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Multiple issues discussed by multi-office officials

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – At a recent meeting between state legislators, selectmen and the new town administrator, several issues affecting all corners of the community were discussed.

In his first day as town administrator earlier this month, Thomas Gregory joined Senator Anne Gobi, state Representatives Donald Berthiaume and Peter Durant, and selectmen at the meeting. Educational issues dominated the meeting, particularly the legislators’ attempts to secure additional funding for regional school transportation this year.

Officials are also concerned that the state’s Chapter 70 aid for public schools hasn’t been sufficient in recent years.

“The calculation they use for local aid no longer reflects what communities like ours deal with,” said Board of Selectmen Chairman Tony Pepe. “We also have a large concern that the transportation reimbursement for the district is not enough.”

Officials also discussed needed school facilities improvements, technology, and the school district’s push for continued momentum. The emphasis is on taking small steps and slowly building toward a brighter future for the district.

“Our district has been making a lot of good moves lately, and we want to support their efforts and help them keep the momentum going,” Durant said. “The quality of education you get in this district has always been great. We know the high school needs to be renovated or replaced, and continued progress within the district will help the townspeople see the importance of that project moving forward.”

Selectmen and school officials are currently working together to finalize the budget ahead of the annual town meeting in May.

“School leaders are working hard to get the budget balanced. They have a lot of challenges to manage, and we are working to get the town’s budget ready as well,” Gregory said.

Officials also discussed several ongoing and recently completed infrastructure projects in town, including the downtown revitalization on Route 9. As former selectmen, it means a lot to Berthiaume and Durant to see the town following through on multiple projects.

“The downtown project was in its early stages when I was on the board,” Durant added. “It’s great to see where these projects are taking the town. The board has a very good focus, and it’s so important for all of us to be pulling in the same direction.”

Another issue up for discussion was the future of Howe State Park. Closed to public activities for more than a decade, officials are hoping to find the funding necessary for a partial reopening of the park. A lack of staffing for maintenance has prevented the park from being used, but officials want to see it enjoyed by the public again.

“It hasn’t been maintained, but we want to see it opened for

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Gubernatorial candidate Setti Warren addresses guests during the rally.

Kevin Flanders photos

Getting from here to there if buses don’t run...

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER – Outraged by the proposed cuts to public transportation services, residents and legislators from throughout central Massachusetts descended on City Hall last week for a rally.

Reduced services have been proposed for several Worcester Regional Transit Authority bus routes, while others have been slated for elimination to save money. Among the proposals is an option to cut all bus services west of East Brookfield District Court on Route 9, while another option could bring an end to weekend bus routes.

At the March 20 rally outside City Hall, several legislators and residents spoke out against the proposed cuts. For thousands of residents in central Massachusetts, an elimination of bus routes would prevent them from getting to work and school.

“Not everyone has their own vehicle, and it is unacceptable to be looking at cuts to public transportation,” said State Representative Natalie Higgins, of Leominster, who represents the Fourth Worcester District.

The state’s 15 regional transit authorities

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Last McLaughlin scholarship dinner scheduled

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – It’s the end of an era for a memorial event embraced by the entire community. After hosting charitable programs for a decade in their daughter’s memory, Paul and Mary McLaughlin will hold the final scholarship dinner next month.

The Jennifer McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship Dinner will take place on Saturday, April 7, at Knights of Columbus Hall. Set for 6-8 p.m., the event will include a silent auction, raffles, and musical entertainment throughout the evening. Everyone from students to senior citizens enjoy the scholarship dinners each year, which provide a great opportunity to honor Jennifer’s memory while giving back to local students.

Tickets for the event are \$10 per person; all tickets must be purchased in advance. Proceeds from the event will benefit the scholarship fund in Jennifer McLaughlin’s name. All food will be donated from area restaurants and businesses.

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Forgotten Farms documents loss of local agriculture

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — As New England continues to lose dairy farms that once served as its backbone, local movements are springing up to raise awareness of an endangered industry.

The documentary film, *Forgotten Farms*, will be shown on Monday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at Leicester High School. Sponsored by the Leicester Arts Council, Leicester Council on Aging, and the Worcester County Farm Bureau, the screening was made possible through funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Admission to the event is free for residents of all ages. The program will include a question and answer period with policy experts and area farmers following the screening.

Forgotten Farms profiles the plight of New England dairy farmers and examines the class divides in the region’s farm and food communities. In the last 50 years alone, New England has lost more than 10,000 conventional dairy farms. Only about 1,900 farms remain, and Massachusetts has been whittled down to its last 135 dairy farms.

“In our enthusiasm for the local food movement, many of us have forgotten that 75 years ago dairy farmers were at the center of a thriving local food economy,” said Dave Simonds, who directed *Forgotten Farms*.

New England’s dairy farmers tend 1.2 million acres of farmland and produce almost all of the fluid milk consumed in the region. But fluctuating prices and several other challenges have created hardship for farmers, and many family

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New TA shares ideas about projects

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – It’s always a benefit to receive extra assistance when transitioning to a new position, and Thomas Gregory has gotten plenty of help as he learns the ropes as Spencer’s new town administrator.

Gregory knew it would be a challenge to take over at the height of budget season, but former town administrators Adam Gaudette and William Ross updated him on all town projects. Having overseen several major projects in his previous administrative roles in Walpole and Shrewsbury, Gregory was ready for the demands.

“There is a lot in town to be excited about. We have many great projects going on,” said Gregory, who lives in Worcester. “People take a lot of pride in this town, and there is a real sense of momentum and potential here. Bill Ross did great work here and helped me get up to speed – everyone here has been very helpful.”

Gregory oversaw several infrastructure and municipal construction projects in Walpole, and he is looking forward to continuing Spencer’s many ongoing projects. In addition to the downtown revitalization on Route 9, town officials are excited about a potential solar project that will be included in this spring’s town meeting warrant. If approved by voters, the project would be located in the capped portion of the town landfill.

“This would be a nice revenue source, and the town is poised to benefit from the lease agreement. We are hopeful for a good project,” Gregory added.

One of the factors that set Gregory apart from other candidates, selectmen said, is his vast experience in community development. For a town searching for ways to reduce downtown blight and bring in new businesses, officials knew the importance of choosing an administrator with development experience.

When Gregory worked in Worcester from 2006-11, he helped city officials find ways to improve blighted buildings during the height of the recession. He also led an initiative aimed at reducing homelessness in the city, and selectmen knew he was the right person to help Spencer continue its momentum.

Additionally, Gregory is eager to lead major sewer and water improvement

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CELEBRATING THE DAY

Courtesy photo

Members of the Exchange Club of Spencer held its annual St. Patrick's Dinner for Seniors at Howe Village on March 20. A special thank you goes out to EB Flatts for the traditional meal and Spencer McDonalds for the Shamrock Shakes.

SPENCER SNIPPETS

DEMS MEET

The North Brookfield Democratic Town Committee will be holding its monthly meeting on April 8 at 5:00 p.m. at the Haston Free Public Library. This group is not only for registered Democrats, but also for unenrolled voters looking to get involved in building a better future for their town, state, and nation. Please visit www.nbdemocrats.org to subscribe to our website and to learn more about our group and our future meetings and activities.

GARDEN CLUB

The Leicester Garden Club will meet at the Leicester Senior Center on Wednesday April 11, at 7 p.m. Our speaker this month will be Dan Bensonoff. Mr. Bensonoff is a farmer, a cook, and educator. His subject will be mushrooms. He will teach and demonstrate techniques for growing edible mushrooms. This will be a very interesting subject. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

WILLIMANTIC, CT — A number of civic-minded students from Eastern Connecticut State University are serving the community this spring semester as Student Leaders with Eastern's Center for Community Engagement. A student leader is an experienced student volunteer who has been hired and

trained by the CCE to recruit, train and manage volunteers, serve as a liaison with community partners, and plan and run service programs. Among the student leaders is Dillon Antonopoulos '20 of West Brookfield, who majors in physical education. The community projects he oversees are the Natchaug Elementary after school program and the North Windham School after-school program.

When asked how he defines "student leader," Antonopoulos said, "They are Eastern students who strive to work closely with the Willimantic community and seek to establish a positive relationship between residents and Eastern's students, staff and faculty."

"I think it's important to engage with the community because if you have a major that involves a lot of interpersonal communication, getting involved with CCE programs will get you that experience as well. Another reason is that most students will be living on campus for all four years, and getting involved with the CCE gets them out of their dorm rooms to see what Willimantic is really like," he added.

Student leaders attend weekly community programs with their volunteers, as well as assist with volunteer recruitment and management for one-time special events. CCE Director Kim Silcox notes that student leaders are an integral part of the CCE staff.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

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St. John's Church
121 Blaine Avenue East Brookfield
&
East Brookfield Baptist Church
262 East Main Street

Brookfield Congregational Church invites everyone to participate in its scheduled Holy Week activities and celebrations:

Friday, March 30: Lenten Prayer Walk, 10 a.m.-noon

Friday, March 30: Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m.: This is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of Holy Week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial.

Sunday, April 1: Easter Service & Holy Communion, followed by a special Coffee Hour hosted by the Sunburst Restaurant

All events take place at Brookfield Congregational Church, 8 Common St., Brookfield. For more information, please call the church office at (508) 867-6262 or visit the BCC website at www.bcc1857.org.

GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL: St. John the Baptist Church on Blaine Avenue in East Brookfield, just off Rte. 9 is hosting a unique Good Friday vigil March 30. The Vigil will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed at 4 p.m. Arrive at any time during these hours to participate in this self-guided meditative experience. You will wander at your own pace through a series of activities, reflections and scripture to prompt an open heart to the living Gospel. The handicapped entrance is from the parking lot behind the church. Stations of the Cross will be at St. Joseph's in North Brookfield at 3:00 p.m. A Good Friday service will be held at St John the Baptist at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact St. John's at (508) 867-3738.

First Congregational Church of Spencer UCC
207 Main Street
(508) 885-5098
www.spencerchurch.org

Easter Sunday April 1: Sunrise Service at Howe Park 6:30 a.m.; regular service at the Church 10 a.m. Easter Breakfast 7 a.m. following Sunrise Service.

Gateway announces auditions

Gateway Players Theatre announces auditions for "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" by Don Zolidis.

They will be held on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge. The entrance to the Hall is at the back of the building. This production will be directed by Joe Sawyer and produced by Mary Gahagan.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. The cast consists of five actors, at least one female and one male, and the others can be either.

Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Performance dates are June 9 at Italian Club in Southbridge as part of a dinner theatre, and June 10, 15 and 16 at Elm Street Congregational Church.

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SPORTS ACTION!

Esser launched state senate bid in Monson

MONSON – Lindsey Esser, Republican candidate for State Senate in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex district launched her campaign on March 9 at the Quaboag Country Club in Monson.

The launch, with over 60 supporters in attendance, started with a stunning rendition of the National Anthem, sung by Abigail Dabbs, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Aedyn, Lindsey's 8-year-old son, held the American flag proudly during the ceremony.

David Esser, Lindsey's father, was the guest speaker and introduced the candidate. He spoke to Lindsey's

upbringing in a conservative family and announced the full support she has from the entire family. David mentioned that Lindsey would bring the much needed change to Beacon Hill with her Conservative values and her moral compass.

Agenda outlined during her speech:

"It is my goal to create a bill that puts the power to enforce federal law back into our state and local law enforcement departments. We cannot continue to ask these brave men and women to put their lives in danger every day, and not support them from a legislative angle."

On gun control Esser stated, "It is my job as a mother to provide my son with a safe place to live, a safe place to learn and a safe place to play. As your State Senator, it is my job to provide all of your children with those same places."

She followed her statement by maintaining her strong second amendment viewpoint by making a very impressive and bold comment, "I know that many of you in this room are gun owners, and that some of you are not. But those of you who are not, do not worry, we will protect you."

Esser detailed her plan to create a bill to cut funding

that supports illegal sanctuary cities in the state. Her ideas are bold and comprehensive, and are in line with President Trump.

Lindsey will be holding her next major fundraising event at Dunny's Tavern, 291 Main St., East Brookfield on March 31.

Tickets are \$35, there will be a live band, and dinner provided by EB Flatts.

Tickets can be purchased online via Eventbrite or the Esser Campaign Facebook Page.

Please email Essercandidate@gmail.com for more information.



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Cornerstone Bank donates to the CASA Project

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank is proud to announce its recent donation of \$2,500 to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Project in support of its Child Court Advocacy Program.

Now in its 37th year, the CASA Project provides advocacy services to children living in the foster care system. The organization trains volunteer citizens to become court-appointed special advocates to represent the best interests of abused or neglected children in the juvenile court system.

The funds donated will be used to help support the recruitment and training of additional CASA volunteers, and thereby allow CASA to serve more victimized children within Worcester County as part of the Child Court Advocacy Program.

"The CASA Project is crucial to Worcester County's children who find themselves in a situation where they need a responsible advocate to ensure their safety," stated Chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Bank K. Michael Robbins. "CASA's mission to expand their services and serve the victimized children in the area is noble, and we are happy to be able to support them in this worthy endeavor."

For more information on the CASA Project, visit casaworcestercounty.org or call: (508) 757-9877.



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CASA Project's Development Associate Carolyn Hoey; Cornerstone Bank's Chairman and CEO K. Michael Robbins; CASA Project's Executive Director Robb Zarges and Cornerstone Bank's Vice President of Marketing Lori Kowal.

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Powers announces bid for Congress

Kevin W. Powers, of Millville, is announcing his candidacy for United States Congress, 2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts.

Powers is running on a platform of term limits, better jobs, protecting Social Security for seniors, and low cost and renewable energy with a plan for energy independence within 15 years. He is also a proud and strong advocate of animal welfare.

"As a small business owner, I create jobs. When I get into Congress, I will work to ensure that the Government doesn't get in the way of small businesses to create better jobs for you."

America is facing challenges like never before. Under the leadership of career politicians, the people have been let down. It is time to limit terms and

return control of our nation to people who have actually had to create jobs, earn an honest paycheck, and pay a mortgage - people in touch with the difficulties created by the career politicians we have been electing.

Kevin is a strong supporter of term limits stating that, "Congress has a 13% approval rating, but a 95% re-election rate. The root of this problem is that politicians are incentivized by the political system to care more about retaining their position than about doing what is best for the country. Our elected leaders can and do abuse their power to keep away challengers, transferring power from the hands of citizens to the hands of unaccountable career politicians. To help end this problem, I have signed the congressio-

nal term limits pledge."

U.S. Term Limits (USTL) praised Massachusetts U.S. House District 2 Candidate Kevin Powers for signing its congressional term limits pledge. STL President Phillip Blumel commented on Kevin's Pledge saying, "Kevin's support of term limits shows that there are people out there who are willing to put self-interest aside to follow the will of the people and the founding fathers."

"Our founding fathers never intended for public service to be a career. Rather, serving in Congress was designed to be a temporary sacrifice made for the public good."

That is exactly what Kevin will do; serve in Congress for no more than six years and then return to his life as a local businessman and



Kevin Powers

entrepreneur.

If you would like to know more about Kevin Powers' platform, please visit his website at www.kevin-powersforcongress.com or on Facebook.

Kevin will be visiting your community soon and he looks forward to meeting you and your neighbors.

Work to start April 2 on Sagamore

BOURNE BRIDGE WORK SCHEDULED THIS FALL

CONCORD — Replacement of damaged roadway joints on the Sagamore Bridge spanning the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne is scheduled to start on April 2 and continue through about May 25, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District officials.

During the scheduled times for work, travel over the Sagamore Bridge will be reduced from two lanes in each direction to ONE WIDER 12-FOOT LANE IN EACH DIRECTION. State and local police will be on duty at all times work is being performed to assist the motoring public.

Motorists planning to use the Sagamore Bridge during this timeframe should be aware that travel delays are likely to occur during the morning and

afternoon peak travel periods each day.

The \$1,695,000.00 contract for replacement of damaged and worn roadway joints was awarded to R. Zoppo Corporation of Stoughton. The contractor will work seven days a week with double shifts in order to complete this work prior to the peak summer travel season. Additionally, similar work on the Bourne Bridge is scheduled to be conducted in the fall of 2018. Bourne Bridge work is scheduled to start on Sept. 6 and continue through about Nov. 28.

This bridge work is critical to maintaining the structural integrity of the bridges, which are a vital component to the transportation system of Cape Cod, the Islands and southeastern Massachusetts.

Work will include the replacement of bridge joints on the roadway, repair of corroded steel and concrete supports at the affected joints, patching of damaged pavement surfaces, and replacement of deteriorated waterproof membranes along the roadway curbs. In addition, USACE work crews will conduct various

periodic maintenance activities on the bridge lighting and structure during this timeframe.

Traffic signs, message boards and bridge work alert emails will be used to help inform motorists about pending lane restrictions and bridge work. To sign up for bridge work alert emails send an email to CapeCodCanalBridges@usace.army.mil with the subject title "Bridge Work Alerts." An email alert is sent when there is a major change to the bridge work status or schedule.

Additionally, updates are available from the Corps' New England District via Facebook and Twitter: on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CorpsNewEngland>; on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/CorpsNewEngland>. Or visit the District website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>.

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Your Dental Health

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GUARD AGAINST FACIAL INJURY

Along with sports eyewear, helmets, and face masks, the American Dental Association strongly advises athletes to wear mouth guards that protect against facial injuries. At the very least, the "boil and bite" mouth guards available at pharmacies, which are made out of thermoplastic resins that can be shaped by the tongue and fingers, offer some degree of protection. Stock "fitted" mouth guards are ready-made mouth protectors available at sports stores. Because they cannot be adjusted, wearers may experience breathing difficulties that discourage their use. Finally, the dentist can provide custom-fitted mouth guards that are fitted to the wearer's unique dental anatomy. These high-quality devices offer superior fit and comfort, based on thickness, height, and other wearer preferences.

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MassHousing announces down payment assistance program

BOSTON — MassHousing announced the launch of a new down payment assistance program designed to lower the barriers to achieving homeownership working households face. MassHousing’s new down payment assistance program will allow qualified first-time homebuyers to finance up to 100 percent of the purchase price of their first home.

MassHousing is now the only entity offering a down payment assistance program for low-, moderate- and middle-income buyers throughout Massachusetts, and the only entity in Massachusetts offering a sustainable, conventional mortgage product allowing buyers to achieve homeownership without making a down payment.

“Record-low inventory levels, rising home prices, high rents, and student loan debt are all making it more difficult for the average Massachusetts household to afford to purchase a home,” said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay. “MassHousing’s new down payment assistance program will help ensure that homeownership remains accessible to working families, by allowing creditworthy homebuyers to buy their first home with little to no down payment requirement. By boosting the buying power of low-, moderate- and middle-income households,

MassHousing will support investment in neighborhoods, help the state’s workforce remain rooted in Massachusetts, and advance the Agency’s mission of confronting housing challenges facing the Commonwealth, to improve the lives of its people.”

MassHousing is making down payment assistance loans available to first-time homebuyers with annual household incomes at or below the area median income, using MassHousing financing to purchase a single-family home or condominium unit. The area median income varies by county. Eligible households will earn \$103,4000 or less in eastern Massachusetts, \$85,700 in Worcester County, and \$67,200 in Berkshire County.

Homebuyers accessing down payment assistance must still meet MassHousing’s underwriting criteria, including minimum credit score and debt-to-income qualifications, and attend a homeownership education class.

MassHousing mortgages currently finance up to 97 percent of a home purchase price. The Agency’s new down payment assistance program will finance up to an additional three percent of the purchase price, allowing for up to 100 percent financing for credit-worthy income-eligible borrowers.

Down payment assistance will be a fully amortizing 15-year, fixed-rate second mortgage, with an interest rate of one percent. The down payment assistance loan will carry no additional fees, and will be due in full upon the sale or refinancing of the property. Down payment assistance will be capped at three percent of the purchase price, up to \$12,000.

Down payment assistance loans will be internally subsidized by the strength of the agency’s existing single-family portfolio. The program will not require any additional allocation of funds, or the diversion of funds from other agency uses. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations.

MassHousing finances home purchases through a network of more than 160 banks, credit unions and mortgage companies. Down payment assistance will launch alongside a simplification and consolidation the agency’s mortgage products. The new mortgage products, including down payment assistance, are available to consumers immediately.

The new down payment assistance program for low-, moderate- and middle-income households complements MassHousing’s ongoing efforts to support workforce housing. The agency has also created a \$100 million work-

force housing fund to spur the creation of 1,000 new apartments affordable to middle-income renters. In partnership with the Baker-Polito Administration’s HousingChoiceInitiative, MassHousing is advancing measures to boost the production of new housing, and deliver 135,000 new housing units by the year 2025.

MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. The agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided more than \$22 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at www.mass-housing.com, follow us on Twitter [@MassHousing](https://twitter.com/MassHousing), subscribe to our blog, watch us on YouTube and Like us on Facebook.

Can I just sell my home AS IS?

You absolutely can and I highly recommend against it unless you are in a financial position where you cannot make necessary repairs in order to sell your home. Even then I would explore borrowing from a family member or maybe getting a home equity line to pay for the improvements. Most of the time people will ask me if they can just sell as is and most of the time if they put 10-20K into the home based on my recommendations they are going to get 50-60K back on the sale.

There are 2 big reasons for this. First the buyers are unable to typically envision the finished product and second depending on the repairs they may not be able to obtain bank financing without the repairs being made and then you may be stuck selling to an investor who will pay pennies on the dollar because they need to make a profit.

Some of the most common things people want to leave for the buyers to do is paint and carpet because they are concerned that the buyer may not like the colors of the paint or they will want to rip out the carpet and add hardwoods. This is the logical but people buy based on emotion rather than intellect and old carpets and beat up walls tell people the home needs work and they want to discount for the upgrades but the possibility of unseen

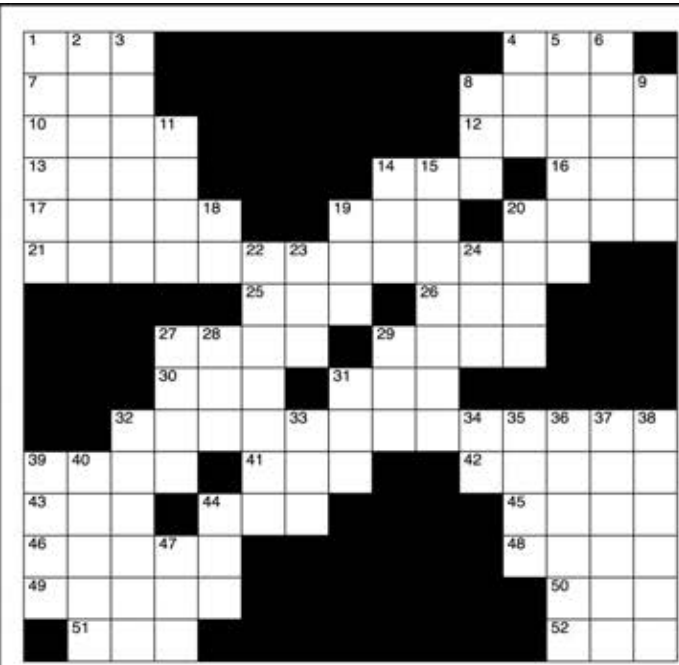


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repairs as well. I highly recommend making these improvements as well as refinishing hardwood floors and stripping wallpaper and painting. Another difficult one is landscaping because a nicely edged lawn with no overgrown trees and shrubs and mulched beds will make the home pop and is worth every penny when getting the home ready because it again gives the buyer the feeling that this home is well cared for and they don’t have to do any work. Buyers are willing to pay a premium to move right in and not have to do any work.

I recommend as soon as you decide you are going to move to have a Realtor come evaluate your home and give you a list of the recommended repairs to get the most money for your home. Keeping in mind it could taker months to get your home ready for it to be sold.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Builder’s trough

4. Pouch

7. Adam’s partner

8. Zelda soldiers

10. Network of nerves

12. Heinrich __, poet

13. Algerian port

14. Reciprocal of one ohm

16. Title of respect

17. Form of expression

19. Hoover’s office

20. Samoan monetary unit

21. Cooperation

25. Fiddler crabs

26. Portion of a play

27. Tropical American shrub

29. Frosts
30. Short-winged diving seabird

31. Chemical compound used as a hardener (abbr.)

32. Diversion

39. __ Turner, rock singer

41. __-bo: exercise system

42. Large, edible game fish

43. Doctor of Education

44. Where the Knicks play

45. Basics

46. Tall tropical American trees

48. Men wear them

49. Widespread destruction

50. Midway between north and northeast

51. Vast body of water

52. Hair product

CLUES DOWN

1. Very brave

2. Go too far

3. Individual feature

4. Drug trials term (abbr.)

5. Has emerged

6. Helped the Spanish conquer Mexico

8. Northern Vietnam ethnic group

9. Dried-up

11. Reactive structures (abbr.)

14. Licensed for Wall Street

15. Japanese conglomerate

18. Home to the Celtics

19. Title given to Italian monk

20. Drunkards

22. Cylindrical containers

23. South American plants
24. Frozen water

27. Town in Galilee

28. Not in

29. Journalist and suffragist Wells

31. Consumed

32. Edible Mediterranean plant

33. Poke fun of

34. “First in Flight” state

35. Fortifying ditch

36. Receding

37. Christian liturgical creed

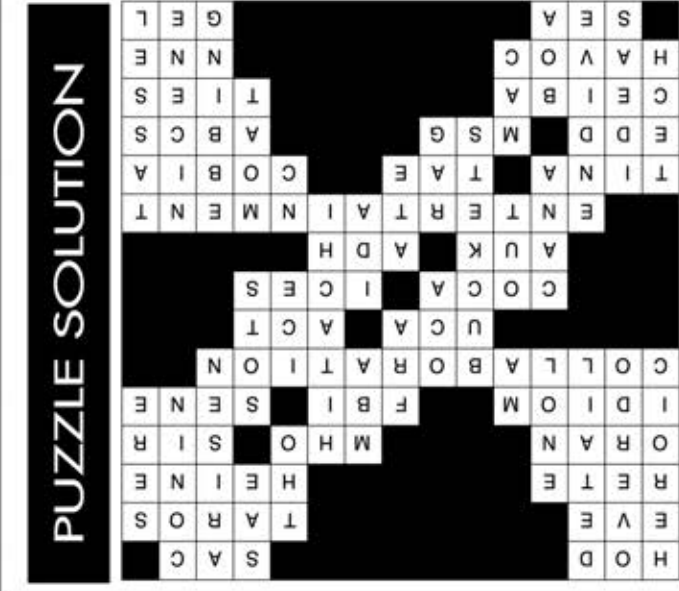
38. Used to decorate Xmas trees

39. High-__: complex

40. Thoughts

44. __ and cheese

47. Constrictor snake



Financial literacy a goal in schools, promoted by legislation

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and the Massachusetts State Senate unanimously passed legislation aimed at improving students’ knowledge on saving, investing, insurance, banking, inflation, and other financial matters.

“Learning the value of money and proper management are important lifelong lessons that can be taught at every level,” said Senator Gobi.

The complexity of the American financial services market has made millions of consumers vulnerable to misleading and fraudulent business practices, which has bankrupted families, ruined communities, and contributed to the “Great Recession.”

According to a recent report by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Center for Microeconomic Data, total household debt in the United States rose to an all-time high of \$13.15 trillion by the end of 2017. Mortgage debt constitutes \$8.88 trillion of total debt, while credit debt accounts for \$834 billion. 2017 was the fifth consecutive year of annual household debt growth with increases in mortgage, student, auto, and credit card debt.

“Every student should be given the opportunity to learn how to manage their personal finances,” said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). “By passing this financial literacy legislation, the Senate has exemplified its commitment to providing Massachusetts’ students with the comprehensive education they deserve.”

S.2343, An act relative to financial literacy in schools, would allow personal financial literacy to be integrated within the existing mathematics, social sciences, technology, business, or other curricula where teachers have the capacity to teach financial literacy for all schools in the Commonwealth.

The bill directs the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create and implement standards and objectives on personal financial literacy for grades K-12. This would include information on loans, borrowing money, interest, credit card debt, online commerce, rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home, saving, investing and planning for retirement, banking and financial services, balancing a checkbook, state and federal taxes, and charitable giving. The Student Financial Literacy Advisory Committee created in the FY13 budget will advise and oversee the development of such standards and objectives.

At least 20 states now require students to take a personal finance course or personal finance included in an economics course as a high school graduation requirement. By incorporating financial literacy in K-12 education, Massachusetts residents will be introduced to financial concepts earlier in life, and be better equipped to make prudent decisions based on their needs and budget considerations.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

SPENCER		WEST BROOKFIELD		Konrad Mary Jane Est, and Brown, Karin L, to Perks, Herbert R, and Perks, Emily C.		
\$309,900	47 McCormick Rd, SJC Developement Inc, to Tara, Lynch.	None.		\$220,000	302 Pleasant St, Gleason, Matthew R, and Gleason, Kelly A, to Gierao, Kostandina, and Witham, Richard H.	
\$299,900	119 Charlton Rd, Wentworth FT, and Paquette, Carole A, to Ward, Alexander D, and Ward, Naomi R.		NORTH BROOKFIELD	\$217,500	2 Edward St #2, StCyr, Carol, and New Penn Financial LLC, to FHLM.	
\$65,000	42 Maple St, Szafran, Gregg M, to Green Valley Trees&Gdns.		\$240,000	11 E Brookfield Rd, Classic Solutions Inc, to Ortiz, Jose A.	\$197,400	3 Tanglewood Rd, Perron Henry T Est, and Tonelli, Diane C, to Pelletier, Scott D, and Pelletier, Alicia M.
			\$118,500	250 N Main St, Caplette, Christopher P, and Caplette, Melissa A, to Carlson, Joshua L.		

BROOKFIELD	
None.	
EAST BROOKFIELD	
None.	

LEICESTER	
\$274,000	3 Angell Ter, Reem Property LLC, to Sanborn, David J, and Sanborn, Bethany A.
\$237,000	109 Pleasant St,

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Space memorabilia

Given the rich history and significant contributions in our region, it's no surprise that we have local connections to the space program.

Dr. Robert H. Goddard is considered the father of American rocketry. He was born in Worcester in 1882. Goddard graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1908. Dr. Goddard began his graduate studies the same year at Clark



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A handwritten letter by Robert Goddard can bring four figures at auction. Letters with important rocket related content can bring even more. A typed letter signed by Goddard may even bring \$1,000 or more. Five photos of Goddard target shooting, in a car and performing other activities sold for \$375 in a 2006 auction.



The Worcester Historical Society website highlights local companies that contributed to the space program. NASA approached Allegro Systems, in Worcester, for help with a project. World leaders had written messages for the astronauts to carry to the moon. NASA needed them reproduced on some type of small surface to be left at the moon. Allegro created a 14/1000th inch disc to hold the messages that is easily readable with a microscope. It was left on the moon during the lunar landing in 1969.

Wyman Gordon Company, of North Grafton, produced more than 150 fittings that were used on the Saturn

V booster rocket for Apollo II. More recently, Wyman Gordon forged the main landing gear for the U.S. Space Shuttle.

David Clark Company, in Worcester, developed the anti-G suit for pilots during World War II. It helped prevent pilots from blacking out during high speed maneuvers. In the late 1950s, David Clark produced equipment for the space program. John Glenn wore a headset manufactured by David Clark when he orbited earth in 1962. When Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, he also wore a headset made by David Clark. David Clark Company was also in the news more recently. Felix

Baumgartner made a record breaking 24 mile jump from the edge of space wearing a David Clark spacesuit.

Auction records list David Clark high altitude suits for pilots selling in the thousands of dollars. Pressurized helmets also can bring four figure sums. A Gemini space suit thermal layer made for Gus Grissom rocketed to \$43,750 at auction.

There are other types of memorabilia that are more common. Signed astronaut photos are popular with collectors. Because Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon, his autograph is especially desirable. His signed photos can sell for over \$1,000. For collectors on a budget, there are autographs by lesser known astronauts. A photo signed by Michael Rich Clifford, who was on three Space Shuttle missions, recently sold for just over \$1 on eBay. You can still find prices on some space memorabilia that aren't priced out of this world.

We will be offering space memorabilia from a David Clark Company executive in our fall live auction. Info will be coming soon on an online auction we'll be running in Sterling. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on this and other upcoming events.

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New behavioral health center opens



Courtesy photo

The new behavioral health center is located in Putnam.

Harrington HealthCare System is expanding its access to behavioral health treatment by opening a new office in Putnam, CT.

Located at 17 Kennedy Drive, the building will offer adult recovery services and child and family counseling.

"We recognize that patients across our region continue to struggle to access mental health and substance use treatment," said Harrington vice president of behavioral health services Greg Mirhej. "We are happy to be in a position where we can provide the 395-corridor a place to receive counseling, medication management and therapy groups."

The building is expected to open April 1 and will be staffed by several mental health and recovery clinicians, as well as Dr. Lowell Kallen, who spent the last three years as a child and family psychiatrist with Day Kimball Healthcare.

Patients interested in scheduling an appointment can call (860) 821-2985.

Recovery Services will offer individuals 18 and over intake evaluations, therapy groups, counseling and overall behavior management. Should patients need more complex treatment options, they will have access to Harrington's comprehensive continuum of care, which includes inpatient and intensive outpatient services and step-down programs located in Webster and Southbridge.

Child & Family Services provides mental health support for ages 4-24 and their family members. Independently-licensed clinicians are specialized in a variety of treatment include trauma-based and cognitive therapy. The model is meant to offer support to the entire family to provide continuity and inclusive care. Age-specific counseling groups, one-to-one therapy and medication management will also be available.



Dr. Lowell Kallen

New psychiatrist joins Harrington practice

Lowell Kallen, M.D., has joined Harrington Behavioral Health Services at their new location at 17 Kennedy Drive, in Putnam, CT as a child and family psychiatrist.

With more than 30 years of experience in child and adolescent mental health therapy, Dr. Kallen has spent the last three years at Day Kimball Healthcare. His familiarity in the Putnam area will provide comfort for patients looking to transition or make a new appointment for psychiatry in the northeastern Connecticut community.

Dr. Kallen received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, MD. He completed a residency in pediatrics and a residency in psychiatry at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Oakland, CA. He completed his fellowship in child psychiatry at Langley Porter Institute, University of California, in San Francisco. He is board certified in pediatrics, psychiatry, and neurology.

Dr. Kallen will be providing psychiatry management to children and adolescent experiencing a range of disorders including:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- ADHD
- Conduct disorders
- Trauma
- Mood disorders

Services at 17 Kennedy Drive will include psychiatric intakes and long-term medication management, in con-

junction with onsite therapy services provided by our team of independently licensed clinicians.

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a long-time inspirational educator in Spencer,
and friend to so many, who passed away
unexpectedly on March 13.

If you have a story, "Mr. D" moment, or just a special memory on how he touched your life...
you can include a photo if you'd like...
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by Friday, April 20. Let's show our readers how fortunate we
were to have had this amazing man in our lives, and how much
he will be missed.

If you send essays not related to our dedication in April,
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Menus for April 2018

Leicester High School
Wendy Harmon
Manager

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Available Daily

Monday– Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty on WG Roll or Pizza
Tuesday– Hamburger on WG Roll, Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty
Wednesday– Assorted Pizza Choices or Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty
Thursday– Hamburger on WG Roll or Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty
Friday– Chicken Patty on WG Roll
Assorted Chef's Specials

Assorted Deli Sandwiches & Salads available everyday!

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Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, April 2
Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a WG Roll
Lettuce & Tomato, French Fries, Baked Beans
Applesauce Cups & Fresh Apples

Tuesday, April 3
Country "Fried" Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Roll & Butter
Roasted Green Beans & Mixed Fruit Choices

Wednesday, April 4
Beef Tacos w/ Crunchy Shells
Lettuce & Tomato, Salsa & Sour Cream
Steamed Corn & Peach Cup & Craisins

Thursday, April 5
Breakfast For Lunch
Pancakes & Syrup, Scrambled Eggs
Potato Puffs, Crunchy Carrots, Strawberry Cup & Bananas

Friday, April 6
WG School Made Pizza– Cheese or Pepperoni
Sweet Potato Fries, Roasted Broccoli
Peach Cups & Pear Cups

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, April 23
Meatball Grinder on WG Roll
Potato Wedges, Roasted Broccoli
Mixed Fruit Cups & Craisins

Tuesday, April 24
Chicken Fajitas w/ WG Tortillas
Sautéed Peppers & Onions, Salsa & Sour Cream
Corn & Bean Salad, Potato Wedges & Applesauce & Peaches

Wednesday, April 25
WG Penne Pasta w/ Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad, Assorted Dressings
Roasted Green Beans, Pear & Pineapple Cup

Thursday, April 26
Sweet Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Roasted Carrots
Buttery Peas, & Fresh Apples & Mandarin Oranges

Friday, April 27
Individual Round Pizza—Cheese or Pepperoni
Sweet Potato Fries, Corn, Assorted Fruit Choices

Monday, April 30
Ham & Cheese Croissants
Lettuce & Tomato, Baked Beans,
Cucumbers & Carrots, Peach Cups & Craisins



Menus for April 2018

Leicester Middle School
Valerie Thompson
Manager

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Available Daily

Monday– Chicken Patty on WG Roll
Tuesday– Spicy Chicken Patty on WG Roll
Wednesday– Assorted Pizza Choices
Thursday– Hamburger on WG Roll
Friday -Chicken Patty on WG Roll

Assorted Deli Sandwiches & Salads Available Everyday!

Daily Fruits & Vegetables offered to complete you meal

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, April 2
Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a WG Roll
Lettuce & Tomato, French Fries, Baked Beans
Applesauce Cups

Tuesday, April 3
Country "Fried" Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Roasted Green Beans & Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, April 4
Beef Tacos w/ Crunchy Shells
Lettuce & Tomato, Salsa & Sour Cream
Steamed Corn & Peach Cup

Thursday, April 5
Breakfast For Lunch
Pancakes & Syrup, Scrambled Eggs
Potato Puffs, Crunchy Carrots, Strawberry Cup

Friday, April 6
WG School Made Pizza– Cheese or Pepperoni
Sweet Potato Fries, Roasted Broccoli
Peach Cups

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, April 9
Hot Dog on a WG Roll
Special School Made BBQ Sauce, Baked Beans
Potato Smiles & Mixed Fruit Cups

Tuesday, April 10
Shepard's Pie
Roasted Carrots, WG Roll & Butter
Apple Crisp & Mandarin Orange Cups

Wednesday, April 11
Stuffed Shells & Tomato Sauce, Roll & Butter
Tossed Salad, Assorted Dressings
Roasted Green Beans & Pear Cup

Thursday, April 12
Turkey Panini, Spicy Spiral Fries
Crunchy Carrots & Peach Cups

Friday, April 13
Stuffed Crust Pizza – Cheese or Pepperoni
Spinach & Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes
Buttery Corn & Fruit Choices

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, April 23
Meatball Grinder on WG Roll
Potato Wedges, Roasted Broccoli
Mixed Fruit Cups

Tuesday, April 24
Chicken Fajitas w/ WG Tortillas
Sautéed Peppers & Onions, Salsa & Sour Cream
Corn & Bean Salad, Potato Wedges & Applesauce

Wednesday, April 25
WG Penne Pasta w/ Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad, Assorted Dressings
Roasted Green Beans & Pear Cup

Thursday, April 26
Sweet Orange Chicken, Fried Rice
Roasted Carrots, Buttery Peas, & Fresh Apples

Friday, April 27
Individual Round Pizza—Cheese or Pepperoni
Sweet Potato Fries, Corn, Peach Cups

Monday, April 30
Ham & Cheese Croissants
Lettuce & Tomato, Baked Beans,
Cucumbers & Carrots & Peach Cups



MENUS FOR APRIL 2018

Leicester Primary & Memorial School

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TIME TO BLOSSOM.

The flowers are coming out of hiding – and so should you! That resolution to exercise more that seemed so hard in the cold light of January is much more do-able as the weather warms!

EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.
WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!

BEAK EFFICIENCY.

The Tufted Puffin of the North Pacific eats mostly small fish that it catches as it swims. It may carry several dozen fish all at once in its big beak back to its young in the nest!

ANIMAL APPETITES

DON'T GET!

To make a lunch, choose at least one



Fruit/Juice



Veggie

OR



Grains



Milk



Protein

and 3-5 items total

LEICESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

<p>Monday, April 2</p> <p>Hot Dog on a WG Roll Condiments Buttery Corn Baked Beans Peach Cups</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Peanut Butter & Jelly</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 3</p> <p>Turkey Grinder on WG Roll Lettuce & Tomato Baby Carrots & Ranch Dressing Fruit Choices</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Peanut Butter & Jelly</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 4</p> <p>WG Rotini Pasta with Meat Sauce Romaine Salad w/ Dressing Pear Cups</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Peanut Butter & Jelly</p>	<p>Thursday, April 5</p> <p>Breakfast for Lunch Mini Waffles & Syrup Scrambled Eggs Potato Puffs Cucumber Slices Craisins</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Peanut Butter & Jelly</p>	<p>Friday, April 6</p> <p>WG Pizza Pepperoni or Cheese Tossed Salad Assorted Dressings Steamed Carrots Mixed Fruit Cups</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Peanut Butter & Jelly</p>
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<p>Monday, April 9</p> <p>Hamburger on WG Roll Condiments Lettuce & Tomato Baked Beans Applesauce Cups</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Grilled Cheese & Soup</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 10</p> <p>Make a Mashed Potato Bowl! Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Grilled Cheese & Soup</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 11</p> <p>Macaroni & Cheese WG Roll & Butter Green Beans Steamed Broccoli Pear Cups</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Grilled Cheese & Soup</p>	<p>Thursday, April 12</p> <p>Chicken Parmesan Sandwich On WG Roll French Fries Steamed Peas Assorted Fruit Choices</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Grilled Cheese & Soup</p>	<p>Friday, April 13</p> <p>School Made Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings Steamed Carrots Peach Cup</p> <p>Alternate Entrees: Bagel, Cheese & Yogurt Grilled Cheese & Soup</p>
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CLASSROOM CORNER

LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

LEICESTER — The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the second term at Leicester Middle School.

EIGHTH GRADE
High Honors: Amelia Benware, Riley Boisvert, Sarah Brouillard, Arah Chmielowski, Maria DiMeglio, Breanna Escobar, Rian Fadden, Morgan Flodman, Erin Gerber, Alexis Goodney, Grace Guinee, Deanna Herbert, Abigail Johnson, Ja'nya Johnson, Seth Larson, Casey Macaruso, Allyson Mahoney, Morgan Merrell, Abigail Morrison, Zavier Morales, Meghan Niddrie, Kailyn Orrell, Olivia Rosado, Lindsey Salek, Morgan Smith, Timothy St. John, Julianna Torres, Shannon Tuson, Lindsey Wickson.

Honors: Kayla Alves, Lexie Arcouette, Erin Arsenault, Evan Benoit, Nicole Berard, Erin Brown, Mathew Bugbee, Bryson Bujak, Paiten Bulak, Ava Butkiewicz, Andy Cai, Brett Carroll,

Timothy Cehon, Jordan Clarke, Emily Connolly, Alyson Culross, Victoria Ditaranto, Makayla Donaldson, Randy Ethier, Alyssa Fling, Abigail Gahagan, Liliana Glass, Matthew Heffernan, Thomas Heffernan, Sean Johnson, Jason LaBombard, Madison Leith, Madelyne Libby-Toler, Kristopher Lopriore, Michael Mero, Sydney Merrell, Nicholas Michaelian, Theodore Miller, Shannon Moynagh, Justin Muturi, Jenna Nelson, Cole Parke, Lily Provo, Jahmarira Pye, Eden Riel, Kyle Stapel, Joseph Tivnan, Jane Toohil, Domingo Torres, Taylor Torres, Brady White, Andrew Zawalich.

SEVENTH GRADE
High Honors: Sofia Acero, Johnathon Beford, Abigail Bernabei, Cole Delage, Nikolas Gillaspie, Nakita Grammatic, Annalisa Hair, Tyler Herron, Annie Hunt, Steven Jyringi, Deven Kularski, Hailey Lazarevic, Sean Le, Molly Ledbetter, Arianna Levitan, Jacob McGrall, Victor

Moisan, Lily Peterson, Aba Ruggieri. Emilia Casello,

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TRINITY CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

SOUTHBIDGE — The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the second trimester at Trinity Catholic Academy.

GRADE 4
High Honors: Makayla Capillo and Frances Dyer.
Honors: Charles Congdon, Brandon Donnell, Anika Ferrantino, Zoe Forget, Brandon McGlone, Vorapat Voraraj, Harrison Wilson

GRADE 5
High Honors: Shane McGlone, Casey Renaud, Havish Swadia, Manaali Vaidya, Katharine Vennink.

Honors: Alexander Brouillard, Gregory Downie, Luisa Henao, Ava Simon, Ed Simon

GRADE 6
High Honors: Kirsten Congdon, Sean Gasperini, Zachary Hebert

Honors: David Adorna, Brody Carlson, Zachary Cournoyer, Teresita Del Valle, Margaret Lucey, Avelyn O'Brien, Laci Pollone

GRADE 7
High Honors: Lauren Lemire, Victoria Symock, Caroline Vigneault

Honors: Alexandra Cloutier, Ella Favreau, Tori Fontaine, Ethan Kenny, Gianaleze Lopez, Terry Simon

GRADE 8
High Honors: Connor Gonyea, Nathan Kowal, Rohan Vaidya
Honors: Tiffany King and Elizabeth Valley

Nursing program ranked one of best in New England

CHARLTON — Carly Jacobs, outreach coordinator for PracticalNursing.org, a nursing advocacy organization that promotes the growth of nursing professionals through



education, recently announced Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy is ranked as the number five practical nursing program in the state of Massachusetts.

The ranking assessed 18 practical nursing programs in Massachusetts focusing on how

well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. The National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses pass rates for the previous five years were analyzed and weighted by year. Bay Path received an overall score of 91.10, a stellar performance on PracticalNursing.org's 2018 ranking list to secure the number five rank. PracticalNursing.org prides themselves for being the leading LPN/LVN advancement and ranking agency, publishing their annual rankings list since 2014.

"Congratulations to our entire team on this outstanding accomplishment," said Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. "We would not have been able to maintain high standards in nursing education without the full support of Bay Path RVTHS, from the faculty & staff to our Superintendent, Mr. John Lafleche and the school committee."

Bay Path practical nursing is a 40-week, 10-month, full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a practical nursing certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Commission on Occupational Education.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE – Each time Veronica Reichardt runs in the Boston Marathon, she carries her brother's memory with her. Preparing for her fourth Marathon, she will once again run in his honor while advancing the cause of suicide prevention.

Reichardt, who is running as a member of the Samaritans Marathon Team, lost her brother to suicide in 2007. He was just 15 years old at the time. Eleven years later, Reichardt and her Samaritans teammates are running the 122nd Boston Marathon to help raise funds and awareness for suicide prevention.

All proceeds generated by this year's team will benefit Samaritans' suicide prevention services. This includes the organization's 24/7 crisis services phone and text helpline, workshops for schools and businesses, and support groups for those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

"Each of our team members have been touched by suicide and are passionate about raising awareness and educating the public about this important issue," said Steve Mongeau, the executive director of the Samaritans organization. "The stigma and misinformation that surrounds the discussion of suicide and suicide prevention is an unfortunate reality. Our Marathon runners are performing a tremendous service to our organization and the community at large, and they are helping to save lives."



Courtesy photo.

Sturbridge's Veronica Reichardt will once again be running in the Boston Marathon to help raise money and awareness for suicide prevention.

This is the 11th consecutive year that Samaritans, a suicide prevention organization serving the greater Boston and metro west communities, has received bib numbers for their Marathon team. Reichardt has been working hard to prepare for her tenth overall marathon, and she is looking forward to the challenge.

For residents considering participation in a future Boston Marathon, Reichardt has several tips after years of experience.

"My training tips are to run on the schedule and make sure you do all of your training miles," Reichardt said. "If you miss one or two, don't get down on yourself. There's always another

training day."

Reichardt's goal this year is to raise \$7,500 for Samaritans, and the team goal is to reach \$150,000. By raising money and awareness each year, it is the mission of the team to ensure that other families don't have to endure the heartbreak of losing a loved one to suicide.

"In the past four years, Samaritans team members have become more like family," Reichardt said. "We text each other during training days, and a few of us run long runs together. We have team dinners and are involved in each other's fundraisers. I'm blessed to have them in my life."

For Reichardt, the Boston Marathon isn't just an opportunity to give back each year but also to connect with teammates who know the grief of losing a loved one to suicide.

"Samaritans put themselves out there to end the stigma for suicide. They help others they know nothing about. [The Boston Marathon is] just about the most important day of the year – the thrill of being there and running for such an amazing cause," Reichardt said.

For over 40 years, Samaritans, Inc., volunteers have answered more than 2.5 million phone calls. The organization has trained over 4,500 volunteers and instructed 100,000 individuals through its community education and outreach program. For more information about Samaritans, visit www.samaritanshope.org or contact the Samaritans' business office at 617-536-2460.

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Sounding off: it ends now

A few years ago, before the advent of Facebook news and faceless media trolls on the Internet, a different editor and others at Stonebridge Press adopted an idea. It wasn't entirely new, it had been done elsewhere, but it was taken as our own.

The premise was, some people were afraid to express their opinion, afraid of repercussions from, well, take your pick: politicians, the police, neighbors, whomever this person or that thought might not agree and would take offense in some hostile manner.

So it became a policy, you could call in and leave a voicemail, or you could mail an anonymous letter, and be assured it would get into the pages.

But there were some major problems with this in the long run. We couldn't know just who it was that was sending us these gems. We couldn't know if they were "on the up and up" for one thing, whether the people were who they claimed to be.

And there wasn't a lot we could do about their information. We couldn't ask them where they found their information, what it was based on, who they had spoken to, whether other steps had been taken...really whether any of what they purported to say was even truthful.

We couldn't know.

But we printed them.

We've had second thoughts. As our publisher Frank Chilinski eloquently put it, "In this era of the internet, social media, news online that goes unchecked and unchallenged, it is a much different world then the world of 15 years ago."

And in the last week or so, we've had some varied responses to some harsh anonymous contributions.

With that in mind, while there are some responses in this week's opinions, be assured there will no longer be anonymous letters to the editor in our pages.

We may, if the writer chooses and can prove a need, withhold a name of a writer upon request, but the writer must provide us with their contact information first, so we can verify their information with them if we have questions. That's the only way we can do it and be as balanced as possible on all fronts.

We hope this helps clarify our position, and makes us a bit more responsible.

On another note, while debating the pros and cons of gun controls, First Amendment rights of various groups debating those rights and the newest demonstrating Children Who Have Discovered Voices; we nearly missed a huge issue much, much closer to home.

Every one of the towns served by a Stonebridge Press newspaper is affected.

While we who drive Massachusetts highways and byways continue to pay for the Big Dig, the Massachusetts Turnpike, the airports and the non-existent-to-us train services beyond the I-495 corridor, the Governor who gets driven to work has chosen not to fully fund transportation services out here.

That it doesn't do enough already, and if anything should be expanded in most areas, the idea of a cut in services is ludicrous.

We can't conceive of the words to condone this idiocy. People who need this service, who must get to work, to health services, to get to schools, even to shop or to enjoy a little time away from home depend entirely on the bus runs. Many rural areas still don't have regularly scheduled runs now; they should be expanded not contracted.

This one thing is enough to change our minds about Charlie.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

Crumbling home foundations: are you affected, and how can I help?

ANNE GOBI

As you may have heard, thousands of our neighbors to the south in Connecticut have been dealt an unfortunate hand. Their home foundations and basement walls have begun to crack and become unsafe; the result of a rare mineral in the concrete mix degrading and expanding over time.

It has come to my attention that this may not be an issue unique to Connecticut, and that several of my constituents may be affected as well.

The damage, described as spider or web-cracking, is caused by an iron sulfide called pyrrhotite that begins to degrade when exposed to water and oxygen. When present in the aggregate material used to make concrete the building material itself can be compromised as water and air enters through small cracks and holes which allows the iron sulfides to start breaking down, cracking the concrete and allowing even more air and water to enter. As it continues to degrade the concrete will swell, crack and ultimately fail. While the mineral is rare, reports found that all the concrete in question originated from the same quarry and supply company, JJ Mottes Concrete and Septic Supply located in Strafford, CT. It is believed an estimated 34,000 homes in

Connecticut alone are affected.

In working with my colleagues in the Legislature, Congressman Richard Neal, Connecticut State Representative Jeff Currey and Brian Luther from the Capitol Region Council of Governments in Connecticut, we understand that a comprehensive approach for damage assessment, repair and reimbursement must be in place and available for our constituents who are affected. How many Massachusetts homeowners are living with this issue is still unknown.

In an attempt to properly address this issue moving forward I do need your help, as the scope and severity must first be assessed.

If your home was built between the years 1983-2010 and you believe that your home may be affected I urge you to reach out.

To provide information you can:

- Fill out a survey at the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/fTPi579lrTT-Mcw2G3>
- Visit my website for more information and a copy of the survey link: www.senatorannegobi.com
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Newer investors: don't panic if bear market returns

If you're in your twenties or thirties, you might be starting to focus more on investing to reach your financial goals. Because of this, you also may be more attuned to moves in the financial markets. Depending on your age, you may have only experienced the bull market of the past nine years, so you might not know what to expect – or how to respond – whenever the next bear market strikes.

Of course, just recently, you've witnessed a market correction – a drop of at least 10 percent in the major stock market indices, such as the S&P 500. This sudden plunge made big news and reminded many investors of how volatile the



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financial markets can be.

But a full-fledged bear market usually isn't identified until the markets are down 20 percent from their recent highs. Plus, bear markets, unlike corrections, tend to linger for a while.

The last "bear" emerged from hibernation in October 2007 and stayed on the prowl until early March 2009. During that time, the S&P 500 declined by about 50 percent. Clearly, investors were not happy – but the market recovered and moved to new heights. This long and strong run-up may have obliterated your bear market memories, if you ever had them at all. And that's why you might want to familiarize yourself with some of the bare facts about bear markets:

Bear markets may provide good buying opportunities. When gas is expensive, you may just buy a few gallons at a time – but when the price falls, you're probably more likely to fill up your tank. The same principle can apply to investing – when stock prices are down, your investment dollars will buy more shares. And the more shares you own, the greater your ability to build wealth once the share price rises. In short, a bear market may provide you with a chance to buy quality investments at good prices.

Bear markets don't last forever. No one can predict precisely how long bear markets will run, but they've typically been much shorter than bull markets. So, while you might not particularly like looking at your investment statement during a decline, you can take some comfort in knowing such downturns are a normal feature of the investment landscape.

Bear markets don't affect all investments equally. If you only own U.S. stocks, your portfolio may well take a sizable hit during a bear market. But other types of investment vehicles may not be as directly affected – and some may even show positive results. Consequently, you could reduce the bear's "bite" if you also own a variety of other investments, such as international stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. However, while owning this type of diversified portfolio can help reduce the impact of market volatility, it does not guarantee profits or protect against losses.

A bear market can be challenging. But by making the right moves, such as staying patient, looking for buying opportunities and maintaining a diversified portfolio, you may be able to prevent a market decline from becoming unbearable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pacenti: disagrees with Sound Off policy

To the Editor:

In a recent Commentary, "To build, or not" (3/23), readers were presented with an enthusiastic jeremiad on illegal immigration. While a robust exchange of ideas on such topics is encouraged, I do have an issue regarding your editorial policy.

Unless the author of this essay is, in fact, named "Just Saying," I believe the material should not have been published. Anonymity only encourages the type of trolling that currently infects our social media, and undercuts any potential value the piece

might have.

While the mysterious author made several statements that could be questioned/challenged, such a response would be the equivalent of tilting at windmills or wrestling with ghosts. This sort of post does nothing to create a dialogue that might engage readers from across the spectrum. I think the New Leader should hold its readers (and itself) to a higher standard.

DAN PACENTI
SPENCER

SOUND OFF

Sound Off: I agree

Just finished reading the Letter to the Editor and answering to what "just Saying" wrote.

Thank you for writing this article. It has been on my mind for a long time but thought I was the only one that thought that. I am old now, but when I see the immigrants taking over my town that I lived here all my life. And getting sympathy, so they go on welfare, free housing, medical care, etc.

You wrote the honest thing that I have read in a long time. "Just Saying," I am proud that you wrote the truth. Believe me I have nothing against them especially the good ones, but since we been bringing them in all it has been is guns, drugs, robbing people, not to mention killing. I am afraid of going out, I feel I am becoming a recluse. Thank you again.

The rich are the problem

I read Kevin Kane's last submission with great interest. The issues that he raised have been explored by me for many years, stretching back to my college days. We only have two historical examples of democracy or republican forms of government from the rise of Greek democracy through the fall of the Roman republic. The 2000 intervening years has left us bereft of other examples to study until the creation of the American republic of 1797.

Since I began to notice the decline of democratic institutions in our current society, I have wondered if there were some inherent weakness in this form of government which prevents its ability to sustain itself.

Both Athens and Rome began as tribal societies. The urge to reach societal consensus is essentially a tribal quality. This tribalism provided the inclination of these city states to resolve societal issues through collective consensus. I believe this urge is at the very root of democratic forms of government.

Comparing the American republic to the Roman republic has always been a favorite pastime of the conservative elements of our society. They love to imagine parallels with the fall of the Roman republic to current political events within our society. But what really happened to cause the demise of the Roman republic?

Rome's oldest political institutions were tribal. Romans gathered annually by tribes on the Campus Martius (field of Mars) to elect the officers of government for the next year. This custom continued unabated at least in

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form until well past the end of the Roman republic.

But as with Athens, Roman society was highly stratified by position and wealth. The Roman patrician class dominated the entire process. Although elections were held, the candidates were of and chosen by the patrician class. Rome's political history was dominated by this struggle between the independent small land holders (plebs) and the large land owning class (patrician).

Both states held more or less true to their democratic impulses until each acquired an empire. At this point weaknesses in the governing arrangements began to appear. The issue was basically what to do with the excess wealth derived from those empires. This wealth appeared in the form of land in Rome. For in ancient societies wealth was land. This land was called ager publicus (public land held in common by the state). As the controllers of the mechanisms of government the patricians considered this land to be held exclusively for their use.

But empire produced something else. This was large numbers of disenfranchised army veterans. These veterans became a tool for controlling political power by the competing families within the patrician class. The patricians use the carrot and stick method of wooing these veterans. The carrot was the promise of distribution of public lands to the veterans, the stick was the expectation of political support for the sponsoring families. The competition between the various

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Flower Power

The months of March and April bring with them the anticipation of sunny days to come. And for New Englanders, the long awaited warm weather promises a new season of flowers. From altering moods to increasing productivity, tending to flowers can serve as a valuable form of garden therapy. Read on for some inspiration to plan spring and summer gardens this year!

Don't have a garden? Don't fret – simply being in the company of flowers can have a profound therapeutic effect. The mere sight and fragrance of flowers can trigger the release of endorphins, the “feel good” hormones that increase joy and well being.

In fact, research by Rutgers College, New Jersey established flowers have a positive impact on moods and can even decrease bouts of mild depression. According to the ten month study, flowers have an immediate impact on happiness. The research also showed flowers have a long-term positive effect on moods and study participants reported feeling

less depressed, anxious and agitated after receiving flowers, with a higher sense of enjoyment and life satisfaction.

Want more? Studies on the effects of flowers by Virginia Polytechnic Institute revealed the presence of flowers enhances communication, restores mental fatigue and promotes a good sense of self esteem! According to various medical reports, all it takes is three to five minutes looking at views dominated by trees, flowers or water to begin to reduce anger, anxiety and pain and to induce relaxation. And research by Dr. Roger Ulrich, PhD proved patients recovering from surgery healed quicker and needed less pain medication when they had flowers within view. These patients also had shorter hospital stays than their flowerless counterparts!

Need a nudge to bring more flowers into your life in 2018? Here are some eye opening facts on the virtues of flowers!

“Flower Power” takes on new meaning when you understand fresh flowers have the

capacity to alter



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our energy and emotions. Why not take the benefits of the flower garden one step further and plant specifically to improve both body and soul?

*Lavender: Want to relax? Plant lavender. The scent of lavender prompts calmness. Studies report that the smell of lavender triggers alpha waves in the part of the brain associated with a relaxed state.

*Roses: No flower is more sentimental than the romantic rose. And it's no wonder. The scent of roses evokes nostalgia, which can recall happy memories from the past.

*Violets: Research shows violets enhance learning speed by 17%, and also improve concentration when used in study rooms.

*Lilies: Need an energy boost? The scent of lily has been proven to increase wakefulness and help you stay alert.

Legends and Lore of the Blooms: Flowers have long played a role in our everyday lives and according to folklore, perhaps even our futures. The “magical” power of blooms is legendary, as the following superstitions suggest:

*Daisies: Perhaps the most familiar floral “predictor” of love is the daisy. Plucking off petals one by one while reciting “He (or she) loves me, he loves me not,” has long served as an amusing indicator of requited love.

*Bachelor Buttons: Folklore may explain how these bright blue and purple cornflowers earned their name. Legend has it that young suitors would place freshly picked flowers in their pocket while courting. If the “bachelor buttons” remained fresh and unwilted for the duration, it was a sure sign the relationship is on a steady course of success!

*Roses: Romantic lore claims rose petals helped young ladies

of earlier eras choose between two or more suitors. Writing the name of each prospective husband the petals and tossing them to the wind, it is said the last petal to hit the ground holds the name of the one she shall marry.

*Primrose Etc.: Superstition has it that bouquets of flowers should always contain an odd number of blooms, lest bad luck be lured. This belief especially applies to primroses, as the English believed the flowers should be only be brought into the house in groups of 13 to ensure good fortune.

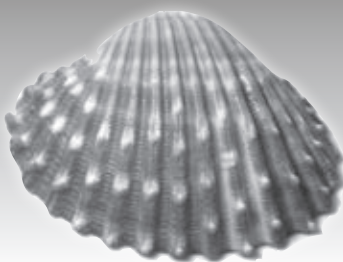
*Daffies: Perky yellow daffodils can be an instant mood booster, but according to Welsh folklore the flower can also bring wealth. It is said the first person who spots a spring daffodil will be rewarded with prosperity throughout the year!

*Roses: To bring good luck into a home in days of yore, rose leaves were tossed into the fireplace flame.

*White Flowers: White blooms are beautiful, but

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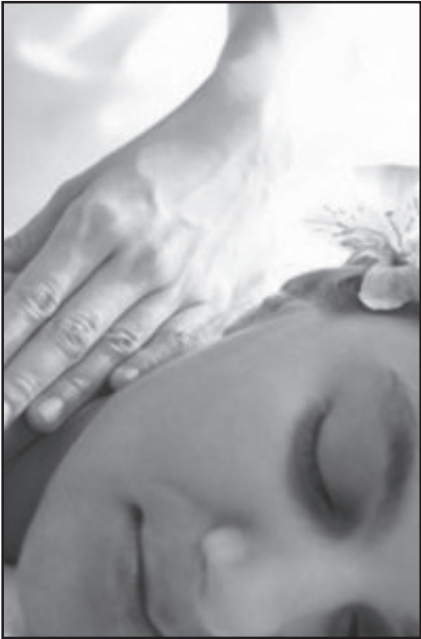
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23	24	25	26	27
Roast Pork with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Jardinière Vegetables Fresh Fruit <i>Split Pea Soup</i>	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Mixed Fruit	Beef and Bean Chili w/ Cheese Baked Potato Sour Cream Mixed Vegetables Peaches	Chicken Cacciatore Penne Pasta Italian Blend Vegetables Birthday Cake & Plain Cake	Haddock w/Picatta Sauce Garden Blend Rice Broccoli Brownie Diet=Half Piece Brownie
30	Dudley 508-949-6640, Franklin 508-520-1422, Milford 508-478-8102, Northbridge 508-234-2002, Oxford 508-987-6000, Southbridge 508-764-1469, Spencer 508-885-3904, Sturbridge 508-347-5063, Sutton 508-234-0703, Upton 508-529-9094, Uxbridge 774-482-6174, West Brookfield 508-867-1411 Tri-Valley receives federal financial support under the Older Americans Act furnished by the Central Mass Agency on Aging and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.			
Chicken Mornay Couscous Roman Blend Vegetables Tapioca Pudding & Diet				

New networking connection with Tri-Valley benefits seniors

Tri-Valley, Inc. is now part of the National Council on Aging’s network dedicated to helping people with Medicare improve their financial outlook by enrolling in programs to help them afford health care, prescriptions, food, and more.

Nationally, half of all people with Medicare live on incomes less than \$26,200 per year, and they often lack the resources needed to meet basic living expenses. Federal, state, and local programs exist to help these individuals, but many people do not know how to apply for assistance.

Tri-Valley, Inc. has a strong history of helping vulnerable residents in 25 towns located in South Central Massachusetts (Bellingham, Blackstone, Brookfield, Charlton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Franklin, Hopedale, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millville, Northbridge, North Brookfield, Oxford, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Warren, Webster and West Brookfield),” said Susan Salisbury, director of community services. “We’re proud to be part of this national network of organizations that, since 2009, has helped more than 850,000 low-income older adults and younger adults with disabilities achieve economic stability.”

Tri-Valley, Inc. is one of 69 Benefits Enrollment Centers funded by NCOA to serve low-income Medicare beneficiaries in 36 states. BECs are supported by funding from the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, administered through the U.S. Administration for Community Living. Tri-Valley’s BEC will cover the agency’s 25-towns listed above plus 36 additional communities in Central Massachusetts.

BECs use NCOA’s free online BenefitsCheckUp(r) tool (www.BenefitsCheckUp.org) to screen lower income older adults, and younger adults with disabilities, for more than 2,500 benefits-including Medicare Savings Programs, Part D Extra Help, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and to help them apply for and use those benefits.

To see if someone you know qualifies for assistance, call Tri-Valley at 508-949-6640.

Tri-Valley is a private, non-profit agency. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American’s Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging. Funds are also received from other public and private sources. All donations are welcome and memorials may be established.

S.C.M. Elderbus offices

All S.C.M. Elderbus offices will be closed on Monday, April 16, 2018 to observe Patriot’s Day

Brookfield Council on Aging

Brookfield Council on Aging
Brookfield Town Hall
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(Meets at Brookfield Congregational Church for programs)

Hats Off to Seniors is coming to Brookfield
Folksinger and storyteller, Timothy Van Egmond, will be performing his concert at the Brookfield Congregational Church on Tuesday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. for Brookfield Seniors. *Hats off to Seniors* celebrates the wits, wisdom, and spirit of Seniors with tales, tunes and songs ranging from rib-picking, spine-tickling to the heart-warming. He accompanies himself on a wide variety of traditional instruments, including guitar, hammered dulcimer, and lim-

berjack (a wooden puppet that taps out a rhythm on a wooden paddleboard). His dynamic talent, warmth, and humor create a moving and enjoyable experience for all. This program is sponsored by a grant from the Jeppson Memorial Fund through the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

Van Egmond has performed for over 25 years throughout the country, appearing at hundreds of schools, libraries, and community centers, as well as TV and radio programs. He has been chosen for the New England States Touring Program and Massachusetts Cultural Council’s Creative Teaching Partners for school and residences.

The Foot Clinic: will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at 1:30 You must call Riki at 508-867-4578 for appointment.

MEDI CAR: Call West Brookfield (508) 867-1407 to arrange doctor’s appointment transportation.

BROOKFIELD PANTRY: Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30-11 a.m. In St. Mary’s Church basement in the rear of the building on Howard Street.

LIBRARY: Laptops available for seniors during library hours. Delivery services of library materials are available on Fridays. If you are interested in this service, or if you have any questions, please call the Brookfield Merrick Public Library (508-867-6339).

YOUR TURN

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patrician families for control of the Roman institutions of state was the constant irritant that eventually lead to the fall of the Roman republic.

The use of violence to enforce patrician dominance was commonplace in Rome from the murder of tribunes Gaius and Tiberius Gracchus circa 147 BCE through the entirety of the Roman imperial state. Be not mistaken, democracy had little influence in Roman politics. The political institutions may have originated from tribalism but were quickly co-opted by the oligarchical patrician class.

So what does this mean in our current time? I hope that I have demonstrated that the one great enemy of democracies is unequally distributed wealth. We see this daily in American society.

But the oligarchs refuse to share their wealth and political power. In point of fact they have been using their wealth to co-opt and corrupt our social and political institutions to their advantage. They get relief in the form of huge tax cuts to the top echelons of the economy while we get crumbs with an expiration date. We get unaffordable health care with few options while insurance companies and pharmaceutical companies get massively richer by preying upon the unhealthy like vampires. They get huge

concessions from government in the form of corporate welfare and tax relief. We get a ruined economy, a devastated environment and chased from our homes by the institutionalized usury of our financial system. As Chris Hedges has pointed out, it is impossible to vote against the interests of Goldman Sachs regardless of your political persuasion. We get a “free” press dominated by six controlling companies all disseminating the same neo liberal/conservative propaganda. We get government of the corporation, by the corporation and for the corporation. They get richer and more powerful. As polling demonstrates positional consensus amongst the population on many issues, our senators and congressmen vote exclusively for the interests of their donor class regardless of party or that consensus. We have a government dominated by oligarchs that is completely unresponsive to the needs and desires of the governed.

The only solution to this problem is massive redistribution of wealth back to the citizenry of this country. The only method short of revolution is taxation. In the New Deal era of Franklin Roosevelt, the tax rate on income above a certain level was 90 percent. This was an era of unprecedented prosperity for the common citizen of this country. It took the oligarchs seventy years, but they have managed to utterly void the gains of that more

enlightened era. Reclaim the wealth that has been stolen from you and restore the compassionate society that was destroyed by the oligarch’s greed.

By releveling the economic field and restoring true economic competition, control of governmental institutions can be recaptured by the American people. Do not vote for politicians whose campaign finances are dominated by PAC money and large donor contributions. Elect politicians who will be loyal to the people who voted for them. If ones are not available then vote third party.

It has been demonstrated repeatedly that tax cuts to the rich do not lead to general prosperity or economic stability. Tax money given to the oligarchs is not reinvested in this country, but is hoarded off shore. Their economic tyranny will not be relinquished peaceably. They use violence as a tool, division as a tactic and chaos as a screen. Do not trust them for a second. I will state as I have written before that poor people have never been and will never be the source of our societal problems. They have no position, economic and political power to be a factor in our political debates. Our problems have always been the result of the unbridled greed of the rich. They corrupt, twist and distort our institutions through their wealth to their own advantage. The only way to fight back is to deny them that wealth.

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Humbled to be recognized



Courtesy photos

This week's picture shows this writer with my son Ralph Jr. after receiving my awards at last week's Worcester County League Banquet.

This past weekend this writer attended the annual Worcester County League Banquet at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston. It was the 55th annual Appreciation Banquet honoring the actions of individuals for their outstanding efforts during the year that helped promote hunting, fishing, and environmental issues that benefited sportsmen and the general public. Many legislators were also in attendance and played a big role in the night's festivities. Long time member of the league was Mel Crouse, at age 93 still active in the league and still hunting deer in Maine annually. He and his brother, also in his 90s, managed to harvest a huge buck in Maine a couple of years ago.

Special guest wildlife artist Ed Desrosiers was introduced to the members and guest by Jim Berube, followed with keynote speaker Bob Durand and Dr. Dick Callahan, which was followed by numerous awards to the following individuals: Ralph True Sr. received the Words of Wisdom award in recognition of his efforts through journalism to inform and educate, and promote sportsmen issues. He also received a certificate from the House of Representatives and the State Senate and signed by numerous Representatives and Senators. I was certainly humbled by the award.

The next award was made to Jack Whitehead receiving the Youth Mentor award for his work in establishing the first annual Young Guns Trap Tournament!

Next was Bonnie Booth, awarded Sportsmen of The Year award in recognition for her work to promote the League for Sportsmen's & Sportswomen's issues.

Legislator of the year award was presented to Senator Ann Gobi in recognition of her constant support of sportsmen's issues in the State Legislature.

Farmer of the Year was presented to Ed and Dave Davidian in appreciation for their preservation of land that protects wildlife habitat and provides recreation to sportsmen & women throughout the year.

Entered into the Hall of Fame this year



Second picture shows Jim Berube with Ken Stidsen, this year's inductee into the hall of fame.

was Ken Stidsen, for all of his continued work in the league over many years.

The Worcester County League also set up a four point action fund for education, conservation, public relations, and legislation, which are as follows: funds set aside for the next ballot question, funds set aside or help of a sportsman's issue, providing archery equipment for schools, and monies set aside for protecting land. These are just a few programs that the League offers to support sportsmen's issues throughout the year.

Dr. Dick Callahan reported on the loss of bees in Massachusetts and surrounding states at last week's League Banquet. He spoke at length about his concern for bee populations and what is killing them off annually. Numerous poisons used by large farms and back yard gardeners containing Neonic chemicals that are the major cause for the loss of our bee population. It is not only killing bees, but is responsible for killing ground worms and other insects that are good for gardens. Without bees pollination of flowers and all vegetables that we consume daily, are at high risk of being lost. It is a very serious dilemma and bee keepers are also sounding the alarm. Small back yard bee hives are being lost annually, and it is very serious. House bill 4041 if passed will stop all stores from selling pesticides with Neonicotinoids chemicals in them. It will still allow large farmers to use the chemical on their crops. You are urged to contact your state Reps and state Senators to favor the bill.

The Mass. Fish & Wildlife Board will hold their annual hearing to set migratory bird regulations on April 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the MF&W headquarters in Westborough. On the same day, the hearing to extend the archery season in zones 10-14 will also be held at the same place starting at 7:00 pm! Archers are urged to arrive early!

Trout fishing on the freshwater scene is starting to warm up, with anglers catching most trout on power baits. As the waters warm, the trout will start to hit flies and lures. This week's forecast of a bit warmer temperatures locally should get the freshly stocked trout feeding more aggressively. Rivers and streams have started to recede locally, and should start to receive fresh stockings of trout as early as this week.

Local Rod & Gun Club ponds are also giving up hold over trout from this past winter stockings. Bass anglers are still catching some nice bass on live bait in local ponds.

Take A Kid Fishing & keep Them Rods Bending!

EVENTS AT BUFFUMVILLE FOR SPRING

Sunday, April 29

Buffumville Dam Tour: 1-2 pm, Buffumville Dam, 48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton. Would you like to know why the lake is lower in the winter months? Have you ever wondered what the Park Rangers do in the winter and in other seasons? Do you like to learn about weather and perhaps learn a little about food water storage and protection? Then join Park Ranger Jamie to learn all about it. Meet at the gate house doors (48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton) for an exclusive tour, inside and out. Rain or shine. Please Note: There are many stairs within the tour. Questions? 508-248-5697. Free tour. Moderate; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children; NO dogs please

Saturday, March 31

7-8 pm Spring/Easter Saturday Full Moon Walk at Hodges Village Dam, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. Bring the family down for a leisurely, springtime stroll under the moon. Please meet the Ranger on at Hodges Village Dam. No registration required. Cancelled if very rainy. Free event. Easy; 1 mile, restrooms nearby, especially for families with children.

April 2, 4, April 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 and 30

A Mile in My Shoes Walk: 6:30-7:15 pm, Buffumville Lake office, 48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton. A walking club each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening in April. (features nature themed informational tidbits, inspirational/motivational messages along the route and/or little rewards). No need to register. Free event. For more information, call 508-248-5697, x399. Easy; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children.

Wednesday, April 18

School Vacation Buffumville Dam Tour: 10:30 am to noon, 48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton. Attention Families with kids: Are you home with the children, a daycare and/or homeschool group? We have tours of Buffumville Dam during School Vacation week. Join Park Ranger Jamie at the gatehouse doors for an exclusive tour, inside and out. Rain or

shine. Please Note: There are many stairs within the tour. Questions? 508-248-5697. Free tour. Restrooms nearby, especially for families with children; NO dogs please!

Saturday, April 21

Second Annual Let's Clean Up Holland: 9 am to noon, Holland Elementary School, Holland. The main objective for event is to clean up the five main roads coming in and going out of this pretty town. The second objective is to increase morale and spirit in this community wide event and build awareness of the Opacum Land Trust and The Last Green Valley. The third objective is to have a fun pizza party after the clean-up at Diane's Villanova. Sponsored by Opacum Land Trust and The Last Green Valley. For info: annehallgo@gmail.com, phone: 413-245-4197

Thursday, May 3

Invasives in Your Yard/What to Plant Instead: 6:30-7:30 pm, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. Join Park Rangers Nicole and Jamie at Hodges Village -- Seating is limited to 20, so please R.S.V.P. 508-248-5697 or nicole.c.giles@usace.army.mil. There will be light refreshments and door prizes. Families with children encouraged and welcome. Free event. Easy; restrooms nearby, wheelchair accessible, especially for families with children, NO dogs please! Leader: Karen Osbrey, email: karenos@winradio.com, phone: 860 928-1350

Sunday, May 13

Hodges Village Dam Mother's Day Tea & Walk: 2-3 pm, Hodges Village Dam, 30 Howarth Rd., Oxford. Bring your friends, family- especially the kids. Tea and light refreshments will be served, yet feel free to bring a picnic for your family or cookies to share. A ground cloth or picnic blanket is also recommended. For all ages! Questions, call Jamie at 508-248-5697, X399. Free event. Moderate; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children, NO dogs please!

Friday, May 18

2nd Annual Plant for Pollinators: 10 am to 2 pm, May 26, 30 Howarth Rd., Oxford. CALLING ALL SCOUTS AND FAMILIES: The U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers is requesting your help with planting as many 4'X4' plots of wildflowers. And for this, your plot will be posted with a sign. Please, bring the soil amendments- top soil, humus, natural fertilizer, peat, etc. Please bring gloves and your own drinking water. Snacks will be provided. The USACE will supply the New England Wild flower mix and all the tools. Group or club supplies the garden supplies. Register by 5/24/18 to 978-318-8399 or Jamie.r.kordack@usace.army.mil. Easy; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children, NO dogs please!

Saturday, June 2

Family Fishing Fun: 10 am to 1 pm, Buffumville Park, 229 Oxford Rd., Charlton Road, Charlton. Bring the kids to Buffumville Park for some outdoors fun! Lean about boating safety, water safety, learn how to fish, catch a fly fishing demonstration, ask your questions to a wildlife expert, and take a short hike! Stay after the event for a picnic or a swim. Want to help out? Please call Park Ranger, Nicole at 508-248-5697, x411. Easy; restrooms nearby, wheelchair accessible, especially for families with children, NO dogs please, bring canoe or kayak, PFD & whistle

Thursday, June 21

Solstice Music in the Forest: 7-8:30 pm, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. CALLING ALL MUSICIANS, the musically inclined and anyone that just wants to ROCK-OUT. Singers and those who want to just listen, invited too! Let's ring in summer with an evening concert. Please bring your guitar/key-board (electricity on site)/violin/kazoo/etc. or feel free to bring your own nature-inspired instrument. Have the kids make some handmade percussion items utilizing seeds/sticks/pinecones/etc. Prizes for the following instruments: Creative natural, largest, smallest, prettiest sound and more! Free event. Please call Park Ranger Jamie should you have any questions- 508-248-5697, X399. Easy; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children, NO dogs please!

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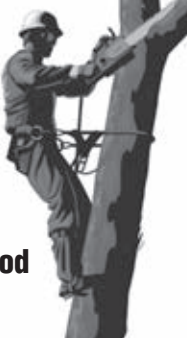
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SPORTS

Delgado’s all-around effort leads to victory and MVP in SWCL All-Star Game



The Southern Worcester County League girls’ basketball all-stars, along with their respective coaches.

Photos courtesy Lina Gonzalez

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBIDGE — Julitza Delgado enjoyed one final moment on the basketball court where she made a name for herself and, in the process, helped lead the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) All-Stars Home Team to a come-from-behind victory over the Away Team, 84-75, on Friday, March 16.

The Southbridge High senior poured in a game-high 18 points — 13 after halftime — pulled down five rebounds, served up five assists and made two steals in the game. For her efforts, just a month after surpassing the 1,000-point plateau for the Pioneers on this very court, she was named the game’s Most Valuable Player.

“This was really a lot of fun,” said Delgado, who had both arms wrapped around her very large MVP trophy. “I really enjoyed the chance to play with some girls I haven’t played with

before. We all really seemed to work well together. I didn’t feel like I had to do a lot of the work; I could just go out there and play.”

As the years went on Delgado shouldered more and more team responsibilities during her time at Southbridge. By the time her senior year rolled around she was the Pioneers’ main scoring threat, rebounder, ball handler and defender. In this game she was able to let some of her teammates take on some of those duties.

“I was able to just be a piece of the puzzle; I really like that,” Delgado said. “I think playing in college is going to be like that, too, which is one of many reasons I’m looking forward to playing at the next level.”

The SWCL All-Star Games — the boys’ All-Stars played following the girls’ game — was a yearly postseason highlight for the league for several years, but hadn’t been played for some

time until Southbridge High boys’ head coach Victor Colon brought the event back to life last year.

The Home Team roster consisted of 10 players: Delgado and freshman Ashanti Morales from Southbridge; sophomores Shannon Reno and Morgan Cronan and seniors Samantha Brady and Jenna Nasuti from Millbury High; junior Kelly Moran from Northbridge High; junior Olivia Hicks from Uxbridge High; junior Allison Grzembski from Bartlett High; and junior Brooke Pepin from David Prouty Regional.

In addition, Northbridge senior Maria Cray, junior Jackie Puda and freshman Hannah Lomonaco were selected for the game but were unable to attend.

Also scoring in double figures for the Home Team were Reno, who tossed in 17 points and hit three 3-pointers and Brady, who contributed a dozen points to the winning effort. Reno also co-led the Home Team in assists with five, while Moran led the way on the boards, grabbing eight rebounds.

The Home Team trailed, 18-5 and 27-13, before outscoring the Away Team, 26-10, over the final five minutes of the first half to grab a 39-37 lead at intermission. The Home Team then opened the second half with a 14-7 run to extend its lead to 53-45 with 15 minutes left in the game.

The Away Team then went on a run of its own, outscoring the Home Team 16-6 to take a 61-59 lead. The Home team quickly bounced back, however, using a 10-2 lead to re-take the lead for good, 69-66, with six minutes remaining.

The Away Team roster consisted of nine players: Junior Lindsey Zak, sophomore Lydia Boland and freshman Ainsley Way of Tantasqua Regional; juniors Anya Kopyra and Jenna Gordon of Grafton High; junior Emily Fontaine, sophomore Maddie Hippert and freshman Alex Dufries of Leicester High; and junior Semran Sahota of Auburn High.

Tantasqua freshman Morgan Smith, Grafton junior Abby Rogers, Quaboag

Regional sophomore Kiarra Dorman and Oxford High junior Gina Parmenter were all invited to play in the game but were unable to attend.

Sahota led the Away Team with a double-double, scoring 14 points and pulling down a game-high 15 rebounds. She also recorded a steal and an assist. Also scoring in double figures for the Away Team were Fontaine with 13 points (including three 3-pointers), Dufries with 12 (two 3-pointers) and Kopyra with 10 (two 3-pointers). Way was the team’s second-leading rebounder, with 10, while Gordon pulled down eight boards to go along with a team-high five assists. Hippert led the way for the Away Team in steals, with four, to go along with five points, four rebounds and an assist.

“I had a great bunch of girls and we had a lot of fun,” said Leicester head coach Dave Padavano, who, along with Auburn’s Nicole LePrevost, coached the Away Team. “The game was competitive. We cut a 14-point deficit to two at the half and even managed to have the lead for a little while in the second half, too.

“It was an All-Star game; there were a lot of points scored and not a lot of defense played, but we had a lot of fun,” Padavano continued. “This was an awesome opportunity to coach bunch a girls from all over who really enjoy playing the game.”

Millbury’s Steve Reno served as the head coach for the Home Team.



Leicester’s Madison Hippert releases a runner in the lane.



Alexa Dufries of Leicester works the baseline on a drive to the basket.



Leicester’s Emily Fontaine launches a 3-pointer in front of Bartlett defender Allison Grzembski.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Brimfield Trail Association’s 5k Race and Walk set for April 28

The 10th annual countrybank Brimfield Trail Association 5k Race and Walk is set for April 28, with the race to start at 9 a.m. and the walk to follow at 9:15. Please register online at www.BrimfieldTrail.org. The 5k loop is a gravel-based trail and is mostly flat with varied terrain. Free T-shirts go out to the first 75 registrants. The start/finish line is at Five Bridges Road in Brimfield. The race entry fee is \$20 if registered by April 9 and \$25 on the day of the race.

Renewed Leicester High School Athletic Hall of Fame seeking nominations

Leicester High School is pleased to announce a renewed commitment to the Leicester High School Athletic Hall of Fame. After a 14-year hiatus, a selection committee has been formed and

plans made for an induction ceremony in the fall of 2018. Members of the committee are as follows:

Thomas Lauder — Chair
George Albro — Vice Chair
Thomas Parissi — Treasurer
Ted Zawada — Recording Secretary
Rigoberto Alfonso
Kimberly Ferdella
Ed Hippert
Robert Nelson
Jennifer Reynolds
Olney White

The committee will be accepting nominations until April 30. Nominations can be made to any member of the committee or via email at lhshof@lpsma.net. Nominees must have graduated from Leicester High School at least 10 years prior to the induction ceremony. Nominees for the Hall of Fame Class of 2018 must have graduated Leicester High School in 2008 or before. When considering submitting an athlete as a nominee, possible accolades may include:

- Selection as a Telegram and Gazette All-Star
- Selection as a Central Massachusetts, State and Regional All-Star
- Selection as Leicester High School recipient of Contributed Most to Athletics Award
- Selection as Leicester High School Wolverine of the Year
- High school multiple sport participation
- Collegiate sport participation

Leicester Parks and Rec presents Bob Pingeton Roast

The Leicester Parks and Rec will host the Bob Pingeton Roast on Saturday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at Leicester Country Club. The Roast will benefit the Tarentino Memorial Playground. A \$30 donation is asked. For tickets please call (508) 892-7021.

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball signups

Baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge American Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 1999 or later are eligible to play. Signup dates will be held April 14 and 21 between 10 a.m. and noon on both days at the Champeau-Vilandre Sturbridge Legion

Post, Main Street in Fiskdale. Players should bring a photocopy of their birth certificate when they register at signups to insure their eligibility. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will

conduct tryouts May 19, 20 and 26, times will be 10 a.m. to noon on all three try-out dates at Tantasqua Regional High School. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784 email jimrosseel@hotmail.com or Coach Ray Sullivan (508) 736-7770 email raysull_2@yahoo.com.

Annual Chili Chowdown coming to Bay Path Regional

The Bay Path Regional baseball team’s eighth annual Chili Chowdown will be held on Sunday, April 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the school café. The Chili Chowdown is run by the baseball team to offset the cost to play in the Rotary Classic Tournament on Cape Cod during school vacation week in April.

This year there are over 24 vendors dishing out their chili to help raise money for the team. The vendors include the following:

The Bay Path baseball team, Junior Culinary Federation, Pine Ridge Country Club, Epicurean Feast, Karol’s Corner Take Out, Eller’s, Big T’s BBQ, Tantasqua Culinary, Zorbas, Monty Bianco, Auburn Public School, Andy’s BBQ, Chili’s, Elm Centre Café, Brown Square Civic Club, Old Sturbridge Village, Luck’s Café, Yankee Diner, Chef Armata, Chef Henrickson, Mexicali Grill, The Overlook, The Fix and 44 Catering.



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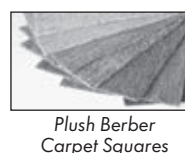
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Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25

12:11 a.m. MV stop (Main St. and Waite St.); 12:16 a.m. MV stop (Main St.); 12:17 a.m. MV stop (Main St.); 12:28 a.m. MV stop (Main St.); 1:02 a.m. MV citation (Stafford St. and Mill St.); 8:29 a.m. ambulance (from Pine Ridge Dr. to hospital); 9:34 a.m. ambulance (from Henshaw St. to hospital); 10:32 a.m. ambulance (from Main St. to hospital); 4:30 p.m. ambulance (from Olney St. to hospital); 5:10 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 5:17 MV citation (Main St.); 5:37 p.m. MV citation (Paxton St.); 5:51 p.m. MV stop (Chapel St.); 6:48 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 9:03 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 9:11 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 9:37 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St. and Pleasant St.); 11:47 p.m. MV stop (Main St.)

MONDAY FEBRUARY 26

8:14 a.m. MV citation (Main St. and Colonial Dr.); 8:58 a.m. ambulance (from Pine St.); 10:18 a.m. MV stop (South Main St.); 11:18 a.m. assist citizen (South Main St.); 11:23 a.m. ambulance (from Main St.); 1:23 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St. and Pleasant St.); 1:33 p.m. MV citation (Henshaw St.); 1:36 p.m. assist citizen (LaFlash Lane); 1:55 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 2:06 p.m. threats (River St.); 2:28 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St.); 4:39 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St.); 4:58 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St.); 5:07 p.m. MV stop (Rawson St.); 5:27 p.m. assault and battery (Brickyard Rd.); 5:29 p.m. MV citation (South Main St.); 6:13 p.m. disturbance (Chapel St.); 6:14 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 6:53 p.m. disturbance (Chapel St.); 7:08 p.m. ambulance (from Huntoon Memorial Highway to hospital); 9:30 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 9:40 p.m. warrant arrest (Rawson St.); Nicholas William Paul Vessio, 356 Rawson St., Leicester, MA; 29 years old)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27

12:22 a.m. MV stop (Main St. and Burncoat St.); 4:46 a.m. MV stop (Main St.); 11:54 a.m. ambulance (from Main St. to hospital); 3:08 p.m. MV accident (South Main St.); 3:37 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 4:18 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St.); 4:19 p.m. MV stop (Pleasant St.); 4:28 p.m. MV stop (Stafford St.); 5:03 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St.); 5:08 p.m. MV stop (River St.); 5:15 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 5:20 p.m. MV citation (River St. and Pine St.); 5:30 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 5:42 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 5:53 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 6:04 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 6:09 p.m. MV stop (Marshall St.); 6:20p.m. MV citation (Auburn St.); 6:33 p.m. MV stop (Marshall St.); 7: 57 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 8:13 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 8:23 p.m. MV stop leading to arrest (Stafford St.; Justin M. Lacombe, 38 Blackstone River Rd., Apt. #1, Worcester, MA; 22 years old. Arrested for warrant recognizance and failure to appear upon); 8:28 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 8:39 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 8:58 p.m. MV citation (Pleasant St. and Peter Salem Rd.); 9:15 p.m. MV citation (Pleasant St.); 11:28 p.m. MV stop (Mannville St. and Mulberry St.)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28

12:38 a.m. MV stop and complaint (River St. and Baldwin St.; summons for uninsured MV, operating vehicle with registration revoked, and no inspection sticker) (arrested Jose Valquez-Alvarado, 4B Lloyd Dr., Spencer, MA; 28 years old; unlicensed operation of MV and failure to notify the RMV of a change of address)); 2:07 a.m. suspicious MV (Locust Ave.); 4:05 a.m. ambulance (from Ferncrest Rd. to hospital); 8:25 a.m. assist citizen (Pleasant St. and Main); 8:27 a.m. vehicle towed (Paxton St.); 9:26 a.m. assist citizen (Willow Hill Rd.); 9:34 a.m. assist citizen (McCarthy Ave.); 10:05 a.m. assist citizen (South Main St.); 10:30a.m. warrant arrest (North Ct.; Danny Nguyen, 7 North Ct., Cherry Valley, MA; 25 years old); 10:52 a.m. ambulance (from Pine Ridge Dr.); 11:51 a.m. ambulance (from Pleasant St.); 12:51 p.m. parking citation (South Main St.); 1:03 p.m. lost and found property (Paxton St.); 1:11 p.m. parking citation (no street listed); 1:21 p.m. lost and found property (South Main St.); 1:25 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 1:42 p.m. MV citation (Paxton St.); 2:49 p.m. assist citizen (Wendy Place); 3:29 p.m. fraud (South Main St.); 3:42 p.m. MV citation (River St.); 3:50 p.m. MV citation (River St.); 3:55 p.m. MV stop (Stafford St. and Pleasant St.); 4:03 p.m. MV citation (River St.); 4:13 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial

Highway); 4:19 p.m. MV stop (Main St.); 4:26 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 4:31 MV citation (Stafford St. and Huntoon Memorial Highway); 4:35 p.m. MV citation (River St.); 4: 44 p.m. MV citation (River St.); 5:40 p.m. ambulance (from Main St.); 5:55 p.m. MV citation (Pleasant St.); 6:07 p.m. MV citation (Pleasant St. and Hillcrest Rd.); 6:30 p.m. MV citation (no street listed); 7:31 p.m. MV stop (Main St.); 7:37 p.m. MV stop (Main St.); 7:39 p.m. MV stop (Soojians Dr.); 7:42 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St.); 7:52 p.m. MV citation (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 7:54 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St. and Mill St.); 8:04 p.m. MV stop (Pleasant St. and Stafford St.); 9:32 p.m. MV citation (Main St. and Town Beach Road)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

12:20 a.m.: officer wanted, entire incident redacted from police log; 3:17 a.m.: mutual aid (Water Street), transported; 5:43 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), gone on arrival; 2:37 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 3:59 p.m.: summons service (Henshaw Street), unable to serve; 4:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:28 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation street; 6:11 p.m.: summons service (Henshaw Street), unable to serve; 6:57 p.m.: summons service (Henshaw Street), served; 11:44 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), referred; 11:51 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

12:23 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 2:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:06 a.m.: mv repossession (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:58 a.m.: officer wanted (Winslow Avenue), name and address redacted from police log, disturbing or disrupting school, threatening to commit a crime (willful and malicious destruction of property), report taken; 10:12 a.m.: mv stop (Hemlock Street), citation issued; 10:29 a.m.: welfare check (Deer Pond Road), services rendered; 12:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:49 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:51 p.m.: debris in road (Paxton Street), summons served; 1:18 p.m.: suspicious activity (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:22 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:34 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 1:49 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 2:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 4:25 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 4:56 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:10 p.m.: harassment (Main Street), spoken to; 5:13 p.m.: larceny (Pine Street), report taken; 5:42 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:21 p.m.; mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:34 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), spoken to; 7:07 p.m.: ambulance (Redfield Road), transported; 7:26 p.m.: summons service (McCarthy Avenue), unable to serve; 8:23 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 8:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:52 p.m.: ambulance (Crestwood Road), transported; 10:39 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Ridge Drive), transported.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

12:12 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 12:59 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:08 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 10:34 a.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), assisted; 11:04 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:23 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal waning; 4:23 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:31 p.m.; summons service (Lexington Avenue), unable to serve; 5:44 p.m.: summons service (McCarthy Avenue), unable to serve; 5:44 p.m.: ATV/snowmobile complaint (Bottomly Avenue), report taken; 5:59 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 6:51 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 7:09 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 8:05 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), verbal warning; 9:37 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 9:54 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:39 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

12:52 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 8:44 a.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 9:22 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:26 a.m.: summons service (Stafford Street), services rendered; 10:04 a.m.: assist other PD (Church Street), message delivered; 10:12 a.m.: welfare check (Redfield Road), services rendered; 10:44 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:56 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:35 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:47 p.m.: ambulance (Sever Street, Worcester), transported; 2:41 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), transported; 3:30 p.m.: welfare check (Howard Terrace), spoken to; 3:59 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 4:06 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 7:37 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), Matthew Gauvin, 30, 248 Marshall Street, Paxton, unli-

censed operation, failure to stop for police, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, possession Class E drug, arrest; 8:17 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), assisted; 8:49 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), investigated; 9:47 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 9:50 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 10:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:55 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

12:08 a.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:34 a.m.: suspicious person (King Street Extension), gone on arrival; 9:39 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 10:32 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 10:52 a.m.: vandalism (Main Street), report taken; 11:17 a.m.: suspicious person (Warren Avenue), spoken to; 11:30 a.m.: summons service (McCarthy Avenue), unable to serve; 11:44 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Spencer), transported; 11:59 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwin Street), transported; 12:07 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:23 p.m.: summons service (McCarthy Avenue), unable to serve; 2:02 p.m.: debris in road (Pleasant Street), assisted; 2:41 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 3:48 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:33 p.m.: summons service (McCarthy Avenue), served; 5:33 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 7:01 p.m.: welfare check (Forest Street), services rendered; 8:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:02 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 9:39 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (Massasoit Drive), report taken.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:24 a.m.: assist citizen (Paxton Street), report taken; 11:45 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:08 p.m.: ambulance (Watch Street), transported; 12:22 p.m.: investigation (Charlton Street), services rendered; 3:53 p.m.: restraining order service, address redacted from police log, services rendered; 5:23 p.m.: investigation (Charlton Street), services rendered; 7:44 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 11:10 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

1:05 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:04 a.m.: mv stop (Hemlock Street), written warning; 8:22 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:56 a.m.: ambulance (Greenville Street), assisted; 9:20 a.m.: fraud (Main Street), report taken; 9:35 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, passing in a no passing area, complaint application issued; 12:34 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 12:53 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken; 12:57 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 1:17 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:31 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Jamar R. Austell, 28, 124A Brooks Street, Apt. A, Worcester, unlicensed operation, speeding, arrest; 2:36 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, mv towed; 3:29 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:01 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 5:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Green Street), gone on arrival; 5:48 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:59 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:17 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 6:32 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:33 p.m.: welfare check (Mayflower Road), assisted; 6:38 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 8:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:52 p.m.: mv stop (Winslow Avenue), citation issued; 9:16 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:09 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 11:52 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

12:24 a.m.: disturbance/liquor establishment (Chestnut Street), male party screaming; 1:48-2:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:12 a.m.: suspicious mv (Maple Street), services rendered; 7:54 a.m.: suspicious activity (Chickering Road), services rendered; 8:55 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 9:26 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 9:54 a.m.: vandalism (West Main Street), PD cell damaged; 10:34 a.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), info taken; 10:57 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:40 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 1:15 p.m.: medical/general (Willow Lane);

2:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), scam IRS call; 2:58 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:04 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street); 3:12 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 3:20 p.m.: accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 3:27 p.m.: accident (Wilson Street), report taken; 4:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), welfare check; 4:49 p.m.: accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 4:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), spoken to; 5:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 6:55 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 7:01 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 7:44 p.m.: parking complaint (Elm Street), spoken to; 8:13 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), rept. of fire at Westville Dam; 8:15 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 9:20 p.m.: disabled mv (South Spencer Road), assisted; 10:18 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 10:22 p.m.: mutual aid/ambulance (East Brookfield), services rendered; 11:51 p.m.: disabled mv (Deer Run Road), assisted.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

1:19 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 3:07 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 3:50 a.m.: parking complaint (Chestnut Street), services rendered; 5:02 a.m.: mv lockout (South Spencer Road), assisted; 7:18 a.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), spoken to; 8:02 a.m.: medical/general (Summit Street); 9:25 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:55 a.m.: disturbance (Pearl Street), services rendered; 9:59 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), spoken to; 10:40 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:26 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:29 a.m.: DPW call (School Street), wire down; 1:03 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 1:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), spoken to; 3:40 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), assisted; 6:23 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 6:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), request for escort; 7:00 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 8:10 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 11:49 p.m.: building checked, secure.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

12:28-1:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:49 a.m.: suspicious activity (West Main Street), services rendered; 5:14 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), noise complaint; 6:49 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), spoken to; 8:01 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), assisted; 8:31 a.m.: mv theft (Main Street), report taken; 9:08 a.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 11:07 a.m.: lost/found (Chickering Road), missing kayak; 11:39 a.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 11:42 a.m.: residential alarm (Wilson Avenue), services rendered; 12:01 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 12:28 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), welfare check; 1:05 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 1:13 p.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 1:27 p.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 1:29 p.m.: medical/general (North Brookfield Road); 1:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:58 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 2:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), traffic hazard; 2:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:32 p.m.: mutual aid (Briarcliff Lane), poss. b&e; 2:50 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:13 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), man yelling in store; 4:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:47-11:51 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

12:12 a.m.: drug/narcotics offenses (Dustin Street), services rendered; 12:17-12:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:38 a.m.: parking violation (Church Street), citation issued; 12:58 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:10 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 1:12-1:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:33 a.m.: parking violation (High Street), citation issued; 1:37 a.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 1:42 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:14 a.m.: parking violation (Brow Street), citation issued; 4:45 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 9:06 a.m.: medical/general (Lambs Grove); 9:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Route 49), child walking alone; 10:50 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), assisted; 11:38 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 1:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), sewer cover missing; 1:59 p.m.: elderly matter (Church Street), possible verbal abuse; 2:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), missing cat; 2:47 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:54 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 3:32 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:38 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 6:57 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 6:59 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 8:59 p.m.: woods/grass fire (Greenville Street), services rendered; 9:10 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 9:52 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), services rendered; 11:59 p.m.: building checked, secure.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

12:04-12:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:48 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:56 a.m.:

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Prior to hosting the dinners, the McLaughlins held five basketball tournaments to raise money for the scholarships. It has inspired them to see the level of support received from the entire community, including several business partners who make donations each year. “It has been an amazing experience. We are so thankful for the support and everything that has been done for us,” said Mary McLaughlin, who teaches science at David Prouty High School. “We thought that 10 years would be a nice stop-

ping point for us. The community has given so much over the years.” In 2008, Jennifer McLaughlin died suddenly and inexplicably when she was just 24 years old. Growing up in Spencer, she excelled in swimming, basketball, soccer, and dance programs. A three-sport athlete at DPHS, she captained both the soccer and basketball teams while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. After graduating from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a biomedical engineering degree in 2006, McLaughlin worked for Innovative Spinal Technologies in Mansfield and Hologic, Inc., in Marlborough. Thanks to the many scholarships awarded to high school seniors in her memory, Jennifer’s passion for science and technology continues to impact society in positive ways. At least one \$1,000 scholarship has been awarded each year during the DPHS Class Day exercises. “I couldn’t ask for better people and businesses supporting us over the years,” said Paul McLaughlin. “We weren’t sure how the switch would work out when we went to the dinner, but we have had a great group of supporters.” Even though the scholarship dinners will no longer be

held after this year, there is still enough funding left over from previous years to supply a few additional scholarships. DPHS officials are grateful for the impact the events have had on students as they prepare to take the next step in their educational journeys. “The Jennifer McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship has been very meaningful both to our school community and to the students who have received it,” said DPHS Principal Elizabeth York. “Veteran staff members remember her very fondly, and the memorial keeps her legacy alive each year at Class Day. Meanwhile, the scholar-

ship has helped students pay for their college education each year since it was established. We all appreciate the hard work that Mrs. McLaughlin and her family have put into making these scholarships possible.” Tickets for the scholarship dinner can be purchased from Mary McLaughlin (47 Oakland Drive, Spencer, MA, 01562). You can also visit www.jam4jen.com and click on the PayPal link. If you have additional questions, please call Mary McLaughlin at (508) 885-2256 or send an email to jam4jen@charter.net.

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are short roughly \$8 million for fiscal year 2019, according to projections released by Governor Charlie Baker in his appropriations bill. If the current budget passes, it would have a crippling effect on public transportation across the state, officials said.

The proposed cuts would most severely affect Worcester, Springfield, and the Merrimack Valley, officials warned. Legislators have long decried the inequity of funding between greater Boston communities and the central and western parts of the state.

“Central Massachusetts has not received the funding it deserves for transportation,” said gubernatorial candidate Setti Warren. “I will work for you and fight every single day to get this funding.”

As the Senate Chair of the Regional Transportation Authority Caucus, Senator Anne Gobi is advocating along with other caucus members for full funding for bus services. This request is in accordance with a 2014 transportation finance law which established a funding schedule for the regional transportation authorities.

Governor Charlie Baker allocated \$80,400,000 this year for regional transportation authorities, which represents level funding. The Senate request for \$88,000,000 supported by Gobi and her



Residents from throughout central Massachusetts gather at Worcester City Hall to rally against proposed cuts to public transit services.

colleagues would restore what the House and Senate implemented in the 2014 transportation reform act. “Reliable bus service is a must for our area, and any decrease or elimination of services is not just an inconvenience – it is the loss of a vital lifeline,” Gobi said. “I will continue to advocate for more funding than the Governor proposed in order to keep the buses rolling.” The proposed cuts in bus services would not only impact individuals who rely on public transportation, officials said, but they would also hurt municipal economies. Selectmen in Brookfield and West Brookfield are concerned that if bus routes west of the courthouse in East Brookfield are eliminated, several employees and visitors to their towns would have no means of reaching them. As part of its proposed cuts, the WRTA is also considering the elimination of Route 40, also known as the Hub Loop. Several other bus routes, though preserved by the proposals, would see dramatically reduced daily service. Legislators are concerned that any cuts this year might lead to additional curtailment in future years, causing a



State Representative Natalie Higgins speaks during the March 20 rally in Worcester.

death spiral in public transit. All proposals must be voted on by the WRTA advisory board and wouldn’t take effect until the summer. Prior to the vote, residents will have an opportunity to weigh in on the proposals during a series of public hearings. A meeting will be held on April 3 at 6 p.m. at Spencer Town Hall, while Brookfield residents will have a chance to share their concerns on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Brookfield Congregational Church. To learn more about the proposed cuts in WRTA services, call 508-791-9782.

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businesses have been forced to shut down. “Dairy farming is a unique business because in the wholesale markets, you have no control over the price you receive, even if the price is below the cost of production,” said James Cooper, the herd manager at Cooper’s Hilltop Farm in Rochdale. “For precious years that price has stayed at below the cost of production, and it’s becoming too much for New England farmers to with-

stand.” Cooper added that dairy prices have always fluctuated up and down, but over the last decade the lows in the market have lasted much longer than the highs. This is resulting in a mass closure of dairy farms across New England, he explained. For Cooper and his wife, Heidi, it means a lot to see the filmmakers of Forgotten Farms taking the initiative to highlight an industry struggling without much public awareness. “This film is about the farmers people don’t think about

but tend to need the most,” said Heidi Cooper, the general manager of Cooper’s Hilltop Farm. “We are fortunate that in our direct-to-consumer sales model, we control our price and have many folks who support us purchasing our fluid milk and cream. However, even as a dairy farmer myself, the majority of dairy products in my home are not ones we have supplied ourselves. While we are grateful that customers purchase our milk and cream, I’d like them to remember the farmers who produce the milk that creates their yogurt, cheese, cottage cheese, sour

cream, incredible variations of cheese, ice cream, and more. These are the farmers they depend on but do not see and often forget about.” Sarah Gardner, the producer of Forgotten Farms, teaches environmental planning and is the associate director of the Center for Environmental Studies at Williams College. Her areas of research include land use, climate change, agriculture and food systems. “There has been a lot of focus on the new local food farmers, so we spent the last three years filming conventional dairy farmers,” said

Gardner, who also co-chairs the Williamstown Agricultural Commission. “Many of their farms have been in operation for over a century, and we wanted to find a way to tell their story.” Forgotten Farms accentuates the integral role of the resilient farm families who have survived the many adversities in recent years. The film provides a glimpse into the past and a vision for an expanded local agriculture model that could preserve remaining farms. For more information about the film, visit www.forgottenfarms.org.

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they can carry a melancholy message, according to age old folklore. Think twice before you send a bouquet of white flowers to a sick friend in the hospital as legend claims whites with a strong fragrance can worsen a sickness or even bring on death! Ditto for white flowers that show signs of wilting. And never pair white and red flowers in a bouquet for a sick person, as the combination is said to bring bad luck. *Day Lilies: These bright orange flowers, common to the New England landscape, were considered a lucky health charm when worn. It was believed wearing a lily would lighten one’s worries and lessen distress. Poppies: While wearing a poppy in the lapel on Veteran’s Day has long been a tradition to honor those who served and died for their country, poppies were also worn in the belief they help dispel worries and anxiety. Students in the Northeast gifting the flowers to each other during the Irish

holiday. Paired with seasonal greenery, the colorful green carnation is a popular St. Patty’s Day centerpiece. ** Easter Lily FYI: Easter Lily symbolizes innocence, purity and virtue as the gorgeous white flowers reflect the spiritual aspect of Easter. Legend tells of lilies growing in the garden of Gethsemane – springing up where Christ’s drops of sweat fell during his final agony. Each year at Easter, pots of white lilies grace the alters of Christian churches and the homes of believers. While the Easter Lily is a symbol of the holiday, the seasonal perennial flower can be planted and enjoyed for years to come. After the plant is done blooming, trim off dead foliage and plant it outside when ground is thawed. Lilies like a sunny area with well drained soil. Give the plant plenty of water and add an all purpose fertilizer. It probably won’t flower again until the next year, but replanting the Easter Lily rewards the gardener with years of beautiful

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jobs ongoing in town. In his first week on the job, Gregory also met school officials and learned about the many challenges the regional district is facing, including securing funds for transportation. He also met local legislators and the town’s department heads. When he isn’t working, Gregory enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters, reading, hiking, and running. Mr. Gregory asked not to be photographed during the interview for this piece.

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use by local residents again,” Pepe said. “A lot of people have great memories of using the park, but we recognize the challenges in trying to get funding. We aren’t the only community dealing with this issue.” Legislators will continue to advocate for funding at the state level to maintain the park.

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larceny (Woodside Road), theft from mv; 3:51 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street); 6:23 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 6:47 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 9:10 p.m.: disabled mv (Wire Village Road), assisted; 9:14 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:27 p.m.: mv repossession (Adams Street), services rendered; 11:27 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 11:32 p.m.: commercial alarm (Chestnut Street), services rendered. MONDAY, MARCH 12 1:54-2:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:10 a.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), noise complaint; 5:52 a.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 8:56 a.m.: officer wanted (Roberta Bay), spoken to; 9:58 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 10:41 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 10:44 a.m.: 911 call (Church Street), services rendered; 12:18 p.m.: suspicious activity (Wilson Avenue), services rendered; 12:48 p.m.: medical/general (Summit Street); 1:23 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), geese in road; 2:08 p.m.: animal complaint (South

Spencer Road), dogs killing geese; 2:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Pond Road), spoken to; 2:51 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no answer; 3:12 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street); 5:02 p.m.: mv lockout (Lloyd Dyer Drive), assisted; 6:41 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), female standing in traffic; 7:39 p.m.: medical/general (G.H. Wilson Road); 8:47 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 9:45 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 10:09 p.m.: suspicious mv (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 10:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:29 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 10:56 p.m.: suspicious activity (R. Jones Road), spoken to; 11:33 p.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), neighbor dispute; 11:50-11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure. TUESDAY, MARCH 13 12:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:22 a.m. : medical/general (Clark Street); 4:07 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), re: road conditions; 6:49 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 8:37 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:40 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:20 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:38 p.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), assisted; 1:16 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut

Street), 2:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Gold Nugget Road), missing dog; 3:06 p.m.: DPW call (Borkum Road), referred; 5:21 p.m.: residential fire (Bixby Road), services rendered; 6:33 p.m.: DPW call (Pond Street), referred; 7:24 p.m.: disabled mv (Lambs Grove), assisted; 7:25 p.m.: vandalism (Church Street), someone shooting BBs at windows; 8:21 p.m.: citizen complaint (Maple Street), spoken to; 9:19 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: stolen gun; 9:38 p.m.: citizen complaint (North Street), spoken to.

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Publish Date: May 11, 2018
Deadline date:
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Friday, May 4 at 5 pm.
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OBITUARIES

Lawrence F. Perkins, 87

WEST WARREN - Lawrence F. Perkins, 87, of West Warren died on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. A Graveside Service for Lawrence will be held in Pine Grove Cemetery

in Warren in the spring. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements. varnumfuneralhome.com

Dorothy W. Bell-Whittemore, 97

WEST BROOKFIELD - Dorothy W. (Woodbury) Bell-Whittemore, 97, died on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield.

She leaves four grandchildren, Donald Carlson of Pittsfield, Darlene Ross, and Sondra Bonacquisti both of Pittsfield, and Donna Carlson of Lanesboro; six great-grandchildren; her daughter-in-law, Linda M. Bell of West Brookfield and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank R. Whittemore, two children, Gregg A. Bell and Beverly B.

Carlson and several siblings.

She was a member of the George Whitefield United Methodist Church in West Brookfield.

Funeral Services for Dorothy will be held privately and there are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center Activities Fund, 47 East Main St., West Brookfield, MA 01585. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements. varnumfuneralhome.com

John L. Burke, 92



CHARLTON- John L. Burke, 92, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in the comfort of his own home.

He leaves his wife of over 64 years, Gloria (Duquette) Burke, a son, Peter Burke and his wife Darline of Brookfield, two daughters, Monica Blouin and her husband Richard and Patty Denning and her husband Don all of Charlton.

Grandchildren; Steve Burke (Jess), Laurie Sutherland (Mike), Heather DeCicero (Matt), Peter Blouin and partner Molly Gregas, Michael Blouin (Katie), Jennie Walsh (Marty), Nick Blouin (Danyelle), Jess Denning and partner Rob Gilchest, Alicia Morrison (Dempsey)

Great grandchildren; Nora and Arlo Blouin, Abigail Burke, Burke and Lucille Sutherland, Daniel Walsh, Quinn Blouin, Madison Gilchest and was awaiting the arrival of another great grandson.

He also leaves many nieces and nephews, a brother-in-law, Willy Duquette (Linda), and sister-in-law, Sylvia Sheldon and his beloved Hospice caregivers, Sarah and Virginia and all the caring people at Southbridge Rehab. Center.

John was born in Worcester, son of the late Emile and Rose (Demers) Burke. He was predeceased by a grandson, Richard Blouin, Jr. and

3 brothers, Raymond, Joseph and Paul Burke.

John served his country proudly during WWII and Korea and then spent more time serving and then retiring as a Chief Petty Officer from the U.S. Coast Guard, he later worked for 26 years for Pratt-Whitney Aircraft as a quality control inspector.

He was a devoted member of St. Joseph's Church.

Calling hours for John were Monday, March 26, 2018 from 5-8pm at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H-Putnam Rd., Ext. in Charlton.

His Funeral Mass was Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 10 AM also in St. Joseph's Church, followed by burial with Military Honors in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Woodstock Rd., Southbridge.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Hospice of Western and Central MA., 1325 Springfield St., Suite #12, Feeding Hill, MA. 01030 or to a Hospice program of your choice, or to St. Joseph's Church, Building Fund, P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA. 01508.

The ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd is Honored to be assisting the the Burke family with arrangements.



Richard L. Powers, III



CHARLTON - Richard L. Powers, III, a longtime resident of Charlton, died Sunday, March 25, 2018, at Harrington Memorial Hospital after a long illness. He leaves his wife of nearly 49 years,

Diana T. (Fontaine) Powers. They were married December 26, 1969. He also leaves his sons Scott Powers and his wife Amy of Ashburnham, and Jason Powers and his wife Annepsi of Worcester, and 3 grandchildren Molly, Kyle, and Jasmin. He leaves his brother Russell J. Powers and his wife Anne of Auburn, and a sister Janet E. Moran and her husband Daniel of N. Brookfield, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Donald Powers.

Rich was born in Ludlow, MA, April 19, 1946, son of Richard L. Powers, Jr., and Ruth M. (Guyette) Powers. He graduated from North High School in Worcester, and was a member of St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church in Southbridge. He was a US Army veteran from 1964-67. He was a retired truck driver for UPS, and R&M Trucking Co. He was also a very active call firefighter for the Town of Charlton, and in the early 1990's, was the

Ambulance Director for the Town of Charlton, and he also was a part-time Charlton police dispatcher. He was an avid reader, loved the outdoors, but most of all Rich loved riding his motorcycle with his wife, and taking long scenic rides. He was also a member of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club.

The funeral Mass was held at 10AM, Thursday, March 29, 2018, at St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, (please meet directly at the church) 126 Morris Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Worcester County Memorial Park, Richards Avenue, Paxton, MA.

Calling hours were held from 5-7PM, Wednesday, March 28, 2018, with a Trisagion Service at 6:30PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 650, Southbridge, MA 01550. or to the Charlton Fire Department, P.O. Box 114, Charlton City, MA 01508. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



John J. Morley, 90



John J. Morley, 90, of Webster, MA passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral, FL after an illness. He was born on August 31, 1927 in Worcester, MA to Sylvester and Grace

(Jalbert) Morley.

John served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army, retiring from the U.S. Army after many years of serving his country. He also worked as a Field Service Representative for CPC Engineering in Sturbridge, MA. John enjoyed his winters in FL with all his friends and especially playing shuffle board with his friend Red on the Traveling League.

He leaves his wife, Sandra (Strenk) Morley; a son, Robert and daughters, Elizabeth and Annette, all of CA; he also leaves his stepson, Michael Jordan of GA; sister, June of AZ and brothers,

Edward and Joseph in Leicester, MA; as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

John was preceded in death by a son, John; as well as a sister, Ann and a brother, Walter.

No formal services are planned at this time.

Memorial Contributions in memory of John J. Morley are suggested to Hope Hospice, 9470 Healthpark Cir., Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Friends are invited to send condolences via the on-line guest book which can be found at www.MullinsMemorial.com.

Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.



Sara M. Bermudez, 38 Madison M. Bermudez, 8 James C. Bermudez, 6 Michael E. Bermudez, 2



WEST BROOKFIELD - Sara M. Bermudez, 38, Madison M. Bermudez, 8, James C. Bermudez, 6, and Michael E. Bermudez, 2, of West Brookfield were called home to Heaven by the Almighty Father on March 1, 2018.

Sara was born in Izalco Sonsonate, El Salvador, daughter of Rafael Enrique Campos and Coronada de Jesus Mendez. She met her husband Moses and they started their family in El Salvador before moving to California for several years. They moved to Massachusetts to enjoy the beauty of the country and to be surrounded by their loving family. Sara was a home-

maker with a love for God and Family. Madison enjoyed being the true princess, with a smile always on her face. James was always running around playing and laughing at his own inside jokes. Michael was the joy and reflection of his siblings. The family enjoyed many outings to Chuck E Cheese.

They leave behind their husband and father Moses C. Bermudez, their maternal grandparents, Rafael Enrique Campos and Coronada de Jesus Mendez of Izalco Sonsonate, El Salvador, their paternal grandparents Anita Bermudez of Ware, Carlos Bermudez and his wife Josepha of Ware, and many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, and friends that were family.

A Funeral Mass for Sara and her children was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 10:00AM in All Saints Church, 17 North Street in Ware. Calling hours were held on Monday, March 12, 2018 from 4 to 7PM in Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main Street, West Brookfield. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc. is assisting the family with arrangements. varnumfuneralhome.com

Ceara M. Robinson, 26



LEICESTER - Ceara M. Robinson, 26, died Sunday, March 18, 2018. She leaves her loving mother, Lisa M. (Burton) Robinson of Leicester; her brother Jacob Robinson of Leicester; her maternal grandmother, Rosemarie Burton of Worcester; aunts and uncles; several cousins, and her beloved dog, Bella. She was deeply loved and will be forever missed by her loving family.

Ceara was born in Worcester, the daughter of Lisa M. (Burton) Robinson

of Leicester and the late William Robinson. She was very creative and loved to spend her time doing arts and crafts. Ceara loved fishing and family vacations on Cape Cod. She adored animals more than anything. Calling hours were held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street in Webster, Massachusetts, from 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm with a funeral service to follow at 6:45 pm. A guest book is available online where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Donations in Ceara's memory may be made to your local animal shelter or humane society.

James W Allen, 81



BROOKFIELD - James W. Allen, 81, died peacefully March 22, 2018 after a long illness. He was the son of Clarence and Annie (Mundell) Allen and a lifelong resident of Brookfield.

He was predeceased by his wife Kathleen (Martin) Allen. Jim leaves his children Karen Waterman (Richard) of Barrington, RI, Kevin Allen (Christina) of Westerly, RI, Lara Allen of Astoria, NY and 5 grandchildren Kelsey, Erika, Kyle (Allen), Sam and Jill (Waterman).

Jim was a native of Brookfield and president of the last class to graduate from Brookfield High School. After graduating from college and serving in the Navy, he entered the teaching profession and taught math at Tantasqua Regional High School from 1963-1999. He was the head of the Math Department, and held many positions over the years including coaching the basketball, football and baseball teams.

Jim was also very generous with his time serving the town he loved. He served as Selectman from 1976 to 1977 and again from 2005 to 2011. He also served as Town Moderator for 26 years from 1978-2004. In addition, he served on dozens of committees including the Water Board, Historical Commission, By-Laws Committee, Quaboag

Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Cable Access Advisory. All together he had over fifty years of community service in town.

He loved traveling the back roads of New England, sports and willing to drive anywhere to see anything to do with trains.

He lived his life grateful for his family, friends and the town he loved. He genuinely tried to give of himself to make the world around him a better place, and was loved by anyone who came to know him. He never sought any acknowledgement for his years of service and he had a sense of duty as a citizen to do his part. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him and leaves behind a legacy in those he taught and loved.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 5-7PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield. The funeral was held on Thursday at 10:00AM in the Brookfield Congregational Church 8 Common St. Brookfield. Burial followed in Brookfield Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to the Brookfield Congregational Church. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com



Rita M Paré



Rita M (Lussier) Paré passed away peacefully after an ongoing illness, with her loving family visiting and wishing her well. She is survived by two daughters, Michele Connor (Wallace),

of Brookfield and Kathy Putch (Joey) of Ft Myers. She is also survived by her sister Lucille Hauser (Ruedi), of Noank, CT, her sister in law Eunice Lussier of Auburn and brother in law Joe Martone of Hampton VA. She was predeceased by her parents, Edward and Louise Lussier, her sister Theresa Mahoney of Spencer, her brother Richard Lussier of Auburn, and her sister Doris Martone of Hampton, VA.

Rita will be greatly missed by her grandchildren, Corinna Frohock (James), Angelina (Allie), Alaina and Ryan Putch. Her great grandchildren, Marion Kimball, Fiona, Esmée and Clare Frohock loved their Memère Rita very much.

She was a loving aunt to her many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, as well as many cousins.

As a single mom, Rita worked very hard, went to nursing school and had a strong will and a sharp wit. She had a long career as a nurse, first at Worcester City Hospital and then at St Mary's Healthcare. She was an amazing seamstress and made clothes for herself and her children. She made custom draperies for many clients, even her sister Lucille.

She was also known for her great sense of humor and generous heart. She would often dress up as a clown to cheer up her patients, helping lift their spirits.

Rita wished to forego a large service, opting instead for a Catholic Mass to be offered in her memory.

There were no calling hours, however a Mass was offered at Sacred Heart Church, 11 Milk St. in West Brookfield on Saturday March 24th at 10:30 a.m..

Memorial donations in her honor can be made to

S.O.N.G. Inc., Supporting Orphans Nationally and Globally, Inc., supportingorphans.org and The Chorus of Westerly RI, chorusofwesterly.org, two local organizations which she generously supported.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 10

Hats Off to Seniors is coming to Brookfield. Folksinger and storyteller, Timothy Van Egmond, will be performing his concert at the Brookfield Congregational Church on Tuesday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. for Brookfield Seniors.

Wednesday, April 11

BE PART OF IT: The Leicester Public Schools are celebrating our 20th annual Evening with the Arts this school year on Wednesday April, 11 from 5:30-8:30! We are looking for Leicester Alumni that would like to showcase their artwork or perform musically. The liaison for musicians is Kristina Looney, looneyk@lpsma.net and Danielle Rieder is the liaison for Visual Artists, riederda@lpsma.net.
GARDEN CLUB: The Leicester Garden Club will meet at the Leicester Senior Center on Wednesday April 11, at 7 p.m. Our speaker this month will be Dan Bensonoff. Mr. Bensonoff is a farmer, a cook, and educator. His subject will be mushrooms. He will teach and demonstrate techniques for growing edible mushrooms. This will be a very interesting subject. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Saturday, April 14

ATTENTION ALL DOGS & CATS! The West Brookfield Rabies Clinic is scheduled Saturday, April 14 9-11 a.m. at the Highway Garage, 14 Front St. The cost is \$15 and there will also be an opportunity to license your dog.

Thursday, April 26

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

ONGOING EVENTS

GIRL SCOUTS SEEK MEMBERS
Leicester Junior troop #64765 is welcoming girls in grades 4 and 5. The troop meets bi-weekly on Mondays.
Leicester Daisy/Brownie troop #64656 is welcoming girls in grades 1 through 3. The troop meets biweekly Mondays from 4:30 to 6pm.
Leicester Cadette troop #11077 welcomes girls in grade 8 and meets bi-weekly Fridays from 5 to 6:30pm.
Leicester Cadette troop #11700 welcomes girls in grades 6 & 7 and bi-weekly on Mondays from 2:15 to 4pm.
Spencer Girl Scouts is welcoming girls in kindergarten, first, second, third, sixth and seventh grade.
Joining Girl Scouts is a great way to help girls build confidence, try new things, and discover their inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader). Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary. For more information regarding meeting days and times visit our website gscwm.org and click on the pink bar or call (508) 749-3612.

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS: First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer has announced ECONOMY SHOP hours for January through June. Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. Come in and see our daily specials. For information call (508) 885-2149.

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

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

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

Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main Street, Leicester, (508) 859-8083. The "New to You Thrift Shop Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child 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. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and games concluding with a devotional just before 2 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. Call (508) 867-7725.

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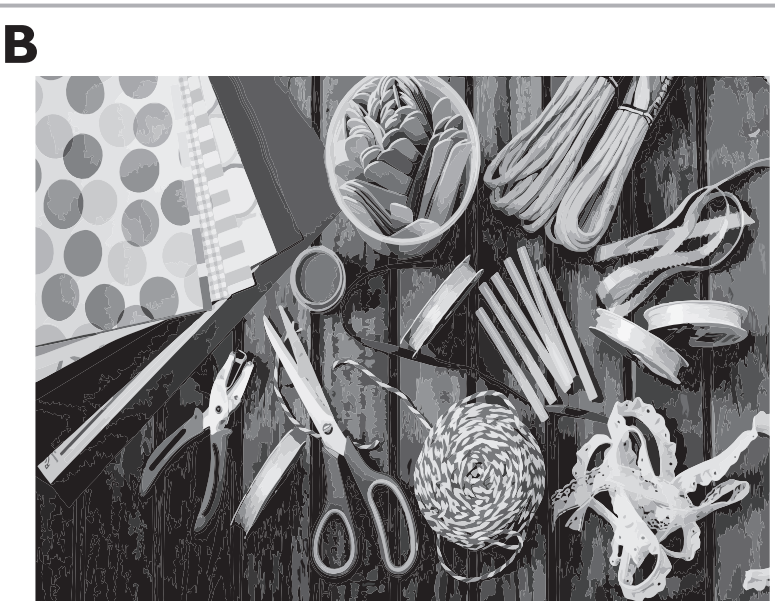
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What’s the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



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HISTORY

- **1461:** EDWARD OF YORK DEFEATS QUEEN MARGARET TO BECOME KING EDWARD IV OF ENGLAND.
- **1867:** THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT IS ASSENTED TO BY QUEEN VICTORIA, CREATING THE DOMINION OF CANADA.
- **1973:** THE LAST U.S. TROOPS LEAVE SOUTH VIETNAM.



PAINTING IS A POPULAR ARTISTIC ACTIVITY. THESE ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF PAINTS.

ANSWER: OIL, ACRYLIC, WATERCOLOR, TEMPERA, AND ENAMEL

Answers: 1. Red twine is cut 2. Hole punch has grips on handles 3. Striped paper missing 4. Extra glue stick

New Word

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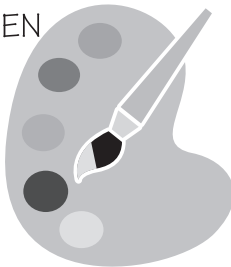
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How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Pencil
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- FRENCH:** Crayon
- GERMAN:** Bleistift

Did You Know?

ONCE POTTERY HAS BEEN PAINTED, IT MAY BE FIRED ONCE AGAIN TO SET THE PAINT AND THE GLAZE. THIS WILL ALSO MAKE IT SHINE.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: YARN AND KNITTING NEEDLES

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to tropical destinations.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 4 = a)

A. 17 1 24 9 21 5 4 16

Clue: Hot and humid

B. 21 25 16 4 11 7

Clue: Surrounded by water

C. 13 4 5 4 17 21 24 11

Clue: Getaway

D. 5 24 4 25 17 4 16

Clue: Near the beach

Answers: A. tropical B. island C. vacation D. coastal

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ON DEPOSIT

CHARLTON - 8 Chelsea Way! ANGALIE ESTATES! 2,500' 10 Rm Colonial! 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths! 3.02 Acres! Cul-de-sac! 2 Story Grand Foyer! SS Appliances! Kitchen! 1st Flr Master w/Bath! 1st Flr Laundry! 1st Flr In-ground Pool w/Pool House! 3 Car Garage! **\$488,000.00**



NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 9 Gore Gable! Custom 8 Rm Colonial! 1/2 Acre Private Lot! Eat-in Kit w/ New Counters, Sink, SS Appliances, Paint & Flr! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Gleaming Hrdws! Through! Den w/Cathedral! 4 Spacious Bdrms w/Oak Flr! Tile Bath w/Dble Vanity! 1.5 Baths! Screen Porch! Prof Landscaped! 2 Car Attached Garage! **\$309,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

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



SOLD

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



SHREWSBURY - 747 Grafton St! 8 Rm Cape! 5 Acres off Route 20! Great Business Location! House Needs Total Rehab! 1st Flr Consists of Eat-in Kitchen w/Built-in Hutch! Large Liv Rm! Master Bedroom w/Closet! Office! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Has 4 Bedrooms w/Closets! Vinyl Windows! **\$249,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

AUBURN - 13 Inwood Rd! Cute 6 Room Cape! 2-3 Bedrooms! All Hardwoods on Both Levels Under Carpeting! Finished 2nd Floor with Bedroom & Office! Lower Level Playroom! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! Oil Heat! 8,276' Level Lot! Shed! 1 Car Garage! **\$179,900.00**



STURBRIDGE - 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! "Turn Key" 1st Flr Beauty Salon w/Cair, Handicapped Bthr, Kt, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Appliances Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces! 2 Car Garage! Sep Utilities! Town Services! Rte 26, 84 & 90! **\$329,900.00**



OXFORD - 51 Old Worcester Rd! 5 Rm Ranch! Maple Cabinet Kit w/White Appliances! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Refinished Hrdws in Liv Rm & 3 Bdrms! Tile Bath! Large Open Basement! New Doors! 7 Year Old Roof, Vinyl Siding, & Windows! House Freshly Painted! 1 Car Garage! **\$229,900.00**



SOLD

WEBSTER - 9 Asselin Ave! Hospital Near! Brian Acres! Ideal 7 Rm Split Entry! Nicely Landscaped! 37 Acre Lot! In-Ground! Above Ground Pool! SS Appliances! Kit! Din Rm w/Slider to Sunroom! Liv Rm w/ Frplc! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! Frplc Fam Rm! 2.2 Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! Shed! **\$279,900.00**



SOLD

DUDLEY - 20 Williams St! Nice 7 Rm Cape w/2 Car Garage! SS Appliances! Kit w/Oak Cabinets & Corian Counters! Frplc Liv Rm & Din Rm w/Hrdws! Sunroom w/Hot Tub/Skylight! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Tile Bathrooms! Baduser Furnace! Town Services! Fenced Backyard! **\$244,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 25 North Main St! ATTENTION INVESTORS! 4 Family! 44/44 Rms! 2/2/2 Bdrms! Consists of 4 Kitchens, 2 Bedrooms Each Unit, 4 Living Rms One Unit with Built-In & Fireplace! 4 Full Baths! Laundry In Units! Full Basement w/Storage! Needs TLC! Walk Up Attic! **\$169,900.00**



SOLD

DOUGLAS - 93 Monroe St! 10.97 ACRES! Updated 1887 8 Rm Farmhouse! Flexible Floor Plan! Loads of Charm! Frplc Liv Rm! Fam Rm w/ Cathedral! Slider to Deck! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 2 Car Attached Garage! Additional 3 BAY, 50x85, GARAGE BUILDING! **\$594,500.00**



SOLD

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



ON DEPOSIT

MILBURY - 197 W. Main St! 5 Rm, 2 Bdrm Cape! Great Location On 1 Acre Lot! Home needs considerable updating and may not qualify for traditional financing! Being sold AS IS! Title 5 Passed but there is Town Sewer in the Street! Easy Access to Rte 140! Close to Singletary Boat Ramp! **\$120,000.00**



SOLD

CHARLTON - 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdws! Frplc Fam Rm w/Hrdws! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 1630 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! **\$344,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 33 Douglas Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch! Over 5 Acres w/Small Pond! Cabinet Eat-in Kit! Carpeted Liv Rm w/Slider to 8x40' Deck! 3 Carpeted Bdrms w/Ample Closets! Full Bath! Lower Level w/Carpeted Fam Rm! 4th Bdrm, 2nd Full Bath! Laundry! Workshop! Minutes to Rte 385! **\$179,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 11 Upper Gore Rd! Convenient 6 Rm Ranch! Fully Appliances Oak Kit! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdws! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdw Flrs! Spacious Liv Rm w/Brick Hearth! 1st Flr Laundry! Large Trex Deck! Updated Windows, Siding & Furnace! Garage! Shed! Sold w/dtd! 39 Acre Lot! **\$259,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 10 Arkwright Rd! Attention Investors & to Owner Occupy! 2 Family! 87 Rms! 3/3 Bdrms! 2,500' of Living! Each Has Kit w/Breakfast Nook, Dining & Liv Rms & Den! 1st Flr w/Pellet Stove, Deck w/Enclosed Porch! 2 Car Garage! Updated Windows! Newer Roof! Minor Cosmetics Needed! **\$199,900.00**



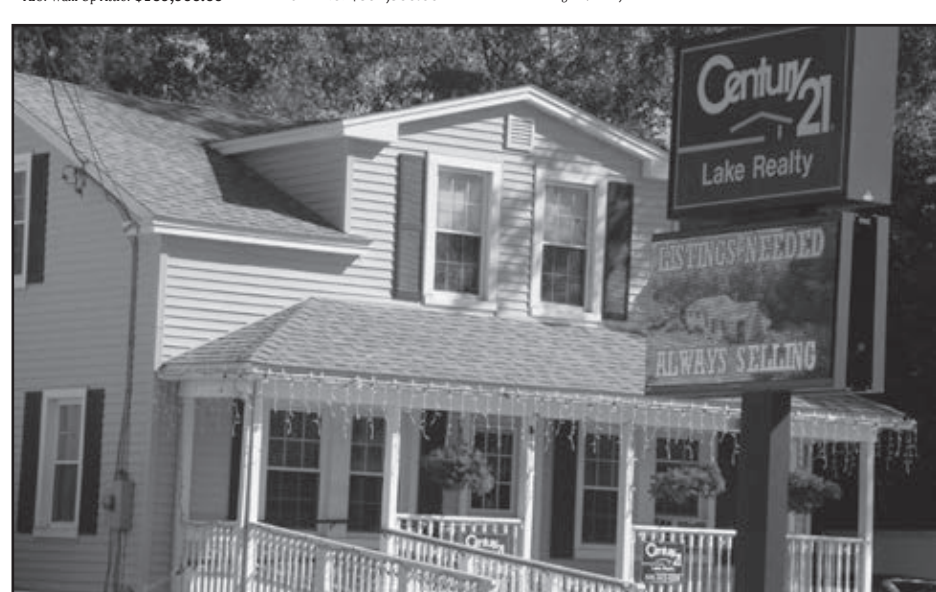
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WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Kildeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdw Flrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 14'x20' Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaped! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! **\$524,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

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



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 56 Chase Ave! Well Maintained 2 Fam! 6/4 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! Appliances Eat-in Kits! Formal Din Rm! Carpeted Liv Rm! Large Bdrms! Updated Full Baths! Skylight! Hrdws! 6 Panel Drs! 22 Oil Heat! Furnaces! 1 Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electric! Fenced Yard w/Patio! **\$219,900.00**



SOLD

WEBSTER - 47 Harris St! Custom Built 6 Rm Ranch! 43 Acre Lot! Eat-in Kit w/Oversized Pantry! Frplc Liv Rm w/Bay Window! 3 Large Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpets & Large Closets! Den! Full Bath w/Linen Closet! Semi-Finished Lower Level w/Full Bath! 1 Yr Young Roof! Newer Gas Furnace! **\$229,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 10 Foster St! 3 Family! 6/6/6 Rms! 3/3/3 Bdrms! Excellent Investment or Owner Occupied! Quiet Side Street! Easy Access! Off Street Parking! Large Eat-in Kits w/Galley/Pantry, Formal Dining & Liv Rms! Hrdws Throughout! Coin Operated in Basement! **\$259,000.00**



NEW LISTING

CHARLTON - Oxford Road - Across from #1221 Fantastic 2.72 Acre Lot with 300' of Road Frontage! Area of Nice Homes! Build Your Dream Home Here! Allows for Plenty of Space & Privacy! Previously Perced and with 4 Bedroom Septic Design! Super Convenient! Be Ready for a Spring Build! **\$79,900.00**



NEW LISTING

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 Appliances Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdws & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdws! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frplc Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**



SOLD

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



ON DEPOSIT

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



NEW LISTING

WEBSTER LAKE - 3 Lakeside Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! Ideal Summer or Year Round! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm Ranch! New Quartz & Stainless Steel! 3 Remodeled Bdrms! 2 New Baths - Master Bath! Tile & Hrdws! Frplc Office! Unique Waterfront! **\$575,000.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 15 Lakeside Rd! Reid Smith Cove! Enjoy the Music of Indian Ranch & the Indian Princess! 8 Rm Summer Cottage w/Possible Bdrms! Master Overlooking Lake! Great Potential! Or Tear It Down, Build Something New! 50' x 118' Lot w/Gentle Slope, Almost Level! Town Sewer! **\$297,900.00**

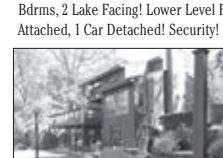


SOLD

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



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



NEW LISTING

WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,686' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Lake New! Open Flr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/17' Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound & Gleaming Hrdws! Granite Kit w/Is, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrdws & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Grand Rm w/Lake Views! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Docks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**



SOLD

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



NEW PRICE

WEBSTER LAKE - Access! 124 Gore Rd! 440' Waterfront! Great Location! Direct Highway Access! 34 Acres! UNDEVELOPED LAND w/EXQUISITE VIEWS! Explore the Opps! Build a Restaurant, Hotel, Condominiums! Cozy 4 Rm, 2 Bdrm Home! Oversize 2 Car Garage w/2nd Floor! **\$379,000.00**



SOLD

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



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WEBSTER LAKE - 110 LAKESIDE AVE



Panoramic Views Define this Unique Webster Lake Waterfront Contemporary! 190' of water-frontage spanning the horizon from East To West! An over-sized Pavilion sits at water's edge providing a peaceful place to enjoy friends, family & nature along the great Cedar pond! Lakeside patio, fire pit & sandy beach for swimming, huge waterside decks & aluminum docks! Unique Contemporary style home offers 2,497 SF +/-, 9 Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, 2-1/2 Baths including private master bath. The main living features an open concept w/kitchen/dining/living & year-round sun-room, a lake facing private master BR suite, 2nd Bedroom on main level plus 2 more spacious Bedrooms on 2nd floor, for a total of 4! The walkout lower level features a family room, half bath & lakeside 3 season room for maximum lakeside enjoyment, a 2 car attached garage w/storage, handicap access ramps to main level and lakeside yard! **\$755, 000**

DUDLEY - 67 WEST MAIN ST



Looking for a place for your at home BUSINESS? CORNER lot! 8,500 SF (20 acre), 2 story single family home w/3 BRS, 2 Baths! Possible to convert this home back to a 2 family! Municipal Water & Sewer! Recent Natural Gas Buderus FHW Boiler. 2 Car Detached Garage! **\$185, 000.**

WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST



Custom Built, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area! Unique and private property! Offers a half acre +/- level lot! In-ground pool, hot tub, poolside cabana w/kitchen & full bath! Huge carport/pavilion! 3 Large Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, 2 half baths! 10 rooms total! You Will Be Amazed! **\$349, 900.**

THOMPSON - 12 OAKWOOD DR



SORRY, SOLD!

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

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A Four Year Old Girl Learns Some Facts of Life
BY BEVERLY MARTIN

This is a true story.

The tradition in our family is to do as much before Easter Sunday so that we can go to the sunrise service and hurry back home to get the day started. The night before Easter my daughter, Loren, (known as Auntie) and my son-in-law, and I are putting coins in plastic Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt tomorrow afternoon for my two grandchildren, Annava, known as Vannie, aged nine and Amelia, known as Melly, aged four. Auntie had already filled their baskets with candy. They didn’t need any more candy, thus the coins in the eggs. Two eggs have quarters in them but all of the money is divided between the two girls after the hunt is over.

As usual my daughter known as Mom and my son-in-law known as Daddy and the girls are the first to arrive. While the girls check their baskets Mom corners me in the kitchen with a problem she does not know how to solve. Melly started kindergarten at the age of four. Mom thought the problem with this situation is that Melly’s classmates probably no longer believed in the Easter Bunny and would laugh when Melly told them what the Easter Bunny had brought her. After much brainstorming our solution is to have Auntie and Daddy tell her there was no Easter Bunny. Melly runs to us in the kitchen to have Mom and I confirm the fact, there is no Easter Bunny. At that moment her sister Vannie comes into the kitchen to tell Mom that her loose tooth has just come out. While she was throwing it into the waste basket. Melly shouts “Wait, stop.” Then she quickly realizes “There isn’t a Tooth Fairy either, is there?” We tell her “No, no Tooth Fairy either.” She looked at us sadly and asked “There is a Santa Claus though isn’t there?” Mom sadly says “no”. “Then where do all of the presents under the tree come from?” she asked. Mom explains that she and Daddy buy them and sneak them under the tree after she and Vannie go to sleep on Christmas Eve.

But this is Easter and Melly and Vannie always look forward to the Easter egg hunt. Now that Melly knows there is no Easter Bunny, would there be no more Easter egg hunts? Auntie quickly assures them that she and Grams had hidden the eggs early that morning and would continue to do so for many years to come. That made the girls very happy.

After the hunt is over Vannie was dividing the money under the watchful eye of Mom. I was sitting next to Melly at the table. I explained to her that she had learned so much that day; no Easter bunny, no Tooth Fairy and no Santa Claus. “And Melly,” I said, “You also learned some important facts of life. People don’t always tell the truth and you will have some disappointments along the way as you grow up.” But Melly was living in the moment. She was not thinking about the Tooth Fairy or Santa Claus. Eventually she looked up

at me with a smug smile and said, “Mom said she and Daddy will continue to be Santa, Mom will be the Tooth Fairy for as long as I lose my baby teeth and Auntie said she will be the Easter Bunny for many more years to come. So, I will still get presents under the tree, there will still be money under my pillow and there will still be Easter eggs to find. So, you know what, Grams? I’ll just bet that one of those funny little leprechaun elves left a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for me to find some day.”

I love a girl with a positive attitude.

Happy Easter every one.

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*Spring’s Poetic Story (A Poem)*  
BY TOM VANTRE FROM SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

These are the thoughts that come to mind  
When winter leaves to make room for spring’s arrival  
Spring training baseball in March  
Prepares my team for Opening Day in April  
March Madness for Men’s and Women’s Basketball  
Leading to the championship game the month after.  
The snow melts away until next winter.  
The weather is getting warmer and the grass is getting greener.  
Soon people will be wearing t-shirts instead of long sleeves.  
As well as shorts instead of jeans.  
If the season of summer were a novel.  
Then spring would be the prequel to that story.  
With the Irish celebrating St. Patrick’s Day in March.  
Or the Christians celebrating Easter in April.  
There’s plenty to do for fun in the spring.  
April’s rain showers soaking water into the ground.  
To help planet Earth’s May flowers rise all around.  
This is what I think of and what comes to mind.  
These are my thoughts of the season of spring!

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Days of Spring
BY FRANCES ANN WYCHORSKI, WEST BROOKFIELD, MA

Spring is a welcome thought today. Every week, old man winter plays the grump and stomps us down with another storm blowin’ in this March.

Spring is shedding horsehair all over my coat.

Spring is the woodpecker drilling away at the tall oak tree.

Spring is the promise of better days ahead.

Spring is the house cats moving from the east to the south window in search of deep, loving sunbaths.

Spring is an old friend.

Spring is the scuffle of skunks in the woods. It’s the aroma of fox scenting the wood paths in search of a mate.

Spring is most welcome today. All hail the turn of the earth.

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*Faces Of Tomorrow*  
BY SUE ANGELA HEALY

Another day – month -another school shooting happening again  
The Americans are losing our children – this we can’t pretend  
Why do these tragedies keep happening – both in large cities and small quiet towns?  
This we must ask ourselves – answers must be found  
Sending our loved ones to a public or parochial schools  
Simply to learn – get an education – obey the golden rules  
But then out of the clear blue sky a shooter appears – no warning – we don’t understand why  
What makes these individuals think the way they do?  
Trying so hard to comprehend - but we haven’t a clue  
Leaving in the morning for class – we kiss and tell our young ones good bye  
Who would ever imagine in an instant their life taken and they suddenly die  
What ever happened to the care-free days of yesteryears?  
Now 2018 the youth of today are living in fear  
All the students who survive – their lives will never be the same  
When on an ordinary peaceful day – bullets fly -another life they claim  
These killers out there what is going thru your mind?  
Isn’t society today suppose to be considerate – friendly – most of all kind?  
Do you know you took away our only daughter or son?  
It’s always numerous deaths – not only one  
How can we ever protect our children today  
Day after day – nite after nite – I continue to pray  
My heart is broken every time an incident like this occurs  
Wishing our children we could somehow clone  
For we never know if and when they’ll be coming home  
We need an answer to why purchase a gun  
Our family member should not be dying they should never leave us so young  
Bullet proof windows – doors – more police – teachers having weapons – we simply don’t know  
If a violent person enters a premises where are we supposed to go?  
Is behind a door – in a closet – under a desk even safe?  
A plea to anyone who will listen – a statement we are trying to make  
These occurrences should never be happening so often – in each and every state  
Precious angels going to heaven at a very high rate  
Someone please hear us – do something – understand what we can not say  
Give us reassurance when we send our kids to school – they are going to be okay  
We as parents are begging you – don’t let us forever live in sorrow  
Help us keep them safe – for our children are the “Faces of Tomorrow.”  
*In loving memory of the 17 Angels taken 2-14-18 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, Florida*

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Picnics At Howe Park
BY SUE ANGELA HEALY


When we were young after the 7’O’clock mass
We would hurry home change into our play clothes real fast
Off we would drive to Spencer – to picnic at Howe Park
Where we would stay till way after dark
Then it seemed like such a very long ride
With my sisters and cousins right there by my side
Entering that park I can still reminisce
Over 50 years later these trips I still miss
Picking a perfect spot under the huge pine trees
It was simply beautiful any one could see
Up above we would see them fly one-two - so many dragon flies
Three picnic tables we would push together
These cherished memories I shall treasure forever
Water we carried in large coolers and kegs
As my aunt would make us bacon and eggs
At about 11 the rest of our family would arrive
Never knowing who was in the car a big surprise
Seeming forever to unpack taking out all the food
Which put everyone in a very good mood
No we didn’t have hamburgers and hot dogs that were cooked on the grill
Remembering how onlookers would stare at us still
A huge pot of gravy – another with pasta and meatballs
So very peaceful – no phones back then – no annoying calls
It was a day of family – of relaxation closing your eyes and just use your imagination
After dinner we would go for a swim or play a game of cards – the children would win
Off to pick blueberries on the railroad tracks
The heat of the sun – a few family members heading back
They would plop in a chair and sit in the shade
Sipping on iced coffee with a can of Raid
These were the good ol days of yesteryears
Doors and windows open never living in fear
Our day would come to an end when the sun began to set
A fabulous time we shall never forget
Before the mosquitos started biting we’d pack up the car
Heading back to Worcester seeming so very far
These were special memories filled with so much love
But I know my family members are now having a picnic in the heavens above





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Nothing can compare to a spring day,  
It is like no other.  
Children are at play.  
Nothing can compare to a spring day,  
Too many people getting in each other's way.  
Do they even know each other?  
Nothing can compare to a spring day,  
It is like no other.

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Thank You For.....
BY SUE ANGELA HEALY

Thank you for just being my friend
A vision of hope on which I could always depend
Thank you for letting me be me
You a guardian angel only my eyes could see
Thank you for the beautiful hand-written note
Every day word for word from it I quote
Thank you for picking me up when I begin to fall
By simply making a five minute call
Thank you for taking me for a mile long walk
Whether late at nite or early morning at four o'clock
Thank you for just being there – knowing you care
Like the warm summer breeze throughout the air
Thank you for taking me to Maine just for a ride
Windows wide open – singing

with pride
Thank you for that precious little gift
In return you knew my spirits it would lift
Thank you for saying call me at any time
Knowing that I am constantly on your mind
Thank you for allowing me to borrow your brand new dress
Or when I am tired or you just let me rest
Thank you for serving me my favorite food
Knowing it usually puts me in a better mood
Thank you for sharing with me your inner most thoughts
Because you know from depression I every day fought
Thank you for giving me the last piece of chocolate cake
It is my favorite that is no mistake
Thank you for being there and giving me time
Being so thoughtful – considerate and kind
Thank you for when I'm fearful you hold my hand
Your presence to me is such great demand
Thank you for any kind gesture whether large or small
For in my heart peace you would install
Thank you for all my angels hanging everywhere
For listening – for loving – for a single prayer
Thank you for my garden now in full bloom
A reminder that summer has come very soon
Thank you for coming to visit

when even I'm sick
The very first lilac you would usually pick
For being there with me when my heart was broken
So many words that were left unspoken
Always there when I start to cry
Giving me a kleenex to dry my eyes
Being there when everyone else turns away
Reassuring me I will be okay
Thank you for your ever lasting love
Knowing you were sent from the heavens above
Picking applies with me at the beginning of fall
Letting me hit you with the first snow ball
Building a sandcastle at our favorite beach
For that perfect seashell we both would reach
Thank you for everything and all that you do
From my heart-to-yours – thank you – for just being you.

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***Easter Sunday***  
BY EVA. E PERRON, EAST BROOKFIELD, MA

Years ago, when I attended St. Joseph's School, the sisters encouraged us to attend lenten morning mass. Most years, my friend, Jean M and I attended Mass every morning except Saturdays. Mass began at 7:15 and ended at 7:45. Many of the mornings were cold and raw, and we no sooner started to thaw out, and it was time to face the inclement weather on the run back home. At the time, we couldn't eat

before receiving communion, so we were not only hungry, but had to rush our breakfast and be at school by 8:30.

I can truly say that the years in which we observed our lenten services, our Easters were the most rewarding and happy.

Our mothers always bought us a new outfit, colorful flowery hats, new coat and dress, along with white gloves and shoes with a little heel; just loved the clacking of our heels while parading down the street. A couple of Easter mornings, I remember that we awoke to a little snow; however, it didn't deter us from wearing our Easter finery.

Jean and I sang in the church choir in the upper loft and we could look down and view the colorful Easter finery.

In our family, we observed Easter breakfast at our grandparent's home and then Easter dinner around 5. We hadn't eaten meat since Holy Thursday, so the Easter ham was especially delicious.

My grandmother's special Polish desserts made our breakfast the best of the year. She even made her own coloring dye for the hard boiled eggs. I remember the parish priest visited her home and blessed some of the food in preparation, a breakfast not only delicious but filled with dignity.

In today's world with all of our technology and wisdom, I wonder if we looked back and followed some of yesteryear's traditions, if we would be better off.

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Sealed bids for “Chestnut Street Improvement Project” for the Town of Spencer, Massachusetts, acting by its Town Administrator, will be received at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104, until 3:00 P.M. on April 18, 2018, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of furnishing all labor, tools, materials and equipment necessary for the installation of approximately 1,050 LF of 12-inch and 8-inch sewer main, and 1,540 LF of 24, 18 and 12-inch drain piping including all appurtenances. The work also includes installation of pavements, sidewalks, driveways and granite curb work. Contract documents, including plans and specifications will be available electronically beginning March 28, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104, phone: 413-781-6045. Electronic copies may be obtained by contacting Mary Mazik at [mmazik@pypc.org](mailto:mmazik@pypc.org).

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security in the form of certified check, cashier’s check, treasurer’s check or bid bond in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the value of the bid. Attention of bidders is called particularly to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum rates to be paid under the contract as determined by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26-27H inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act.

The Town of Spencer encourages, to the extent feasible, the use of minority-, women- and disadvantaged-owned businesses for work under this contract and likewise encourages, to the greatest extent possible, that all bidders take affirmative steps to ensure training and employment for lower income project area residents and award of subcontracts to HUD-defined Section 3 businesses. Bidders on the work shall make a good faith effort to achieve the goals of the Federal Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) policy regarding utilization of MBEs and WBEs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder.

A Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond, each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price, will be required for the faithful performance of the Contract and provided within ten (10) calendar days of the award letter. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the date of opening thereof.

Pre-qualification is required from the Massachusetts DOT Prequalification Office. Prequalified contractors must be included on the official or waiver contractor lists, issued by MassDOT Prequalification Office.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the DHCD Block Grant program. The Town of Spencer may cancel this Advertisement for Bid (AFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest. The Town of Spencer Town Administrator is the Awarding and Contracting Authority. The Town of Spencer, through the Town Administrator and their Board of Selectmen, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town. The Town of Spencer will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this AFB.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the thirty (30) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Chestnut Street Improvement Project.

Questions regarding the bid speci-

cations should be directed to Stantec, Attn: Danny Rebelo at Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 413-387-4518. General questions should be directed to Ted Harvey at the PVPC at 413-781-6045.

TOWN OF SPENCER,  
MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
Thomas M. Gregory  
March 30, 2018

**MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Randy S. Burdett and Marilyn J. Burdett to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated December 3, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 32405, Page 37 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 46451, Page 140 subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Association, as trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of April 1, 2004, Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2004-NC1 by New Century Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47757, Page 319 and subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2004-NC1 by New Century Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57123, Page 176; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on April 6, 2018 at 14 Lyford Road, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe at the Southeasterly corner of land herein to be described; Thence North 0° 05’ W., 408 feet to an iron pipe; Thence South 81 ° 12’ 30” W ., 291.8 feet to a stake; Thence South 1° 42’ 30” W ., 89 feet to a stake; Thence South 38° 46’ 30” W., 74.86 feet to an iron pipe; Thence South 57° 26’ E., 401.9 feet to the iron pipe at the point of beginning. Jason Lane, a private street, passes through said property and this property is conveyed subject to all rights and obligations that the grantor has in the portion of Jason Lane passing through said property. Containing 2.0 acres of land, more or less. Together with the right to use the old town highway running through the same as described in deed recorded in Worcester District Deeds, Bk. 201, Pages 366 and 368, to the state highway, and subject to the rights of others in said town highway. Being the same premises shown on plan recorded in Worcester District Deeds, Plan Bk. 449, Plan 82. Hereby meaning and intending to convey all and the same premises described by deed dated October 18, 1987 recorded in Worcester District Deeds, Bk. 6592, Pg. 9.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney’s fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee’s attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2004-NC1  
Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,  
ORLANS PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
17-005449  
March 16, 2018  
March 23, 2018  
March 30, 2018

**Notice of Public Hearing-  
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:15p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

**Special Permit- Applicant: Marcus H. Shagogue III. Location: 17 Debbie Drive, Spencer Assessor’s Map R55/23. The applicant is requesting Special Permit under Sections 4.4.1.D (Accessory Uses) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw for renting of rooms in a single-family dwelling. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.**

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays. The ZBA is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885-7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.

March 23, 2018  
March 30, 2018

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**Special Permit – Applicant: Steven Tyler. Location: 59 R. Jones Road, Spencer Assessor’s Map R25/28. The applicant is requesting Special Permit under Sections 4.4.1. D (Accessory Uses) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw for renting of rooms in a single-family dwelling. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.**

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**Special Permit (Renewal) -Applicant/ Owner: Royal Crest Farm/ Robert Moschini Location: 30 Howe Road, Spencer Assessor’s Map R23-25. The applicant is looking to renew their Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.**

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays. The ZBA is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885-7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.

March 23, 2018  
March 30, 2018



# LEGALS

## TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

March 11, 2018

The North Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing & meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the North Brookfield Police Department, 55 School Street on the application of Brian & Shannon Kauppila, 4 Bullard Road for a Variance to Zoning Bylaw Section V, Table 1 for the Zoning District R30 to obtain a front setback variance from the 50ft as stated in the bylaws to 29.16'. A copy of the application is available at the Town Clerks Office at 215 Main St.

Tara Hayes

Clerk

March 23, 2018

March 30, 2018

## Town of Spencer Office of the Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in McCourt Social Hall of the Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, Massachusetts to review the Town of Spencer's Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget and draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Office of the Town Administrator, or in person at said hearing.

Note: the draft budget and draft warrant is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office or on the Town Website: [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov)

Mary E. Braney, Chair

March 30, 2018

## Notice of Special Public Hearing- Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday April 17, 2018 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

**Major Site Plan Review/ Special Permit- Applicant: Ernest Mello, ZPT Energy Solutions II, LLC; Owner: Scott and Joyce Cycz, Location: 17 GH Wilson Road; Spencer Assessor's Map R17- Lot 16 & Lot 9. The applicant is requesting a Major Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 and Special Permit under Section 7.2 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw Zoning to install a solar farm. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.**

**Major Site Plan Review/ Special Per-**

**mit- Applicant :Ernest Mellow, ZPT Energy Solutions II, LLC; Owner: Main Street Realty Trust, Location: behind 369 Main Street; Spencer Assessor's Map R35-1-3.The applicant is requesting a Major Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 and Special Permit under Section 7.2 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw Zoning to install a solar farm. The property is located within the Commercial zoning district.**

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

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

March 30, 2018

April 6, 2018

## Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Energy Development Group LLC, property owned by Lauren A. Standish, Trustee of Bear Hill Family Trust, for the property located at 140 Wigwam Road/ 0 Off New Braintree Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a solar farm for off premise use. In Rural Residential District requires a special permit as per section, -3.27 Energy Generating Equipment. The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White

Clerk

March 30, 2018

April 6, 2018

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO18P0600EA Estate of:

Joseph N. Tetreault, Jr.

**Date of Death: December 06, 2017  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

**Joseph A. Young of Spencer MA**

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Joseph A. Young of Spencer 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.

March 30, 2018

## Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Zero Point Energy Solutions has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a solar array located at East Main Street, Spencer, MA.

Zero Point Energy Solutions has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a solar array located at 17 GH Wilson Road, Spencer, MA.

Dominick Brescia has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to remove a tree located at 31 Point Eastalee Drive, Spencer, MA.

Richard Wolanski has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace an existing septic tank with a new septic tank located at 66 Chickering Road, Spencer, MA.

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

**Mary McLaughlin**

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman

March 30, 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. WO12P3689EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**

Irene A. Larkham

**Date of Death: 09/09/2012**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **John J Larkham of East Brookfield MA**

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

**John J Larkham of East Brookfield 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 04/24/2018.**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: March 20, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

March 30, 2018

# HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

## SATURDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 p.m.

SARA ASHLEIGH BAND

Playing homage to some of the best blues, rock & country artists of our time.

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East Brookfield, MA

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## FRIDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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308 LAKESIDE

308 East Main St.

East Brookfield, MA

774-449-8333

## SATURDAY, APRIL 7

KLEM'S FISHING EXPO

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Spencer, MA

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YOUR MOTHER

9:00 p.m.

4-piece local rock band

308 LAKESIDE

308 East Main St.

East Brookfield, MA

774-449-8333

## SATURDAY, APRIL 14

BEEKEEPING SEMINAR AT

KLEM'S

11:00 a.m.

Learn the basics

Instructed by Mary Duane

KLEM'S

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Spencer, MA

508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

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

## TUESDAY, APRIL 17

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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MASSACHUSETTS

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or 508-755-0333

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ADOPTIONS AT KLEM'S

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508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

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

## SATURDAY, APRIL 28

EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT

AUCTION AT KLEM'S

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Spencer, MA

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## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

APRIL 28 AND 29

ANNUAL SPRING DERBY 2018

8:00 a.m.

Registration and breakfast starts at 6:00 a.m.

Spencer Fish & Game Club

Cash prizes and trophies

Large trout up to 11 pounds stocked for the event

Youth archery shoot

155 Mechanic St.,

Spencer, MA

## SATURDAY, MAY 19

5th ANNUAL RIDE

FOR NICK'S HOUSE

With the American Legion

Riders of Post 138

Registration 9-10:15 a.m.

175 Main St., Spencer, MA

Raising money for local veterans

\$20 per bike; \$10 general public

774-200-6459 for more info

## SATURDAY, JUNE 16

ATHA Quiet Corner

HOOK-IN

Traditional hooked rugs displayed

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rte. 169 & 171, Woodstock, CT

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7:30 p.m. start up

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CADY'S TAVERN

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Chepachet, RI

401-568- 4102

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1st table: 7:00 p.m.

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Club

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MA

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at 7:00 p.m.

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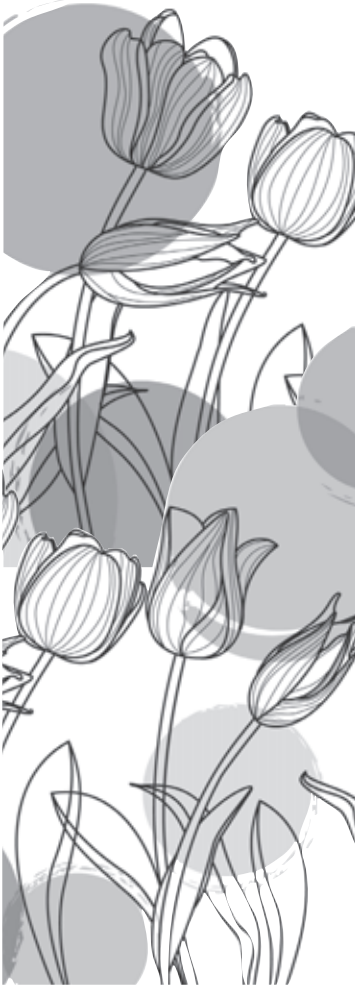
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FOOD

Lamb a favorite meal at springtime holiday dinner tables

Versatile and flavorful, lamb is enjoyed across the globe and is especially popular come springtime holidays. Throughout the Middle East and parts of Eastern Europe, lamb has traditionally been enjoyed once the weather warms and the season of fertility renews.

Christians, who refer to Jesus Christ as the “Lamb of God” pay homage to the Easter miracle and often dine on lamb as part of their celebrations. Depending on how they interpret Jewish law, Jews may or may not include lamb at their traditional Passover seder.

Lamb is a tender and tasty meat that can be prepared in various ways. Lamb can be roasted, braised, stewed, broiled, and even grilled.

To prepare lamb well, it is extremely important to follow safety guidelines concerning food cross-contamination. Undercooked and raw meats may contain E. coli bacteria; therefore, lamb should not come in contact with other foods that will be served uncooked.

Many cuts of lamb are very tender so they will not require long marinating times to help break down the fibers in the meat. Lamb does not need a lot of prep time. In fact, a simple seasoning of herbs, garlic or a spice rub will provide substantial flavor. According to

The Daily Meal, New Zealand or Australian lamb has a milder flavor than domestic lamb. Over-seasoning can overwhelm the delicate flavor of the lamb in these cases.

While preferences differ, many chefs attest that a bone-in cut of lamb will be more flavorful. However, boneless cuts are easier to carve. Similarly, cooks have strong opinions on the doneness of lamb, with some preferring rare meat while others like theirs well-done. Lamb can be juicy and tender at a wide range of cooking temperatures, so home chefs can decide how they want to prepare their lamb. The average temperature for roasting lamb to medium doneness will fall between 135 to 145 F, with the USDA recommending at least 145 F as the desired temperature. Lamb roasts at a rate of 20 minutes per pound at a cooking temperature of 325 F.

Use a thermometer to accurately measure the internal temperature of lamb. Remove the lamb when it is roughly five degrees below the desired temperature, as the meat will continue to cook even after it is removed from the oven, skillet or grill. After cooking, let the lamb rest for around 10 minutes for thinner cuts and 20 minutes for

roasts or leg of lamb to allow the juices to redistribute. Certain flavors pair especially well with lamb, including citrus, mint, garlic, oregano, and curry. Lamb can be served beside potatoes, couscous, polenta, vegetables, and even pasta.



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