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Track continues to appeal decisions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – The lengthy battle between town officials and a business owner continued last week, as the Zoning Board of Appeals denied an administrative appeal from motocross track owner Daniel Plourde.

The owner of MX 23 at 5 Quaboag Street, Plourde has been in a legal tangle with the town for years over the nature of his business and noise complaints from residents. The dispute wound up in court last year, with a judge ruling that

the track can be operated for occasional practice sessions but not races.

Over a year later, the court ruling continues to be interpreted differently by lawyers on both sides who disagree over what constitutes occasional use. Town officials and nearby residents feel Plourde is still exceeding noise limits and running his business in violation of town bylaws. Zoning enforcement officer Nicholas Thomo previously cited Plourde for noncompliance, but Plourde contends that his business was grand-

fathered as a pre-existing non-conforming use and does not cause excessive noise.

On Aug. 28, the Zoning Board of Appeals discussed Plourde's administrative appeal of the original cease and desist order issued by the town. With a crowd of disgruntled residents looking on, lawyers from both sides argued about whether the activities occurring at Plourde's track have expanded to the extent that they are no longer protected as pre-existing uses. Attorney Jeffrey Blake, serving as town counsel, alleged that Plourde

is running multiple businesses at the property which may be in violation of town bylaws, including a pro shop and a bike wash.

"There appear to be at least two businesses in violation of the town bylaw," Blake said.

Plourde and his attorney argued that all activities taking place at the track are related to the motocross operation. They are not separate businesses, said Plourde, who also reiterated the track does not host races.

"There is no racing – it's just practice. A race has a starting

line, checkered flags, trophies, and all of that nonsense," said Plourde, who told the board he shuts down the business for the entire winter to relax.

ZBA Chairman Stephen Comtois questioned why Plourde was appealing the cease and desist order rather than applying for a special permit. Despite repeated arguments from Plourde and his attorney, board members expressed skepticism over claims that Plourde's operations are in full compliance with all bylaws.

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Kevin Flanders photos

Bond Chief Operations Officer Karen Hubacz-Kiley explains how the equipment works.

Busy Bond impresses bevy of visitors

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With infrastructure crumbling across the state, legislators recently visited a local manufacturing plant to learn how small producers are impacting a large problem.

On Aug. 27, legislators and town officials visited Bond Sand, Gravel and Asphalt, a family-owned business for over 40 years. At Bond's North Spencer Road facility, employees produce sev-

eral aggregate products for road construction, building projects, and landscaping. Though the company has fewer than 20 employees, it maintains a busy schedule and helps ensure that construction projects are completed on time.

If you've recently driven through a nearby road construction zone, chances are good that the materials were supplied by Bond. From road and bridge renovation materials, to residential project

supplies, all of the company's products are used at sites within 50 miles of its manufacturing plant. And with a backlog of road construction projects throughout the state, the production facility is kept busy with a constant stream of dump trucks picking up products.

At the August 27 event, the Bond staff invited officials to see what a day on the job is like. Attendees of the

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Officials turn attention to reducing blight

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Now that downtown roads, sidewalks and intersections have been redesigned, officials are turning their attention to the next phase of revitalization by addressing blight.

At recent Board of Selectmen meetings, officials discussed a comprehensive approach for reducing blight. The main goal is to increase outreach efforts and inform property owners of options available for them to fund repairs. These include grants and low-interest loans, among others.

Town officials also presented a bylaw that would enable enforcement against owners who refuse to mitigate blight.

Officials said enforcement would be used as a last source of recourse.

"This program will go way beyond just enforcement and the bylaw behind it. This effort is a direct response from our citizens to improve the area," said Selectman Tony Pepe. "Our goal as always is to improve the quality of life in Spencer."

Residents moving back to Spencer after a few years away might not recognize the transformed town center. After a massive road and intersection redesign project on Route 9, the downtown corridor is ready to accommodate more traffic and patrons. But the revitalization effort has expanded

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Courtesy photo.

Local author Rebecca Boucher teamed up with an Australian writer and illustrator to create an educational children's book.

Local author finds new muse in koala

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – After authoring romance and paranormal thriller novels, Rebecca Boucher recently shifted to a new chapter with the release of her children's book.

Published earlier this year, *The Adventures of Mist* is told through the eyes of a young koala in Australia who contends with several challenges after losing her home to deforestation. The book introduces children to conservation concepts, habitat loss, and the importance of protecting the

environment.

Boucher teamed up with writer Katrina Jeffery and illustrator Lucienne Noontil, both of Australia, in her quest to take kids on an outback literary adventure.

"This book was a yearlong project. From the time we came up with the concept, wrote it, found an illustrator, and went through five rounds of editing, we hit the year mark exactly," said Boucher, who lives in North Brookfield. "I've always wanted to write a children's book about koalas. I have had a

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Opponents say Question 1 endangers patients

BY GREG VINE
 COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Massachusetts voters could be forgiven if they find themselves confused over whether nurses in the Commonwealth support or oppose Question 1 on this November's election ballot. The measure, if passed, would mandate the ratio of patients that could be assigned to a single registered nurse at hospitals throughout the state. Ratios range from one nurse to one patient in the intensive care unit, to five patients for each RN in the transitional care unit.

The Massachusetts Nurses Association authored the ballot measure, which opposed by the American Nurses

Association of Massachusetts. The MNA represents some 20,000 members statewide while the ANAM has some 2,000 members. Many of ANAM's members are nurse administrators or hold other administrative positions in hospitals across the state.

The question is also opposed by Massachusetts Council of Community Hospitals and the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, among other groups.

Last week we featured arguments in favor of the initiative; this week we hear from opponents.

Chris Baldini, a registered nurse on the behavioral health unit at Heywood Hospital in

Gardner and a member of MNA who opposes the measure, cited California as an example of why mandated patient-to-nurse ratios is a bad idea. For example, Question 1 — officially known as the Patient Safety Act — would require a ratio of 1-to-1 for trauma patients in the emergency, and a ratio of 4-to-1 for non-trauma patients.

"We've seen this already in California," she said. "I think they call it the 'wall of patients,' where basically patients are on stretchers waiting to be seen. They're basically waiting to be seen as if they were at a deli counter

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NEW LEADER NOTES

BERTHIAUME OFFICE HOURS
State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume will hold office hours at the following locations

Tuesday, September 11: New Braintree Town Hall: 10-11 a.m.; North Brookfield Senior Center 11 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, September 12: Spencer Howe Village, Spencer Housing Authority: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18: Ware Senior Center: 10-11 a.m.; West Brookfield Town Hall 11 a.m.-noon; Brookfield Town Hall: 1-2 p.m.

Thursday, September 20: Oakham Senior Center 10-11 a.m.; East Brookfield Senior Center 11 a.m.-noon

Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with him to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance with. Please feel free to contact Donna if you would like a private meeting. 774-402-4742

LEICESTER GARDEN CLUB
The Leicester Garden Club will meet at the Leicester Senior Center on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7 pm. Our guest speaker will be Christie Higginbottom. Christie will demonstrate how to take

plant cuttings to root and become house plants. With autumn fast approaching many gardeners would like to bring in some plants for the winter to enjoy when the snow is on the ground. Christie has many years' experience with plants. She has worked at old Sturbridge Village as a costumed interpreter. Also, she has coordinated the historic horticulture program researching, planning, and planting the recreated kitchen and flowers gardens at the museum. Now retired from full time work she presents garden programs. We invite the public to join our club at this presentation. Refreshments will be served.

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Join us for a delicious chicken dinner (served Sunday 1-2pm; \$12/adults \$6/children 12 & under) and other food available all weekend (hamburgers, hot dogs, steak grinders, chili, fried dough, French fries, pizza, ice cream sundaes and more!).

Variety of fun events for the whole family including: The Otters on Saturday Sept. 8 5-8 p.m. following outdoor Mass at 4 p.m., and DJ Richard

"Tabby" LeBlanc on Sunday, Sept. 9: flea market, games, baked goods, crafts, basket raffles, exciting raffle prizes (including a 2 night off season stay for up to 6 guests at Misty Harbor in Maine), a large gift card tree and much, much more. Sunday's events are all day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. To buy tickets for barbecue or information contact the rectory weekday mornings (508) 867-6811. All at St. Joseph Parish, 28 Mt. Pleasant St., North Brookfield.

CHORAL SOCIETY SEEKS MEMBERS

The Quaboag Choral Society has been offering quality choral entertainment with a twist to central Massachusetts and surrounding areas for nearly 15 years. This year our "twist" might be best described if you add the words "and shout!" We will be offering a popular pallet of rock n roll, jazz, blues, and other popular Christmas choral works that will swing you back, make you smile, and make it hard to stay still. For our Winter Series, we are adding a band of talented local musicians who make it all sound easy! If you have some choral chops, if you have a pretty good musical ear, if you have wanted to get back that musical connection you lost a while ago and have been looking to dust it off again, if you want to make some great friends of all ages who also have music in their soul, then QCS is for you. Simply come to our first rehearsal on Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Congregational Church overlooking the town Common. Our first concert is in West Brookfield and is the finale of the annual White Christmas Celebration. This year it falls on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 in the town hall.

BIKE RIDE & 5K PLANNED

Registration is now open for the second annual Christine's Journey, to take place on Sunday Sept. 16, beginning and ending at Paxton Center School. There are three bike rides to choose from: 20, 35 or 60 miles. These routes are new and improved over last year. There is also a 5K walk. Because addiction can touch anyone, this event is one that anyone can participate in.

Registration fee is \$25. One raffle ticket is included; additional raffle tickets may be purchased the day of the event. There will be rest stops, porta potties, and a SAG wagon available. Raffle drawing will be held at the end of the event, around noon. Proceeds benefit Shatterproof, dedicated to ending the devastation that addiction causes families. To register: <https://www.bikereg.com/christines-journey>

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE SPACES

Friends of the Spencer Senior Center are offering tables for \$15 each for the Town Wide Yard Sale inside the Senior Center Hall on Saturday Sept. 22. Please call Joyce for more information at 508-

885-0130.
SEEKING VENDORS

The annual Flea Market sponsored by The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC will be held on the town common Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults with kids free. To rent a 20 x 20 grassy spot for \$35, please call Terry at 508-867-4462 and leave your name and mailing address. A registration form will be sent to you. Antiquers, growers, crafters, flea marketers and tag salers are all welcome! Plan to enjoy a delicious grilled lunch in our food tent featuring dogs, burgers and grilled sausage! Proceeds will support the annual Youth Mission Trip to Washington, DC where teens help our nation's homeless and low-income population. Thank you for your support.

BHUTAN

The "Country of Gross National Happiness", located in the Himalayas. Come and join the Brookfield Seniors on Tuesday, Sept. 11. You'll witness a travelogue of Bhutan in 2008 that took place during their religious festivals. See the colorful costumes as they do their dances of Buddha history and also see the children at school. and visit the Tiger's nest! The program will be held in the Brookfield Congregational Church at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments available!

ACROSS AMERICA

Across America and Back by Mary Ann Hooper. Mary Ann found the diaries of her great grandparents' train trip across the country in 1871. She set out to recreate their journey. Her book talks of the two trips and weaves together the stories of the long ago trip and the modern one.

The Leicester Historical Society presents Across America and Back by Mary Ann Hooper. Monday, September 10 at the Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow St. This program is free and open to all. There is plenty of free parking and the site is handicapped accessible.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Music performance and Irish step dancing. The Meadows/Vibra Healthcare, 111 Huntoon Memorial Highway, Rochdale. On Saturday, September 8 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, Tim Loftus will be performing traditional Irish music, mixing in several short slideshows as well as telling stories about the music. He will be accompanied by special guest Norah Garvey, Irish step dancer. There is no charge for attending this performance. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Leicester Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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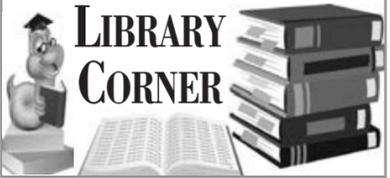
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Cable Access celebrates 20 years with open house and food drive



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Volunteers at the Spencer Food Pantry are eager to accept donations from the event scheduled Sept. 22.

Spencer Cable Access (SCA) is proud to host "Feeding Our Neighbors", a food drive and production studio open house to benefit the Spencer Food Pantry, on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the SCA Studio, 310 Main St. and in the parking lot of the adjoining David Prouty High School. This year SCA welcomes special musical guests, local favorite, Chuck and Mud as well as the Johnny Wheeler Band. "Feeding Our Neighbors" coincides with the third annual town-wide yard sale, DPHS student expo,

and the Book and Bake Sale at the Richard Sugden Library. You may download a yard sale participation form at CelebrateSpencer.org or pick one up from the town hall. Highlights of the event include tours of the SCA television studio, a celebration birthday cake, free food from the grill, DPHS student expo showcasing the many academic and extracurricular activities offered at Prouty, and town wide yard sale tables near the tennis courts behind the school. In addition, there will be drawings for attendance prizes donated

by local businesses. There will also be a special check presentation by Klem's Department Store which has coordinated a "register round-up" campaign in support of the Spencer Food Pantry. "Each year, we at Klem's run a program whereby our customers can make a contribution to the Spencer Food Pantry by simply rounding up their total to the nearest dollar. Last year, our customers collectively donated over \$5,000 and we are excited to see where we end up this year," said Jessica Bettencourt, president

of Klem's Department Store. "This event is very important for our community. It's a way to stand side by side and make a difference. And it marks SCA's 20th birthday," said Aaron Keyes, SCA station manager. "We are excited that this year we are part of larger town-wide activities including the yard sale and Richard Sugden Library book sale," added Mary Braney, president of SCA, Inc. The Spencer Police Department will conduct child safety seat inspections and offer assis-

tance with installation. The DPHS Boosters, Spencer Emergency Management Association (SEMA) and Spencer Fire Department will have informational tables. Staff from Bemis Farms Nursery will lead a workshop in which participants will create a beautiful fall arrangement at no cost to participants. A live broadcast on Charter channel 192, streamed live at SCATV.org and on Facebook Live will feature donation updates, interviews with participants, SCA studio tours and demos, coverage of the DPHS expo, and musical performances. There is no charge to attend, but visitors are invited to bring non-perishable, unexpired food items or monetary donations. Checks may be made out to Spencer Food Pantry. SCA will match monetary donations up to \$1,000. Visit SCATV.org/food for additional information and updates. Spencer Cable Access has sponsored nine fall open houses and food drives gathering over 10,000 pounds of food and more than \$10,000 in donations. SCA, which broadcasts local content on Charter

Communications channels 191, 192 and 194 in Spencer and has operated since 1999, is seeking new volunteers. Spencer residents interested in learning about video and television production, editing, graphics, or audio and those willing to provide office support are encouraged to visit the studio during the open house to learn about the wide range of opportunities. An SCA volunteer may perform a single task, for example videotape a sports event or a special town program or a volunteer may choose to participate regularly, taping Spencer board or committee meetings or staffing the station for two hours each week. A potential producer may suggest a new television show that the volunteer oversees from start to finish. Training in all aspects of production, including camera operation and use of the editing suite is provided. New volunteers are mentored and assisted by experienced staff. Anyone who cannot attend the open house may visit the SCA website, SCATV.org; call the station, (508) 885-7967 or email info@scatv.org for additional information.

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Rare race for Secretary of State

By Jerry Carton
Courier Correspondent
Bill Galvin has been the Commonwealth's Secretary of State for more than 20 years. First elected in 1994, Galvin has faced nothing more than token opposition, when there was opposition at all, every four years since. This time around is different. This time around Galvin finds himself locked in an increasingly contentious race with Boston city Councilor Josh Zakim and last week the animosity was there for all to see in a televised debate. Galvin took repeated verbal swipes at Zakim, who had won the preference vote at the Democratic state convention in Worcester earlier this summer, saying the challenger was too young and inexperienced, didn't vote on a regular basis, and wasn't being honest with voters regarding the incumbent's accomplishments. Galvin contended Zakim has created "a special committee for only his benefit to take in corporate funds." For his part, Zakim accused Galvin of being an obstructionist regarding issues like same-day voter registration and suggested Galvin set the primary for September 4, the day after Labor Day, to discourage a large turnout. Zakim added he's never seen Galvin at city council meetings when voting issues are on the agenda. Zakim picked up just under 55-percent of the non-binding vote at the

convention, bolstered by support from Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Rep. Seth Moulton. He attributed his victory at least in part to his advocacy of making it easier to register to vote. "There are so many simple common-sense steps we can and should be taking to lead on this issue right now. In fact, every one of these shortcomings should have been fixed years ago," said Zakim. "We set a standard for the nation," countered Galvin, noting Massachusetts had no central voting registry when he took office in 1995. The candidates did agree the Electoral College should be abolished, saying the state's electoral votes should automatically go to the winner of the national presidential popular vote. That, though, was about the only area of consensus as a usually sleepy race hurtled towards the wire with both candidates sharpening their attacks as the primary nears.

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Exhibits & Contests: All entries must be brought to the town hall on Friday Sept. 14 between 4-7:30pm. Photography, flowers, fresh vegetables, canning of jams, jellies, pickles and relishes, fiber arts including quilting, knitting, rug hooking, weaving, needlepoint, spinning, tatting, crocheting, embroidery, and sewing and baking. The competitions are for both adults (18 years and over) and youth (under 18).

Silent auction - foods, baked goods, and floral arrangements may be donated to the Harvest Fair for a silent auction to help defray costs of the fair.

Something for everyone includes crafters, artisans (including a basket weaver, a cooper, needlework, blacksmith, tinsmith), demonstrators, food vendors.

For the kiddies we will have Children's games, face painting (sponsored by LHS art club), pumpkin decorating (sponsored by Country Bank), as well as turtle races, sponsored by The Art Club.

There will be a hay ride sponsored by Country Bank.

For more information call 508-410-5177

Fun with the sun

The recent heat wave inspired this week's column that reminds us that the power of the sun is incredible, and never is that fact more evident than on a sizzling hot late summer's day! Today, as solar energy gains even more attention, harnessing the sun's rays via simple solar experiments can translate into fun and educational projects for kids and adults alike. Read on for a roundup of easy projects that are sure to bring new meaning to "fun in the sun" as we wind up the summer season:

Solar Warming Oven
This interesting project is recommended for older children. It's a bit complicated, but a very rewarding activity. Children love scientific experiments that allow them hands-on experience. The solar oven illustrates how the sun's rays are hot enough to bake food. This oven that gets hot enough to warm up cookies and other treats, like s'mores. It won't get very hot, though, so even young children can have the thrill of "baking" without burning themselves!

Materials: One pizza box from a local pizza delivery store (heavy, thick cardboard); newspapers; tape; scissors; black construction paper; clear plastic wrap; aluminum foil; one sheet of notebook paper; a pen or pencil; ruler or wooden dowel or stick.

Instructions: Place the piece of notebook paper in the center of the closed lid of the pizza box and trace its outline on the lid. Put the piece of paper aside. Carefully cut the two long edges and one of the short edges of the rectangle that you just traced on the lid of the box, forming a flap of cardboard. Fold the flap back along the uncut edge to form a crease. Wrap the underside (inside) face of this flap with aluminum foil. Tape it on the other side so that the foil is held firmly. The foil will help to reflect

the sunlight into the box. Open the box and place a piece of black construction paper in to fit the bottom of the box to help to absorb the sun's heat.

Close the box, roll up some newspaper, and fit it around the inside edges of the box for insulation. It should be about one inch thick. Use tape to hold the newspaper in place, tape it only to the bottom of the box only.

Cut two pieces of plastic wrap an inch larger than the flap opening on the box top. Open the box and tape one piece of plastic wrap to the underside of the flap opening. After taping one side, be sure to pull the plastic wrap very tight, and tape down all four sides so the plastic is sealed against the cardboard. Close the box and tape the other piece of plastic wrap to the top of the flap opening. Again, be sure the plastic wrap is tight and tape down all four edges to form a seal.

To Use: On a sunny day, pick a treat to warm up and carry it and the box outside to a sunny spot. If it's cold outside, put a towel or blanket under the box so the bottom doesn't get cold. Open the box, put the treat in the center, and close the box. Open the flap and turn the box so the foil is facing the sun. The shadow of the flap should go straight back from the back of the box. Move the flap up and down and note how it reflects the sunlight. Use a dowel, ruler, or stick to prop up the flap so that it bounces the sunlight into the box. Wait about a half hour for the box to warm up in the sun. Then it's time to relax and enjoy the warmed-up treat.

Hot Dog Cooker
Whether you call them hot dogs, frankfurters or wieners - there's no doubt about it, America has a love affair with franks. Using the sun's energy, this project is a fun summertime project (easier than the previous one) to heat up the sizzling sausages! The design of this simple solar cooker allows sunlight to reflect onto the center hot dog to



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heat it up faster.
You'll need: A cardboard (shoe or boot) box; heavy duty aluminum foil; poster board.

To do: Cut a curve in the sides of the box (see illustration). Cut poster board to fit flush onto the curved cut. Secure poster board to box with duct tape or other strong tape. Cover the curve with heavy duty tinfoil, shiny side out. Smooth foil over poster board, keeping foil as wrinkle free as possible. Attach two "tabs" to the center sides of the box (use cardboard from shoe box cover). Poke one hole in each tab to form a rotisserie type holder. Using a metal barbecue skewer (or straighten out a metal coat hanger section and twist one end), thread hot dog onto skewer and into side tabs. Place directly in sun, angling cooker to focus heat onto the center hot dog. Turn hot dog as it heats up.

Sun Power Purifies Water: From Dirty to Drinkable

This amazing demonstration spotlights the power of the sun to purify salt water and make contaminated water drinkable! Using common pantry materials, the project is a great "survival" experiment for all ages.

You'll need: A large clear glass bowl (Pyrex mixing bowl is ideal); a small drinking glass; Saran or other plastic food wrap; food coloring; table salt; a small rock, marble or pebble.

Instructions: Pour tap water into bowl and add a few tablespoons of salt. Add a few drops of food coloring.

Stand up the empty drinking glass in the center of the bowl (water level should be about half way up outside of glass).

Cover the bowl with the plastic food covering. Place a pebble in the exact center of the plastic wrap so it is directly above the top of the glass and forms a dip in the plastic. (There needs to be plenty of space between the glass rim and the plastic wrap to allow for drip-page). You might have to loosen wrap a little to allow for dip. Place bowl in direct sun and watch what happens!

Note: The sun's heat is trapped in the bowl. The salty water will evaporate, rise and condense to form clean water that will drip into the glass!

Solar Science: Sun Saturation
Did you ever wonder if it's true that dark colors absorb more heat? Here's

an easy experiment from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that shows sun saturations effect on temperatures.

To do: Cut a three inch circle from white construction paper, and a three inch circle from black construction paper. Place one of each in the bottom of two clear plastic cups or clear deli containers of equal size. Pour a quarter cup of cold water into each container and check the temperature. Cover each cup in clear plastic (Saran) wrap, taping down if necessary. Place in full sun and record how fast the temperature rises in each cup.

Sun Dried Tomatoes
True "sun dried" tomatoes are a treat worth waiting for. The authentic recipe thanks the sun for its rich flavor and chewy texture.

Ingredients: Garden tomatoes (plum work well); sea salt; screen frame.

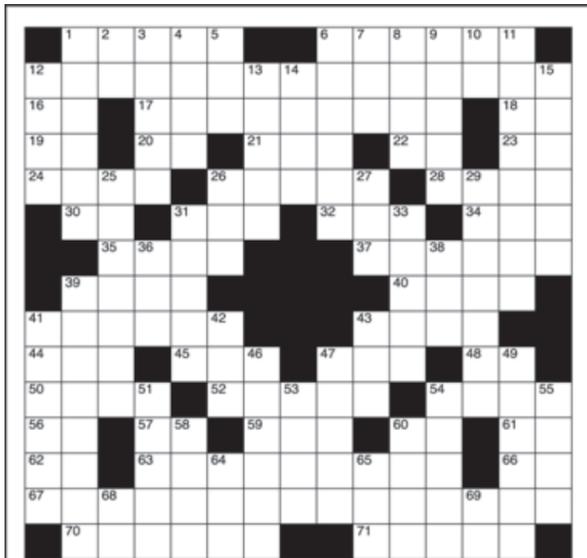
Directions: Slice tomatoes (thinner for firmer tomatoes, thicker for chewy). Place in a single layer atop a clean screen mesh frame. Sprinkle with coarse sea salt and/or herbs. Cover with a second layer of screen mesh; secure edges. Allow to dry in the sun for several days.

Tomatoes are done when they have the consistency of a plump raisin. Store in a zip lock plastic bags or pack in a jar with olive oil. May also be frozen.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Where to shop
- 6. A descendant of Shem
- 12. NBA big man "Boogie"
- 16. Integrated circuit
- 17. Voice
- 18. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 19. Beloved English princess
- 20. Used to emphasize
- 21. Sun worshippers want one
- 22. Atomic # 44 (abbr.)
- 23. Lincoln's state
- 24. Selects
- 26. Organs present in invertebrates
- 28. Self-immolation by fire
- 30. Trauma center
- 31. Automobile
- 32. Mustachioed actor Elliott
- 34. Something to do at auctions
- 35. British School
- 37. San Diego ballplayers
- 39. Drumming pattern
- 40. One-time Portuguese currency
- 41. Honor
- 43. Beaches have it
- 44. Folk singer DiFranco
- 45. Electronic data processing
- 47. Where wrestlers ply their trade
- 48. The Peach State
- 50. Boat post
- 52. Omitted from printed matter
- 54. Witnesses
- 56. Indicates position
- 57. Atomic # 18 (abbr.)
- 59. Obligated to repay
- 60. Lead prosecutor
- 61. Sun God
- 62. The Ocean State
- 63. Seek opportunity without scruples
- 66. Keeps you cool
- 67. Achievements
- 70. A beloved street
- 71. Analyze minutely

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cooks need one
- 2. A mystic syllable
- 3. Male parents
- 4. Greek goddess of discord
- 5. U.S.-based church (abbr.)
- 6. Movies have lots of them
- 7. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 8. Influential naturalist
- 9. Ancient town
- 10. Atlanta-based rapper
- 11. Animosity
- 12. Pop singer
- 13. Speak
- 14. One who lives in Burma
- 15. Not liquids
- 25. A framework
- 26. Peter's last name
- 27. Plants have it
- 29. To shorten a book
- 31. French philosopher
- 33. Murdered in his bathtub
- 36. Greek letter
- 38. A hiding place
- 39. Crazy supporters
- 41. Winged nut
- 42. Doctor of Education
- 43. Unhappy
- 46. Popular celeb magazine
- 47. ___ and greets
- 49. Poke holes in
- 51. Beloved Mexican dish
- 53. Monetary unit of Angola
- 54. More wise
- 55. Pouches
- 58. Hindu's ideal man
- 60. Type of gazelle
- 64. Revolutions per minute
- 65. Energy unit
- 68. Cerium
- 69. Canadian peninsula



Zachary Wolfe 1.jpg: Zachary Wolfe, age 16, provides a warm hello.



Sarah Champagne photo

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BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
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Vehicles driving by the busy corner near Monro Muffler and Brake in the Sandersdale section of Southbridge may occasionally receive a warm welcome from a young man who derives great joy just from saying hello. Now and then in that spot, Zachary Wolfe can be seen, energetically waving to each vehicle that passes.

The joy of a simple hello

The fun Wolfe has greeting passing vehicles is visible in his enthusiastic and happy demeanor. Wolfe was diagnosed with autism at the age of 18 months, but he has had a lot of support growing up. His mother, Carla DiGregorio-Wolfe, is a speech therapist. Zachary's father, Jeff Wolfe, can be seen as a supportive presence just further back from the road when the younger man gets a chance to wave to cars.

Wolfe gets a variety of reactions from passers-by. Some drivers seem puzzled, and others disregard his enthusiastic waving. Many more drivers will wave back. Some will honk their horns to say hello, and sometimes drivers of larger trucks will pull their air horn to acknowledge Wolfe.

Wolfe, now 16 years old, is a student at Southbridge High School who has just started his junior year. His father, who is involved with the Southbridge Softball Association, says that Zachary is well known to players and friends of the league.

"We go down to the field, and he knows every name and their jersey number," the proud father says.

The young man was "in the zone" waving to cars and was a man of few words when asked for comment, staying on task.

"It's a good idea. I like saying hi to people," Zachary offered before catching the next car to pass by. Each vehicle that passes is met with the same enthusiasm and warmth as the last one.

Rick Plante, store manager for Monro Muffler and Brake in Southbridge, says that he enjoys Zachary's presence whenever Jeff comes in for an oil change or service.

"It's an inspiration to watch him," Plante remarks. "He has such positive energy."

Drivers will sometimes ask Monro employees if they are having a sale or promotion, but Wolfe's waving is all his own. His father reports that on rare occasion, someone will pull into the parking lot to find out if the young man waving is distressed and needs help. For the most part though, the young man just hopes to brighten the day of those he greets with a simple but enthusiastic salutation.

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Harrington awarded grant to fund new approach to chronic disease



Lisa Casasanta will do oversight on the new program.

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SOUTHBRIDGE — Harrington HealthCare System has been awarded a \$440,000 grant from the Health and Human Services Department to fund a comprehensive approach to managing chronic disease.

The funding falls under the Alternative Payment Methods Preparation Fund of HHS' Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program, which builds and strengthens the statewide healthcare workforce and healthcare infrastructure by better meeting members' needs through more integrated and coordinated care and moderating the cost trend.

With Harrington's grant money, the health care system plans to focus on a multidisciplinary approach to chronic disease management, beginning with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and pneumonia patients. Through the employment of care navigators and behavioral health specialists, the program will integrate several touchpoints across a patient's continuum of treatment, including primary care, acute care, behavioral health and post-acute settings.

"The grant will allow for a nurse to assist in the clinical needs of the disease and a behavioral health specialist to assist in barriers to lead-

ing a healthy life," said Jessica Calcidise, BSN, RN, vice president of nursing and ancillary operations. "Social determinants can prohibit a patient from leading a healthy life with a chronic disease. Behavior modification can be a key to success."

Over the past three years, Harrington has expanded its patient navigation program through funding from the Community Hospital Acceleration, Revitalization, and Transformation Investment Program. Through this grant, Harrington was able to achieve a 34 percent reduction in the number of emergency department revisits for patients with behavioral health comorbidities and create a stronger rapport between the navigator and the patient, among other notable successes.

Calcidise explained that while there will not be an extension of the CHART funding, the DSRIP grant, in addition to \$486,000 recently awarded through the HPC, gives Harrington nearly \$1 million in funding to continue to improve and expand these services to the community. Both grants will employ members of the original CHART programs to continue achieving value-based care.

The APM Fund is a statewide initiative with the focus

on building and strengthening PHOs readiness, to enable those providers to join an existing MassHealth ACO, and thus contribute to improved health outcomes and reduce the total cost of care for MassHealth members.

Harrington is planning to participate in the Boston Accountable Care Organization with Boston Medical Center Health Plan to help manage some 10,000 Medicaid patients within its footprint and better align their access to care. The healthcare system has hired Lisa Casasanta, MPH, as its new executive director for the PHO.

"Harrington Healthcare is perfectly positioned for an ACO. The development and growth of the physician network, diverse/robust behavioral health and the care management model lend the health system to great success in the value-based payment model for MassHealth members," said Casasanta. "The opportunity for Harrington Healthcare to be part of this statewide initiative to transform care for MassHealth members in an important step forward in our commitment to patient centered care."

To learn more about DSRIP Funding, please visit <http://www.massleague.org/>.

Legislation protecting animal welfare and safety signed

BOSTON — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and David K. Muradian Jr. (R-Grafton) announced the passage of legislation intended to enhance humane treatment of animals, and to punish those who engage in animal cruelty. The legislation was signed into law by Governor Baker on Aug. 9.

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

"I was very happy to have been asked to participate on the conference committee that helped produce this piece of legislation," said Representative Muradian. "Animals

in our Commonwealth are in need of further protections and the language within this bill ensures that appropriate safety measures are put in place to do just that."

The legislation furthers anti-abuse measures first secured in the 2014 Protecting Animal Welfare and Safety bill. The bill, also known as the PAWS Act, was introduced following the discovery of extreme abuse and cruelty in the case of a dog that was stabbed, burned, cut and had bones broken. The "Puppy Doe" case led to the arrest and conviction of Radoslaw Czerkawski who was recently convicted of 12 counts of animal cruelty and sentenced to 8 to 10 years in prison.

Key provisions of the animal welfare bill include:

- Expands potential for abuse reports by permitting animal abuse be reported by Department of Children

and Families, the Department of Elder Affairs, and Disabled Persons Protection Commission. Adds animal control officers as mandatory reporters of child abuse, elder abuse, and abuse against disabled persons;

- Ensures efficient enforcement of animal control laws by increasing fines for violations of dog control laws up to \$500 for a fourth offence;

- Doubles the hit and run penalty for an accident involving dogs and cats from \$50 to \$100 for a first offence; \$500 for subsequent offences and the cost of medical expenses, and/or imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 6 months;

- Prohibits the drowning of animals by declaring that drowning of animals is a violation of law for non-licensed trappers or those registered with Fish and Wildlife;

- Prohibits engaging in sexual contact

with an animal;

- Removes automatic killing of animals involved in animal fighting by removing a requirement to automatically kill animals involved in animal fighting. This bill creates other options for these animal victims;

- Adds animal crimes to the list of offenses that serve as the basis for a request for a dangerousness hearing;

- Examines options to prohibit discrimination against specific dog breeds by requiring insurance companies to collect and report data of dog related incidents;

- Requires property owners and landlords to check property for abandoned animals within three days following a foreclosure or termination of tenancy.

To view the newly-signed law, codified as Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018, visit the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

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"Just because he's running it doesn't mean he's running it legally," said Comtois, a former selectman.

In the monthlong period between ZBA meetings on the matter, the two sides were unable to make any headway in breaking the impasse. At the beginning of the Aug. 28 meeting, Plourde's attorney asked ZBA members if they had received information in a letter, but Comtois said it was never received.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the ZBA voted to deny Plourde's administrative appeal regarding the cease and desist order. Plourde must now consider whether to take the matter

back to court for further deliberation on noise complaints and alleged bylaw violations regarding separate businesses.

Plourde could not be reached for comment by press time. During the meeting, Thomo doubled down on his original citation for noncompliance.

"There is a violation — that's why we're here. I'm not making anything up," Thomo said.

Residents in attendance told the New Leader the track produces loud noises for entire days. Some residents have contemplated selling their houses because of it, while others said they support the track existing as long as it operates on a reduced schedule.

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well beyond road construction, with residents and businesses contributing their own money to improve the area. Several local businesses recently donated money and labor toward a project that saw flower baskets displayed from light poles. Meanwhile, pieces from local artists decorated town hall and the Sugden Block building this past spring. It's all part of an effort to reclaim the downtown corridor, and officials are now targeting blight as the next priority.

"We will be working toward a comprehensive program to address blight that will include analysis, outreach, counseling, one on one communications to our property owners, and then enforcement," Pepe added.

Understanding the financial challenges facing

many owners, selectmen want to focus on helping them take advantage of opportunities. There are several grants available that owners aren't aware of, officials said, and selectmen want to make themselves more accessible to owners to discuss their options.

Addressing vacant buildings will also be an emphasis for officials moving forward.

"The Board of Selectmen recognizes the challenges relative to the condition of many properties in the downtown. The town will continue to make available any possible grant opportunities to assist property owners to improve their buildings," Town Administrator Thomas Gregory said. "The Board also recognizes the public safety issues that vacant buildings present, and it will be looking to introduce new regulations to address these properties."

In order to take effect, the enforcement bylaw would need to be approved at town meeting.



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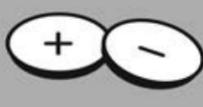
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Old Sturbridge Academy to hold 5k

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
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The motto at Old Sturbridge Academy is “the way of the ox,” which implies hard work and teamwork to accomplish goals. So appropriately, the school’s upcoming first annual 5k fundraising event has been named the “Ox Trot 5k.”

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon on the grounds of Old Sturbridge Village. The event is organized by the academy’s “PTSA” or Parent Teacher Scholar Association, and proceeds will be used to support the purchase and installation of playground equipment for the school.

Race director and PTSA member Audra Staples, who says that she has participated in other 5k fundraising events, is excited for the launch of the first annual Ox Trot 5k.

“I can’t wait for this race. More than any other race I’ve been in, because I know how much went into it — how much love and effort and energy,” she reflects.

Old Sturbridge Academy is a charter school based on a model called “EL learning.” The model was historically called “expeditionary learning,” but the phrase “EL learning” is now more commonly used, almost exclusively. The model is practiced in many schools across the country, and it is based on three principal concepts — “mastery

and knowledge of skills, character and high-quality student work.” The model also includes ten “building blocks” which include concepts such as collaboration and competition, success and failure, service and compassion, the natural world and the responsibility for learning.

Old Sturbridge Academy’s website claims that the Sturbridge charter school is the first EL education school in southern Worcester County. Learning is based on 8 to 10-week “learning expeditions.” Each session is a “multidisciplinary project that provides for deep, meaningful learning and a multi-faceted experience that connects students to real-world issues and encourages critical thinking and problem-solving.” The 2018-19 academic year will only be the second year that the school has been operating.

Staples has found the model, and the school’s location on the campus of Old Sturbridge Village, to be very enriching for her child. She and her family have the mindset of being a vital part of a team, contributing to an overall success story.

“It’s a community. We are not individual students, individual educators or individual parents acting alone. We are a crew, and everybody has to row the boat,” Staples says.

Third-grade teacher Sam McGuire has helped organize the 5k and to get

community sponsors, raffle donations and other contributions.

“We are very excited about this event and what it could mean for our school and our connection to the community. We have already started to make what we hope to be lasting partnerships with local businesses,” McGuire says.

The sponsorships, raffle donations and “swag bag” items to support the event have been wide-ranging and generous so far. B.T.’s Smokehouse is the title sponsor of the race, with generous support from a wide variety of businesses including Big Bunny Supermarket, Altruist Brewing Company, Silver Bell Farm, Oxygen Power Yoga and Idea Agency.

Staples reports that the wide range of businesses supporting the effort can be seen in the bag of goodies to be given out to participants, which is “the most amazing swag bag” with something for everyone.

The first 100 people registering for the race are guaranteed a swag bag. Those registering for the race before Sept. 1 will also get a race shirt.

Staples says that the school staff works hard, and she has great respect for the educators at the academy. She finds the setting at Old Sturbridge Village, which is incorporated into learning on a regular basis, to be very enriching for her children.

“My kids know everything about the

village. They are so comfortable here. It is their village; they love it,” Staples says. “It takes a village — or the whole village’s community,” to accomplish the goals of the school, she says.

Registration for the 5k event is available online at racewire.com. Registration is also open in person on Friday, Sept. 7, the night before the race, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Old Sturbridge Village campus, 2 Old Sturbridge Road. Registration and packet pick up the day of the event begins at 7 a.m., with the 5k scheduled to start at 8 a.m.

Individuals running or walking the course, which goes through Old Sturbridge Village, pay \$20. The Kids Fun Run, to be held at 8 a.m. is free for Old Sturbridge Academy students and \$5 for unenrolled children. A team or family (four or more people) can register for \$60. At the Racewire registration site, another option for “virtual runner” is listed for \$20. Those who register the morning of the event will pay a slightly higher registration fee of \$25 per person.

For more information about this event, you can call Old Sturbridge Academy at (774) 922-1840 or visit the school’s website, www.osacps.org. Online registration can be found at Racewire.com.

Former Massachusetts state trooper indicted by Grand Jury

BOSTON — In a statement released by the Department of Justice, a former lieutenant with the Massachusetts State Police was indicted Aug. 28 in federal court in Boston in connection with the ongoing investigation of overtime abuse at the Massachusetts State Police.

Former Lieutenant David Wilson, age 57, of Charlton, was indicted on one count of embezzlement from an agency receiving federal funds. Wilson was previously charged by a criminal complaint and arrested on June 27, 2018. An arraignment date has not yet been scheduled.

Wilson was assigned to Troop E of the MSP, which was responsible for enforcing criminal and traffic regula-

tions along the Massachusetts Turnpike, Interstate I-90. Wilson served as the Officer-in-Charge of several overtime shifts and is alleged to have received overtime pay for shifts that he either did not work at all or from which he departed early.

The alleged conduct involves overtime pay for the Accident and Injury Reduction Effort program (AIRE). That initiative was intended to reduce accidents, crashes, and injuries on I-90 through an enhanced presence of MSP Troopers who were to target vehicles traveling at excessive speeds. Wilson was required to work the entire duration of the shift — four hours — and truthfully report the date, time and sector

of deployment on the citations issued during the shift. As alleged, Wilson concealed the fraud by submitting citations that were issued outside of the overtime shifts, altered citations to create the appearance that the citation was issued during an overtime shift, and/or submitted citations that were never issued and never took place.

According to court documents, investigators were able to corroborate the alleged conduct through information maintained concerning the usage of MSP cruiser radios, RMV records, and records of when driver history checks were run on ticketed drivers.

In 2016, Lt. Wilson earned approximately \$230,000, claiming to have worked approximately 170 AIRE overtime shifts — equating to about \$68,000 in overtime

pay. In court documents, it is alleged that Lt. Wilson earned approximately \$12,450 in overtime pay for hours that he did not work.

In 2015 and 2016, MSP received annual benefits from the U.S. Department of Transportation in excess of \$10,000, which were funded pursuant to numerous federal grants.

The charge of theft of government funds provides for a sentence of no greater than 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Wilson was charged and arrested along with Trooper Gary Herman, age 45, of Chester; and former Trooper Paul Cesan, age 50, of Southwick. On July 2, 2018, former Trooper Gregory Raftery, age 47, of Westwood was charged and pleaded

guilty. On July 25, 2018, retired Trooper Daren DeJong, age 56, of Uxbridge, was also charged. On Aug. 17, suspended Trooper Kevin Sweeney, age 40, of Braintree, was charged and has agreed to plead guilty.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Harold H. Shaw, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; and Douglas Shoemaker, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Office of Inspector General, made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Dustin Chao and Mark Grady of Lelling’s Public Corruption Unit and Neil Gallagher of Lelling’s Economic Crimes Unit are prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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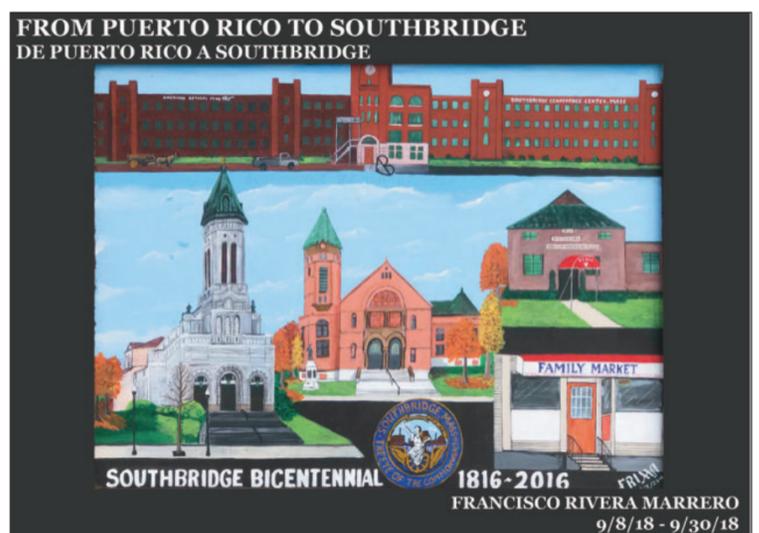
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This painting, representing the Southbridge bicentennial, will be auctioned at the opening of the exhibit.

EXHIBIT TO FEATURE AUCTION

The Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts and Humanities will present the works of Francisco Rivera Marrero in an exhibit from Sept. 8 to Sept. 30. An opening reception will be held at the arts center, 111 Main St. in Southbridge, Saturday Sept. 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At the opening reception, the arts center will auction off a work by the artist to honor Southbridge’s bicentennial. Bids can be placed ahead of time by calling (508) 764-3341 or by using the contact form at www.qvcah.org. The minimum bid is \$1,000.

Organizers at the arts center comment that this painting would be perfect for a public building such as a government building, a bank or other visible spaces, to mark Southbridge’s bicentennial with a painting by a celebrated artist.

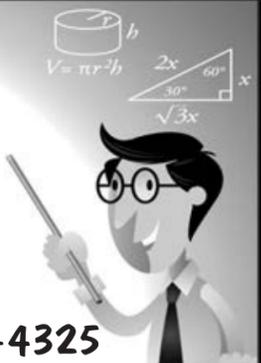
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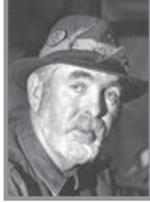
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A bit of nostalgia as hunters from left to right: The late Chuck Miedema, late Reno Grassi, Bob Brooks, and the late Stan Oleksyk after a goose hunt in the Valley many years ago.



A very happy angler with a king salmon hooked in upstate New York.

It sure will be great to see the heat & humidity leave New England. We have had enough heat, and it is now time to enjoy some great fall weather. The first segment of goose hunting in Massachusetts opened this past Tuesday September 4. The daily bag limit is 15 birds and the special season will run through to September 21. At one time, goose populations were high in the local area, and although there are still a few thousand resident geese in Massachusetts we noticed their feeding patterns have changed dramatically during the past five years or more.



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limit in a couple of hours. After picking up the decoys and birds, we headed to Peg's Diner in Whitinsville to have a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. We had walked in a bit of recently spread cow manure in the field we hunted, and did not realize that we had a smell of manure on our boots. After sitting down to place our order for breakfast we noticed that some of the patrons were leaving. The look we received soon made us realize that we were part of the problem!!! Taking off our boots and putting on a clean pair of shoes after future hunts, rectified the problem at the diner.

Back in the year 2000 to 2010 or so, myself and a hunting acquaintance had very few problems limiting out on resident Canadian geese. Of course, it helped to have permission to hunt private cornfields and grass fields, but the birds were in the area big time. Climbing out of bed during the early morning hours, we soon found ourselves sitting in a corn field waiting for first light. We had two dogs between us, one German shorthair and my black Lab Max! One of our fields was overlooking a portion of the valley and as first light approached we observed our two dogs were on high alert!!!

"Get ready, the birds are flying," was my remark to my hunting partner. The dogs keen hearing alerted us to a few dozen birds just clearing the tree tops, and were on a glide path to our blind, and set up of decoys.

We both picked up our guns and barely had time to stand up in our blinds to take aim at the flock of Canadian geese, as they barely cleared the blinds. As the guns discharged, the roar of the shots echoed thru the valley. The smell of spent gunpowder in the early morning air, was better than any fragrance that women wear on a night on the town. The dogs were already running from the blinds to retrieve the downed birds. The excitement of the first hunt had allowed my dog to break prematurely, and we could have had another shot at the birds as they circled around to take another look at our spread of decoys, but they flared just short of shooting range because of the uncontrolled dog.

We were lucky to have numerous flocks of birds circle our spread of decoys on that day, and we filled our

Because of the warm weather during most hunts in early September, it is essential to clean the birds as soon as possible. Cleaning the birds is fast if you know what you are doing. Laying the birds upside down and making a cut just under the breast, the skin is easily removed from the breast meat. A single cut along each side of the breast bone allows the breast to be totally removed with a few simple cuts. Wash and wrap the meat as soon as possible, packaging two breasts together. Next week we will discuss two great recipes for this tasty bird.

A federal and state waterfowl stamp is needed to hunt waterfowl, along with steel shot and a gun that can hold no more than three shots. No lead shot is allowed!! This week's first picture shows from left to right: The late Chuck Miedema, late Reno Grassi, Bob Brooks, and the late Stan Oleksyk after a goose hunt in the Valley many years ago. They are sadly missed by all that knew them.

Upstate New York is providing anglers with some great king salmon fishing. If you enjoy catching big fish Lake Ontario is the place to go at this time of year. For up to date reports on fishing the Pulaski area go to www.fatnancy.com! This week's second picture shows a happy angler with a nice king salmon.

After a few cold nights, the Mass Fish & Wildlife trucks can start rolling restocking many of the lakes and ponds in the state with trout. That could be a bit later this month because of the high water temperature.

After receiving my August copy of

the New England Outdoors newsletter, I always take time out of my day to read some of my fellow writers' columns. Randy Julius is president of the organization and always writes a very informative story about his hunting and fishing adventures. This month he wrote about his bird hunting for grouse in Maine over the past few years and in his home town of East Bridgewater. The lack of grouse has caused a lot of controversy over what is happening to the ruffed grouse in New England and even parts of Maine. Some thoughts are blaming West Nile virus but the loss of good grouse cover is also being targeted. The grouse population locally has also become very poor, almost to the point of extinction. Hopefully it will be turned around soon, but we do not have high hopes for this once abundant, fast flying, great eating, bird to return to our bird covers.

Fellow writer Paul Renolds discussed the loss of many young moose to tick bites in Maine, and they are depleting the herd buy as much as 50 %. Biologist are considering more moose

permits to help reduce the herd. In 2012 Maine had a conservative estimate of "76,000 moose in the North Woods," Renolds stated. Biologist are reluctant to give a present estimate of moose populations, but are taking aerial surveys to help determine the exact amount of moose in Maine. Disease is always a frightening thing among our wildlife, and we depend on our biologists to stay on top of any situation that may arise, that threatens any species. Stay Tuned.

Uxbridge lost a great human being and sportsman last week. John Emrick, former police chief of Uxbridge, loved deer hunting and always enjoyed hunting in Petersham. His favorite hunting spot was on a hillside overlooking a swampy area, that had numerous deer runs through it. He also enjoyed fishing with his buddies in his early years. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and many friends.

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EDITORIAL

Weekly newspaper worries

The information age is not dead, but it is changing.

Up to the minute, right now national news is available 24/7 right on your phone, or even your wrist. There is no need to wait to find out what the latest news is from Washington DC; it's right there, right at your fingertips.

But...

That isn't true, or at least it isn't yet true, of most local news.

Yes, many news outlets attempt to put up websites and Facebook pages, use Twitter feeds and "get the breaking news" out there if it is deemed important enough. The Webster tornado is a good example; a fire, a big accident that affects traffic, that sort of thing.

Otherwise, there's still some problems with online news for local consumption.

And there is equally problems with print news.

We recognize that.

We are a weekly. We have a print schedule that deals with a number of publications, several from other states as well as our own Massachusetts sister newspapers. It means, as an example, the Webster newspaper is finished for print by Tuesday, though the reader isn't going to see it until Thursday or Friday. This week was even worse with a shortened deadline because of a holiday.

Deadlines are not daily because we aren't daily.

NOT being daily causes some unusual difficulties in other areas too. If we miss something, we can't just pick it up the next day, we are in a news cycle of up to 10 days.

Our solution is to find out more about the topic, do a more in depth story, find out more about it and have a better story with more recent facts when we do have a chance to cover it.

Still, things are missed. Missed entirely.

We are fallible.

We have finite resources, the number of people doing newsgathering varies from situation to situation sometimes; it is the reality of the newsroom.

And we just aren't omniscient.

If someone doesn't tell us about something, we don't always know.

In that same vein, we can't get to events when someone calls us 15 minutes before it happens most of the time either. We don't have people waiting for phone calls to tell them where to be. They are usually already committed somewhere.

And we are definitely doing it with fewer resources, fewer as compared to say 50 years ago. Some of that can be laid directly at the door of technology. We found a page from a publication in the 1970s, listing all the employees and wishing the readers happy holidays. It included photographers (multiple, they had to develop, crop and print their own photos as well as take them); reporters (multiple); production staff (at least three times as many as today); editor(s); print staff; linotypists (that job no longer even exists); daily courier (he went from office to office physically picking up 'stuff', quickly replaced by fax machines); receptionists, typists, billing and accounting people.... the staff numbered at least 50 people for that single publication.

The photos are done in the computer, the typing and editing, is all computerized; the layout is computerized as is ad creation and compositing; the fax and email do all the messaging; the reporting staff rarely even come physically to an office, doing all their work remotely, staying in touch by phone and email. It's a different world.

But it is still, very, very much rooted in each town. Each newspaper is indeed locally committed. The intent is real, the need to know what is happening in each town hall, in each school system, in the budgets and the ballots is all too real.

There is a need for the press to be there, to be looking over the shoulders of those Powers That Be; to ask the questions, to get the answers and to then share those answers with you.

That's why while it will continue to be imperfect, and we hope you'll let us know when we make the errors, you will also continue to stand by us and support us.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McRae: it's a syndrom

To the Editor:

I wanted to respond to the letter from the Leicester Lady who defends her proposition that we are at the same time both a republic and a democracy. Too bad, in my opinion, that she had to ruin her otherwise excellent and comprehensive analysis of both theories of government with her closing remark that President Trump only wants to be a totalitarian like the Chi-com dictator, Xi Jinping, and to eventually hand things over to his daughter, Ivanka. This is just more TDS (Trump Derangement Syndrome) rendering a clearly intelligent writer's work foolish. If she thinks Trump's sixty-three million member base would ever stand for being presided over by Ivanka, a true-believing New York City liberal, she is out of touch with reality.

But, I wanted to write about something more important than Trump, republics, or democracies. And that would be? Football. That's right, the great American game—currently being destroyed by liberals—about to begin a new season. I thought of it the other day as I drove past a high school practice field and saw fifty or more boys with their coaches at sundown finishing up probably the second of two-a-day football sessions. It brought me back sixty years to when I, too, was one of those boys, and of just how hard it was.

Briefly stated, I played football once, until I didn't. At fifteen, six feet tall and 130 pounds, it wasn't long before I realized I wasn't rugged enough, fast enough, or tough enough to run with the big dogs of Brockton High football. Nor were ninety percent of the rest of the boys of our school. So, some of us returned to things we could play, basketball and baseball. But, I've always regretted not having ever played in a real football game.

You will understand then, why I subtly urged my own son, at age thirteen, to give football a try even though he knew nothing about the game and loved baseball and running. I thought he needed the experience of dealing with the natural fear of hard contact with bigger, stronger kids, and of learning that when you get knocked down you have to pick yourself up and get back in the game...at any stage of life. He agreed to give it a try even though I know he was intensely uneasy about the whole idea.

Long story short, he spent three seasons with the Spencer-Leicester Raiders Pop Warner program, got to play quarterback, punter, and defense, and got to love the practices and the games.

Of all the hundreds of sports practices and games/meets he ever participated in—and I witnessed most of them—the one that stands out most vividly in my mind occurred under the lights on a cold, rainy, windy night twelve years ago this fall at Ogara Park in Spencer when his Raiders team held a practice. A virtual hurricane was blowing through central Massachusetts with high winds and torrential rains. All the other teams had, wisely, I'm sure, cancelled practice as the field—for the middle thirty or forty yards—was under six-to-eight inches of water, the wind was roaring, and the rain was driving horizontally in sheets across the field.

As there was no lightning, our coaches made the—for me—heroic decision to go ahead and hold practice for any of the boys who wanted to hang around and get dirty. Coaches Mitchell, Lavin, and Green (I can mention their names because the statute of limitations has passed and they're safe from prosecution from the DFC) opted to hold "Fumble Recovery Drills" and to let the chips fall where they may.

After warm-ups, the team split into two groups and lined up twenty-five yards apart facing down field look-

ing at the pond which had formed in the middle of the gridiron. Standing between the two groups, a coach would hurl the football so that it would land somewhere in the middle of Lake Ogara. Two boys would race to the ball trying to see who could gain possession of it first. Whoever it was had to try to escape the other whose job it was now to tackle the ball carrier before he could escape the flood.

Within ten minutes, the exercise had evolved into a demonstration of swan dives and pratfalls into the quagmire eliciting howls of approval from the, by now, totally, sodden, be-mucked players covered with a slimy goo from the top of the helmet to the cleats of their shoes. And all were impatient for their chance to strut their stuff. It lasted perhaps forty-five minutes before the boys, unrecognizable even to each other, shivering but exuberant, were hosed off by the coaches and told to go home and take a hot shower.

I thought then, and I continue to believe, if they live to be a hundred, they will never forget "Fumble Recovery Night." It could have only happened on a football team, and only with coaches willing to take a chance in order to give the boys a memorable opportunity to be just that: boys who need the chance, every now and then, to get muddy, wet, and cold, and to show off while enjoying each other's company, and to just have some plain old fun. My kid would have never had that experience had he not taken a chance and tried to play football for coaches such as these.

As much as I hate what liberalism has done to football at the collegiate and pro level (I have zero interest any longer in watching, reading, or hearing about the NFL), nonetheless, if I had to do it all over I would still ask my son if he wouldn't like to give football a try.

Across the country, nearly a million boys and young men will be putting on the pads and helmets this fall despite the best efforts of the Nancy-boys and feminists to wreck the game, largely because girls, beyond a certain age, can't play it, and I say, good for you, boys, and the men who will be coaching you.

It's true, there will be those who will get hurt, and some seriously so, in this sport. Just as there will be injuries in most of the other sports and youthful pursuits—there are no guarantees in anything. But, in my opinion, it is infinitely better to let a healthy kid try his hand at things ostensibly dangerous—if he wants to—than to overprotect him and consign him to a snowflake existence of safety in his room with his video games, internet porn, and anything else that "entertains" him.

If football is "toxic masculinity", as the nuts like to label anything men and boys enjoy doing, then I say let's have more of it, not less. Supposedly, the Duke of Wellington once remarked, "The Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." George Orwell strenuously disagreed, but the point is made: there are situations in life where the presence of disciplined, tough, and strong men is indispensable. Someone has to be willing and able to enter burning and collapsing buildings (World Trade Center 9/11), to patrol the most dangerous parts of big cities, to fight fanatical enemies of our country, etc. You'd better hope the playing fields of America continue to provide a supply of young men willing and able to perform the hard service necessary to protect the rest of us from all enemies foreign and domestic.

To all area footballers, enjoy being young, strong, and daring. Do your best for your coaches and your teammates; your time in the sun will pass by quickly enough.

JOHN McRAE
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Have you planned for long-term care?



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If you are fortunate, you will retain your physical and mental capacities throughout your life and can always

live independently. But there are no guarantees for any of us. If you ever require some form of long-term care, will you be prepared?

So what is the risk of needing long-term care services? According to the Department of Health & Human Services, about 40% of individuals over age 65 receive some form of paid in-home care, with an average care period lasting less than one year. However, about one-third of the population receives care in a nursing home: Of those individuals, about half stay less than one year, 30% stay between one and three years, and 20% stay longer than five years.

And, unfortunately, this care can be expensive. For example, it costs \$97,500 per year, on average, for a private room in a nursing home, according to the 2017 Cost of Care Survey produced by Genworth, an insurance company. In some major metropolitan areas, the cost is much higher. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of these expenses.

So, how do you protect yourself against these potentially catastrophic costs? Essentially, you have four options:

Self-insure – You can try to build enough financial assets to cover the costs of a long-term care event. However, you would need to accumulate an extremely large sum to fully protect yourself, and you'd be diverting assets that could be used to help fund your retirement.

Long-term care insurance – A traditional long-term care (LTC) insurance policy will pay for qualified long-term care costs. The younger you are when you purchase your policy, the lower your annual premiums are likely to be. Keep in mind, though, that a basic LTC policy offers no death benefit or cash value – your premiums are only paying for a nursing home stay, home health care or other type of long-term care service. (Also, even a good LTC policy will include a waiting period before the insurance kicks in and a maximum amount of coverage, such as three years.)

Hybrid/linked benefit insurance – Because of some concerns about paying for insurance but never needing care with traditional long-term care insurance, this type of insurance provides a death benefit plus long-term care coverage. You can accelerate the death benefit to help pay for long-term care costs, and you can also choose to create an additional pool for these costs after the death benefit has been exhausted. But if you don't need long-term care, you still have the life insurance death benefit. Due to the death benefit, your premiums will be higher than those of a traditional long-term care policy.

Life insurance with long-term care/chronic illness rider – By choosing a permanent life insurance policy with this rider, you can accelerate all or part of the death benefit to pay for long-term care costs. (Your death benefit will then be reduced.) This option generally provides more flexibility in paying premiums than a hybrid policy, which may require a larger dollar commitment. Similar to hybrid, you still have the life insurance benefit if you don't need care.

Which option is best for you? There's no one "right" answer for everyone, but a financial professional can help you choose the method that's most appropriate for your situation. And from an economic standpoint – and possibly an emotional one, too – you may be better off by taking action sooner, rather than later.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Jeff Burdick, your local Edward Jones Advisor in Sturbridge at 508-347-1420 or jeff.burdick@edwardjones.com

Dublin (Pt. 2)

The air on the Appalachian Trail was crisp, and Dublin pretended to be a scout, loping ahead, discovering an interesting smell, and then dancing up to me again when his olfactory desire had been satisfied. Trailing behind his excited exploring, I could not imagine my life without him. Was I projecting human characteristics onto him, or did he really have a sense of humor? He would lower his head, stare into my eyes, and growl in feigned annoyance until I joined in play. He energized me,



IN THAT GREAT TIME
PATRICK MOON

kept me in touch with my surroundings, and reminded me that life was to be lived with passion.

Slowly I adjusted to the woods at night. The tree mice that scampered in the dark and rustled the leaves

didn't terrify me as much. Besides, I had Dublin the Wonder Dog close by. Nothing big was going to get too close with him around.

I was crossing a brook one morning, and lying on its side, half in the water

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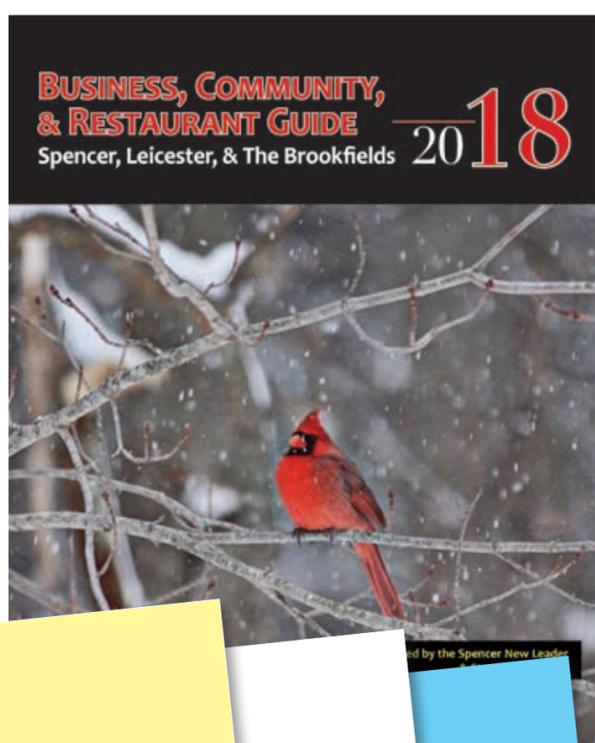
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QUESTION 1

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until a nurse is freed up from a ratio to take care of them. In our community that would be devastating because in most of these communities it's the fire department that provides most of the EMS care. So, we would be tying up additional community resources to take care of these patients who are in queue waiting for emergency care." When asked about the

differing opinion among Massachusetts nurses regarding Question 1, Baldini said, "I am a union member and I've worked clinical nursing for 34 years. I feel it's more of a solidarity initiative in the union to vote 'yes' on this bill."

"It basically takes the independent decision-making, the critical thinking of the bedside nurse, it takes that ability away," Baldini added. "It should not be mandated. We don't need a

black-and-white law for providing patient care at the bedside."

So, who determines what staffing levels should be on a day-to-day basis?

Tina Santos, vice president of patient care services and chief operating officer for Heywood, said, "Organizations are tasked with creating staffing guidelines. We usually, for our guidelines, look national professional organizations, specialty organizations,

and their recommendations. We also look at our critical indicators for staffing, and those are based on acuity."

"For example," she explained, "on a medical/surgical floor most nurses may have about five patients. However, if they have a patient who requires more intervention — maybe they need blood, maybe they need IV therapy — then that nurse would have less patients because they need to spend more time

with that one."

"The critical piece for this," Santos continued, "where the rubber hits the road for us, is that acuity is fluid and we need to be able to adjust in real time to take care of the needs of the patient in that moment. And mandated, rigid ratios do not allow for that. I don't want to abdicate my right to think and do what's right for my patient."

The Coalition to Protect Patient Safety, those opposed to Question 1,

have dominated the airwaves in recent weeks. That, according to MNA board member and Winchendon resident Michael D'Intinosanto, will change once the primary campaign is over with.

To learn more about the pros and cons of Question 1 visit www.protectpatientsafety.com and www.safepatientlimits.org, the websites of those opposed to and in favor of the ballot initiative, respectively.

MOON

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was what looked like a child's rag doll. On closer inspection, it was a Basset hound, all skin and bones, clearly starved. It was so weak that it couldn't raise its head. I remembered the park ranger talking about the 60 reports of missing dogs just that summer. Dublin came over and sniffed, but didn't stay. Did he smell the imminent death? I removed the dog's collar to give to the Park Rangers when I returned. The collar tag read "Lucky." Death came within an hour.

I left the body there, and followed Dublin who scampered up the hill to the main trail.

This was the night that a black bear sniffed into my camp and Dublin's ferocious baying scared him up a tree. I couldn't believe something so large could scale a tree trunk so fast. I had a flashlight on the bear, but I could see that he was getting tired. The dark mass began to slide slowly down the side of the trunk, scraping off large chunks of bark with his claws. That threatening din mixed with rain pattered unnerved me. I jumped out of my sleeping bag and took off through the bushes. The bear spooked Dublin badly too; he passed me with frightened yelps as we ran through the undergrowth.

I smile now but it didn't seem so funny then, especially running in wet socks and long underwear. Dublin's yelps had gotten farther away and then stopped. Now it seemed deathly quiet except for the sound of the rain.

I still had my flashlight and made plenty of noise when I returned to the campsite. The bear had torn the tent and dragged some of my clothing outside, but a quick glance showed my backpack still hanging in the tree. Now I just had to find Dublin.

Then the sudden vision hit me: Dublin, skin and bones, dying in the vast wilderness. Dublin was really smart. But there was nothing to make me believe that he would have anymore of a chance in these woods than the unlucky Lucky. I reasoned that he would head down the main trail back the way we had come. The rain slapped the dead leaves with a loud patter.

For the next few hours, I walked and whistled and called...then stopped to listen...and began again. My pack became soaked, heavier, and cut into my shoulders. At about five a.m., I reached the campground. The Ranger Station was closed and the posted hours said opening at 7 a.m. I trudged to my car.

A park ranger later reported that there was a campsite with a lost Airedale. Yes! An Irish terrier certainly looked like an Airedale. The campsite was a distance away, but I began walking with a little more spring in my step. The near empty tent section fell behind and I entered the campsites for RVs, mostly Airstreams. They were shiny and lights were coming on, and the smell of frying bacon mixed with the pine. This was luxury camping, bringing your living room to the wilderness.

I stopped. Underneath a large awning, an elderly woman was talking to Dublin.

He was sitting on the seat of a picnic table, comfortable, up off the ground, as if he belonged there. I stage whispered his name; he turned, wagged his tail once, and then returned his gaze to the front. He was focused on the woman across the table who was cooking with a large fry pan on a portable stove. We both watched as she finished his scrambled eggs, and delivered them to him...on a plate.

The woman smiled: "Is this your dog? He is so well trained!"

It should be noted that Dublin did not wolf down the food. In an almost dainty fashion, he ate slowly. He seemed to savor the steaming eggs. I thanked her for holding onto Dublin, yes, a beautiful name for an Irish terrier, and for letting the Rangers know; we had coffee under the tarp and a good laugh at the bear story. I was so relieved at finding Dublin alive that I didn't have the heart to address his late night, ahem, "strategic retreat." Much later I took great delight in telling the story of his passing me in the dark, yelping in fear; he never seemed to pay any attention. But every once in a while, he would get a "snarky" gleam in his eye. I worried that one-day he would turn, raise an eyebrow, and whisper, "Who had the eggs?"

Months later in a group training exercise at the Maryland School of Social Work, I stood in the center of a circle of fellow students who lay on the carpet, feet towards me. We were

each to stand, step to the center, and look down at each face until slowly completing the 360-degree pivot. Then it was the next person's turn. Most of the students on the floor had their eyes closed. I stood, stepped to the center, and began the slow movement. Suddenly I found myself rushing the turn, and laying back down abruptly. A few of us had experienced the same whirl, and on reflection, my hurry had begun with a glance at Sam's face, an older gentleman with eyes shut tight. And that day at Ocean City came back, the victim's face, and I began to talk about the incident that brought me into intimate contact with death.

It was an epiphany. Mine took place with strangers I had come to trust. They encouraged me to examine a profound memory. I flinched. I tried to hide from it. But there it was: once Death kissed me on a sunny beach, a forced kiss, cold and indifferent. I had buried that horror deep in my mind. What I did not grasp immediately was how that memory was bound to the joy of a bouncing Irish terrier.

Years later, I wept for days when Dublin died. In that great time, I lost the unconditional love of a friend, and mourned that loss, mourned his death, and my death to come, and yours, and all who lived or would ever live. With Dublin, I learned that fear makes the bear bigger. And with Dublin I learned to embrace anything that makes you feel glad to be alive. But the real lesson of Dublin was that death leaves a heartache nothing can heal.

You just get make room for it.

BOUCHER

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lifelong love of them, and a passion for endangered animals. From the start I knew I wanted the book to not only be fun, but to teach children about issues facing endangered animals."

Living on opposite sides of the globe, Boucher and Jeffery were extremely unlikely co-authors for the book. But after meeting online they quickly discovered a shared passion, and it wasn't long before the book idea took flight. With Noontil's illustrations bringing the words to life, the project progressed quickly. Of course, with their time zones separating them by over 12 hours, it wasn't always easy for the three partners to connect.

"I think the greatest challenge is the fact that the three of us are working in separate locations," Boucher said. "I'm here in the States, they are both in Australia, and Lucienne is a few hours from Katrina — so all of our work has been online. An amazing bond has formed between us all, though."

Education is the main goal for the authors, and they hope to get their book in as many schools and libraries as possible. The Adventures of Mist is already available on Amazon.com, and kids have enjoyed learning about changing ecosystem dynamics while reading the book.

Looking ahead, the authors will

advance their project by creating a series of books in the Mist adventure. Having put together a website, a teaching guide, and other resources that accompany the book, their educational platform continues to expand.

For Boucher, who has lived in the Brookfields for nearly 20 years while raising her sons, writing has always been a source of inspiration. She has worked with publishers and also self-published a few titles, learning more about the industry with each experience. In the coming years, she is eager to bring more youngsters and families into her reader base.

"I write because I love it. I write what I feel, and if someone else can connect with my writing as well, that's an extra bonus," Boucher said. "Writing as a whole has to be looked at as something you love. Very few authors turn into J.K. Rowling or Stephen King. Most work day jobs and struggle through the writing process as a labor of love. I've been blessed to make some great friends and connections through writing."

Boucher's novels include *Midnight Raven*, *Evasion*, and *The Shadow Soldier*. Her children's book is available for purchase at Brookfield Orchards, and you can borrow the book at the libraries in North Brookfield and Spencer. Boucher plans to attend readings at both libraries this fall.

To learn more about Boucher and her works, visit www.beccaboucherauthor.com.

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 Friday, Sept. 21 at Bay Path, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 28 at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 5 vs. Northbridge, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 13 at Oxford, 4:15 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 19 vs. Uxbridge, 7:15 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 26 vs. Quaboag, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 22 at Leicester, 10:15 a.m.

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Opening Night for David Prouty is Sept. 7 at home versus Abby Kelley at 7 p.m.

LEICESTER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



All schedules are subject to change.

Friday, Sept. 7 vs. Sutton, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 15 vs. West Boylston, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 22 at Blackstone Valley Tech, 1 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 28 vs. Grafton, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 5 vs. Bartlett, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 12 at Millbury, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 19 at Quaboag, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 26 at Oxford, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 22 vs. David Prouty, 10:15 a.m.

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Four of Leicester's first five games of the season come at home, with all starting at 7 p.m.

QUABOAG FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

All schedules are subject to change.

Friday, Sept. 7 at Palmer, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 14 vs. Narragansett, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 21 vs. South, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 28 at Abby Kelley, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6 vs. Oxford, 6 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 12 at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 19 vs. Leicester, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 26 at David Prouty, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Nov. 21 vs. Ware, 6:30 p.m.

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Quaboag's annual Thanksgiving Eve game with Ware is home this year with a 6:30 p.m. kickoff.



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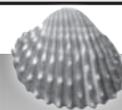
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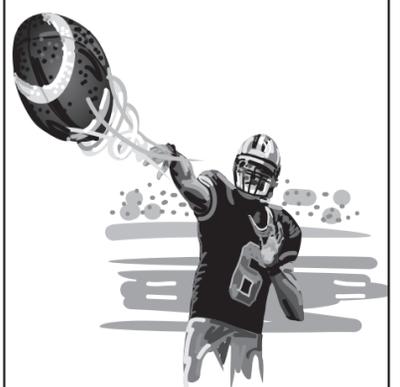
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Friday, Sept. 7 vs. Westborough, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 14 vs. Wachusett, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 21 at Doherty, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 28 at Auburn, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 5 vs. Grafton, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 12 at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 19 vs. Northbridge, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 26 at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 22 vs. Shepherd Hill, 10 a.m.

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Tantasqua opens its season with a pair of home games (Sept. 7 and 14) at 7 p.m. versus Westborough and Wachusett, respectively.



BAY PATH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

All schedules are subject to change.

Friday, Sept. 7 at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 14 at Bartlett, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 21 vs. David Prouty, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 29 vs. Monty Tech, 1:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 5 vs. Assabet, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 12 vs. Blackstone Valley Tech, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19 vs. Worcester Tech, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 26 at Abby Kelley, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 22 at Oxford, 10 a.m.



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After a pair of road games to open the season, Bay Path's home opener is slated for Sept. 21 versus David Prouty at 7 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Quail Hollow Results and News

Pit's Crew
 First place: Dennis Cooney, Ron Thompson, John Lofgren and Bud Powers, -8
 Second place: Wayne Pierce, Rich Ferguson, Hector Vazquez and Kevin Grace, -8
 Third place: Roger Beland, Bruce Smebakken, Ed Peloquin and Dennis King, -8

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 Quail Hollow will host a Glow Ball Tournament on Friday, Sept. 7 with an 8:45 p.m. shotgun start. You will play holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10. Dinner reservations (along with live entertainment) before the tournament are encouraged. Sign up in the clubhouse. Members will receive first preference. Sign up as a foursome, with a total fee of \$80 per team.

Bay Path Golf Course Results

Monday Ladies
 First place: Kristen Depasse, +3

Second place tie: Lisa Kularski and Vicky Zaring, +1

Tuesday Men's
 First place: Wayne Clifford and Ralph Ballard, +9
 Second place tie: Andy Durant and Rick Dunlop; Don Damato and Tim Gilrein, +7

Thursday Quota
 First place: Andy Newton and Mark Morin, +6
 Second place: Dave Daoust and Norman Provost, +5
 Third place: Lee Moulton and Sonny Werntz, +3
 Closest to the pin on fifth hole: Andy Newton — 6 feet, 1 inch
 Closest to the pin on eighth hole: Bryan Button — 4 feet, 9-1/8 inches

Highfields Golf Club — Kettle One League Week 18 Results

First Place: Steve Thebodo and Todd Wozniak, +9
 Second Place: Kevin Anderson and Mike Engel, +5
 High Individual: Steve Thebodo, +6
 Closest to the Pin on 17th Hole: George Kiritsy

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Rachel Crowley

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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, AUGUST 15
 12:08-12:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 1:21 a.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), erratic operation; 1:38-2:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:38 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 3:06 a.m.: building checked, secure; 4:16 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 6:35 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:48 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 7:47 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 9:47 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), acci-

denial; 11:23 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 11:24 a.m.: medical/general (Cranberry Meadow Road); 11:46 a.m.: medical/general (Highland Street); 11:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Wire Village Road), loose horses; 12:10 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Overlook Drive), pocket dial; 1:26 p.m.: disturbance (Debbie Drive), tenant/landlord dispute; 3:13 p.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), welfare check; 3:16 p.m.: juvenile matter (Duggan Street), services rendered; 4:08 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:26 p.m.: disturbance (Prospect Street), services rendered; 4:31 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), restraining order violation; 4:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Temple Street), spoken to; 5:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), poss. theft; 5:32 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 6:25 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:32 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:14 p.m.: suspicious activity (Valley Street), spoken to; 8:48 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:59 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Park Street), services rendered; 9:46 p.m.: building checked, secure.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16
 12:10-1:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:00 a.m.: disturbance (Mechanic

Street), noise complaint; 2:06-2:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:18 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 6:25 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 7:34 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 8:14 a.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 8:48 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), assisted; 10:10 a.m.: suspicious activity (Valley Street), spoken to; 10:44 a.m.: medical/sudden death (South Street); 11:15 a.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 11:38 a.m.: disabled mv (Maple Street), assisted; 11:55 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 1:25 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 2:06 p.m.: mv lockout (Marbel Road), assisted; 2:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), spoken to; 2:30 p.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 2:38 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:39 p.m.: officer wanted (Northwest Road), domestic dispute; 3:11 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 3:32 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:57 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 4:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), barking dogs; 4:49 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (Wall Street); 5:25 p.m.: mv stop (Chestnut Street); 5:25 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 5:40

p.m.: wire fraud (Ash Street), IRS scam call; 6:54 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 7:47 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 8:08 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:38 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:47 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 9:01 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), suicide threats; 9:05 p.m.: suspicious activity (Park Street), spoken to; 9:05 p.m.: animal complaint (Pond Street), barking dog; 9:36 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), road rage; 10:10 p.m.: assault (Mechanic Street), firm.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17
 1:55 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:57 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), disconnected; 2:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), spoken to; 2:10 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:26 a.m.: suspicious mv (Meadow Road), spoken to; 2:28-3:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:12 a.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 3:21 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:55 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 9:34 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:38 a.m.: mv lockout (Valley Street), assisted; 9:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), spoken to; 9:38 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), debris in road; 10:08 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street),

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BOND

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tour included Congressman Jim McGovern, Senator Anne Gobi, state Representative Donald Berthiaume, Town Administrator Thomas Gregory, selectmen, and representatives of the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association.

"It is critical to engage our lawmakers at every level of government," said Karen Hubacz-Kiley, the director and chief operations officer at Bond. "The state of U.S. roads creates unsafe condi-

tions for the public, and it is so important to make the necessary improvements to our roads and bridges."

After watching the loading process for products ready for shipment, officials got a look at Bond's asphalt production equipment. The process begins when liquid asphalt is fed into a mixer from a large storage tank, then heated to 350 degrees and combined with other materials. The aggregate is eventually poured from a gantry into awaiting trucks.

With heavy machinery in operation and frequent truck traffic each day at the plant, Bond takes safety and

employee training seriously. Unlike larger companies, which have entire divisions dedicated to in-house training on safety and environmental protection, the Bond staff must obtain employee training through the Department of Labor. Emphasizing safe practices each day, the company has received several awards for safety on the job site.

"Safety is our number one priority. We are extremely proud of our safety record," added Hubacz-Kiley, a third-generation owner. "The majority of our employees are lifelong employees. Many of them have been here since I was a girl."

To help enhance safety training, Bond leaders are asking legislators to support the reinstatement of the Small Mines Office, which was closed in 2014. Prior to its closing, the office was utilized heavily by small producers throughout the country.

Hubacz-Kiley and her team are also hoping legislators will push for a highway trust bill to help accelerate road repair projects.

"It would be a great way to fix the roads and help with the economy," she said.

To learn more about Bond, visit www.bondsandandgravel.com.



The Bond team joins legislators and town officials for a photo after the tour.



Kevin Flanders photos

Legislators get a look at the Bond operation in action.



A constant stream of dump trucks arrive to pick up products and then distribute them throughout the area.



Bond Chief Operations Officer Karen Hubacz-Kiley talks with Congressman Jim McGovern.



A bucket loader arrives to pick up its next load.



Bond Chief Operations Officer Karen Hubacz-Kiley answers questions from guests.



After being heated to 350 degrees in this mixer, the liquid asphalt is eventually readied for delivery.

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POLICE LOGS

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erratic operation; 10:51 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 11:23 a.m.: citizen complaint (Borkum Road), spoken to; 12:25 p.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 12:37 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 1:42 p.m.: disturbance (Duggan Street), neighbor dispute; 3:46 p.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), wire down; 3:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 4:14 p.m.: 209A service (Main Street); 4:49 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:41 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:05-8:16 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:23 p.m.: disturbance (Temple Street), noise complaint; 8:25 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:41 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operation; 9:54 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 10:06 p.m.: suspicious activity (Bell Street), spoken to; 10:08-10:24 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:57 p.m.: accident (Donnelly Road), report taken; 11:12 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 11:34 p.m.: disturbance (McDonald Street), fight.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

12:57 a.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), spoken to; 1:07-2:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Howe Village Road), wild turkeys; 7:55 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 9:54 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 10:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Irving Street), spoken to; 11:13 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 12:45 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 12:54 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 1:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Treadwell Drive), spoken to; 1:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Clark Road), gunshots heard; 2:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), animal bite; 2:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), gunshots heard; 2:44 p.m.: harassing phone calls (Howe Village Road), report taken; 2:45 p.m.: disabled mv (Wall Street), assisted; 2:46 p.m.: 911 call (Smithville Road), accidental; 3:14 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 3:14 p.m.: mv complaint (Smithville Road), mv parked in roadway; 4:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Kingsbury Road), loose cows; 4:40 p.m.: medical/general (South

Spencer Road); 5:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:01 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 6:23 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 6:26 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 6:31 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 6:39 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 6:48 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:17 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 7:37 p.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), citation issued; 8:26 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:43 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), mv w/lights off; 8:59-9:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:18 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 9:26-9:33 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:40 p.m.: disturbance (Town House Court), noise complaint; 10:43 p.m.: DPW call (Lake Avenue), trees/wires down; 10:49 p.m.: accident (Town House Court), report taken.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

12:01 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:11 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), poss. suicidal threats; 12:43-1:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:10 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Wm. Casey Road), services rendered; 1:13 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 1:44 a.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village Road), road hazard; 2:09-2:15 buildings checked, secure; 2:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:34 p.m.: suspicious mv (Meadow Road), spoken to; 3:12 a.m.: building checked, secure; 4:10 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:28-4:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), barking dog; 8:03 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:15 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 10:29 a.m.: vandalism (Temple Street), report taken; 10:55 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:05 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 12:34 p.m.: accident (Maple Street); 1:01 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 2:29 p.m.: animal complaint (Lloyd Dyer Drive), injured bird; 2:39 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 3:01 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 3:51 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:06 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Route 49), black bear; 4:33 p.m.: RV complaint

(Martin Road), spoken to; 8:34 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:03 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:08 p.m.: medical/general (Sullivan Street); 9:12 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:17-9:29 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:29 p.m.: 911 call (Debbie Drive), services rendered; 9:33-9:49 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), fireworks complaint; 10:08 p.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), spoken to; 10:39 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Maple Street), services rendered; 10:52-11:25 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:28 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

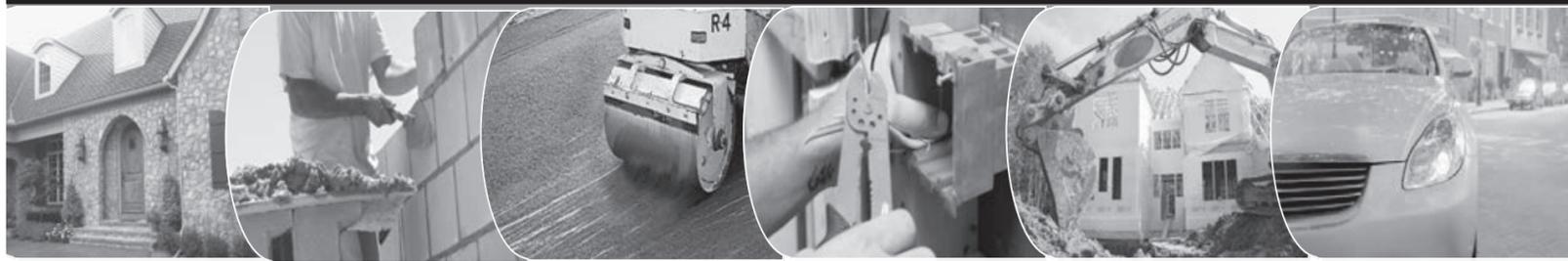
12:07-4:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:47 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:01 a.m.: parking violation (May Street), citation issued; 5:07 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:47 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 9:24 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet lost; 10:37 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), roommate dispute; 11:21 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), iPhone lost; 11:52 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:18 p.m.: suspicious mv (Meadow Road), spoken to; 12:19 p.m.: wire fraud (Crown Street), IRS scam call; 12:24 p.m.: wire fraud (Stiles Avenue), IRS scam call; 12:27 p.m.: wire fraud (Northwest Road), IRS scam call; 12:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Debbie Drive), landlord dispute; 12:39 p.m.: wire fraud (Lincoln Street), IRS scam call; 12:55 p.m.: wire fraud (High Street), IRS scam call; 1:09 p.m.: wire fraud (School Street), IRS scam call; 1:23 p.m.: wire fraud (Northwest Road), IRS scam call; 1:28 p.m.: wire fraud (Rustic Lane), IRS scam call; 2:43 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:09 p.m.: wire fraud (West Main Street), IRS scam call; 3:28 p.m.: residential alarm (Donnelly Cross Road), services rendered; 3:47 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 4:03 p.m.: wire fraud (West Main Street), IRS scam call; 4:21 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 5:26 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Chestnut Street); 5:29 p.m.: 911 call (Cherry Street), child w/ phone; 5:51 p.m.: mv complaint (Bixby Road), erratic operation; 5:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Street), loose dog; 6:21 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lake Street), child w/phone; 6:35 p.m.: build-

ing checked, secure; 6:39 p.m.: medical/general (Prouty Street); 7:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:24 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road), child w/phone; 7:27 p.m.: larceny/theft (Lakeshore Drive), report taken; 7:34 p.m.: suspicious mv (Powers Street), spoken to; 8:29 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 10:14 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:48 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

12:01 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:24-2:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:18 a.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 2:26-3:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:58 a.m.: DPW call (Howe Road), branch on wires; 10:37 a.m.: wire fraud (Wilson Avenue), IRS scam call; 11:28 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:00 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 12:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:58 p.m.: medical/general (G.H. Wilson Road); 12:59 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:36 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), ACO requested; 1:38 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), loose dogs; 1:40 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 2:18 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:54 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:35 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet lost; 3:45 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:45 p.m.: fire alarm (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 3:51 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 3:56 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), poss. assault; 4:04 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Chestnut Street), misdial; 4:34 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:54 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 4:57 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 6:25 p.m.: wire fraud (West Main Street), IRS scam call; 6:43 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 6:59 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operation; 7:08 p.m.: wire fraud (DeLude Avenue), IRS scam call; 7:31 p.m.: disturbance (Dale Street), domestic dispute; 7:55 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:04 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 8:41-9:42 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:52 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Irving Street), accidental; 10:05 p.m.: building checked, secure.

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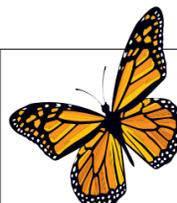
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I'm going to extend the Early Bird deadline for the 2019 Business, Community & Restaurant Guide to September 12 as I'll be out of the office on September 7. If you haven't already renewed, and many have (thank you!), please contact me by Wednesday if you'd like to save some money. The actual deadline is October 5 which is less than a month away!

BROOKFIELD ORCHARDS HARVEST CRAFT FAIR is this weekend, Sat. & Sun from 10-4. See the ad this week for all that will be featured, including Anzio's Brick Oven Pizza, Minuteman Kettle Corn, Rapsallion Brewery, and music by The BadTickers and Tequila Mockingbird. Not sure where they are? All signs lead to BROOKFIELD ORCHARDS, 12 Lincoln Road, in North Brookfield!

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October 11-14: Washington DC: staying at the Embassy Suites. Cost is \$610, including tips for driver and guides. Final payment due Sept. 4.

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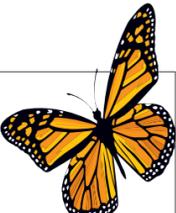


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OBITUARIES

Raymond W. Coran, 85



CHERRY VALLEY- Longtime resident Raymond W. Coran, 85, passed away on August 13, with family by his side. He was an avid Red Sox fan, and a member of the Leicester Police Department retiring in 1991 after 27 years of service to the community. Raymond was a founder and past president of the Blue Knights Mass Chapter 15. He was a navy veteran serving his time on the USS Willard Keith from 1950-53. His hobbies were working on puzzles and woodworking projects.

He leaves behind his wife Maryann Coran, of Cherry Valley, married 63 years, his son John Coran of Cherry Valley, his daughter Debra Burton of

Florida, granddaughters Amy Coran of Worcester, Erin Burton of North Brookfield, and great grandchildren narra, Alixandra, and Hunter.

Per Raymond's wishes there will be no calling hours. Family and friends will honor and remember his life privately.

The family would like to thank the VNA Hospice Care Team at Rose Monahan home, and the medical team at St. Vincent's Hospital for their support and compassion in his final 2 weeks.

Arrangements are being handled by Graham, Putnam, and Mahoney Funeral Parlors.



Charlotte L. Szlosek, 89



WEST BROOKFIELD- Charlotte L. (Dube) Szlosek, 89, of West Brookfield died on Monday, August 20, 2018 at Brookhaven Rest Home.

She leaves her daughter, Lori J. Gobi and her husband Richard of West Brookfield; two sons, Channing Kimball and his wife Pauline of Port Charlotte, FL, and Roy Kimball and his wife Christine of North Providence, RI; her sister, Gail McGlaughlin of Connecticut, as well as 5 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 25 years, Rudolph W. Szlosek in 1985. She was born in Springfield, daughter of the late Charles and Lillian (Harris) Dube. Charlotte was a Registered Nurse, and worked at the former Belchertown State School.

She also worked as a Teacher's Aide at the Fort River Elementary School in

Amherst for several years before retiring in 1994.

Charlotte enjoyed going on cruises and traveling, as well as county music and line dancing. When she moved to her home on Lake Wickaboag in West Brookfield, she she enjoyed going out on the pontoon boat and watching her grandchildren water ski. Some of her favorite times though were being with her family in Florida during the cold winter months of New England.

A Funeral Service for Charlotte will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 12 noon in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield. A calling hour will be held from 11am to 12pm prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association, 72 East Concord St., Suite C3, Boston, MA 02118 or the Alzheimer's Assoc. of Massachusetts, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Doris June Petruzzi, 85,

EAST BROOKFIELD- Doris June (Bledsoe) Petruzzi, 85, of 117 West Main Street, died Saturday, September 1 at her home surrounded by her family.

She leaves her husband of 66 years, John J. Petruzzi, Sr., two sons; Peter Petruzzi and his wife Heather of Savannah, TN., Jeffrey Petruzzi of Spencer and his companion Melissa Begley of Sturbridge, four daughters; Noreen Quinn and her husband Paul of Worcester, Patricia Giguere of East Brookfield, Susan LaCroix and her husband Joseph of Spencer, Christina Petruzzi of East Brookfield, a brother, Stephen Bledsoe and his wife Deborah of Spencer, 18 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by a son, John Petruzzi, Jr., a daughter, Lori Ann Petruzzi, a son-in-law, Gary Giguere, three sisters; Betty Grenier, Sue Dufrense, Joyce Petruzzi and a brother William Bledsoe.

Born in Checotah, OK., she was the daughter of Floyd & Clara (Connell) Bledsoe.

Mrs. Petruzzi was a graduate of David Prouty High School, Class of 1952 and in that same year married the

love of her life, John, on June 28.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church in East Brookfield and a former member and president of St. John's Women's Guild

She enjoyed sewing and making dresses for her daughters including prom and wedding gowns. She was a fantastic cook, welcoming all for "ronis and gravy". Most of all she loved spending time with her children and family.

The funeral was held Wednesday, September 5 from the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer, with a Mass at 11:00 A.M. in St. John the Baptist Church, North Brookfield Rd., East Brookfield. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, East Brookfield. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4-6 P.M. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in June's memory to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital

501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105, or East Brookfield Fire Association, P.O. Box 356, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

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Brian K. Whitcomb, 60



NORTH BROOKFIELD- Brian K. Whitcomb, 60, died peacefully at home on August 26, 2018.

He leaves his wife of 38 years Sharon C. Whitcomb; 2 sons Colby and his wife Rebecca of East Brookfield and Kyle of Warren; 2 grandsons Roman and Jamison; 2 sisters Brenda Dupsha and her wife Belinda of Spencer and Lori Kelley and her husband Michael of Virginia; a brother Glen Whitcomb and his wife Lisa of West Brookfield; his mother and father in law Richard and Pat White of East Brookfield and his brother in law David White and his wife Amy; sister in law Kimberlee Couture of Brookfield; 4 nephews David and Zachary Couture

and Christopher Dupsha and Andrew Whitcomb; 6 nieces Rachel and Hannah White, Sarah Lagana, Rachel Ramey, Leah Kelley and Jessica Whitcomb.

He was born in Ware and graduated from David Prouty High School. He worked at Gavitt Wire Co. in Brookfield for 34 years. He enjoyed music, spending time with family, animals, photography and the outdoors.

A celebration of Brian's life was held on Monday, September 3, 2018 at 2PM at 63 Walnut St. in North Brookfield. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is assisting the family with arrangements. Donations may be made in his name to Second Chance Animal Shelter po box 136 E. Brookfield, MA. 01515. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Remembering Lafayette at Rider Tavern



A portrait of the Marquis Lafayette by Joseph Desire Court in 1791.

On Saturday, Sept. 1 from 1:30-6 p.m. at the Rider Tavern, 255 Stafford St., a presentation by the Charlton Historical Society and the American Friends of Lafayette will commemorate the reception held for the Marquis during his farewell tour in American 1824-25.

From 1:30-3 p.m., members of the Charlton Historical Society will conduct tours of the Rider Tavern, including the collection of Lafayette memorabilia.

At 3 p.m., the program will begin with Frank Morrill, the former president of the CHS, speaking on the significance of the Rider Tavern and serving as master of ceremonies. Alan Hoffman, translator of Levasseur's account of Lafayette's visit, will discuss the significance of the farewell tour; and Peter Reilly will speak on conditions in 1824.

Dorothea Jensen, author of A Buss from Lafayette, in authentic 1824 attire, will speak on how Lafayette was greeted. It is then Lafayette (portrayed by Ben Goodman) will arrive, on foot; and he will be greeted with appropriate remarks to which he will respond.

Greeters will include: selectmen, one or two state representatives and a representative of the French government.

He will then be greeted by groups from the community that can connect in a variety of ways including patriotism and community service. Among them will be the Masonic Colonial Craftsmen, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Revolutionary War reenactors and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Special guest of honor Horace "Bud" Holland, a World War II veteran who landed in France on June 6, 1944 with the 118th AAA Gun Battalion will be introduced. He is credited with participation in the Normandy Campaign, the Northern France Campaign and

the Rhineland Campaign including the Battle of the Bulge.

The program will end with the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthems of both the US and France. Lafayette and members of the American Friends will remain to answer questions.

A bit of history about Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette

Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette (French pronunciation: [maki d la fajt]; 6 September 1757 – 20 May 1834), in the United States often known simply as Lafayette, was a French aristocrat and military officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War. A close friend of George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Thomas Jefferson, Lafayette was a key figure in the French Revolution of 1789 and the July Revolution of 1830.

Lafayette came from a wealthy land-owning family. He followed its martial tradition, and was commissioned an officer at age 13. He became convinced that the American cause in its revolutionary war was noble, and traveled to the New World seeking glory in it. There, he was made a major general; however, the 19-year-old was initially not given troops to command.

Wounded during the Battle of Brandywine, he still managed to organize an orderly retreat. He served with distinction in the Battle of Rhode Island. In the middle of the war, he returned home to lobby for an increase in French support. He again sailed to America

in 1780, and was given senior positions in the Continental Army. In 1781, troops in Virginia under his command blocked forces led by Cornwallis until other American and French forces could position themselves for the decisive Siege of Yorktown.

He helped write the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, with Thomas Jefferson's assistance; this document sought to establish the universal rights of all men. In keeping with this philosophy, Lafayette advocated for the end of slavery. After the storming of the Bastille, Lafayette was appointed commander-in-chief of the National Guard and tried to steer a middle course through the French Revolution. In August 1792, the radical factions ordered his arrest.

Fleeing through the Austrian Netherlands, he was captured by Austrian troops and spent more than five years in prison.

Lafayette returned to France after Napoleon Bonaparte secured his release in 1797, though he refused to participate in Napoleon's government. After the Bourbon Restoration of 1814, he became a liberal member of the Chamber of Deputies, a position he held for most of the remainder of his life. In 1824, President James Monroe invited Lafayette to the United States as the nation's guest; during the trip, he visited all twenty-four states in the union at the time, meeting a rapturous reception. During France's July Revolution of 1830, Lafayette declined an offer to become the French dictator. Instead, he supported Louis-Philippe as king, but turned against him when the monarch became autocratic. Lafayette died on 20 May 1834, and is buried in Picpus Cemetery in Paris, under soil from Bunker Hill. For his accomplishments in the service of both France and the United States, he is sometimes known as "The Hero of the Two Worlds."



To place an In-Memoriam, Card of Thanks, Birthday or Anniversary Greeting, in the Spencer New Leader,

the deadline is Friday noon for the following week.

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CALENDAR

Saturday September 8

MUSIC PROGRAM: at The Meadows/Vibra Healthcare, 111 Huntoon Memorial Highway, Rochdale Saturday, Sept. 8 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, Tim Loftus performing traditional Irish music, mixing in several short slideshows as well as telling stories about the music accompanied by Norah Garvey, Irish step dancer. No charge for attending this performance. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Leicester Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Saturday & Sunday September 8 & 9

ST JOSEPH PARISH 38th ANNUAL FAIR: Join us for a delicious chicken dinner (served Sunday 1-2pm; \$12/ adults \$6/children 12 & under) and other food available all weekend. Variety of fun events for the whole family including: The Otters on Saturday Sept. 8 5-8 p.m. following outdoor Mass at 4 p.m., and DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc on Sunday, Sept. 9: flea market, games, baked goods, crafts, basket raffles, exciting raffle prizes.. Sunday's events are all day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. To buy tickets for barbecue or information contact the rectory weekday mornings (508) 867-6811. All at St. Joseph Parish, 28 Mt. Pleasant St., North Brookfield.

Monday September 10

ACROSSAMERICA: Across America and Back by Mary Ann Hooper. Mary Ann found the diaries of her great grandparents' train trip across the country in 1871. She set out to recreate their journey. Her book talks of the two trips and weaves together the stories of the long ago trip and the modern one. The Leicester Historical Society presents Across America and Back by Mary Ann Hooper. Monday, September 10 at the Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow St. This program is free and open to all. There is plenty of free parking and the site is handicapped accessible.

Tuesday September 11

BHUTAN: The "Country of Gross National Happiness", located in the Himalayas. Come and join the Brookfield Seniors on Tuesday, Sept. 11. You'll witness a travelogue of Bhutan in 2008 that took place during their religious festivals. See the colorful costumes as they do their dances

of Buddha history and also see the children at school. and visit the Tiger's nest! The program will be held in the Brookfield Congregational Church at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments available!

Saturday September 15

SEEKING VENDORS: The annual Flea Market sponsored by The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC will be held on the town common Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults with kids free. To rent a 20 x 20 grassy spot for \$35, please call Terry at 508-867-4462 and leave your name and mailing address. A registration form will be sent to you. Antiquers, growers, crafters, flea marketers and tag salers are all welcome! Plan to enjoy a delicious grilled lunch in our food tent featuring dogs, burgers and grilled sausage! Proceeds will support the annual Youth Mission Trip to Washington, DC where teens help our nation's homeless and low-income population. Thank you for your support.

Saturday September 22

Have something to sell? Reserve space at St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish Fair: Anyone interested in reserving space at the St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish Fair on Sept. 22 beginning at 10 a.m. (with a 4 p.m. outdoor Mass followed by a chicken BBQ) to promote & sell items is asked to contact the parish office at 508-859-8083 for more information as soon as possible. Event will take place on the grounds of St. Joseph Church located at 759 Main St., Leicester.

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE SPACES: Friends of the Spencer Senior Center are offering tables for \$15 each for the Town Wide Yard Sale inside the Senior Center Hall on Saturday Sept. 22. Please call Joyce for more information at 508-885-0130.

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR August 22 through June 28, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and gift for the glory of God (www.emmanuelorthodox.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2000
Docket No. 18P2770EA
Estate of:
John M. Banas
Date of Death: June 22, 2018
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kathleen A. Banas of Warren MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kathleen A. Banas of Warren 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.
September 7, 2018

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
DEP File No. TBD**
The East Brookfield Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L.c. 131, §40, will hold the following Public Hearing relating to proposed work within a wetland waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 100-foot buffer zone to a wetland waterbody, or resource area on:
**September 18, 2018 at 7:30 PM
in the Memorial Town Complex**

This Public Hearing is in regards to the proposed work which includes the grinding of 3 stumps and minor landscaping in buffer zone submitted by: John P. Gatto & Amy J Messier for the following: single home, located on 180 Lakeview Ave in East Brookfield, MA, Tax Map No. 0840041016000120, Parcel No. 004.1-0160-0012.0

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

Robert Baronoski
Chairman
EAST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 7, 2018

**LEGAL NOTICE
Town of North Brookfield
Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG)
Public Hearing**

The town of North Brookfield will conduct a performance hearing regarding their ongoing Community Development Block Grant Program. Future projects under consideration as well as the town's Community Development Strategy which guides the CDBG program will also be discussed. The

meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.** as part of the North Brookfield Board of Selectmen's meeting at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest Street, North Brookfield, MA. North Brookfield received funding through the FY 2017 Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for comprehensive improvements of North Common Street. The project is now more than 50% complete with a new water main in place and sewer improvements completed. Drainage components are currently being installed and paving operations will begin in October 2018. Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning the CDBG program and ongoing activities will have an opportunity to be heard. Persons who require special accommodations should contact the Town prior to the hearing date at (508) 867-0249.
September 7, 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. WO18P2849EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
James R Dwinell
Date of Death: 07/24/2018**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Allen G Dwinell of Spencer 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 **Allen G Dwinell of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/25/2018.** 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 objection within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 23, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 7, 2018

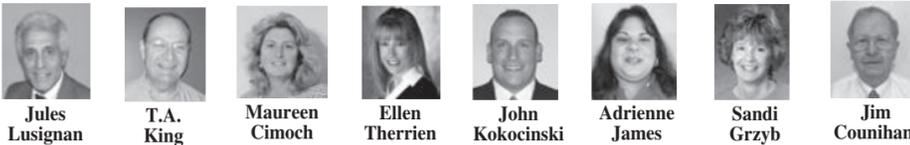
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| <p>DUDLEY - 5 Corbin Rd! Beautiful 9 Rm Tri-Level! 45 Acres! 3-4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! Granite Kit w/Slider to Deck & In-ground Heated Pool! Din Rm w/Hrwd's, Crown Molding & French Dsr! Frp Lc Rm! Master w/Bath, Walk-in Closet, Finished Walk-Out Level! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! \$469,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER - 175TH Ave! 3 Fam! 4/4 Rm! 2022 Bdrms! Each w/Spacious KIt, & Liv Rm! Full Bath! 1st & 2nd Flr Units Remodeled, Rented in Wood! Condt! 3rd Flr Vacate, Needs Cosmetic! Washer/Dryer Hookups Each Unit! C/Breakers & Landlord Meter! Separate Gas Heat & Water Heaters! Newer Roof! Nice Yard! Sheel! \$49,900.00</p> | <p>AUBURN - 9 Lorna Dr! 2080' Split Entry! Applianced Oak Eat-in Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrwd's! Sun Rm Cathedral to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrwd's! Frp Lc Rm Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm Office! Laundry! C/Air & Vac! Professionally Landscaped 46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! \$389,900.00</p> | <p>DUDLEY - 34 West Main St! 10 Rm, 3222' Antique Colonial! 87 Acre! Grand Entry Foyer! Frp Lc Rm! Formal Liv Rm & Frp Lc Library! Fam Rm w/Hrwd's! Formal Din Rm w/Hrwd's & Tall Bay Window! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Flr & Walk-in Pantry! 1st Flr Laundry Rm! 1/2 Bath w/Dressing Rm! Grand Stairway to 2nd Flr! Spacious Frp Lc Master Bdrm w/Hrwd's, Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2 Additional Bdrms w/Built-ins & Hrwd's Flrs, 1 Bdrm w/Access to Additional Full Bath! "Maids Quarters" w/Spacious Bdrm w/Hrwd' Flr, Full Bath & Separate Stairway Access! 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 4 Frp Lc's! Lower Level Finished Fam Rm w/Frpk & Abundant Shelving & Storage! 2 Car Detached Garage w/Full Lot! Fenced Yard w/Circular Driveway! Commercial Zoned! \$695,000.00</p> | <p>OXFORD - 247 Main St! 10 Rm BUSINESS ZONED 2 Family! 46 Rm! Well Maintained! 4 Rooms on 1st w/2 Half Baths! Perfect Office Location! 2nd Flr 3 Bdrm Apartment w/ Eat-in Kit, Dining Area, Liv Rm w/Hrwd's & Sun Rm! Full Bath! Oil Heat, New Furnace! Full Basement! Ample Parking! Handicap Ramp! 2 Car Detached Garage! \$359,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER - 24 Oakwood Dr! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Spacious Center 1st Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabets! SS Appliances! Slider to Trex Deck! Din Rm w/Hrwd's! Den! Frp Lc Rm! 1/2 Bath! 2nd Level Master w/Frpk Bath w/Jacuzzi & Walk-in Shower! 3 Bdrms Total! 2nd Full Tile Bath! C/Air! 32 Heat! Loft Office! \$450,000.00</p> | <p>OXFORD - 19 Wheelock St! 6 Rm Cape! Well Maintained! Level Lot! Knotty Pine Sunroom w/Slider to Stone Patio! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Liv Rm w/Hrwd' Flr! 2 Spacious 1st Flr Bdrms w/Hrwd's! Full Bath! 2nd Flr 3rd Bdrm w/New Carpets! Full Basement w/Laundry! Attached Garage w/Workshop! \$229,900.00</p> |
| <p>WEBSTER - 24 Emerald Ave! 2 Family! 5/5 Rm's! 2,800 sq/ft! Each w/In-line Kit w/Pantry, Fam Rm, Liv Rm, 2/3 Bdrms! Washer/Dryer Hookups! Hrwd' Flrs! 2 Car Detached Garage! Insulated Windows! New Furnaces! Incredible Flat Yard! Lead Certificates! Well Maintained! \$239,900.00</p> | <p>THOMPSON - Quaddick Lake! 52 Breaults Landing! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Level Lot! Lawn to the Water - .88 Acres! Open Floor Plan! 4.5 Room Ranch! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Applianced & Furnished! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Round! LP Gas Heat & HW! Generator! \$229,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE ACCESS! 2-A Lakeview Rd! View of the Lake & Your Dock! Short Walk to the Shore! Young, "09", Spacious 7 Rm Split Entry Cape with ELEVATOR! Ideal for Handicapped, Wheelchair Bound or Not Wanting to Go Stairs! From Ground Level to the 1st Flr! On to the 2nd Flr! 750 lbs. Capacity! 1st Flr Open Fr Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Din Area & Liv Rm All w/Gleaming Wood Laminate Flrs! 2 1st Flr Possible Bdrms/Master w/Ceiling Fans & Huge Dble Closets! Full Tile Bath w/8" Vanity, Laundry & Linen Closets! 2nd Flr w/2 Spacious Bdrms w/Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets, Office & Full Bath! Lower Level w/Front & Back Opposite Side 12' Garage Doors! C/Air! Super Detached 30x40' 2 Story Garage! 12x10 Drst! 12' 1st Flr Ceilings, 8' 2nd Flr Ceiling Height! 3 Car Lifts are Negotiable! Has It All! \$429,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER - 32 Canille Rd! 9 Rm Cape w/Farmers Porch! Open Fr Plan! Applianced Kit! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Frp Lc Cathedral Liv Rm! Den or Din Rm! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Master Bath! 2 Add Bdrms! 3 Baths Total! C/Air! LL Fam Rm! Garages! Irrigation! Shed! \$349,900.00</p> | <p>DUDLEY - 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/Carpeted Bdrms & Full Hall Bath! Master Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Frp! Patios! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! \$359,900.00</p> | <p>DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrwd's Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Applianced Granite Kit w/Slidr to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! \$309,900.00</p> | |
| <p>WEBSTER - 21 Malden Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Cape! SS Applianced Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Din Area w/Slider to Dble Tier Deck! Din Rm & Frp Lc Liv Rm w/Hrwd's! Fam Rm! 1st Floor 1/2 Bath Laundry! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! Skylights! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage! 52 Acre Lot! \$309,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER - 14 Elaine St! 6 Rm Ranch! Level-Tree Studed! 12,023' Lot! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Bay Window! Liv Rm w/Hrwd's! Tile Bath! 3 Bdrms w/Hrwd's! Lower Level Knotty Pine Plam! Large Attached Garage! Large Deck! Detached Garage! Updated Electrical! Town Services! \$199,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 39 Bates Point! Panoramic Views of South Pond! One of the Lakes Premier Shorelines! Southern Exp! Amazing Amounts of Sun! Park Like Grounds! You'll Spend More Time Outside! Extensive Patio, Paver Walkways & Perennial Gardens w/Landscape Lighting! Irrigation for Lawns, Gardens, Potted Plants using Lake Water! 18X24 Partially Covered Composite Deck, w/Inj! Railings! 90' U-Shaped Dock! Beautiful Updated 7 Rm A/C'D Ranch! Perfect 14,549' Level Lot! Inside Find a Lake Facing Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/LP Gas Frplce w/Antique Maple Mantle, Hand Plained Maple Hrwd' Flrs, Custom Built Granite Wet Bar w/Tiger Maple Cabinetry! Applianced Granite Kit w/Maple Cabinets & Porcelain Tile Fr! Formal Din Rm w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight & Random Width Birch Flooring w/Hand Cut Antique Nails! 20' Master Bdrm w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight, 2 Ceiling Fans, 6.8X11.6 Walk-in Closet & Dble Closet! 2016 Bthrm w/Travertine Fr, Dble Granite Vanity, Custom Tile Shower, Linen Closet & Cathedral Ceiling w/Opening Skylight! Entry Door/Foyer/Mud Rm w/ Tile Fr, Slider to the Lake & Door to the Kit! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/2 Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing! Open Liv Area w/Wet Bar & Frig! Full Bathrm! Laundry Rm! Work Shop & Storage Rm! Outside to the 26X32 Detached Garage w/2 Stalls, Workbench Area & 2nd Flr Storage! Start Packing! \$749,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 39 Bates Point! Panoramic Views of South Pond! One of the Lakes Premier Shorelines! Southern Exp! Amazing Amounts of Sun! Park Like Grounds! You'll Spend More Time Outside! Extensive Patio, Paver Walkways & Perennial Gardens w/Landscape Lighting! Irrigation for Lawns, Gardens, Potted Plants using Lake Water! 18X24 Partially Covered Composite Deck, w/Inj! Railings! 90' U-Shaped Dock! Beautiful Updated 7 Rm A/C'D Ranch! Perfect 14,549' Level Lot! Inside Find a Lake Facing Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/LP Gas Frplce w/Antique Maple Mantle, Hand Plained Maple Hrwd' Flrs, Custom Built Granite Wet Bar w/Tiger Maple Cabinetry! Applianced Granite Kit w/Maple Cabinets & Porcelain Tile Fr! Formal Din Rm w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight & Random Width Birch Flooring w/Hand Cut Antique Nails! 20' Master Bdrm w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight, 2 Ceiling Fans, 6.8X11.6 Walk-in Closet & Dble Closet! 2016 Bthrm w/Travertine Fr, Dble Granite Vanity, Custom Tile Shower, Linen Closet & Cathedral Ceiling w/Opening Skylight! Entry Door/Foyer/Mud Rm w/Tile Fr, Slider to the Lake & Door to the Kit! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/2 Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing! Open Liv Area w/Wet Bar & Frig! Full Bathrm! Laundry Rm! Work Shop & Storage Rm! Outside to the 26X32 Detached Garage w/2 Stalls, Workbench Area & 2nd Flr Storage! Start Packing! \$749,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER - 25 Edy St! 6 Rm Cape! Completely Renovated! Nicely Landscaped! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Tile Fr & Recessed Lighting! Spacious Liv Rm w/Walk to 3rd Carpeted Bdrms, 2 on 1st Flr! Full Bath w/Tile Fr! Loft Master Bdrm! 1st Flr Laundry! Town Services & Gas! Detached Garage! \$229,900.00</p> | <p>DUDLEY - 9 Progress Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Move In Ready! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Din & Liv Rm w/Hrwd's! 1st Flr Master w/Hrwd's & 2 Dble Closets & Ceiling Fan! 3 Season Porch! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Hrwd's & a Full Bath! Rooms 2013! Town Services! Quick Close Possible! \$254,900.00</p> | |
| <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Ceater! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Fr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frpk, Recent Wood Fr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Hall Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Frpk, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! \$579,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrwd's & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frpk Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrwd's! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frp Lc Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! \$729,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 210 Beacon Park! 5 Rm, 1,100' Corner Garden Unit! Applianced Kitchen! Dining Room! Spacious Living Room! 2 Bedrooms! Master Bedroom with Master Bath! 1.5 Bathrooms! The Floors Throughout! C/Air! Garage! Gazebo! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! \$239,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Yr Round! Great Frontal! 4 Bdrms w/Hrwd's, 2 Lake Facing! Frpk Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 55' of Sandy Beach! \$475,000.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Like New! Open Fr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Slidr, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frpk! Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Living Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/2 Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrwd's, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bthrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrwd's, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrwd's & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Fr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x8' 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! \$789,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 100 Union Point Rd! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! 11 Rooms! 2001! Recently Renovated! Hardwood Floors! 5 Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Expansive Decks! Garage! Extra Lot! Parking Across Street! Still In Time for Summer! \$629,000.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront! Completely Remodeled! 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silstone Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Fr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam Rm! \$399,900.00</p> |

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| <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,688' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,54' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Like New! Open Fr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/Tile Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frpk, Surround Sound & Gleaming Hrwd's! Granite Kit w/Sl, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrwd's & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm w/Lake Views! Hrwd' Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Fr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frpk, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Fr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Decks! Get Packing! \$724,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 810 Beacon Park! 5 Rms, 1,100' Garden Unit! Fantastic Lake Views! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths! Brand New Heat & AC Unit! Applianced! Din Rm w/Bay Window! Large Covered Patio & Manicured Courtyard! Garage! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! Best Seat for July 4th Fireworks! \$259,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure Island! 1,974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frpk Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2 Master Bdrms & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! \$324,900.00</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874' Hrwd' Floors! Applianced Granite Kit! Open Fr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 3 Baths! Frpk Fam Rm! C/Air! 2nd Flr! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! \$334,900.00</p> | | |

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| <p>DUDLEY - 22 WILLIAMS ST. Adorable Oversized 6 room, 4 bedroom Cape! 2200+ sq ft of Living area. Eat in kitchen! front to Back Living room! 2 baths! Game room, Hardwoods! Lovely landscaped yard! Large detached 1-1/2 car garage! NEW PRICE \$238,900</p> | <p>PUTNAM, CT - 10 KNOLLWOOD LN NEW LISTING! Spacious Townhouse! 2 Large Bedrooms w/ plenty of closet space, 1-1/2 Baths, Open Floor Plan, Applianced Packed Kitchen with Breakfast Bar & Pantry Closet, Living Room with Sliders to Private Deck, 1 Car Garage Under, Basement for Laundry/Storage. Convenient Location, near Interstate 395! Fabulous area amenities like restaurants, shopping, walking trails along the river, community events, and recreation! NEW PRICE \$139,900.</p> | <p>WEBSTER - 7 ARKWRIGHT RD. First Time Offered! Beautiful & Spacious 1600+/- SF, 3BR Ranch! Freshly painted! Updated Kitchen & Bath. Large Formal Living Rm w/ lighter bay window. Great RM w/cathedral ceilings, fireplace, ceiling fan, & skylights! 3 BRs. Whole house fan. Private back yard, in-ground pool! 10' x 12' - 3 season porch! Patio w/outdoor fireplace. Room in basement served as a large workshop. 15' x 20' Carport & 2 storage sheds! \$248,800.</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 93 BIRCH ISLAND RD SORRY, SOLD! New listing! 2 Family on webster lake middle pond waterfront! Rare Opportunity! Great for the investor or home owner looking for additional income. Views with a sandy shoreline! First floor has one bedroom - second floor is 2 bedrooms. Each unit has its own washer/dryer hook ups. Quick access to I-395! Walkout basement & storage area. Private patio! Taxes \$4,624 yr. \$412,900</p> | <p>WOODSTOCK, CT - 158 W. QUASSET RD Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quaslet Lake! Unique, Transatl. Quiet, Secluded & Private Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Patios, covered patios & balconies, stone faced 3 car deck garage w/hot tub, stone Cape Cod shower, winding garage path to 265' +/- of shoreline! 5,000 sq ft of roof! 2 story Colonial! 2 story open! Contemporary impressive kitchen w/appliances-everything! Offers formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, laundry & mudroom, exercise studio, LL kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces & more! Master BR w/private full bath! \$1,299,000.</p> |

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| <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,057+/- SF Lot, 52' 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/hot tub & potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Western views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. \$345,000</p> | <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD. KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/LOOKING FOR! 2.45+/- Acres! 345+/- road front, 336/364+/- depth, 275+/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very few waterfront properties! The possibilities for this property are only limited by your imagination. The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/massive modern windows that invite you guests to venture outside to spectacular 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets and beautiful natural shoreline beyond! Relax & entertain in the tiled, stone fireplace family rm, wet bar sliders to an enormous outdoor patio! The house features a 36+/- open concept combination living/dining area with a stone fireplace, an open stairway, & interior 2nd flr balcony w/access to 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32+/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath & huge fireplacd patio! Family owned gen for 60+ years! \$1,495,000</p> | <p>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. Landscap, 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.</p> |
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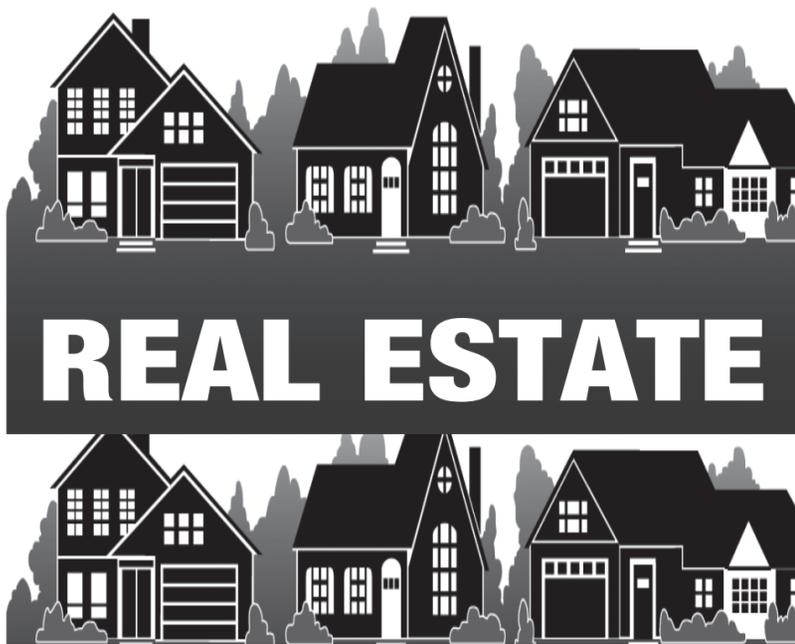
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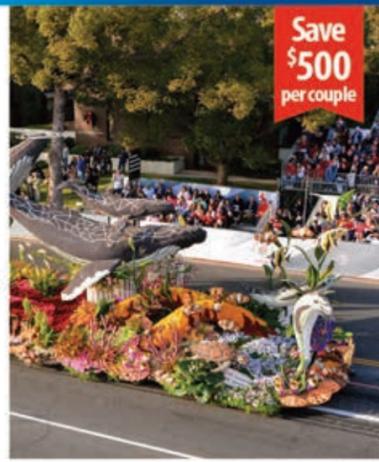
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FOOD

Embrace a reason to indulge in Mexican cuisine

Few styles of cuisine are as widely beloved as Mexican cuisine. When celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike won't want to miss the opportunity to indulge in some delicious Mexican food.

Many Mexican dishes include chipotle peppers. Smoked hot chili peppers, chipotle peppers can add spiciness to a meal for fans who can never get enough kick from their favorite Mexican dishes. The following recipe for "Chipotle Beef with Fresh Tomato Salsa" from Kathy Moore and Roxanne Wyss' "Triple Slow Cooker Entertaining" (Robert Rose) packs a punch and won't disappoint aficionados of Mexican cuisine.

Chipotle Beef with Fresh Tomato Salsa
Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 2 to 2½-lb. beef brisket, well trimmed
- 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, chopped (see tip below)
- 1 tablespoon dry minced (granulated) garlic
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup tomato juice
- ¼ cup minced fresh cilantro
- Tomato salsa (see below)
- Flour tortillas, warmed

Arrange onion slices in bottom of one slow cooker stoneware, overlapping as necessary. Cut brisket in half and place on top of onions. Sprinkle with chipotle pepper, garlic, cumin, and salt. Pour tomato juice over top.

Cover and cook on low for 9 to 11

hours or on high for 4½ to 5½ hours, until beef is very tender.

Using a slotted spoon, transfer beef and onions to a tray. Pour liquid into a deep bowl. Using two forks, shred beef. Return beef and onions to the stoneware. Skim fat from liquid and pour over beef mixture. Sprinkle with cilantro. Turn to warm for serving.

To serve, spoon beef mixture and salsa into center of each warm tortilla, then fold tortilla over filling.

Tip: Chipotle peppers are smoked jalapeño peppers and are often found canned in adobo sauce. Use one for this recipe, then freeze the rest in an airtight container for up to 6 months. For even more convenience, separate the peppers and place in a single layer on a tray, topped with a little adobo sauce; freeze until firm, then transfer each pepper to a sealable freezer bag. You can then use just the amount you need for each recipe.

Tomato Salsa
Makes 3 cups

- 3 ripe tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh cilantro
- Juice of 1 lime
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a bowl, combine tomatoes, green onions, jalapeño, cilantro, and lime juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate for up to one day.



A spicy taste of Mexico from the comforts of home



An idyllic country with extensive mountain ranges and miles of coastal beaches, Mexico also is home to beloved cuisine. Men and women who want to create a taste of Mexico in their own kitchens can consider this recipe for "Spicy Steak Tampico" from Kelley Cleary Coffeen's "200 Easy Mexican Recipes" (Robert Rose).

SPICY STEAK TAMPICO
MAKES 4 SERVINGS

- 4 beef tenderloin medallions (each 6 ounces and ¾-inch thick)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Seasoned salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup roasted green chile peppers (see below)
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

1. Brush steaks thoroughly with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.
2. Place medallions on preheated grill, close lid and grill, turning once, until an instant-read thermometer registers 145 F for medium rare, 5 to 8 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate, tent with foil and let stand for 10 minutes.
3. Preheat broiler with rack 3 to 4 inches away from heat. Place steaks on individual ovenproof plates. Top each steak with equal amounts of chile and cheese. Broil until cheese melts, about 2 minutes. Serve immediately.

To roast chiles: Preheat greased outdoor grill to medium or preheat an oven broiler. Place fresh chiles on outdoor grill or gas stovetop over medium heat or arrange on a baking sheet and place 2 to 3 inches away from heat under broiler. Grill or broil, turning often with tongs, until surfaces of skin are lightly charred and blistered. Immediately place peppers in a paper bag or an airtight container and close tightly. Let peppers cool for 12 to 15 minutes. Peel off charred skin and remove stems and seeds. Tear into strips or chop as needed according to the recipe. Wash your hands thoroughly after handling chiles. Refrigerate peppers for up to 3 days or freeze in airtight container for up to 6 months.

Celebrate Hispanic culture at the dinner table



Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of the people who trace their origins to South America, Central America, Mexico, Spain, and certain areas of the Caribbean. Each Hispanic country has its own unique cultural traditions, and many of these traditions revolve around food. Those who want to toast Spanish culture and cuisine can whip up the following recipe for "Morcilla con Setas (Blood Sausage with Mushrooms, Spring Peas and Mint Oil)" from James Campbell Caruso's "España: Exploring the Flavors of Spain" (Gibbs Smith).

MORCILLA CON SETAS (BLOOD SAUSAGE WITH MUSHROOMS, SPRING PEAS AND MINT OIL)

SERVES 4

- 1 pound morcilla blood sausage
- 1 pound mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, slivered
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons white wine
- 1 cup shelled spring peas
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
- 2 tablespoons mint oil

Mint Oil

- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ cup chopped mint
- Pinch of salt

Cut the blood sausage into 12 slices. Sauté the mushrooms in olive oil with garlic, salt and pepper for 5 minutes. Add the wine and cook for 2 more minutes. Boil the peas for 2 minutes and drain. When mushrooms are done, remove from heat and stir in the peas.

In a cast-iron skillet, sear the morcilla in a dry pan for 2 minutes per side. Arrange the slices of morcilla down the middle of a platter. Surround with mushroom/pea mixture and drizzle the plate with the mint oil.

For the mint oil: In a small saucepan over medium heat, heat olive oil to warm. Remove from heat and add the mint and a small pinch of salt. Allow to rest for 1 hour. Drain through a sieve. Reserve extra mint oil for other uses, such as vinaigrette.

FOOD

A realistic guide to organic food



In a perfect world, chemicals would not be needed to produce any foods, all of which would be made in sustainable conditions and from all-natural ingredients. But even the most eco-conscious foodie routinely faces difficult decisions at the grocery store.

The Organic Trade Association says organic food is the fastest-growing sector of the American food industry, and organic food now accounts for more than 5 percent of total food sales. While many people understand the benefits

to consuming organic produce, such foods tend to cost more, compromising shoppers' budgets as a result. Making smart choices and getting the facts about organic food can help consumers make informed decisions.

SMARTER ORGANIC CHOICES

According to the food and health resource the Environmental Working Group, certain fruits and vegetables are more likely to feature residual pesticides than others.

They dub these foods the "Dirty Dozen," which include strawberries, spinach, nectarines, apples, grapes, peaches, cherries, pears, tomatoes, celery, potatoes, and sweet bell peppers. Shoppers who cannot afford strictly organic foods can opt for non-organic items that are less likely to contain residual pesticides.

FEARING ANTIBIOTICS

Many people are con-

cerned about milk, meat and poultry treated with antibiotics. Organic foods are antibiotic-free. The Food and Drug Administration has strict guidelines in place to phase out the use of antibiotics in food animals to enhance growth or improve feed efficiency. They're also requiring farmers to select strains of microbials that are less medically important to humans who would need them to treat disease. This means that conventional milk, meat and poultry may contain less antibiotics than con-

sumers know.

Also, according to the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, poultry are not given growth hormones, so there's little need to pay more for hormone-free.

Organic and pesticides To be "organic," foods produced and sold in the United States and Canada must be shown to conserve natural resources and be devoid of GMOs, among other requirements. However, USDA organic certification allows for natural substances, such as phero-

mones, vaccines for animals and a limited number of natural pesticides. Also, a 2011 survey by the USDA showed 39 percent of 571 organic samples were found to have pesticide residues, but well below tolerance levels set by the EPA. Therefore, pesticide-free and organic are not exclusive.

Organic foods are seen as a healthy alternative to foods that do not fall into this category. While there are many positive reasons to go organic, including conventional foods in one's diet is not necessarily unhealthy.

How to preserve ethnic diversity while maintaining one's sense of patriotism



People emigrate for various reasons. Some do so for employment opportunities, while others seek religious or personal freedom. Many others move to be closer to family.

North America is home to scores of emigrants. Many of those people would note that

it's important to maintain pride in one's home country and its culture. And being loyal to one's adoptive country does not have to come at the expense of pride in one's homeland.

TALK ABOUT FAMILIAL HISTORY

Older generations can share stories about their youth and potentially regale young relatives with tales of time spent in their home countries. Stories can compare and contrast

the two living environments and speak to the benefits each offered, but also discuss the decision to move.

CELEBRATE ETHNIC AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

People can embrace all cele-

brations, including those that pay homage to their birth and adopted countries. Individual celebrations of culture, such as Hispanic Heritage Month, also can be embraced. Individuals also can take part in the celebrations of other cultural groups, so they can learn more about all of the unique people who come together to make their country what it is today.

DINE ON ETHNIC CUISINE

Americanized food certainly can be tasty and make up a good portion of daily diets. However, routinely incorporate family recipes and ethnic cuisine into cooking so that younger generations can retain that connection to their culture. Think about setting aside one day a week for cultural cooking, trying new recipes each and every time.

RESEARCH IMPACT ON THE NATION

Go online or visit the library to see how certain ethnic groups played key roles in shaping United States history. Understanding the pivotal role immigrants have played throughout the history of the United States can be eye-opening and a great way to develop a sense of appreciation for all members of society.

It is possible to show pride in one's ancestral home while remaining loyal to the country a person now calls home.

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