-Look Salon, Bonardi's Tuxedo, Renaissance Salon, Carmen's Shears and Clippers, Apple Blossoms Florist, Wayside Florist, Sheena's Salon, and May Nails.

"A feeling of togetherness and support means so much in a small town," said LHS junior Olivia Macaruso, who also took part in the show. "The support we have been given makes our prom more affordable, which means so much to all of us."

Added student Andrew Lee, "It feels very great to have other members of our community come together."

Area business owners are always enthusiastic about supporting local events and organizations, especially the schools, and owners said they were more than happy to help make the show happen. With their assistance, the junior class will be able to enjoy several fun upcoming events that wouldn't have otherwise been possible.

Friday's Child

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Brookfield outdoor company readies teen for Junior Iditarod

Northern Exposure Outfitters Dog Sledding Company (NEO) is based in Brookfield and has been in business for the past 20 years. As a very active member of the mushing community, NEO has the privilege of educating and providing equipment for mushers across the country.

Approximately five years ago owners Bailey Cross Vitello, age 20 and Brianna Blomgren, age 22, met 15-year-old Lara Renner from Alton, NH at the Northern New England Sled Dog Trade Fair in New Hampshire. Since then NEO has worked with Lara on how to fix lines, correctly size a harness for her dogs and how to select the proper equipment she would need to compete and succeed in dogsled racing.

This included purchasing a Danler open sled, which she has used for the past four years.

Having firsthand knowledge of Lara's mushing skills reinforced their observations that she has become a force to be reckoned with, and that she has great success written in her future. She is now set to compete in the 2018 Junior Iditarod sled dog race held in Wasilla, Alaska.

In preparation for this 150-mile race, she has been diligently working and training her team of 10 Siberian huskies better known as "Team Snowspeeder." Many local companies, friends and family members have rallied to support her dream to conquer this long and challenging race.

One obstacle that she faced was that a longer race requires a bigger sled to meet race official's standards. Northern Exposure Outfitters wanted to make sure she had a safe, fun and successful race using top-quality gear available to compete and has officially sponsored Team Snowspeeder and Lara in the form of a Danler Grand Odyss dog sled for the race as well as providing access to their outfitting shop for equipment needed for the race.

"She has worked very hard to get here and we hope that she has a great experience and gets to meet and make many new friends along the way. The care she provides for her dogs and her love for mushing and the amazing adventure that she is about to go on reminds me of when I raced the Junior Iditarod in 2012," said Vitello.



Courtesy photo

Northern Exposure Outfitters owner Bailey Cross Vitello, at left, with Lara Renner and her new sled.

"This race was such an eye-opening experience and one that I still talk about to this day. She will create an unbreakable bond with her dogs on

this trip and we (Northern Exposure Outfitters) wanted to help her get there."

"We are both very proud of how far she has come," said

Blomgren.

"Team Snowspeeder's adventure has just begun and Northern Exposure Outfitters is behind them all the way."

What's to do in the winter?

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, 30 Peck Road in Monson, has announced the following information for the winter.

Our winter lectures are open to the public and offered free of charge on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m., lasting about an hour. For more information please call Jennifer Ohop at 413-267-9654 or email ohop@norcrosswildlife.org Sanctuary hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Trails are open, conditions permitting, please call first. There is no admission charge. Visit us virtually at www.norcrosswildlife.org or find us on Facebook!

2018 Winter Lecture Series

Introduction to Moths Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Let's open the door to the fascinating world of nocturnal insects and welcome folks to the dark side! This program will introduce the families of moths likely to be encountered in central Massachusetts. Presenter David Small is a lifelong Massachusetts resident, is president of the Athol Bird and Nature Club and Director of the Millers River Environmental Center. Dave shares his passion for herps, birds, butterflies, dragonflies and most recently moths through workshops, lectures and field trips around New England. Free. Space is limited. Call (413) 267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org to register.

After the 2011 Tornado: Impacts on Massachusetts' Forests; Saturday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

The 2011 tornado left a visible scar on our landscape.

After the tornado, much of the affected forested land underwent salvage logging to remove the fallen trees; however, Brimfield State Forest did not. Instead, fallen trees were left on the ground. Research conducted in 2012 and 2017 has allowed us to study the effects of the tornado and salvage logging on forest recovery by comparing Brimfield State Forest to salvage-logged areas nearby. Join Danelle Laflower and Jennifer Santoro to look specifically at the tree sapling regrowth to determine how the forest is recovering after the tornado. Free. Space is limited. Call (413) 267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org to register.

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CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

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

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For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable Catholic women's organization

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August 6-10: five days-four nights motorcoach transportation, leave Dudley town hall at 8 a.m. \$525 per person double occupancy. Includes admission to Jesus show at Millennium Theater, visit to Gettysburg National Park, guided tour of Philadelphia, visit to Kitchen Kettle Village, admission to Amish Experience and Jacob's Choice at F/X theater, guided tour of Lancaster. Some meals included. Added cost for single occupancy.

EAST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER

For information and reservations, please contact Judy Shute (508) 867-9224

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

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

- Jan. 19: Foxwood Casino. Free buffet luncheon and \$10 casino slot play. Leave at 8 a.m. Cost: \$29.
- Feb. 16: Foxwood Casino. Free buffet luncheon and \$10 casino slot play. Leave at 8 a.m. Cost: \$29.
- March 16: Foxwood Casino. Free buffet luncheon and \$10 casino slot play. Leave at 8 a.m. Cost: \$29.

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SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2018 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC

Thursday, March 8: Foxwoods \$25, 10 a.m. bus.

You will have 5 hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 p.m. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

Sunday, April 29-Tuesday, May 1: Atlantic City

For \$249 per person double you will get two nights on the boardwalk. You also get a \$25 in slot play and \$60 food credit and see a casino revue show. For details call Jan at (508) 887 2215.

Thursday, May 18: Foxwoods \$25
You will have 5 hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 p.m. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

Tuesday, June 19: Dancing Dream ABBA Tribute. 10 a.m. bus.
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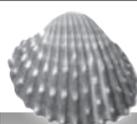
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Keeping the feathered friends from freezing



Greg Vine photo

A jay huddles next to a feeder during a recent storm.

BY AMY PAUL
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Surviving in these cold and snowy weather conditions is easy if you have a roof over your head, warm foods to eat, and a thick blanket. But how do we best help the wild birds struggling to keep warm while living exposed to winter's chills? A mix of bird-friendly yard plantings and feeders are the

best way to maintain bird biodiversity and add to inexpensive winter entertainment.

Ellen Sousa, whose Spencer farm has been a certified wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation since 2006 says, "the best way to help birds in your backyard is to provide bird-friendly plantings for food and shelter. Lots of shrubs

with fruits that persist into winter such as winterberry and American holly, crabapple, chokeberry, and evergreen trees such as pine and juniper, that provide safe cover from predators and a sheltered place to weather the storms. Also, leave areas of your property wild instead of mowing/cutting down

perennials and grasses in the fall — the seed stems standing above the snow are a very important winter seed source right now. Though this year much of that is buried in deep snow."

Sousa adds, "Mostly what feeds wild birds in the winter are the seeds, fruits, nuts, buds and insect eggs found on native perennials, shrubs and trees. Spend time looking at plant and seed catalogs; plan to incorporate some bird and pollinator plantings into your landscape in the spring. Native perennials such as coneflower, aster and milkweed, and flowering shrubs such as dogwood, viburnum, chokeberry and native roses will provide food, shelter and housing at various times of the year for birds and the insect life that birds will feed their nestlings come springtime."

If birdfeeders, rather than plantings, are your choice for feeding wild birds, Nancy Cormier of The Bird Store and More in Sturbridge says certain seeds are better than others in supplying the energy needed for birds to thrive and survive in the cold temperatures.

Cormier says, "Look for seeds high in oil and fat content. Black oil sunflower seeds are the best all-around food for all bird species. Though, partially or completely hulled sunflower seeds and split peanuts are also good choices."

Cormier also recommends suet as an excellent source of food, "Pre-packaged suet is good for any weather conditions. Yet, many people enjoy making their own suet by picking up beef fat from the butcher. This is fine, and very good for the birds, but it is important to note that if temperatures rise above 40°, butcher suet will rot and make the birds sick enough to die."

Safflower seeds, according to Cormier, are a good choice if squirrels are a problem, "they are more bitter, making them unappealing to squirrels, but still high in oil content, an excellent option to maintain a bird's energy."

Finally, Cormier recommends a heated bird bath if attracting many varieties of birds is a goal and to provide the best conditions for all birds

you attract, "Having an open water source is important in attracting and feeding birds. The heated bird bath is an excellent choice, maintaining a temperature of 35°. When birds eat snow, their body temperature is reduced, using more energy."

Sousa recognizes the entertainment and gratification feeding wild birds can bring, "When it's too cold and stormy to be outdoors, bird feeders and planting a bird habitat outside the window is one way for a nature lover to get their daily dosage of our favorite feathered friends: the chickadees and Carolina wrens! It's a nature gardener's payback time — the work of planting is done, and you can enjoy watching your efforts be used and appreciated by wildlife at a very difficult time of year."

For more information on Turkey Hill Brook Farm, visit them on the web at TBHFarm.com or on Facebook. For more information on The Birds and More Store visit them at thebirdstoreandmore.com or on Facebook.

ACTIVE SHOOTER

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Department. All 700 employees of the company completed an extensive preparedness program this past fall, and last week FLEXcon hosted an event to help the public have access to the training exercises.

On Jan. 10, SPD Sgt. Michael Befford conducted a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training session. In addition to training FLEXcon's employees, the police department also introduced Cornerstone Bank employees to the preparedness measures in recent months. Last week, residents had their turn to discover several strategies to protect themselves and others during an active shooter incident.

Now they can take those lessons back to their respective workplaces.

"It's important to look into why people react in different ways during high-stress situations so you can be better prepared," Befford told guests at the event.

Befford reviewed several reactions people commonly experience after realizing they are in danger, beginning with denial and then proceeding through the deliberation process. Guests also watched videos demonstrating the importance of every second during active shooter situations — even slight indecision or a delay in reacting can cost lives.

One of the videos featured an audio recording of a 911 call made from a staff member inside Columbine High School's library during the 1999 shooting that left 15 people dead. Trained active shooter defense specialists like Befford have studied that tragedy and

countless others to learn what could have been done differently to save lives. It's a process that takes place after every incident, and Befford hopes local residents can learn from past tragedies to better prepare themselves.

Rapidly expanding to new towns in recent years, the CRASE model covers an array of civilian response options to active shooter scenarios. These include hiding in locked, darkened rooms and barricading doors; utilizing cell phones and other technologies to immediately contact police; and even teaming up to swarm a shooter upon entering a room if necessary.

These strategies are applicable in several environments, including schools, workplaces, and churches. CRASE even covers how to react once police respond to an active shooter situation, includ-

ing dropping all potential weapons and quickly exiting the building on officers' commands.

For FLEXcon officials, it means a lot to be one of the pioneering businesses in Spencer to put all of its employees through the program. The FLEXcon team was thrilled to host the training course for the general public.

"With the help of the Spencer Police Department, all of our employees have gone through the training," said Darwin Irish, FLEXcon's director of risk management. "No matter where you work, you want to make sure you are well prepared."

FLEXcon officials even videoed the training sessions this past fall so they could be shown to off-site personnel.

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rant's front entrance shows traffic moving smoothly through a redesigned Pleasant Street intersection — one of many projects included in the massive endeavor.

Inside the restaurant, owner Miguel Perez and his wife, Alejandra, are hard at work each day with their staff. Even with traffic congestion and construction delays to contend with in recent months, loyal customers supported the restaurant throughout the project, and Perez saw very minor effects on overall patron attendance.

But a new challenge is lurking on the horizon — the future of an aging Sugden Block building at 117 Main St. that houses Mexicali Grill and other businesses. The lease with the town for the building is set to expire in 2020, and selectmen do not plan to renew the lease beyond its current term. Town officials still hope to sell the building to another owner, but extensive structural and mechanical problems have made it difficult.

"This whole thing makes me nervous about the future," said Perez, a third-generation business owner who lives in Spencer and has heard plenty of unfounded rumors about the building being torn down soon. "We hope everything works out for the best, but it's definitely in the back of your mind that things might not work. You don't know what could end up happening."

For town officials, it's imperative to find a way to retain downtown businesses that have become staples of the community. One of the goals for the revitalization project was to make it easier for patrons to access businesses by vehicle and on foot — but now the goal shifts

toward ensuring that those businesses remain in town amidst a period of flux for a Sugden Block building constructed in the 1880s.

Only partially occupied for several years now, the building has significant problems with its electrical system, plumbing system, roof, and elevator, among others, that would require exorbitant costs to fix. Studies estimate nearly \$6 million would be needed to fully refurbish the site. No decisions have been made yet on the building's future, and town officials want to debunk rumors of an impending demolition.

"There are no imminent plans for demolition [of the building], and we are not renewing leases automatically," Board of Selectmen Chairman Tony Pepe said.

Meanwhile, Perez thanks his customers for their dedication and patience throughout the construction process, and he hopes the situation with the building will be resolved in time to allow all of its tenants to stay. Mexicali Grill also runs restaurants in Webster, Holden and Ware.

Recognizing that the decisions involving the Sugden Block building are out of his control, Perez continues to keep his focus on providing the best experience possible for patrons at his Spencer location.

"We have great customers and a lot of local support," said Perez, who regularly hosts charitable events benefiting schools, veterans, and local organizations. "We want to continue being part of this great community. I have met with some of the other business owners, and they have the same concerns as us. We understand that [town officials] are trying to do their best, but we are all worried about the future."



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EDITORIAL

How do you find out?

There is a big taboo in America, actually it is alive and well in most countries, about talking about salaries and money.

Now, as we see the huge discrepancy in the Wahlberg-Williams movie star fiasco (he got \$1 million, she got \$1,000); we have to wonder, is the big secret so some can keep others from knowing just how big those discrepancies really are?

(And as a second caveat, Mr. Wahlberg oh so generously gave a big donation to some foundation or other as compensation for that big discrepancy; and his agent kicked in another bit as well to show good faith. Nice guys. How about paying Miss WILLIAMS that money for her hard work instead guys?)

We know, oh yes we do know, that the men Vee women thing is real. Very, very real.

And we have heard some very interesting reasons for it over the years.

Here are a few.

“He has a family to support.”

This when this editor was working four part time jobs because the other half of the marriage was in school full time.

“He needs it more.”

How do you know? Ever. No one can ever know the personal circumstances of home life.

“He just bought a house.”

Because he could. We never had the funding on short wages.

“The job isn’t the same.”

Actually, the job differences meant the job this person did was more difficult, not less.

“The job is more important.”

To who?

And the biggest kick yet was when a younger man was hired for the same job, at higher salary than the current one being earned. Then this person had to train said new employee.

The only reason this was discovered was because this person did the payroll.

Wow.

We all have the tales. We know. But without knowing that yes, we do the same job as Bob in the next cubicle; we actually accomplish more than Joe who has the other territory; we have the same title as Dick; or maybe we even have what sounds like a more important title than Jack; the paycheck just doesn’t reflect equality in numbers in the checking account.

Unless and until that piece of the picture is resolved, some of the other feelings of inequality won’t be resolved either.

See, there is an unequal lord over serf thing that happens when you know your work is valued or not. And the lord does indeed lord it over the serf, the peon, the go-fer. It puts a different spin on interactions in other areas, it’s easier to get pushy about other things... maybe even harassment and bullying... and all because you feel you are entitled or worth more.

It might seem trivial to those who don’t have to think about it, and forcing them to think about this inequality, just as many have been forced to think about race relations, religious freedoms, political ideals and other matters are just part of where we are at this moment in time.

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OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodbury: COA appreciates work

To the Editor:

On Dec. 9, 2017, the following people gave up their Saturday and came out in a snow storm to help do many tasks at the Spencer Senior Center.

Thank you to Tony Toscano; Joe Smith; Bob Montalvo; Pam Montalvo; Caryn Byrnes; Tu Puchalski; Gwen Pratt; Martha Brunelle; Amanda Mahaney; Meg Letendre and Jamie Lynn St. Peter. Thank you, Selectman

Woodbury for all you do at the center. Also, all the ladies in the classes here who have stepped up to help.

There are no words to graciously thank you all enough.

This is the true meaning of community involvement.

PAM WOODBURY, DIRECTOR
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How can you improve your financial fitness this year?



FINANCIAL FOCUS
 JEFF BURDICK

If one of your New Year’s resolutions is to get healthier, you may already be taking the necessary

steps, such as improving your diet and increasing your exercise. Of course, physical fitness is important to your well-being – but, at the same time, don’t forget about your financial fitness. Specifically, what can you do to ensure your investment situation is in good shape?

Here are a few “healthy living” suggestions that may also apply to your investment portfolio:

Build endurance – Just as exercise can help build your endurance for the demands of a long life, a vigorous investment strategy can help you work toward your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. In practical terms, this means you will need to own some investments with the potential to provide long-term growth. These are the investments that, ideally, you can hold on to for decades and eventually reap the benefits of capital appreciation. Of course, growth-oriented investments, such as most types of stocks, will rise and fall in value over the short term, and there’s no guarantee of profits, or even preserving principal. But if you choose wisely, and you’ve got the patience and discipline to hold on to your investments through the market’s ups and downs, you may well be rewarded.

Maintain an ideal “weight” – You can help yourself stay healthy by maintaining your ideal weight. This can be challenging – as you know from the recently finished holiday season, it’s easy to put on a few extra pounds. And, just as inadvertently, your portfolio can tack on some unneeded weight, too, in the form of redundant investments. Over time, you may have picked up too many similar investment vehicles, resulting in an overconcentration, or “flabbiness,” that can work against you, especially when a market downturn affects the asset class in which you’re overloaded. So, you might be better off liquidating some of your duplicate, or near-duplicate, investments, and using the proceeds to help broaden your investment mix.

Get proper rest – Many studies have shown that we need adequate rest to stay alert and healthy. In your life, you’ve probably already found that if you over-tax your body, you pay a price in your overall well-being. If you look at your investment portfolio as a living entity – which, in a way, it is, as it certainly provides life to your goals and aspirations – then you can see that it, too, can be weakened by stress. And one of the main stress factors is excessive trading. If you’re constantly buying and selling investments in an attempt to boost your returns, you may rack up hefty fees, commissions and taxes – and still not really get the results you wanted. Plus, if you’re frequently moving in and out of different investments, you’ll find it hard to follow a unified, long-term strategy. So, confine your trading to those moves that are really essential – and give your portfolio a rest.

To enjoy your life fully, you’ll want to take care of your physical and financial health – and, as it turns out, you can make similar types of moves to help yourself in both areas.

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Tips to drive safely in snow

Hot on the heels of a major Nor’easter, it’s time again to review some winter driving tips to keep safe while navigating icy, snowy roadways. When the wintry weather finds you slip sliding away this season, keep in mind these common sense strategies to up your odds of a safe trip.

And remember readers, send in your best wintertime hints — you could win dinner for two at the Publick House!

Accelerate slowly to reduce wheel spin. If starting from a standstill on slick snow or ice, start in second gear so the vehicle is less likely to spin the tires. The automatic transmissions on some vehicles have a winter mode that automatically starts in a higher gear.

Reduce your speed and drive smoothly. In slippery conditions, tires lose their grip more easily, affecting all aspects of your driving: braking, turning, and accelerating. The key is to drive as smoothly as possible, avoiding sudden actions or rapid movements of any kind. Drive as if you have a bowl of water in your lap and don’t want to spill any.

Don’t lock your wheels when braking. Locked wheels can make the vehicle slide or skid. If you have a vehicle without an antilock braking system (ABS), you may need to gently apply the brakes repeatedly to avoid having them lock up the wheels.

Perform one action at a time when accelerating, braking, and turning. Asking a vehicle to do two things at once — such as braking and turning, or accelerating and turning — can reduce your control. When taking a turn, for instance, slowly apply the brakes while the vehicle is going straight. When it’s at the right speed to take the turn, let up on the brakes and smoothly turn the steering wheel. After you’re through the turn, slowly depress the accelerator to regain your speed.

From the Archives: Thanks to reader Robert P. Beauregard of North Oxford for pointing us in the right direction when it comes to steering clear of skids. His tip from 2009 is worth remembering:

“What’s the best advice when a front wheel drive automobile (and that includes almost all cars on the road) goes into a skid? Most people would say to cut the front wheels in the direction of the skid and gently apply brakes. That’s fine if you have a rear wheel drive vehicle. But with a front wheel drive, you steer away from the direction of the skid by accelerating the vehicle, since the drive wheels are up front. And there’s no reason to tap on the brakes. This way, you’ll come out of the skid.”



TAKE THE HINT
 KAREN TRAINOR

Did you know tires are your most important weapon against slipping and sliding? Take into account these top tire tips:

Cold temperatures decrease the air pressure in tires, which adds to the rolling resistance caused by snow and slush. So be sure to check tire pressure regularly, especially after there has been a sharp drop in temperature.

When buying allweather or snow tires have them installed on all four wheels. This provides even traction all the way around and gives you top notch steering and stopping.

Can’t replace all four? If you can only afford two snow tires, some tire experts suggest you get them mounted in the rear. Here’s why: If your front tires skid, you can still maintain some control over the car by steering those wheels. But if your rear tires lose contact with the road, it’s much harder to control where the car goes. For that reason, the tires with the greatest amount of traction are supposed to go on the back

Make sure you have enough tread on your tires. The drive tires must provide traction to push your vehicle over wet pavement and through snow. The steering tires must have traction to steer the vehicle. Experts say you should have at least one eighth inch of tread to plow through snow effectively.

Note: The driving advice above was culled from various sources including State Farm Insurance Agency, Consumer Reports, and Michelin Tires.

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 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 The Southbridge Evening News? 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.

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Sturbridge BNI kicks off new year

On Friday night, the local chapter of BNI conducted a networking dinner at Fins & Tales Restaurant at 858 Main St., Southbridge. The picture shows the pleasantly full and happy attendants gathered around Fins & Tales chef Peter Desforges (seated in white

chef jacket). The folks in the picture represent 18 local businesses out of our total membership of 31 businesses.

Our chapter meets every Thursday morning from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. at Fins & Tales Restaurant. Anyone

interested in the opportunities that are available through BNI in the local community are encouraged to contact Atty. Robert Capera at (508) 764-3297.

This chapter is very active and is comprised of 31 separate local businesses.



Courtesy photo

Local BNI chapter members and guests gather in appreciation around chef Peter Desforges of Fins & Tales Restaurant after a multi dish buffet feast on Friday night. The local chapter met to conduct networking activities and to enjoy a post-holiday celebration to kick off the new year.

History of money highlights next meeting

The Sturbridge Historical Society meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Publick House Historical Inn on Sturbridge Common. Tom, Matt and Dick Lisi will speak on the history of coins and currency.

Their presentation will highlight and encompass the history of United States coins and currency. Hear how our coins and currency evolved from colonial times to the present and which historical events shaped what was minted by the government.

Tom, Matt and Dick together bring many years of collecting experience and knowledge in regard to buying, selling and grading coins and currency. They do appraisals for many of the local banks in the surrounding area. All are members of the prestigious American Numismatic Association as well as the Northeast Numismatic Association.

Historical meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper. Our sincere thanks go out to Mr. Glick.

Society annual dues are \$10, which helps support the cost of speakers. Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November's meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

All meetings start at 7 p.m. and the public is always welcome.

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Academy holding open house

Trinity Catholic Academy in Southbridge, will host their annual Open House for families who are exploring educational options for their children in grades Pre-K through eight. Students will be able to enroll in the current school year, or plan to enroll in the 2018-19 school year. This is an opportunity for families to tour the school and meet the faculty and parents of currently enrolled students.

During the Open House, families will be able to learn about everything this unique school has to offer. Trinity Catholic Academy offers traditional values, Catholic formation and Academic

excellence. As a small private school, they are able to provide smaller class sizes, offer art, music and Spanish language instruction for all grade levels, athletics, and much more.

There will be faculty, parents of currently enrolled students, coaches for cheer and basketball, as well as representatives from the golf and Arts Initiatives programs available to answer any questions or to share with you all of the great opportunities available to their students.

Trinity Catholic Academy provides a strong moral and academic foundation for our students, who progress success-

fully to both public and private high schools. Recent alumni have been recognized as their respective high schools valedictorian or salutatorian.

Enrollment has remained strong, with several students enrolling in January. The middle school grades 6 to 8, retained all but one student during this school year, as they moved out of area. The elementary school grades are growing, and we anticipate a waiting list to enter our preschool program. The commitment to our school is stronger than ever, come see why!

The Open House will take place on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 11:30 a.m. until

1:00 p.m.

Trinity Catholic Academy is located at 11 Pine St. in Southbridge. It provides outstanding, affordable education to children in grades Pre-K (age 4) through eight to students from Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton and other surrounding towns. For more information, they may be contacted at (508) 765-5991.

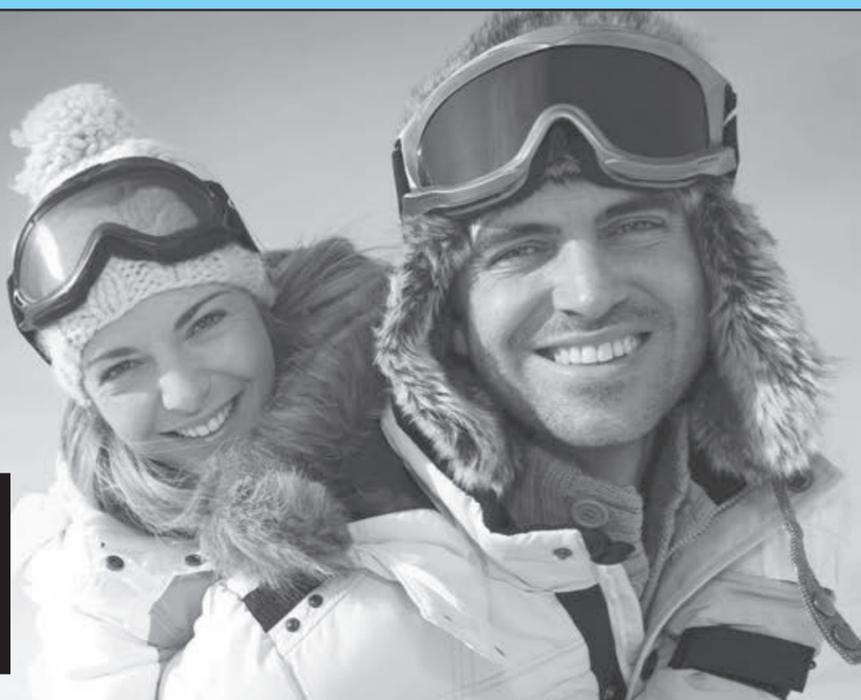
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SPORTS

Long delay doesn't affect Rams while taking down Leicester

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBRIDGE — Back on Dec. 28 the Northbridge High boys' varsity basketball team defeated Hudson High to win the Rocket Classic Tournament as the Rams improved to 4-1. But then the Rams had to wait an extended period of time to play their next contest.

"We had a game last Friday that was snowed out. It made me a little worried, but this crew has been practicing awesome," said Northbridge head coach Aaron Katz. "If we played the way we were practicing, we were going to be fine. It could have been a disastrous 15 days, especially because we were hot."

But the Rams remained hot when they hosted Leicester High on Friday, Jan. 12 at Veterans Memorial Field House. Northbridge opened the game on a 10-0 run and never lost its lead, eventually pulling away for a 54-39 victory to improve to 5-1.

"We did it by running, because we were fresh, and we did it by getting to the hoop," Katz said of the early-going success.

The Wolverines (4-4) mounted a comeback late in the first quarter and trailed by just four points, 15-11, heading into the second period. But the Rams dominated that frame, taking it by a 13-2 count to jump ahead, 28-13, at the halftime break.

"We turned the ball over too much, and they were rough turnovers," Leicester head coach Michael Lynch explained. "We'd get a real nice stop on defense and we make a bad pass and let them get a steal and they get a quick score after that. On a night when we're not shooting well, they're compounded."

The Rams' Dillon Padula took advantage of those turnovers by scoring nine of his 12 points in the second quarter.

The Wolverines then came out with a strong showing in the third period. There, they cut the deficit down to nine points twice as Jack O'Neill scored six of his team-high 15 points in the frame.

"I think he's a special player," Lynch said of O'Neill. "He's going to be the focus of every team's game plan and we've got to find ways to get him the basketball in space a little bit more."

Leicester trailed by 11 points, 37-26, heading into the fourth and final frame.

O'Neill picked up his fourth foul in the first minute of the quarter and headed



Anthony Goodney of Leicester, who scored 10 points versus Northbridge, gets fouled on his pursuit to the basket.

to the bench as his team still trailed, 37-26. But his teammates picked up him, playing strong defense along the way.

"We have a team that when we make the decision to dig in, we can really defend," said Lynch, citing an 11-point fourth quarter deficit to Oxford High earlier this year where they tied the game in the final minute before losing by two and an early 21-7 deficit to Auburn High where they battled back and won.

With O'Neill still on the bench, Leicester's Sam Kenney finished off a three-point play to bring his team to within seven points, 41-37, with 5:22 to play.

O'Neill returned with 4:16 to go and the Wolverines trailing by nine, 43-34 — Leicester outscored Northbridge with O'Neill out, 8-6 — but the Rams scored 11 of the game's final 16 points to pull away.

Northbridge's Jared Richardson was a big reason for the victory, as he scored a game-high 21 points, with 10 of them coming in the fourth quarter. Richardson did the bulk of his work on the offensive glass, then turning the boards into put-back baskets.

"He's in great shape, he's just that scrappy player around the hoop," Katz said of Richardson. "It was the kind of game where we needed that because shots weren't falling."



Leicester's Sam Kenney jumps up and over Northbridge's Robbie Cannon to attempt a one-handed jump shot.



Sam Kenney of Leicester drives on Northbridge defender Sean Rosenlund.

Jack O'Neill of Leicester fires up a 3-pointer in front of Northbridge's JJ Cannon.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Knights of Columbus to host local free throw competition

The local Knights of Columbus Council 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield-West Brookfield, is sponsoring an opening round of the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in this event.

This local competition will be held Sunday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. at the West Brookfield Elementary School Gymnasium (89 Main Street, West Brookfield). This event is free.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, regional, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 160,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,700 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event receiving a Certificate of Participation. Winners in respective age divisions in this round advance to the District Competition in February, and receive prizes donated by local supporters. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Eligibility age is determined as of Jan. 1, 2018.

For entry forms or additional information contact Wally Connor at (413) 813-8100 or email connor122@charter.net. Pre-registration is welcome and encouraged.

Leicester Little League Registration and Fishing Derby announcements

Registration is now open for Little League baseball in Leicester. The registration deadline is Saturday, Feb. 10. Tryouts for 9-12 year olds will be held on Sat, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17. Visit www.leicesterlittleleague.com for more information about winter skills clinics, spring tryouts and registration. We are also seeking local business sponsors for the upcoming season. The Little League will be hosting a fishing derby at Sargent Pond on Saturday, Feb. 24 (7 a.m. start time, weather permitting). Please email leicesterbaseball@gmail.com for more information.

Tantasqua Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony set for Feb. 8

The Tantasqua Athletic Hall of Fame has announced its next class to be inducted on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Tantasqua High School auditorium. Following the induction ceremony, the new class will be introduced during halftime of the Senior Night boys' basketball game versus Bartlett.

Congrats to this year's Athletic Hall of Fame inductees:

Brandon Forcier, Class of 2009
Shelby Farland, Class of 2009
Dan Kemp, Class of 2009
John Jolin, Class of 1972
Mike Dube, 32 Years Teacher/Coach; 1977 State Champion Baseball Coach
Burton "Burt" MacArthur, First ever Tantaqua Athletic Director

Leicester Men's Basketball League Standings

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Northeast Pizza — 3-4
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HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Jan. 8

Tantasqua 47, Doherty 31 — The Warriors remained unbeaten in boys' freshman basketball after Tantasqua took care of the Highlanders. Seann Lauritsen (12 points), Tom Flynn (10) and Liam O'Brien (9) were the Warriors' top scorers. A 22-16 halftime lead and a 6-0 run to open the third quarter were enough to boost Tantasqua's record to 7-0.

Jan. 10

Tantasqua 57, Sabis 45 — In a strong defensive matchup, the Warriors boys' freshman basketball team won again. Leading scorers

for Tantasqua were Tom Flynn (11 points), Seann Lauritsen (10 points) and Cooper Hurt (8 points).

Jan. 12

Tantasqua 110, Leominster 51 — The boys' swim team had a great showing to take down the Blue Devils. Tantasqua's 200 medley relay team of Andrew Wade, Michael Turley, Robert Wilson and Kaspar Mazeika started out with a victory. Gavin Morris then got double wins in 500 and 200 freestyle, as did Mazeika in the 200 IM and 100 freestyle. Zach Lavallee won the 50 freestyle and Turley took home the 100 butterfly. The 200 free-

style relay team of Lavallee, Wilson, Ethan Hunter-Mason and Mazeika, as well as the 400 freestyle relay team of Wade, Eli Currier, Turley and Morris were also winners. The Warriors are now 6-1.

Leominster 99, Tantasqua 71 — The Warriors girls' swim team was a little shorthanded but still performed well in a loss to Leominster. The 400 freestyle relay team of Alyson Locke, Christina Izbicki, Kami Davis and Sarah Kersting-Mumm provided Tantasqua's only first place finish, but there were many close races and best times. The team is now 3-4.

SPORTS

Balanced effort boosts Tantasqua past Polar Bears

STURBRIDGE — A team effort that saw 11 players score helped the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team defeat North High of Worcester, 60-19, on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Tantasqua's junior high school.

More on that later, but the Warriors' balanced offensive attack and suffocating defense more than did in the Polar Bears.

"We're settling into our roles and you can really see that we're starting to jell," Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette said after his team won its fourth straight and improved to 4-2. "We were scrimmaging yesterday, our first team against our second team, and it was a battle. We got a good effort from everyone tonight."

Lindsey Zak and Lydia Boland each scored 10 points for the Warriors, while Jillian Routhier (8 points), Molly Ryan (6), Morgan Smith (4), Madison Varney (4), Rachel Godek (4), Grace Farland (4), Jordyn Trombly (4), Ainsley Way (4) and Emma Cherry (2) also found the score-sheet.

And Tantasqua's work was done entirely from inside the 3-point arc. They finished off 28 interior baskets and four free throws.

"We've talked about going inside a little more," said Goyette. "Our posts know what to do when they get the ball. The passing, stretching the zone with two, three or four passes you're going to find more openings, and we did that tonight."

Tantasqua's defense limited North's offense to just three scorers, with Emma Hoxha netting a game-high 11 points. The Warriors kept the Polar Bears to single-digit totals in all four quarters, with North failing to register a point in the final frame.

Tantasqua led after the first quarter, 23-3, at halftime, 37-12, and after three



Ainsley Way of Tantasqua drives the ball along the baseline versus North's Maame Coduah.



Tantasqua's Madison Varney splits North's defense while driving in for a layup.



Mathew S. Plamondon photos
Tantasqua's Madison Varney dribbles the ball against the defense of North's Emma Hoxha.

quarters, 50-19.

This was the Warriors' second game — with potentially many more to play — at the junior high as the high school's gymnasium is fixing the overhead sprinklers. But Goyette isn't concerned since eight of his 12 roster spots are filled with underclassmen (five freshmen, three sophomores) who have recently played on this floor.

"Our kids mostly played on the junior high team and they played two years, so they're really comfortable here," he concluded.

— Nick Ethier



Rachel Godek of Tantasqua floats to the hoop while North's Maame Coduah defends.



Jillian Routhier of Tantasqua drives straight ahead for a layup.



From left, Tantasqua's Molly Ryan and Jillian Routhier protect their zone against North's Jordyn Paletaky.

Warriors take down Oxford to get back to .500



Mathew S. Plamondon photos
Tantasqua's Evan Couture drives the ball on Oxford defender Alexander Duval.

OXFORD — Sharpshooter Drew Peretti is one of the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team's most lethal offensive options — especially behind the 3-point line — but opposing teams have been keying in on him. In turn, that means other teammates will be open and need to hit their shots.

That was the case for the Warriors when they played at Oxford High on Friday, Jan. 12. Hayden Peterson (15 points, 17 rebounds, 4 assists), Evan Couture (14 points, 4 steals) and Jeremiah Dingui (9 points) all stepped up as Tantasqua took down the Pirates, 50-41.

With the win the Warriors got back to the .500 threshold, improving to 4-4.



Tantasqua's Jackson Hall dribbles the ball in front of Oxford defender David Meech.

"It was a tough battle. Oxford played very hard and made it difficult to score," said Tantasqua head coach Tom O'Neil. "They made it a point to take away Drew Peretti, so other guys had to step up and score."

O'Neil then complimented Peterson, Couture and Dingui.

"Hayden kept us in the game and Evan took over in the fourth quarter to help seal the victory. Jeremiah played spectacular defense throughout the game and hit some real big shots for us," said O'Neil.

Couture scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter and Dingui's 9 points were a career high.

The Warriors weren't only battling the Pirates, but also the conditions of the court. Due to near 60-degree tem-

peratures and a strong rain, the floor was quite slippery.

"Players were literally sliding all over the place and falling down constantly," said O'Neil. "At one point I thought we might have to postpone the game because it was almost impossible for the kids to stop or change direction. But we were able to battle through that and get a big victory."

And now with a record of 4-4, including a perfect 2-0 mark inside the Southern Worcester County League, the Warriors have two league games this coming week. They play at Millbury High (after press time) on Tuesday, Jan. 16 before hosting Auburn High on Friday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Tantasqua's junior high school.

— Nick Ethier



ATHLETE of the WEEK

Kaspar Mazeika

The Tantasqua Regional swimmer had a tremendous outing versus Leominster High on Jan. 12. Mazeika was part of two winning relay teams (200 medley, 200 freestyle) as well as finishing first in the 200 IM and 100 freestyle. The Warriors won the meet, 110-51, to improve to 6-1.

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The recent heavy rain sure had a negative effect on ice fishing this past weekend, but other than sloppy ice fishing conditions, there was still plenty of safe ice. The cold weather after the rain hardened the ice, and fishing got back to normal. Many anglers were out ice fishing this past weekend after the heavy wind and rain. Jerry, at Jerry's Bait & Tackle in Milford, reported a brisk business on live bait and worms. Cape waters had plenty of safe ice on them last week and were producing some real nice fish. Jig fishing was great for trout at Hamblin Pond. Hamblin Pond receives a good amount of trout from the state annually and provides some great fishing year around. My brother Ken and the late Dave Parker and this writer had many enjoyable fishing trips to Hamblin pond for years.

A recent post by Toby Lapinski gave me a good laugh last week. He spoke about cod fishing at the rail of a charter boat last week during the extreme cold temperatures that had anglers having cold hands and snotsicles on their noses!! If you can handle the extreme weather conditions it



The elusive fisher cat isn't seen often, but makes its presence known.

Massachusetts black bear may be in hibernation at present, but were a challenge to hunters earlier.

is great, but this writer will wait for warmer weather. Been there & done that in my younger years.

This is the time of year that sportsmen take the time to get there gear ready for spring fishing. What better way to start than to attend the upcoming sportsman's shows, and find the latest fishing gear that is available this year, and to meet old friends. The first event will be the New England Fishing Show & Outdoor Expo in Boxboro slated to open on Jan. 26 - through 28. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Friday, & Saturday & Sunday at 10:00 a.m.! Check out the full events at the Expo on the web site at nefishingexpo.com! There is

plenty of free parking.

The Springfield show at the Big-E will open their doors on Friday, Feb. 23 at 1:00 p.m. & Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.! More on this show in the coming weeks.

The RISAA saltwater fishing show in Providence RI is a must attend show if you fish the saltwater. More than 16,000 saltwater anglers attend the show every year. More on this show in the coming weeks also.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club had their pheasant pen raided last week by a four legged fur bearer that killed all of the pheasant being held for a final pheasant hunt by members. 60 to be exact!! It is believed to have been a fisher

cat that climbed into the pen. They are a real killing machine and will kill for the fun of it, which was evident last week at the club's pheasant pen. They are a small carnivorous animal native to North America. It is a member of the weasel family and is related to the American marten. It spends most of its time on the forest floor and rarely eats fish. It normally has its young in the spring, and will have three or four kits annually. The fisher cat has few predators other than man, who have trapped the fisher cat since the 18th century for their prized pelts. They have a delayed reproductive system that is very unique. One thing for sure, there presence is well known in the valley, and more so after last week's massacre of 60 pheasant.

The Massachusetts black bear season for 2017 had a good number of bear harvested during the three seasons. Numerous bear were harvested with shotgun this year because of the open season during the regular deer season.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold its annual ice fishing derby for members this Saturday, Jan 20. The derby was canceled last week because of the heavy rain and wind. A full breakfast will be served in the morning. Bring the family down for a great day of fishing. The pond was stocked last week with some impressive rainbow and brook trout. Derby starts at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Some great prizes will also be awarded.

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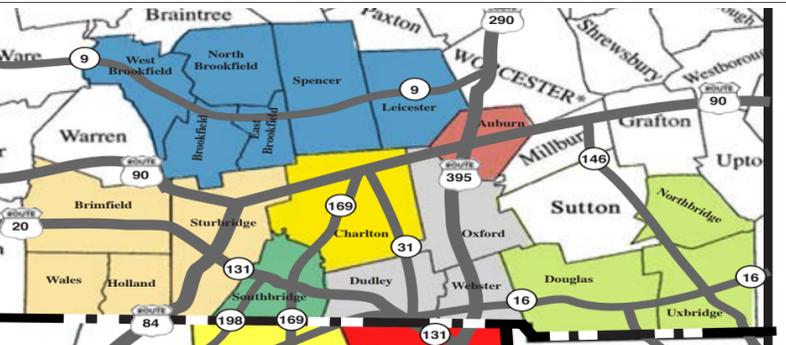
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Spencer Police Department

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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-victimised through indirect identification.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:01-12:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:27 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), citation issued; 12:37-12:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:12 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 1:27 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:06 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 7:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:33 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:53 a.m.: mv stop (Chestnut Street); 7:57 a.m.: animal complaint (Jolicoeur Avenue), hens loose; 8:52 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:53 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:47 a.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 10:28 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), credit card scam; 10:30 a.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 10:58 a.m.: medial/general (Howe Village); 12:28 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:53 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:55 p.m.: elderly matter (Main Street), assisted; 2:02 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), wallet found; 2:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), services rendered; 3:15 p.m.: juvenile matter (Adams Street), youths on ice; 4:03 p.m.: officer wanted (William Casey Road), welfare check; 4:06 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), services rendered; 4:30 p.m.: lost/found (South Spencer Road), spoken to; 4:50 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 4:52 missing person/adult (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 5:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street), missing cat; 6:55 p.m.: accident (South Spencer Road), spoken to; 7:15 p.m.: c/c fraud (Howe Village), c/c used by another party; 7:53 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), debris in roadway; 8:27 p.m.: lost/found (Bixby Road), spoken to; 10:00 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:26 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), suicidal male.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:56 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 1:41-2:18 a.m.: build-

ings checked, secure; 5:09 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 6:37 a.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road), loose dog; 7:11 a.m.: medical/general (Spring Street); 7:54 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 8:14 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 8:31 a.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 9:06 a.m.: abandoned 911 all (Paxton Road), no service necessary; 10:06 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:23 a.m.: larceny (Water Street), plate stolen from truck; 10:29 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:58 a.m.: 209A service (Roberta Bay); 10:59 a.m.: 209A service (Roberta Bay); 11:26 a.m.: fire alarm (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 1:05 p.m.: trash dumping (East Charlton Road), spoken to; 2:31 p.m.: bomb threat (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 3:11 p.m.: lost/found (Church Street), lost handbag; 3:23 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Town House Court), c/c fraud; 4:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Prouty Street), suspicious package; 5:46 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street); 5:46 p.m.: FID issued (West Main Street); 5:47 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street); 5:48 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street); 5:59 p.m.: 911 call (Smithville Road), accidental; 6:17 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), check found; 6:27 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 6:39 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 6:48 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), scam call; 6:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:18 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 7:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:44 p.m.: lost/found (Mechanic Street), wallet found; 7:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:54 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 8:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:51 p.m.: property released (West Main Street), returned to owner; 8:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:49 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:00 p.m.: suspicious activity (High Street), Christmas lights stolen; 10:10 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street), missing dog; 11:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), missing dog.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

2:22-2:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:21 a.m.: accident (Cranberry Meadow Road), deer struck; 7:08 a.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), unwanted party; 10:05 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 10:44 a.m.: medical/general

(Main Street); 10:45 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Cooney Road), reporting iTunes scam; 12:18 p.m.: accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 1:16 p.m.: commercial alarms (Main Street), services rendered; 1:21 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 1:46 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 1:54 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 1:58 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:16 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 2:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), manhole cover missing; 2:34 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 2:36 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 2:52 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:51 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 4:09 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 5:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 5:58 p.m.: accident (Prouty Street), report taken; 5:59 p.m.: medical/general, address redacted from police log; 7:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), spoken to; 7:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), welfare check; 7:28 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 7:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Bond Street), dog tied up in freezing rain; 7:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 8:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), spoken to; 8:24 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:30 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 9:17 p.m.: disturbance (Browning Pond Road), noise complaint; 11:46 p.m.: commercial alarm (Ash Street), services rendered.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:10-12:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:08 a.m.: suspicious activity (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 1:12 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 1:49 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:58 p.m.: fire alarm (Pioneer Valley Drive), services rendered; 8:47 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), caller hung up; 10:03 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), spoken to; 10:08 p.m.: DPW call (Meadow Road), re: road conditions; 10:10 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), keys taken; 11:04 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 11:25 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:56 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 1:17-1:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:30 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 3:03 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 8:01 a.m.: DPW call (Wilson Avenue), icy roads; 8:30 a.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), welfare check; 8:42 a.m.: 911 call (Roberta Bay), services rendered; 9:34 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Main Street); 11:03 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main

Street), spoken to; 12:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), dead cat; 12:20 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 2:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), spoken to; 2:55 p.m.: parking complaint (Church Street), vehicles blocking driveway; 3:30 p.m.: residential alarm (Thompson Pond Road), services rendered; 3:33 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), debris in road; 3:45 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 4:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 4:08 p.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), spoken to; 4:23 p.m.: residential alarm (Marble Road), services rendered; 4:41 p.m.: fire alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 4:54 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 5:18 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:23 p.m.: residential alarm (Kingsbury Road), services rendered; 5:51 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), mv stuck in cemetery; 5:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), suspicious activity; 7:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), explosions heard; 7:44 p.m.: 911 call (Tom Casey Road), child playing w/phone; 7:47 p.m.: 911 call (Donnelly Road), spoken to; 7:53 p.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), injured owl; 8:04 p.m.: 911 call (Donnelly Cross Road), spoken to; 8:21 p.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 10:48 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), deer struck; 11:07-11:17 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:40 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:59 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), spoken to.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

1:05-1:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:13 a.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 9:34 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 9:53 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:00 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), neighbor dispute; 12:26 p.m.: mv stop (Powers Street); 2:23 p.m.: medical/general (Sunset Lane); 2:37 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), accidental; 3:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Robert Bay), info request from DCF; 3:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), spoken to; 3:52 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 4:00 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 5:02 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:05 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street); 5:35 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street); 7:15 p.m.: 209A service (Town House Court); 7:48 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:33 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:42 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken.

Off duty officer still on the job

CHARLTON — On Wednesday Jan. 10, at approximately 4:30 p.m. a male subject approached an off-duty police officer in the parking lot of Cumberland Farms and reported that he was just held at gunpoint after buying marijuana for a friend. The off-duty police contacted police headquarters and reported the robbery and officers were immediately dispatched to the scene to investigate.

While officers were responding to the scene they were advised that the suspect had just fled the scene in a silver Saturn Ion and was now traveling on Worcester Street with four other occupants in the vehicle. The off-duty police officer remained on the phone with

our dispatcher and was able to closely follow the suspect vehicle until our officers were able to conduct a motor vehicle stop in the area of Worcester Street and Brookside Road.

Officers approached the vehicle and identified the operator as 18 year old Aziz Sawadogo. A passenger in the front seat (identified as 19 year old Heriberto Lopez) was then asked to exit the vehicle at which time a silver .22 caliber derringer firearm was recovered.

Three other passengers were in the back seat of the vehicle and they were identified as 20 year old Daniel Silverio and two juveniles. An amount of marijuana was also recovered and two of the suspects

attempted to provide officers with fake names.

During further investigation, it was determined that all five suspects had been involved in the robbery and they were all transported to police headquarters for processing. As a result, the following were charged:

20 year old Daniel Silverio from 22 Dover St. apt#2 in Worcester, was charged with conspiracy to commit a crime to wit armed robbery, armed robbery; aiding and abetting, and kidnapping, firearm aiding and abetting

19 year old Heriberto Lopez from 10 Glade St. in Worcester, was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, armed robbery; joint venture, and kidnapping, firearm; joint venture

18 year old Aziz Sawadogo from 42 S Lenxon St. in Worcester, was charged with conspiracy to commit a crime to wit armed robbery, providing a false name, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, armed robbery; aiding and abetting and kidnapping, firearm aiding and abetting

A 16 year old juvenile from Worcester, was charged with armed robbery; joint venture, kidnapping, firearm and conspiracy to commit a crime to wit armed robbery

A 17 year old juvenile from Worcester, was charged with conspiracy to commit a crime to wit armed robbery, armed robbery; aiding and abetting, kidnapping, firearm aiding and abetting, providing a false

name and held on a Department of Youth Services warrant.

One of the juveniles was released to a parent and the other juvenile was released to the custody of the Department of Youth Services. Silverio, Lopez and Sawadogo were all held on bail awaiting release or their arraignment in Dudley District Court on Thursday, January 11.

Arresting officer was Officer Darren Dodge assisted by Sergeant Michael Sullivan, Detectives Jason Bonadies and Jose Altiery and Officers Joel Lopez-Miranda and Kaiten Neill.

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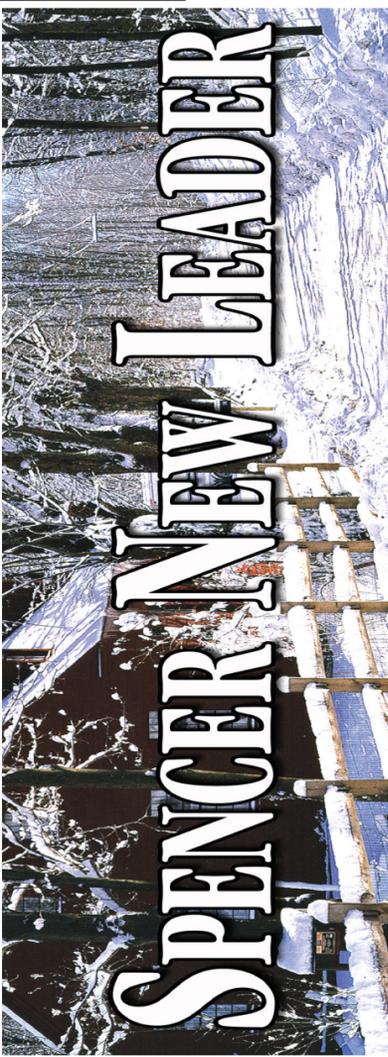
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OBITUARIES

Alfred Albrecht, 98



W A R E - Alfred Albrecht, 98, died on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital.

He leaves his loving wife of 70 years, Helen (Smith) Albrecht; a son, Dwight Albrecht and his wife Sally of Keene, NH; a daughter, Dorothy Dangutis and her husband John of Ware; four grandchildren, Bill and his wife Kristi, Lisa and her husband Patrick, Dwight, Jr.

and Heather and her husband Spencer; two great-grandchildren, Karissa and Braydie and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three siblings, Leslie Albrecht, Mabel Hamilton and Eleanor White. He was born in South Barre, son of the late Francis and Rose (Dill) Albrecht and grew up in Barre before moving to Ware in 1954.

Alfred worked in the textile mills, at Barre Wool Combing Company in Barre and Bay Path in Ware for many years, and then worked for 10 years at Digital in Springfield before retiring in 1985.

He was a United States Army Veteran of W.W. II and was in engagements in Algeria-French Morocco, Sicily, Rome-Arno, Southern France, and Rhineland. He was a member of

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2577 where he was past Chaplin, Commander and District Commander. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion Post 2 in Barre, the American Legion Post 123 in Ware, and the Eden Lodge of Masons in Ware. Alfred was also a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware, of which he was the oldest member of the church.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He cherished his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was very active with the youth in Ware and started the first youth baseball team. He was also the oldest Boy Scout in the Town of Ware and received the "Citizen of the Year" plaque from the Ware Rotary Club.

A Funeral Service for Alfred was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware. A calling hour was held prior to the service from 10 to 11 AM in the funeral home. Burial will be in Aspen Grove Cemetery with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Jubilee Cupboard, P.O. Box 447, Ware, MA 01082. charbonneauafh.com



Henry J. "Hank" Letourneau, 96

NORTH BROOKFIELD- Henry J. "Hank" Letourneau, 96, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2018 in the Holyoke Soldiers Home.

Henry was born in Warren, RI on December 15, 1921 the son of the late William and Hermeline (Nevux) Letourneau and has lived in North Brookfield over 80 years. He is predeceased by brothers William, Maurice, Albert and Brother Jerome MS and sisters Jeanette Minns and Marie Couturier. Henry leaves a nephew and 3 nieces.

He worked for American Athletic Shoe Co. in Ware and later the Brookfield Athletic Shoe Co. until he retired. Henry was a WWII US Marine Veteran serving in the Pacific. He was

called back to active duty during the Korean Conflict and discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

Henry was a life member of the VFW Capt Albert Prouty Post 3439 and a member of St. Josephs Church in North Brookfield.

A Graveside service will be held in the Spring in St. Josephs Cemetery in North Brookfield. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is assisting the family. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com



Lillian "Lilly" Prouty, 32



WORCESTER / SPENCER- Lillian "Lilly" Prouty, 32, of Worcester and formerly of Spencer, died Wednesday, January 10, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, from complications of an illness. She leaves

the dearest love of her life, her son Eric Romanoff; her beloved sister, Laura Prouty, and her fiancée, Jackie Guntor of Worcester; her parents, Steve and Martine Prouty of Spencer; her partner, Alex Nieves of Worcester; and her faithful canine companion, Buddy.

Born in Sion, Switzerland, in the heart of the Alps, Lilly moved to Spencer when she was 18 months old. She was lively and inquisitive, active and artistic, and fiercely independent. She read voraciously, both in French and in English, and was expressive in her artwork and her writing, whether in prose or in verse, in either language. By age 8 she was writing poems and compositions in French that still amaze her family. At an exhibit of her artwork at the Java Hut, all of her paintings were bought by visitors.

She played recorder and flute. She enjoyed the music of Led Zeppelin and the Grateful Dead, and she loved to dance. She also liked skiing, running,

swimming to the raft at her cousins' "camp" on Lake Lashaway, and, as a child, climbing trees like a squirrel. She had a great love of nature. One of her favorite places to spend time was Green Hill Park in Worcester, where she would meditate, walk her dog, and take photos of the trees.

She had a deep empathy for the less fortunate people in our society, and gave of herself to help others, counselling friends in distress with much tenderness.

Lilly was at her happiest when she was spending time with her son Eric. She was a loving and devoted mother who took much pride in his growth and accomplishments.

Lilly has left an indelible impression on her friends and aggrieved family. She will be severely missed.

A "Celebration of Lilly's Life" was held Sunday, Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. in the J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer.

Burial will be private for the family only in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 60 Maple St., Spencer, 01562 or Worcester County Food Bank, 474 Boston Tpke., Shrewsbury, MA. 01545. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Cecile J. Chapdelaine, 99



WARE - Cecile J. Chapdelaine, 99, formally of Ware, died on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield.

She leaves her sisters, Rachel Sorel, Madeline Cebula of Ware, and Sylvia DeMaio of Belchertown, a brother, Edward Sorel of Gilbertville, a sister-in-law, Louisa Sorel of Ware, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, George Chapdelaine in 2001, as well as her sisters Yvonne Vadnais, Lorraine Forgit, and Claire Charbonneau, and her brothers, Roland, Raymond, and Bernard Sorel. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Edmund and Lucia (Roy) Sorel and was a life-long resident of Ware.

Cecile worked at Selvin and Gordon, where she learned how to sew and became a beautiful seamstress. She also worked at Frederics Knitted Fabrics. She was a homemaker, and enjoyed sewing and traveling with her husband George.

The family would like to that the caring staff of Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center for the kind and compassionate care given to Cecile during her 7 1/2 years there.

A Graveside Service for Cecile was held on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 1:00PM, in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Ware. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant Street in Ware is assisting her family with arrangements. charbonneauafh.com

Fruits and vegetables may lower risk of PAD



Pain in the lower extremities may be indicative of a condition called peripheral artery disease, or PAD. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute says PAD occurs when plaque builds up in the arteries that carry blood to the limbs, head and organs, contributing to atherosclerosis, or a hardening of the arteries. Blocked blood flow and eventual limited oxygen supply to these areas can cause pain and numbness. When severe enough, PAD may lead to tissue death.

Discomfort due to PAD usually occurs when a person is walking or exercising, because the muscles are not getting enough blood during these activities to meet their needs, says the American Heart Association. Those with diabetes may confuse pain with neuropathy, and the elderly may think pain from PAD is a normal sign of aging and stiffness.

When undiagnosed, PAD can lead to further complications, including increased risk for heart attack, stroke, and coronary artery disease. Even amputation of a limb may be necessary. However, PAD is preventable when taking a few steps to improve diet.

According to new research published by the American Heart Association, eating more fruits and vegetables may reduce the risk of developing PAD, which affects an estimated 8.5 million people in the United States alone. Researchers examined dietary data from roughly 3.7 million men and women, with an average age of 65. Approximately 6.3 percent of the subjects had PAD, and 29.2 percent indicated they ate three or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day. The discovery was those

who reported eating three or more daily servings of fruits and vegetables had an 18 percent lower risk of PAD than those who reported eating less of these foods. The association between fruit and vegetable consumption and lower PAD risk remained even after accounting for age, gender, race, smoking status, and various cardiovascular risk factors.

Saturated fats, trans-fats and sodium can contribute to the formation of plaques that lead to PAD. Replacing these foods with more vegetables and fruits that are naturally lower in saturated fats can help, as can increasing dietary fiber consumption. One way to incorporate these types of foods is to adhere to a Mediterranean diet, which offers high proportions of legumes, fruits, vegetables; moderate amounts of fish and dairy; and limited meat and meat products.

Peripheral artery disease can be a warning sign of cardiovascular trouble. Altering one's diet may help naturally prevent or treat this condition.



SPENCER- Lillian B. (Sourdif) Gagne, 90 of Howe Village, died Monday, Jan. 15 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester.

She was the wife of Joseph H. "Jack" Gagne who died in 2010. She leaves

her son John P. Gagne and his wife Christine of Spencer, her daughters Paula A. Letourneau and her husband Robert of Spencer, and Joyce M. Hughes and her husband Michael of Auburn, a brother Leo Sourdif and his wife Joyce, a sister Juliette Woods all of Spencer, 6 grandchildren; James Letourneau, Nicole Dacey, Joseph Letourneau, Marc Hughes, Adam Hughes and Amanda Mantia, her great grandson Eric Hughes, many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by 5 sisters.

Born in Spencer, she was the daughter of Delphin and Exina (Mathieu) Sourdif. She was a longtime shoe worker at the former Brookfield Athletic Shoe Co. in E. Brookfield, retiring in

1983.

She was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish, and Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 American Legion Women's Auxillary. Lill enjoyed playing bingo with her friends at the Knights of Columbus and the Howe Village Social Hall, she also loved music and dancing. The family would like to thank all the loving and supportive people who brought her light, laughter, and dignity over the years. The kindness you've shown her echoes in our hearts.

Her funeral will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20 from the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Calling hours are Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 60 Maple St., Spencer, 01562 or Spencer Rescue Squad, P.O. BOX 147, Spencer MA 01562. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21

CELEBRATING THE WOMEN'S MARCH: On Sunday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Charlton Arts and Activities Center, 4 Dresser Hill Road, a celebration of the one year anniversary of the Woman's March is scheduled. Speakers will include Sen. Anne Gobi and new Charlton Selectboard member Deb Noble. Others are expected. This is an open meeting, bring food to share if you want to since it is right at lunch time, but not necessary; we need YOU to discuss the future, the past and the present. Where do go from here? What are the goals. Open to any-

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Docket No. WO18P0086EA
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **JP Shipman of South Yarmouth 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 **JP Shipman of South Yarmouth MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 01/30/2018.** 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 10, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
January 19, 2018

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO17D1836DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
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Jay Serper Pelletz
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To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 3, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
January 19, 2018

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one interested.

Thursday, February 15

ADDICTION SUPPORT FORUM: the series supported by Christ Memorial Episcopal Church continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. focusing on communication and collaboration among organizations, programs and businesses addressing addiction. Each Thursday forum will be held in the church undercroft at 133 North Main St. from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Childcare will be held across the street at the Haston Library by accessing the Spring Street entrance. Refreshments and printed resource materials will be available. For more information, please contact Sue Lewandowski at CMCseniorwarden@gmail.com or call Rev. Dr. Paula Winsor Sage at (774) 287-7733.

Thursday, March 15

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: the series supported by Christ Memorial Episcopal Church continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. focusing on communication and collaboration among organizations, programs and businesses addressing domestic violence. Each Thursday forum will be held in the church undercroft at 133 North Main St. from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Childcare will be held across the street at the Haston Library by accessing the Spring Street entrance. Refreshments and printed resource materials will be available. For more information, please contact Sue Lewandowski at CMCseniorwarden@gmail.com or call Rev. Dr. Paula Winsor Sage at (774) 287-7733.

Thursday, April 26

VETERANS SERVICES: the series supported by Christ Memorial Episcopal Church continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. focusing on communication and collaboration among organizations, programs and businesses addressing veterans services. Each Thursday forum will be held in the church undercroft at 133 North Main St. from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Childcare will be held across the street at the Haston Library by accessing the Spring Street entrance. Refreshments and printed resource materials will be available. For more information, please contact Sue Lewandowski at CMCseniorwarden@gmail.com or call Rev. Dr. Paula Winsor Sage at (774) 287-7733.

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Deja New: Art, Antiques, & Collectibles Vendor Marketplace open on Wednesday from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm in the St. Joseph's Rectory building for its first season. All proceeds will benefit the non-profit "24-7 Community Partnership" which will provide funds to programs for the needy, including the Leicester Food Pantry. Open April-December.

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 Street, Leicester, (508) 859-8083. The "New to You Thrift Shop Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS: Richard Sugden Library in Spencer has the following weekly programs. For more information contact the library at (508) 885-7513.

Looking for a fun and educational activity to do with your toddler or preschooler? Come to toddler story hour at 10 a.m. and meet other parents, enjoy songs, stories, and activities with your 18 months to 3 year old. Caregivers must remain in the room with their toddler. Preschoolers (ages 3-5) come at 11- caregivers must remain on the same floor. These are free programs but do require registration which you can do when you arrive. Today's themes are drums and rhythm.

Join us at **Bouncing Babies** on Wednesdays from 10-10:45 a.m. for a rollicking, good time! Meet other caregivers, share stories, songs, & rhymes. It's for ages birth to 24 months & their caregivers. Program followed by open play time. The free Afterschool Fun program is today from 4-4:45 p.m. for children from k-grade 5.

Tune in Together on Thursdays is a music and movement program for toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers, sponsored and presented by CFCE. Meets from 11 a.m.-noon.

Paws and Pages encourages children to become better readers by sharing a book with trained therapy dogs. This program is possible because of the generosity of trainer, Barbara Laborde and her canine helper. Come between 4-4:15 p.m. on Thursdays to reserve a spot.

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child pro-

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

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

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

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

ECONOMICAL: First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer, (508) 885-2149. Economy Shop hours, open every Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

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. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and games concluding with a devotional just before 2 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. Call (508) 867-7725.



Ad Libs by June

Look on the bright side...
Spring is just 60 days away!

If you are looking for a new career this winter, check out **QUABOAG REHABILITATION AND SKILLED NURSING CENTER'S** ad in this week's issue. They are currently looking for a social worker, experience preferred, and hiring CNA's 7a-3p and 3p to 11p. For more info contact Julie Stapleton at 508-867-0626 or email your resume to jstapleton@QOTCMA.com.

WHITCO is having a huge Winter Sale! If you're a football fan, you know that "we're" getting closer to being in another big game! Check out **WHITCO's** prices in this week's ad for big screen TV's and appliances. Also check them out for their giant bike sale, and toy clearance up to 70% off select items! They have over 2000 appliances in stock for pickup or fast delivery, and twin, full and queen mattresses. Instant financing up to \$10,000. Visit whitcosales.com for 100's of deals online.

Check out **PLEASANT ST. DINER's** ad in this week's issue for Monday thru Friday daily lunch specials. Stop by for lunch and dine in, or grab these specials on your way by in the morning and enjoy them for lunch on the go. Just \$6.95 each! **PLEASANT ST. DINER** is located on Rt 56S across from **HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB!**

Save the date, Sunday, January 28, from 2-6 pm for **SPENCER FISH & GAME'S 1ST Big Meat Raffle of 2018!** There will be six tables of all different kinds of meat and one Surf N' Turf table. Tickets are just \$1.00, and there will be a door prize. Food & beverages will be for sale. Fun social event to ease the winter blues and perhaps fill your freezer!

Even though most of the snow is melted, you know we're going to get more. If you need someone to plow the next time we are blanketed with the white stuff, call **MCNEELY TREE SERVICE** at 508-867-6119 or 413-324-6977 and Craig or Keegan will be at your service! See their ad in the Local Service Providers Directory for all the services they offer. They are fully insured. Tell them you saw their ad in the Spencer New Leader!

Have a great week!

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NEW LISTING

CHARLTON - 8 Chelsea Way! ANGALIE ESTATES! 2,500' 10 Rm Colonial! 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths! 3.02 Acres! Cul-de-sac! 2 Story Grand Foyer! SS Appliances! Kitchen w/ Granite Counters & Backsplash! Spacious Liv Rm! Refinished Hardwoods! Updated Bathrm! New Siding, Entry Doors, Electrical Service! Finished Lower Level! Fenced Backyard! Shed! **\$208,900.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 14 Lower Gore Rd! Completely Renovated! 7 Rm, 3 Bdrms! Ranch! Kit w/ New Tile Flr, SS Appliances, Granite Counters & Backsplash! Spacious Liv Rm! Refinished Hardwoods! Updated Bathrm! New Siding, Entry Doors, Electrical Service! Finished Lower Level! Fenced Backyard! Shed! **\$208,900.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 24 Linwood St! Well Maintained! 2 Family! Each Unit Consists Of An Eat-In Kit w/ Gas Range, Pantry w/ Abundant Cabinets! 2 Carpeted Bdrms! Knotty Pine Heated Sun Room Or Den! Full Baths w/ Laundry! 2nd Flr w/ Screened Porch! Newer Roof, Siding & Windows! Updated Furnaces! Garage! **\$219,900.00**

SOLD

CHARLTON - 2 Pinnakin Hill Rd! Nice Updated! 7 Rm Split! .92 Acre Corner Lot! SS Appliances! Center Isl, Cathedral & Skylight! Din Rm w/ Slider to 12x16 Deck! Cathedral Liv Rm w/ Brick Flrplc & Pellet Stove! 3 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths, Whirlpool Tub! Frplcd Fam Rm! Garage! **\$289,900.00**

SOLD

EAST BROOKFIELD - 554 Podunk Rd! 6 Rm Cape! 1.5 Acres! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! New & Recent Features! Open Flr Plan! Granite Kit! SS Appliances! 1st Flr Wdrws! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! Natural Woodwork! Patio w/ Hot Tub! Fruit Trees! Recent Roof & Windows! New Garage Door! **\$247,900.00**

WEBSTER - 8 Oakwood Dr! 12 Rm Hip Roof! 5,165' Custom Colonial on 1 Acre w/ In-ground Pool! Formal Din & Liv Rms! Frplc Fam Rm & Frplc Den! Master Suite! Master Bath! 6 Bdrms! 3 Full & 2 Half Baths! Hrdwds & Wall to Wall C/Air! In-law Potential! 2 Car Garage! **\$499,900.00**

STURBRIDGE - 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! Turn Key! 1st Flr Beauty Salon w/ Chair, Handicapped Bdrms, Kit, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Appliances Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces! 2 Car Garage! Sep Utilities! Town Services! Rte 20, 84 & 90! **\$229,900.00**

SOLD

AUBURN - 5 Pinefield Rd! Updated! 7 Rm, 4 Bdrms! Cape! Appliances! Kitchen! Formal Din Rm w/ Hrdwds! NEW 20x22 Liv Rm out to 14x20 Deck! 1st Flr 2 Bdrms w/ Laminate Flrs! Recent Full Bath! 2nd Flr w/ 2 Bdrms w/ Laminate Flrs! Laundry w/ Washer & Dryer! 2 Sheds! Town Services! **\$222,900.00**

SOLD

DUDLEY - 36 Fish Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch w/ Huge Split Level Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm w/ Skylights! Open Cathedral Ceiling Kit/Din & Living Rms w/ Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 3 Full Baths! Huge Steel I Beam Clear Span 2 Car Garage! 1.1 Acres! Oil Heat! Shed! **\$299,900.00**

SOLD

DUDLEY - 20 Williams St! Nice 7 Rm Cape w/ Car Garage! SS Appliances! Kitchen w/ Oak Cabinets & Corian Counters! Frplcd Liv Rm & Din Rm w/ Hrdwds! Sunroom w/ Hot Tub! Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Tile Bathrms! Buders Furnace! Town Services! Fenced Backyard! **\$244,900.00**

SOLD

LEICESTER - 36 Boyd St! Spacious 3 Fam! 6/6 Rms! 3/3 Bdrms! Investment or Owner Occupied! Quiet Residential Neighborhood! Corner Lot! Open Din/Liv Rms, Eat-in Kits w/ Pantries & Laundry! Sep Utilities! Rools, Gutters & Downspouts 2017 Garage & Shed! Off St Parking! Well Maintained! **\$330,000.00**

SOLD

DOUGLAS - 93 Monroe St! 10.97 ACRES! Updated! 1867 8 Rm Farmhouse! Flexible Floor Plan! Loads of Charm! Frplc Liv Rm! Fam Rm w/ Cathedral! Slider to Deck! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 2 Car Attached Garage! Additional 3 BAY, 50x85, GARAGE BUILDING! **\$594,500.00**

SOLD

DUDLEY - 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set on 1.84 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit! Frplcd Dining Rm! Living Rm w/ Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! **\$359,900.00**

WEBSTER - 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/ Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm Open to Living Rm w/ Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/ Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near! Walk to Schools & Churches! **\$114,900.00**

SOLD

CHARLTON - 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm Colonial w/ Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/ Hrdwds! Frplcd Fam Rm w/ Hrdwds! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Total! 16x30 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! **\$344,900.00**

OXFORD - 74 Walnut St! 5 Rm Ranch! Central Location w/ Good Size Level Yard! 2 Bdrms w/ 40' Possible! Full Bath! Hrdwds Liv Rm & Bdrms! Cedar Closet! Basement w/ 2 Finished Rms! Vinyl Siding! Older Replacement Windows! Deck! AG Pool! Shed! Cosmetics Needed! **\$174,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER - 42 Cushing Rd! 7 Rm Ranch! Cabinet Kit w/ SS Appliances! Tile Flr Dining Area w/ Corner Hutch! Frplc Liv Rm w/ Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/ Hrdwds! Full Bath w/ Tile Flr! Den w/ New Carpet! New Electrical Service! Partially Finished Basement! Garage! Screened Porch! Shed! Town Services! **\$239,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER - 141 Gore Rd! Rte 16! 1.68 Acres! Prime Exposure! Business Opportunities! Zoned Commercial! 165' Road Frontage! 183x2' 4 Car Garage! 120x20' Workshop! 7 Rm Colonial! 3 Bdrms w/ Hrdwds! Din/Liv Rm w/ Hrdwds! Slides! NEW FURNACE! Needs Roof! Updates to Electrical & Cosmetics! **\$109,000.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Killdeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/ Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdw Flrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 14x20 Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaping! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! **\$524,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Contemporary! 3 Bdrms! 3 Baths! Lake Views from Most Rooms! Hrdwds & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brunarhan Custom Granite Kit w/ Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/ New Bath! Frplcd Fam Rm! Deck w/ Custom Bar! 2 Car Garage! **\$639,900.00**

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 Bdrms, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/ Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/ Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/ Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrml! Frplcd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$749,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/ Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrms, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/ Heated Flr! Din Area w/ Custom Wall Unit & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/ Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm! Din Rm w/ Tray Ceiling! Lake Facing Master w/ Master Bath! Upstairs 3 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! Lower Level Fam Rm w/ 2nd Kit, Sauna & Full Bath! 3 Car Attached, 1 Car Detached! Security! Generator! Boat House! **\$1,195,900.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER LAKE - 3 Long Island! Accessible by Boat Only! "True Summer Cottage" Ready to Rough It! Loads of Potential! Water on 2 Sides! Panoramic Views Across Wide Expanse of the Middle Pond! 3 Separate but Connected Buildings! 4 Bedrooms! Town Water & Sewerage! **\$229,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 30 S. Point Rd! 91' Waterfront! Yr Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home! Panoramic Views of South Pond! NEW KIT w/ Din! Frplc Din & Liv Rm w/ Lake Facing Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Walkout Lower Level w/ Fam Rm w/ Summer Kit! NEW Int. Paint! Recent Roof & Siding! **\$349,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Contemporary! Panor Lake Views! Most Rm's Open Flr Plan! Frplcd Liv Rm! 4 2nd Flr Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Bath! 2 Car Garage! Deck! Add Lot Access! Recent Roof! **\$599,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 33 Beacon Rd! 6 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths! 141' Waterfront! 12,458' Lot w/ Plenty of Privacy! Kit, Master Bdrms, Master Bath, Roof & Windows New in 2013! Enjoy Sunsets from Wrap-around Porch! Beautiful Lake Views! Frplc Liv Rm! SS Appliances! 2 Car Garage! **\$519,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 48 Laurelwood Dr! Reid Smith Cove! One of the Lake's Best Lots! Beautiful 10 Rm, 3,686' Contemp! 104' Waterfront, 228' Rd Frontage, 33,628 Sq. Ft. or .77 Acres! The Best on Market! Gradual Sloped Land to Beach/Shore! Private Rd w/ Woods Across Street! Location, Slope to Water, View & Exposure, Things You Can't Change, After that it's One's Imagination! Front, Back, & Side Yards, Space to Room, Entertain, Park & Expand! Main Level, White & Black Granite Kit, Center Isl w/ Gas Range & Sink, Wall Ovens! Din Area! Lake Facing Din Rm! Frplcd Liv Rm w/ Cathedral Open to Sun Rm w/ Water View! Lake Facing Office/Possible 4th Bdrml! Half Bath! Upstairs, 3 Bdrms, 2 Bathrms! Amazing Lake Facing Master, Bath w/ Whirlpool, Steam Shower, Dble Vanity, Cathedral w/ Skylight & Laundry! Walk-out Lower Level w/ Frplcd Fam Rm, Summer Kit & 3rd Full Bath, 3.5 Total! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage & More! **\$1,100,000.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 18 Bates Crossing! South Pond! Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Eastern Exposure! 8 Rm 3,100' Custom Contemporary! 2.43 Acres! Substantial Privacy! Home Features Endless Possibilities! Open Flr Plan w/ Magnificent Views from Every Rm! 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Endless Ceilings w/ Skylights! European Kit w/ Center Isl! Modern Frplc Liv Rm w/ Glass Sliders Open to Waterfront Balcony! Master Bdrml w/ en-suite Bath, Separate Shower, Jacuzzi Tub, Walk-in Closet & Attached Laundry! Lower Level Bdrms Share Private Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage w/ Work Space! Detached 2 Car Heated Garage w/ Workshop! Greenhouse! Panoramic Lake & Estuary Views! **\$950,000.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Beachfront! Townhouse! 6Rms! 1,874' Open Floor Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/ Hrdwds! Din & Liv Rms w/ Hrdwds! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm w/ Tile Flr! Recent C/Air, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage! BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! **\$424,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 334 Killdeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained! 7 Rm Colonial! Applianced Oak Kit! Din Rm w/ Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/ Lake Views! Cathedral Ceiling 3 Season Sunroom! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Bath! Sandy Beach! **\$469,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Lakeside Ave! 100' Waterfront! Huge Views of South Pond! Western Exposure = Fantastic Sunsets! In Time for Summer! 5 Rooms of Rustic Charm! Real Log Summer Cottage! 10,924' Lot! Allows for Room to Expand! Remodel It! Tear it Down! Build New! **\$359,900.00**

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Featured New Listing!

THOMPSON - 12 OAKWOOD DR
 1st Time Offered! Beautiful one owner well kept Ranch! 3 generous size bedrooms! Large living room with Bow Window, eat in kitchen. Oversized carport! Level fenced yard! Forced hot water by oil! Large shed!
\$192,500

WEBSTER - 6 BOYDEN ST EXT

NEW PRICE

Buyers &/or investors take notice! A short sale offering with full lender cooperation. A fantastic opportunity to own an affordable, move in ready, single family, 3 br, 1.5 Bath, split level style home with potential for a 2 family conversion! This single family is located in a multi-family zoned location and appears to meet all criteria for conversion to a 2 family. Municipal Water & Sewer **\$169,900.**

WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST

Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Custom Built, Very Attractive, Ranch Style Home! No Kidding - there is 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! Meander on up the curved brick walkway and open the door to a very unique and private property! Heat across level lot! In-ground pool, built-in hot tub, a poolside cabana w/ kitchen & full bath, gated driveway! Huge carpeted/parquet for entertaining! The interior is incredible w/ separate wings for private family living & entertainment, separate BR suites, 10 rooms total! Currently has a long-term, established, successful in-home hair salon business! You Will Be Amazed! **\$349,900.**

DUDLEY - 67 WEST MAIN ST

Looking for a place for your BUSINESS? Looking for a good INVESTMENT? Check out this Dudley Business Zone (BUS-15) Property on the CORNER of West Main & View Street! 197' road frontage (65 on W Main / 132 on View St.). Business Zoned! Rolling Rear Lot on View St. is also available, asking \$54,900. Improvements include an Antique 2 story single family home w/ 3 BDR, 2 Baths. It may be possible to convert this home back to a 2 family with the addition of a 2nd master of egress. Home is Connected to Municipal Water & Sewer, a recent Natural Gas Business FWH Boiler w/ cast iron radiators, a 2 Car Detached Garage **\$199,900**

THOMPSON - 57 HIGHLAND DR

NEW LISTING

New Listing! Quinebaugh Adult Mobile Home Community Park, over 55! Well kept and gently used Sprawling Mobile Home! Corner Lot! Same owners since 1994. 924 Sq Ft +/- living area. 14' wide x 66' long! 2 bedroom! 14' x 12' Sunroom with woodstove! FHA & Central Air! Very Rare in this park, has a one Car Garage! **\$64,900.**

POMFRET CT - 132 FOX HILL RD.

SORRY, SOLD!

live in privacy! Beautiful contemporary home! Many updates asphalt roof, boiler! Fresh refinished wood floors! Vaulted ceilings, field stone fireplace! Double ovens! First floor master suite! Second floor bedroom, W/ upgraded bath! 3 car garage!
 assisted sale **\$299,900.**

7 CEDAR DR & 0 BIRCH ISLAND RD

ON DEPOSIT

English Tudor Style Colonial! Cathedral ceiling Dining & Frplcd Living Room! 1600+ sq ft of living area! 3 Good size bedrooms. Master bedroom with Master Bath! 1 bedroom on the main living level. 2-1/2 Total Baths! 7 rooms total! Finished basement with Hearth! Forced hot air by oil! Central Air Conditioning! 14' X 42' car port! 3 car garage! Comes with Non-Separable Waterfront Lot, on Middle Pond! Enjoy Webster Lake without the High Taxes! **\$367,000.**

WEBSTER - 24 STEPHEN DR

ON DEPOSIT

Marvelously maintained 3 bedroom raised ranch! In desirable neighborhood! Open entry invites you into the spacious kitchen and dining rooms all with cathedral ceilings! Sliders lead to a huge 4 season room! Large sunny living room with bow window. Master suite, two bedrooms and main bathroom complete the upper level. ***Bonus*** an in-law apartment with full kitchen! dining area, bedroom, living room, full bath, and a private walkout to lower level. Two car garage. Backyard perfect for parties, gardening and family fun! **\$279,900.**

WEBSTER - 13 MORRIS

SORRY, SOLD!

Beautiful home offers easy one level living. Many upgrades! Eat-in kitchen, granite counters, Recent stainless appliances! Nice level 1/3 acre level yard. Skylight providing loads of natural light! Full bath with double vanity. Hardwood floors in main level. Garage! Generous sized 3 season room w/ slider!
 assisted sale **\$249,900.**

EAST LYME CT - 27 HOLMES RD.

SORRY, SOLD!

Just enjoy! Granite and vaulted kitchen! 4 bed rooms upstairs! Master w/ stained ceiling! Upgraded bath! Hardwoods! Porcelain tile! New baths upstairs. Large deck overlooking beautiful level yard and professional landscaping, blue stone patio w/ fire pit. Buders heating system and hot water heater!
 assisted sale **\$289,900.**

LAND!

WEBSTER/DUDLEY BUILDABLE LOTS

Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Buildable w/ Town Water & Sewer. **\$59,900**
Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$229,900**
Oxford - 4 Leicester St., 8.47 acres, mostly cleared **\$149,900**
Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900.**

On The shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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

WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR

1st Time Offered in Reid Smith Cove, Spectacular 3700 +/- SF, 13 Rm/4.5 Bath Lake Home, Uniquely Designed for Lake-Style Living! Private Setting, Ideal Location, .68 Acres, 92' of Natural Shoreline, Prof. Landscaping, Multiple Decks, Lakeside Cabana, 3 Mstr BR Suites w/ Elegant 1st Flr Mstr - all w/ Private Baths, Finished Walkout LL w/ Living & Billiard Rms & Summer Kitchen! Call Sharon at 508-954-7222 for More Information **\$1,150,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE • 2 SOUTH POINT RD

SORRY, SOLD!

WEBSTER LAKE: PANORAMIC VIEWS OF WEBSTER LAKE! Great South Facing Location, 62' prime lakefront, large deep lot 10,489sf, flagstone & concrete patios, full concrete walkway at water's edge, dock, retaining walls & stonework, privacy fence, storage shed, recently paved drive, plenty off-road parking in driveway & area at roadside, spacious, year-round, 2 story Cape home, 4 Bds (1 on 1st flr), 2 full Bths, Harvey replacement windows, 6 year +/- young roof.
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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stephen R. Poole and Cynthia J. Poole to SRI, dated February 24, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38540, Page 197, as affected by Judgment recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53311, Page 296., of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from SRI to WMC Mortgage Corp. dated February 24, 2006 and recorded with said registry on January 29, 2015 Book 53311 Page 296 and by assignment from WMC Mortgage Corp. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated March 10, 2006 and recorded with said registry on January 29, 2015 at Book 53311 page 296 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated June 1, 2013 and recorded with said registry on June 6, 2013 at Book 51003 Page 375 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to U.S. Bank N.A., as Trustee, on behalf of the Holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC2 asset backed pass-through certificates, Series 2006-WMC2 dated June 25, 2014 and recorded with said registry on February 11, 2015 at Book 53352 Page 284 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to U.S. Bank N.A., as Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2 dated October 31, 2014 and recorded with said registry on February 23, 2015 at Book 53383 Page 98 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., on behalf of registered Holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-AC6 dated November 7, 2014 and recorded with said registry on November 19, 2014 at Book 53053 Page 164, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10 am on February 21, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 49 Wire Village Road, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
 THE LAND IN SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS SHOWN AS PARCEL B-1 AND PARCEL A-1 ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "PLAN OF LAND IN SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS OWNED BY NORMAN T. & MICHELLE M. BERTHIAUME" DATED JANUARY 24, 2001, PETER G. KNOWLES, PLS, SAID PLAN RECORDED WITH WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN PLAN BOOK 766, PLAN 77 AND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL B-1 BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF WIRE VILLAGE ROAD; THENCE N. 30°11' 41" W. 120.19 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF GAUDETTE & NOONAN TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 60°31'53" W. 8.48 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF GAUDETTE & NOONAN TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 29°28'07" W. 116.20 FEET ALONG PARCEL A-1 TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 58°11'03" W. 119.87 FEET ALONG PARCEL A-1 TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 58°13'05" W. 50.97 FEET ALONG PARCEL A-1 TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 56°21'32" E. 159.26 FEET ALONG PARCEL A-1 TO AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF HASTINGS ROAD; THENCE N. 29°16'24" E. 15.81 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF HASTINGS ROAD TO A POINT; THENCE N. 35°41'18" E. 184.19 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF HASTINGS ROAD TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 58°13'05" E. 200.00 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BERTHIAUME TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 29°19'24" E. 66.95 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BERTHIAUME TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 60°40'36" W. 114.86 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BELL & BEER TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 18°52'07" E. 131.21 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BELL & BEER TO AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF WIRE VILLAGE ROAD; THENCE S. 70°15'55" W. 65.03 FEET ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF WIRE VILLAGE ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 45,190 +/- SQUARE FEET. NO ACCESS IS BEING RESERVED BY THE

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For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25871, Page 354.

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January 19, 2018
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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Richard McDermott Vicky McDermott a/k/a Vickie McDermott f/k/a Vickie A. Watt and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 *et seq.*:
Bank of America, N.A. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 7 Langevin Street, given by **Richard McDermott and Vicky McDermott a/k/a Vickie McDermott** to "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender", Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services LP and its successors and assigns, dated April 29, 2008, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42791, Page 186, as affected by the Loan Modification Agreement dated February 29, 2016 and recorded with said Registry in Book 55065, Page 79, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before FEB 12 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, Judith C. Cutler, Chief Justice of this Court on DEC 27 2017 Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder January 19, 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. WO18C0006CA In the matter of: Cassie Lee Johnson Of: East Brookfield, MA NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Cassie Lee Johnson requesting that: Cassie Lee Johnson be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

Cassie Johnson VonDoom IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **Worcester** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **02/13/2018** **WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.** Date: January 8, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate January 19, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 106 Paxton Road, Spencer, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Timothy J. Fahnestock to Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, said mortgage dated July 7, 2003, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 30709 at Page 106 and now held by PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank, by virtue of an assignment from Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC to National City Mortgage Co. by virtue of an assignment dated July 7, 2003 and recorded August 5, 2003 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 31113 Page 98 breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be **sold at Public Auction on February 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: **ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SPENCER, COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS: THE LAND IN SPENCER WITH BUILDINGS THEREON, KNOWN AS UPPER WIRE VILLAGE IN THE SOUTHERLY PART THEREOF AND**

ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF UPPER WIRE VILLAGE ROAD, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LOT TO BE CONVEYED AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAID ROAD AT A POINT 453.5 FEET NORTHERLY OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ELLEN ST. GERMAIN, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WALTER J. KANE; THENCE SOUTH 87 ° 51' EAST, 193.3 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF SAID WALTER KANE TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 4° 29' EAST, 92.5 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF THE SAID WALTER KANE TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 87° 48' WEST, 193.3 FEET MORE OR LESS BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF THE SAID WALTER KANE TO THE EAST LINE OF THE AFORESAID ROAD, SAID LINE BEING PARALLEL TO AND 26 FEET DISTANT FROM THE NORTH LINE OF THE DWELLING ON THE PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTHERLY BY THE EAST LINE OF SAID ROAD, 92.8 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING ABOUT 0.41 ACRES OF LAND. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY AS CONVEYED FROM DONALD W. SHARON, DIANE L. HEROUX TO TIMOTHY J. FAHNESTOCK, AS DESCRIBED IN BOOK 3070 PAGE 104, DATED 06/26/2003, RECORDED 07/08/2003 IN WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS. PARCEL ID NO: U32-23 FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, PROPERTY ALSO KNOWN: 106 PAXTON RD, SPENCER, MA 01562-1426.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated June 26, 2003, and recorded in Book 30709 at Page 104 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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January 19, 2018
 January 26, 2018
 February 2, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2000 Docket No. WO18P0027EA Estate of: Joseph A. DePaoli Date Of Death: December 12, 2017 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michelle Woodward of North Brookfield, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Michelle Woodward of North Brookfield MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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