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Senior Center renovations include activity space



Kevin Flanders photo.

Several second floor rooms at the Senior Center have been transformed into usable space, including this exercise room seniors can enjoy.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Since first arriving at the former Maple Street School building a few years ago, the Senior Center staff envisioned maximizing patrons’ use of the ample space. Now, thanks to help received from several sources, the vision has become a reality.

Senior volunteers recently put the finishing touches on a project that opens up the second floor of the 68 Maple St. building to patrons. Beginning with assistance from Worcester County Jail inmate community service groups, then continuing with senior volunteers throughout the fall and winter, the project came at no cost to the town.

With elevator access to the second floor, the building is fully handicapped-accessible. And since the town is already paying to heat the entire building, Senior Center Director Pamela Woodbury and her

staff thought it would be a great idea to renovate the second floor into usable space for extra activities.

“This gives us a lot more space for activities, and it also opens up space downstairs so we can have more programs going on at the same time,” Woodbury said. “Our seniors put in a lot of volunteer time decorating the upstairs, and they deserve recognition for that.”

Previously unused, the former second floor classrooms have been transformed into a game room, an exercise room, a craft room, and a library, among others. A chess club will meet twice weekly in the game room, which also features air hockey tables and other activities. Moreover, the second floor rooms will be perfect for reading, yoga, and knitting – or just a place to relax and talk with friends.

All materials on the second floor, including furni-

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Report on archaeological dig confirms ancient site

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD — Back in 1963, an amateur archaeologist set in motion a quest to learn more about potential ancient artifacts discovered at the former Tobin Campground property. Over 50 years later, a team of specialists has confirmed that the site is indeed home to multiple features associated with the Adena culture.

On Feb. 13, residents from throughout the area packed town hall to learn more about the discoveries made during a year-plus project. Led by the University of Massachusetts Amherst archaeology department, the project confirmed the presence of Adena burials and artifacts. Thriving from about 1000 B.C. to 100 A.D., the Adena built thousands of earthen mounds in which they buried their dead.

The Tobin Campground site is one of the easternmost points where distinctive Adena features have been found.

“The goal of the survey was to determine whether parts of the property still contained intact archaeological deposits,” stated Eric Johnson, who heads up the UMass archaeology department. “Even though the testing was limited to removing narrow strips of topsoil and recent fill, the results show that portions of the ancient Native American site, including graves, remain there.”

The Adena site was accidentally uncovered in 1963 during excavations for a sewer line. The artifacts were then excavated by Barker Keith, a Brookfield resident and amateur archaeologist.

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Courtesy photos

Participants in the Rock Steady program practice.

Dynamic program helps participants with debilitating ailments

BY AMY PAUL
NEW LEADER CORRESPONDENT

If Chad Moir and his wife Saba Shahid have any say in the matter, Parkinson’s disease had better watch its back. This dynamic husband and wife team has developed a combination of impressive programs to help patients cope with many of the disease’s side effects.

Rock music blares from speakers; participants mingle and laugh together while warming-up; anticipation and energy swarm the room. Moir’s program, “DopaFit”, serving nearly 200 patients between Easthampton and West Boylston features cardio and footwork aimed at helping to reduce and ease a Parkinson’s patient’s symptoms. Through one of Moir’s specific certifications, coach of the “Rock Steady Boxing” program, participants perform a variety of boxing specific exercises also meant to help Parkinson’s patients.

In the fitness business for over 10 years, a coach of the

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**BRAIN BEE
BEST**

Courtesy photo

Congratulations to Mrs. Thibeault’s Brain Bee Team from David Prouty who competed in the 12th annual Central Massachusetts Brain Bee on Saturday, February 10th at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Approximately 50 students from 16 area high schools competed for the title of the Andrew M. Sheridan Young Neuroscientist Award and a chance to compete in the National Brain Bee in Baltimore, MD. Competing for David Prouty High School this year were Abbey Cashman, Justin Finneran, Christopher Gleason, Fiona Halloran, Faye Kuszewski, Kailyn McCue, Brianna Mensah, Collin Nosek, Brooke Pepin, and Kylie Soter. Deserving of special recognition is Christopher Gleason who was among the top eight finalists!

Gardener digs his murder writing career

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – Residents will need to be extra cautious during the spring planting season, especially after a popular mystery author reveals that gardening is murder.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, author Neal Sanders will present his “Gardening is Murder” program at 2 p.m. at Brookfield Congregational Church. Though garden clubs aren’t typically

thought of as conventional settings for mystery books, Sanders regularly incorporates them into his writing. In addition to penning 11 books, Sanders also has a passion for gardening and helps run horticulture activities at the Boston Flower and Garden Show.

The author, who resides in Medfield, looks forward to discussing his books and all things gardening at the Feb. 25 event. He will also chat about Brookfield’s

prominent role in one of his books. Not even realizing that a town named Brookfield existed in Massachusetts, Sanders chose the name for a setting in his 2011 book, The Garden Club Gang. The book surrounds a group of women who band together and rob a fair reminiscent of the Topsfield and Marshfield Fairs in eastern Massachusetts.

Now, years later, Sanders is looking forward to visiting the real version of his fictional set-

ting and discussing the heroes who make the book a page-turner. The Feb. 25 event is being hosted by the Brookfield Garden Club.

“All of my books have female protagonists – some solve crimes and some commit them,” said Sanders, whose twelfth book will be published in March. “The plots are intricate and ziggag a

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Courtesy photo.

Mystery author and garden lover Neal Sanders will hold a unique presentation with plenty of laughs on Feb. 25.

Conservation grants boost land protection

WALES — The MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership, a regional coalition of land conservation organizations serving 39 towns in south central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut, is advancing land protection in the region with the support of two grants totaling \$145,000 from the Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust. The first award of \$100,000 in 2017 led to the creation of the MassConn Regional Conservation Fund, which in its first grant cycle supported four land protection projects totaling 472 acres of

land. As one of its closing gifts, the Cox Trust recognized the innovation and momentum exhibited by the MassConn collaboration with one of two “Blue Sky Awards” of \$45,000 announced at the 2017 RCP Network Gathering in Nashua, NH.

“The MassConn Regional Conservation Fund created with the seed grant from the Cox Trust fosters the donation of land of ecological

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Gobi elected to regional post

BOSTON—Last week, Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) were unanimously elected chairs of the Regional Transit Authority Caucus for the current legislative session. Senator Eric P. Lesser (D-Longmeadow) and Representative Smitty Pignatelli (D-Lenox) were elected vice-chairs.

“Our Regional Transit Authorities provide critical services to people throughout the region and I am glad to advocate for adequate funding and serve as Senate Chair of the Regional Transit Authority,” said Senator Gobi.

“RTAs are the public transportation lifeline for all communities out-

side of the MBTA service area,” said Representative Peake. “They help improve the quality of life our seniors, students, and everyone in between.”

At the meeting, the caucus also discussed the Fiscal Year 2019 funding request for regional transit authorities and the support of an \$8 million increase.

Regional transit authorities throughout the Commonwealth play a crucial role in access to public transportation outside of the Metro-Boston area. Citizens of all ages rely on public transit

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SPENCER SNIPPETS

ANNUAL GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

The BUUC Women's Alliance will be holding their 22nd annual Goods & Services Silent Auction on Saturday, March 17 at the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church (located at 9 Upper River St, Brookfield from 6:30 – 9 p.m. We will also have raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, and a cook-off. The Women's Alliance of the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church has met since 1859. The Alliance provides support to the church and service to the community. It also serves the social and spiritual needs of women through fellowship, group expression, and programs of education, service and community.

LEICESTER GARDEN CLUB

The Leicester Garden Club will meet for their first meeting of the year at the Leicester Senior Center on Wednesday March 14 at 7 pm. The speaker will be Ellen Sousa author of "The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planning, Planting & Maintaining the Eco-friendly Habitat Garden." Ellen is the owner of Turkey Hill Farm and her presentation will be about native plants for central Massachusetts. This should be a very informative talk to all of us that garden here in central Massachusetts. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

NORTH BROOKFIELD DEMS MEET
The North Brookfield Democratic

Town Committee will be holding a meeting on March 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hoston 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.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

WEST HAVEN, CT — Joseph Zimmerman of Leicester received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Haven at Commencement ceremonies in December at the Toyota Presents Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford, CT. Zimmerman majored in music and sound recording in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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.

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The RIGHT answer: (Part 2) There are some times of the year that seem better than others. I already spoke about the end of the year. Another good time is toward the end of winter going into spring. We all know about the Presidents Day sales in February. Customers, dealers and manufacturers all are beginning to feel a little stir crazy from the long cold days of January and early February. As this holiday comes along there is a bit more excitement and a strong desire on the dealer and manufacturer to get selling for the spring and summer markets. Usually this is also a time in which the

manufacturers step up their advertising and incentives to support this goal. The model year changeover is a good time to buy. This is normally the September, October time frame. Incentives on the current model year are usually strong and inventories are still pretty good as the new model year is beginning to show up. Dealers will be making room for the next years vehicles and starting to trim inventories approaching the year end and holiday seasons. At Place Motor we will always do our best to save our customers as much as possible whenever you decide to buy. We will lay out all your options for you to see and make your best decision. We want the time you choose to be the right time to buy your new car or truck.

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Turnpike crash claims life

WARREN – State Police continue to investigate a Massachusetts Turnpike crash that left a Warren woman dead last week.

Mary Gibbons, age 52, was killed in the Feb. 15 wreck after her vehicle struck an eighteen-wheeler and overturned at approximately 1:10 p.m. Gibbons's 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer was traveling eastbound in Palmer when she veered off the road at a high speed, according to a preliminary investigation conducted by State Police Trooper Chris Brown.

Gibbons's vehicle initially struck the guardrail beyond the breakdown lane and then careened back onto the highway, colliding with the side of the tractor trailer. Gibbons was ejected from her vehicle after it rolled over. She was transported to nearby Baystate Wing Medical Center in Palmer, where she was pronounced dead.

The eighteen-wheeler, a Volvo truck, jackknifed during the wreck and blocked both travel lanes. The truck driver was unhurt, and the wreck shut down the east-bound lanes for several hours as police investigated.

No other vehicles were involved in the wreck. State Police troopers from the Charlton barracks were assisted on scene by members of the Palmer Fire Department and EMS, as well as MassDOT crews.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation, police said. Assistance is being provided by the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the Crime Scene Services Section, and troopers assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit.

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lot, but the overarching element is that there's a lot of humor and human interest."

Sanders has always enjoyed writing – he even received a college degree in journalism – but he didn't pursue novels until after his retirement from a position in corporate development. He hasn't looked back since, churning out one book after another to the delight of mystery fans seeking unique settings and characters that transcend the urban detective archetype.

"When I retired in 2005, I started writing for real. I haven't stopped, and I have never been more personally or professionally satisfied than I am right now," Sanders said.

Sanders's books are so uniquely compelling that he started receiving calls about four years ago from garden clubs seeking presentations. Since then, he has found a way to merge fiction and

horticultural information into his discussions. Moreover, he writes a blog that keeps readers engaged between projects and also brings in new fans.

Sanders has traveled throughout the northeast in recent years to meet mystery enthusiasts, gardeners, and those who love both. Growing an author platform is a lot like gardening, he's learned over the years – you have to plant the seeds and keep nurturing the product.

"Word of my talk has spread organically, and I now talk all over New England," said Sanders, who can't wait to introduce Brookfield residents to the town's fictional counterpart. "My Brookfield is located closer to Boston, on I-495's northwestern segment."

The Feb. 25 presentation is free and open to the public, with a good bit of humor reserved for attendees. Refreshments will be provided afterward.

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Student journalism a winning program at WVES

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The Wire Village Elementary School community is always up to date on school happenings thanks to the hard work of a recently formed student news team.

Launched this year, the school's news team includes 14 fourth graders who have fanned out across their school to interview sources and report stories. With the help of Spencer Cable Access, the kids have enjoyed producing broadcasts and sharing their reports with the entire community.

One of the events students covered was the Boston Museum of Science visit to the school earlier this year. Kids learned about the life cycles and habitats of several animals during the visit, and the news team was right there to report on it.

"It's so important to get students active and involved. We thought this would be a great learning opportunity for our kids," said Wire Village Elementary School Principal Linda Stanelun.

Stanelun has always enjoyed empowering kids to seek out fascinating stories

in their schools. Back when she was a classroom teacher at a Rhode Island elementary school, she helped fifth and sixth graders put together a newsletter for their school. And thanks to the assistance of Spencer Cable Access and plenty of dedicated students, Stanelun was able to take youth journalism a few steps further at Wire Village.

Students also covered a Veterans Day program earlier this year at the school. Looking ahead, the news team is planning to report on everything from Olympic sporting events in Pyeongchang, South Korea, to Field Day activities this spring at their school. The news team enables students to learn about all aspects of reporting, including interviewing sources, writing stories, and broadcasting news.

For students interested in journalism, the news team gives them a significant head start, school officials said.

"The kids are working very hard and learning a lot, but it doesn't stop here," Stanelun added. "For many of them, this is an interest that will carry all the way through high school and beyond, maybe even a career. This gives them confidence and great communications skills."

Stanelun plans to have the news team return as an annual program for fourth graders. Not only does it prepare the school's oldest students for higher-level learning, she said, but it also gives younger students something to aspire toward as they progress through Wire Village.

In addition to presenting the news, students have also enjoyed peer editing exercises and collaborating to improve their research and writing. Staff members even had press badges printed so the kids could interview sources in style.

"This program is off to an excellent start. It is really exciting for the kids to build connections in their school and in the community as well," Stanelun said.

One of the students' broadcasts received more than 4,000 views on the Spencer Cable Access page. Students and staff alike are looking forward to seeing the kids continue to get their work viewed by community members.

Students also got a tour of Spencer Cable Access as part of their partnership this year. The school staff thanks all volunteers for taking the time to give back.



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Inspired by the popular children's book series, I Spy, local resident and seamstress Linda Pronto hand-crafted a colorful 41" by 54" quilt destined to become a treasured keepsake. The award-winning, best-selling book series, illustrated by Walter Wick and written by Jean Marzollo, challenges readers of all ages to find numbers, letters, animals and other objects hidden within a larger picture. In a similar manner, the quilt comprises 40 blocks that depict a variety of activities and invite young and old to find concealed clues and solve the riddles.

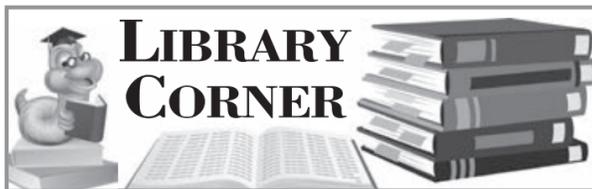
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Tuesday, February 27

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Wednesday, February 28

Science Magic! A new experiment each month! Today learn about density gradients and make a rainbow in a cup. Meets from 4:00-4:45 P.M. This program is open to anyone in grades K-5.

Thursday, March 1

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What is the Spring Market?

One of the most common things I hear from home sellers and home buyer is that they are going to wait until the spring. It technically starts on March 20th. For a seller and buyer this could mean March, April or May. The reason Home Sellers wait until the spring is that they expect to get more money because there are more buyers. The reason the buyers wait till the spring is to ensure that there is enough inventory to buy. Our current market in Worcester county has extremely low inventory right now as well as many buyers unable to find homes due to that low inventory.

If your home was the only home in its price range in its neighborhood and there were 2 buyers for the home then it should get more money that if you waited till spring and now there were 4 homes for sale and 6 buyers in that neighborhood. As a seller you should be more concerned with the inventory level than of home many buyers are looking. This will ensure your home sells faster and for more money.

Buyers are saying the same thing,



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agent reach out to see if they can find someone looking to sell in the spring who has not listed it yet. Then you may be able to find a home with no competition.

I want to wait till spring so there is more inventory to choose from. Yes if you have the same scenario listed above you will possibly pay more for the home. However, it is possible to have your

If you are thinking of waiting till the spring for any reason I suggest you meet with an agent at least a month in advance if not 3 or 4 months before to give you the suggestions needed to get the home ready to sell. Right now is a great time for your home to go on the market because the inventory is low but the buyers are coming out to look now. Get your home on the market and sold before your neighbor does but make sure it is ready with necessary repairs done, staging and professional photos.

Country Bank announces recent promotions

Country Bank President and CEO Paul Scully is pleased to announce recent promotions.

Mark Phillips has been appointed to first vice president of internal audit. Mark has been with the bank for 23 years and is a certified internal auditor and certified bank auditor. He has over 40 years in the financial services industry in various positions, most recently, the Director of Internal Audit. Mark earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting and a Masters of business administration from Nichols College; he is also a graduate of the National School of Banking.

Mark resides in Worcester with his wife, Lisa, and they actively support the Epilepsy Foundation and the Worcester County Food Bank.

Andrew Sullivan has been promot-

ed to small business lending officer and has been with the bank for four years. Andrew began his career as a staff auditor at Wolf & Company in Springfield where he worked for two years before joining Country Bank as a credit analyst. Andrew has a Bachelor of Science in accounting and business management along with an MBA with a concentration in accounting from Elms College.

In 2015, Andrew started a charity golf tournament "Andrew Sullivan's Swing for a Cure" to support cystic fibrosis and bring awareness to the disease. Over the last three years this event has raised more than \$30,000. Andrew is also a member of the Young Professional Society and was recently selected to receive the Best in Bank award from Country Bank.

Andrew resides in Wilbraham with his wife Amanda.

Sarah Yurkunas has been promoted to commercial portfolio manager and has been with the bank for 11 years. Sarah began her career at Country Bank in the loan servicing area and then moved to a loan coordinator position which inspired her to pursue her career in the commercial lending area. Sarah's recent position as a credit analyst made her the perfect fit for this promotion. Sarah has a Bachelor of Science in business administration and management from Bay Path University. She has also taken classes from Massachusetts Bankers Association and received a certification in Fundamentals of Credit Analysis: Intro to Commercial Lending.

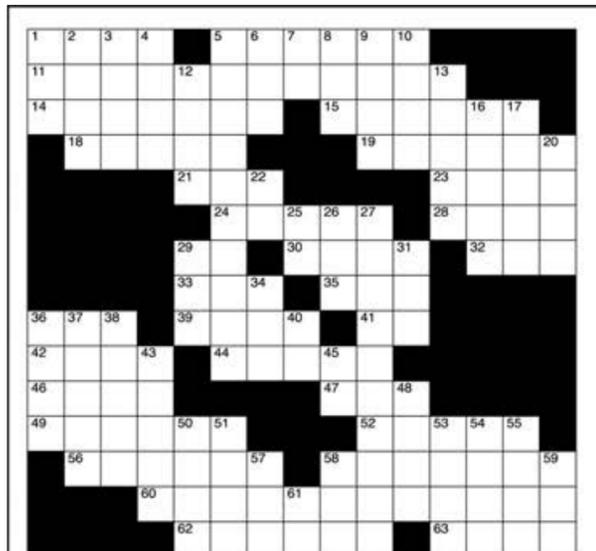
Sarah volunteers many hours of her personal time to support the bank's

community programs and enjoys giving back to her community. She resides in Ware with her husband, Joe, and their son, Connor.

Christine Witz has been promoted to retail lending officer. Christine has been with the bank for seven years, most recently as the assistant branch manager in the Charlton office. "I am truly looking forward to helping my customers achieve their dream of becoming a homeowner and I look forward to being involved with the Charlton community and surrounding towns as much as possible," stated Witz. "I enjoy helping local communities thrive and volunteer my time whenever possible."

Christine serves on the Buy Ware Committee and recently purchased her first home in Warren where she resides with her boyfriend, Ethan Levesseur.

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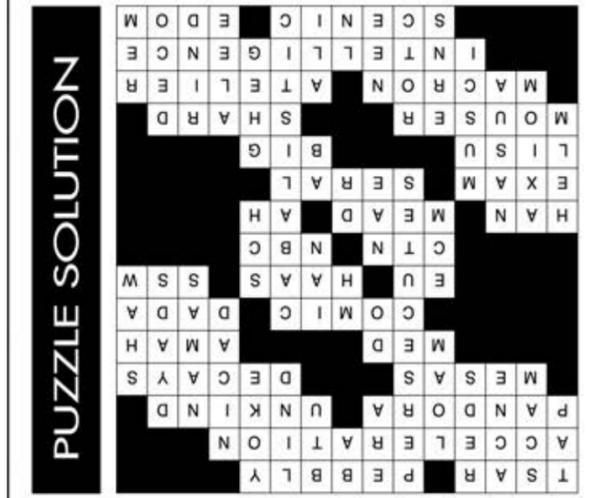


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| 1. Emperor of Russia | 35. Peacock network |
| 5. Abounding in rocks | 36. Principal ethnic group of China |
| 11. Increase in speed | 39. Made of honey and water |
| 14. Music app | 41. Exclamation of surprise |
| 15. Not nice | 42. Evaluates skill or knowledge |
| 18. Tables (Span.) | 44. Stage in ecological succession |
| 19. Decomposes | 46. Ethnic group of SE Asia |
| 21. ___ student: learns healing | 47. Not small |
| 23. Nursemaid | 49. A cat is one |
| 24. Joke-teller | 52. Broken piece |
| 28. Male parent | 56. French president |
| 29. Group of countries (abbr.) | 58. Artist's workroom |
| 30. "Rambling Rose" actor Lukas | 60. Ability to apply knowledge and skills |
| 32. Midway between south and southwest | 62. Visually stunning |
| 33. Cartoon Network (abbr.) | 63. Ancient region south of Dead Sea |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Used to pour beer | 29. Electronic countermeasures |
| 2. Con game | 31. Schenectady County Airport |
| 3. Skin disorder | 34. No (Scottish) |
| 4. Communists (slang) | 36. Position of leadership |
| 5. Subjects to hostility | 37. Statement |
| 6. A major division of geological time | 38. Raccoons belong to this genus |
| 7. Hitting statistic (abbr.) | 40. One who diagnoses |
| 8. British thermal unit | 43. True mosses |
| 9. Influential envoy to Woodrow Wilson | 45. Blood type |
| 10. Goes on neck of animals | 48. Albanian |
| 12. Fertile soil | 50. Emergency response notification system |
| 13. Type of battery | 51. College reservists |
| 16. Khoikhoi peoples | 53. Away from wind |
| 17. Consist of two parts | 54. Tough outer layer |
| 20. Small group of trees | 55. Art __, around 1920 |
| 22. Execute or perform | 57. Born of |
| 25. Millihenry | 58. The greatest of all time |
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DAR announces award winners

The General Ebenezer Learned Oxford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) would like to congratulate the school winners of the Good Citizens Award.

The top honor and representing the General Ebenezer Learned Chapter at the state level is Magdalen Paul of David Prouty High School.

Other school representatives are: Samir Azzoui of Bartlett High School, Dylon Sandstrom of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, Annette Ellis of Millbury Jr./St. High School, Jillian Tully of Oxford High School, Catherine O'Donnell of Quaboag Regional Middle High School, and Abigail Snopkowski of Shepherd Hill Regional High School. A reception is being plan for all the school winners in March where they will receive recognition pins and cards for their achievement.

The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship.

This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree.

This program is only open to high-school seniors whose schools are accredited by their state board of education.

Only one student per year may be honored as a school's DAR Good Citizen.

United States citizenship is not required.

Additional rules and guidelines can be acquired by contacting your local DAR chapter.

Once a student is chosen as the DAR Good Citizen the student is invited to participate in the scholarship portion of the program. This consists of a personal statement and an essay.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn more about the educational programs the DAR offers.



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March 2018 Bay Path High School This institution is an equal opportunity provider BREAKFAST

Nutrition Tip: Eat Breakfast! Several studies suggest that eating breakfast may help children do better in school. Reference: IFIC, Wake Up to the Benefits of Breakfast, 2009

Full Price \$1.75 Reduced \$0.30
Daily Breakfast Alternates: Assorted Muffins, Cereal and Yogurt Smoothies
Or Try the Grab and Go Line with an assortment of breakfast pastries
All meals are served with a choice of assorted 8oz low fat milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 5 Pancakes with Mixed Berries 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	 6 Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	**Meals are subject to change without notice**	1 Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	2 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Wrap 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
12 French Toast with Syrup 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	13 Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	14 Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	15 Waffle Bar with Assorted Toppings 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	16 Sausage, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
19 Pancakes with Syrup 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	20 Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	21 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	22 Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	23 Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Biscuit 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
26 French Toast with Strawberries and Cream 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	27 Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	28 Scrambled Eggs Bacon Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	29 Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	30 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL

March 2018 Bay Path High School This institution is an equal opportunity provider LUNCH

Nutrition Tip: Increase veggie intake. Here are some ideas:
 • Double the vegetables prepared for dinner and use leftovers in future meals
 • Stuff leftover asparagus or peas with sliced turkey and cheese into a pita.
 • Stock up on frozen and canned vegetables for quick additions to meals.

Daily Lunch Alternates: Salad Bar, Assorted Grinders, PBJ Sandwich, Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, and Hummus with Vegetable Crudité & Pita
Tuesday & Friday: Assorted pizza
All meals are served with a choice of 8oz low fat assorted milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 5 Pizza Dippers Baked Mozzarella filled Pizza Dough w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce Green Beans, Fruit Variety	 6 Buffalo Chicken Tenders WW Dinner Roll Steamed Broccoli Veggie Sticks w/Hummus Fruit Variety	**Meals are subject to change without notice**	1 Macaroni & Cheese Elbow Pasta in a Creamy Homemade Cheese Sauce WW Dinner Roll Peas & Carrots Fruit Variety	2 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Fruit Variety
12 Meatloaf Beef Meatloaf w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas & Carrots Biscuit Fruit Variety	13 Chicken Patty Sandwich on WW Bun with Lettuce and Tomato Steamed Green Beans Fruit Variety	14 1/2 Day Skills	8 Turkey Bacon Mel Tender slices of Turkey, toasted with Bacon & Cheese Sweet Peas Blueberry Crisp	9 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety
19 Nachos Seasoned Ground Beef & Cheese on a bed of Tortilla Chips Served w/ assorted toppings Black Bean and Corn Salad Fruit Variety	20 Mozzarella Sticks Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety	21 BBQ Chicken Baked BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Whole Wheat Biscuit, Fruit Variety	15 Brunch For Lunch Pancakes w/ Sausage Links or Bacon & Cheese Quiche Hash Brown Patty Strawberries	16 Steak & Cheese Sandwich Tender slices of beef topped with Cheese Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit Variety
26 Chili Bowl Homemade Beef Chili in a Crispy Whole Wheat Tortilla Bowl Topped with Cheese Tossed Salad, Fruit Variety	27 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Sweet Peas Fruit Variety	28 Turkey Wrap Sliced Turkey wrapped in a wheat tortilla w/Cheese, lettuce and tomato, Vegetable Soup, Baked Fries, Fruit Variety	22 Spaghetti w/Meatball Whole Wheat Pasta topped Meatballs & Marinara Garlic Bread, Broccoli Fruit Variety	23 BBQ Pulled Pork on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Fries Baked Beans Fruit Variety
			29 Chicken Tacos Seasoned Chicken Slices, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Salsa & Sour Cream in a Whole Wheat Wrap Fiesta Corn Salad Fruit Variety	30 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL

Leicester Middle School named Spotlight School

LEICESTER — The New England League of Middle Schools announced Leicester Middle School was selected as a NELMS Spotlight School.

Leicester Middle School was one of two schools recognized by the regional organization this year to receive this prestigious award.

According to Kathleen Hill, NELMS Spotlight Schools coordinator, "The school was selected because of its ability to create an excellent learning environment for young adolescents and its consistent observance of middle school best practices."

Criteria for the award included a

review of curriculum and instruction, qualified middle-level teachers, teaming practices, professional development, democratic governance, leadership, appropriate school environment and the level of involvement of parents and community.

NELMS reviewers were very

impressed with the excellence that was evident during the site visit. Permeating the culture and the environment of the school is the deep concern for and understanding of the young adolescents they serve.

The Spotlight Schools award and designation will be in place for three

years. The school will be presented with a Spotlight Schools banner at NELMS' annual conference, April 4-5 in Providence, RI.

Leicester Middle School is one of only eight Spotlight Schools in Massachusetts to be so designated by NELMS.

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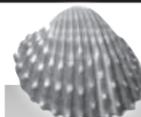
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Quaboag students take part in statewide project



Kevin Flanders photo.

Quaboag Regional Middle-High School eighth graders Elias Berthel and Julissa Deleon were selected as Project 351 ambassadors.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WARREN — Thousands of students attend public schools across the Bay State, but only a select few — 351, to be exact — are chosen for a prestigious annual service project. For a pair of Quaboag Regional Middle-High School eighth graders, it is an honor to represent their towns as Project 351 participants.

Julissa Deleon of Warren and Elias Berthel of West Brookfield were chosen by QRMHS staff members to take part in the Project 351 day of service in Boston last month. On Jan. 28, the students woke up early and traveled to the State House, where they joined other Project 351 ambassadors from throughout the state.

The students were able to hear several speeches from state leaders, and they even got to meet Governor Charlie Baker. After the speeches, students were placed in groups that scattered across the city for community service projects.

"It meant a lot to be chosen as the student from West Brookfield who got to do this," said Berthel, who took part in a Cradles to Crayons project during the day of service.

Deleon, meanwhile, helped create winter care packages for the less for-

tunate that included blankets, scarves, and other cold weather items.

"I was honored to be a part of the group and help others," Deleon told the New Leader.

In addition to their service projects, the kids also enjoyed the opportunity to meet several other students who have a passion for giving back. Both QRMHS students are active with projects at their churches, and it was thrilling to make new friendships with students statewide.

Back in 2011, Project 351 was established as a way to unite students from across the Commonwealth in a day of service. To date, the initiative has impacted more than 8,000 people in and around Boston, demonstrating that volunteers of all ages can make a difference for those in need.

Berthel and Deleon took much of what they learned in Boston back to their respective towns, and they look forward to serving as mentors to their peers and also to future Project 351 ambassadors. Both students are currently working on continuations of their Boston service projects, setting up boxes at their school to collect donations and provide additional assistance.

"It was great to meet other kids just like us who want to make a difference," Berthel said.

Both students remain active outside of school. Deleon plays soccer and basketball, while Berthel enjoys chess and video games. The students are eager to serve as mentors in future years, and they may even be invited to talk with younger students in the district about the importance of giving back.

The students will also be invited to a Project 351 leadership reunion in May, which includes an afternoon of service, inspirational speakers, a barbeque lunch, and several other events for ambassadors. Additionally, several ambassadors are chosen each year to take part in service projects during the fall and winter.

For more information about Project 351 and its student-led service programs, visit www.project351.org.

Camp Read-a-Lot event entices imaginations



Kevin Flanders photos

North Brookfield Elementary School students take part in team-building activities during Camp Read-a-Lot on Feb. 16.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Back for its third straight year, North Brookfield Elementary School's Camp Read-a-Lot has become known for much more than just reading.

Held annually before winter vacation, the event was created to give kids a fun transition day while still retaining educational merit. The program started out with guest readers and a few extra activities at the school, but it has since blossomed into a full day of fun and learning for the kids.

On Feb. 16, kids took part in such activities as archery, sing-along sessions, crafts, a compass workshop, team-building exercises, and of course the guest readers who gave the program its name. About 20 volunteers made the event possible; many of them were guest readers, while others led activities in their respective areas of expertise.

The school was also able to secure extra substitute teachers to allow staff members to lead programs. Among those educators running activities was physical education teacher Dan Reardon, who worked hard to set up bows and targets to prepare for the outdoor archery program.

"We would not be able to do this without the support of our parents, teachers and volunteers who make it happen," said Robin Pratt, a reading specialist at NBES.

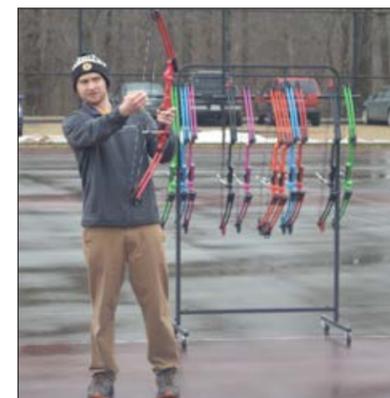
Students even get visits from retired teachers each year, as they stop in to lead a few programs as well. Other volunteers like substitute teacher Dave Maher make sure to get involved in Camp Read-a-Lot every year in some capacity.

"I really enjoy doing this. Any time you can get the kids learning outdoors, especially in the winter, it's great," said Maher, who has been a substitute teacher for almost 20 years.

But the fun certainly wasn't limited to the great outdoors. A disco-themed lunch was offered, and such guest readers as local children's librarian Rosemary Mackenzie and North Brookfield Schools Superintendent Richard Lind visited NBES to share their favorite stories.

"This is such a fun and purposeful day that gets the kids excited for their vacation," Pratt told the New Leader.

Camp Read-a-Lot features rotating stations so that all students get a chance to experience the various programs throughout the day. School leaders thank all volunteers who took time out of their schedules to make the event happen.



North Brookfield Elementary School physical education teacher Dan Reardon shows second graders the ropes before they take their best shot at archery.

Friday's Child

Hi! My name is McKenzi

"I love to swim!"

McKenzi is an affectionate, outgoing eleven-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. McKenzi loves to cook, swim, paint, watch television, play with her dolls, collect Shopkins and spend quality time with her friends. McKenzi's favorite food is macaroni and cheese. Her favorite athlete is Michael Phelps and her favorite singer is Ke\$ha! When she grows up, McKenzi's dream is to become a professional chef.



People who are close to McKenzi would say she is hard working, caring, and a good role model to others. McKenzi is a sixth grade student who does well in school and works at grade level. Her favorite subjects are art and math. McKenzi likes going to school because she enjoys learning and getting to socialize with her friends.

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To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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3. It's Spring! Write a poem or story about the joys of Spring!
4. How will you celebrate Easter Sunday, April 1, with your family?
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Mexico makes its way to West Brookfield

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — Students are always full of energy on the final day of school before vacation week, and West Brookfield Elementary School staff members gave their kids the perfect opportunity to show their excitement. Last Friday, the students sang along to the high-tempo music of Mexico as part of a unique program.

Veronica Robles, an acclaimed Mexican singer, dancer, and educator, visited the school on Feb. 16 to introduce students to mariachi music, a variety of dances, and several other folk traditions in Mexico. Students in grades K-6 filled the gymnasium to watch as Robles provided an entertaining multifaceted performance.

A native of Mexico City, Robles enjoys traveling throughout the world to share Mexican culture and arts. Now living in Boston, Robles finds it especially rewarding to visit rural communities and meet students who don't often get to watch performances from other countries and cultures.

"I love performing for kids.

It is my passion to do this, and the kids are always so appreciative," said Robles, who has been performing at schools and other venues for nearly twenty years. "It is so much fun to bring kids something they might not otherwise get a chance to experience."

A few lucky students were able to don special attire and sombreros to add to the festivities. Taking place on the last day before winter vacation, the program wasn't simply a great way to engage kids in music and dance. Robles also educated students on everything from Mexican history to its geography and legends, intertwining art with culture.

For school officials, it's important to introduce students to as many cultures as possible. In previous years, Chinese and Indian performers visited the school for art and music programs. Additionally, a guest art instructor is slated to visit the school prior to the spring vacation.

"This is a great opportunity to teach students about music from other cultures," said first-year WBES music teacher Stacy Simonson. "This pro-



Kevin Flanders photos.

Singer-dancer Veronica Robles performed last week at West Brookfield Elementary School, much to the delight of students on their final school day before winter vacation.

gram was about way more than just music. It taught the kids about other customs as well. The kids were really enthusiastic about it."

Added WBES Principal Colleen Mucha, "We try to do something a little different each year, mixing up the performance arts and the visual arts so our kids get something new every year."

The program was paid for

entirely through fundraisers, and school leaders thank all families and residents who supported the arts with their donations.

In addition to her international musical programs, Robles is also a multimedia producer, a TV host, an art instructor, and the vice president of LTV Productions Corporation. When Simonson was searching for opportu-

nities to bring a culturally inspired music program to the school, she didn't have to think twice about securing Robles for a visit.

"This is a great assembly that I knew the kids would enjoy," Simonson said.

To learn more about Robles and her programs, visit www.veronicarobles.com.

STEM grant Awarded to West Brookfield Elementary School

BOSTON—Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) has announced that the West Brookfield Elementary School has received a \$7,500 STEM High-Quality Career Pathways Grants to enable them to add a 'Project Lead the Way' STEM course. Funding from this grant will support implementation of high-quality science, technology, engineering, and math career pathways in computer science, engineering, and life science.

"Increasing educational opportunities in STEM is critical to prepare our students with the education and skills needed to thrive in our evolving world," said Senator Gobi. "By engaging these students at an early age, we help them to not only build knowledge and skills in a variety of subject matters but also to see a range of paths and possibilities they can look forward to in high school and beyond."

The STEM High Quality Career Pathways Grant was created to increase access for students to engage in project-based STEM courses. It is overseen by the Executive Office of Education and is funded by the STEM Advisory Council and the Workforce Skills Cabinet with private support

from Mass STEM Hub. The grant funds costs of curriculum, equipment and professional development. The STEM Advisory Council serves as the coordinating entity, bringing together participants from state agencies, the Legislature, and members of the public and private sectors involved in STEM education planning and programming.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a national nonprofit organization that provides hands-on curriculum in STEM courses, including engineering, computer science and biomedical science, for K-12 students. They are the premier STEM curriculum and professional development provider with a proven ability to dramatically shift classroom practice and improve students' interest and aptitude in STEM areas. With K-12 offerings in engineering, computer science, and biomedical science, PLTW is able to partner with and offer a comprehensive solution for schools including lesson plans, teacher training and end-of-course assessments. Worcester Polytechnic Institute is the local provider of the teacher training for PLTW.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

WBES ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

WEST BROOKFIELD — The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the second quarter at West Brookfield Elementary School.

GRADE 5

High Honors: Jack Allen, Norah McElroy, and Parker Tunley.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anti-Trump Delusion, Hatred on Full Display

To the Editor:
 The liberal-left content of the Spencer New Leader (SNL) was considerable in the January 26th edition. The seemingly endless "Brookfield Indivisible" cheerleading—this time, an article designed to create local support and sympathy for illegal and other immigrants. Next, the odd Viewpoint center-page unattributed and biased article "This is how Democracies Die" that began by citing two alleged "highly regarded Democracy specialists". Then appeared William H. Bonney's clever but deceptively-worded "Your Turn". To his vacuous red-scare tactics of Trump-Russia finger pointing, and misunderstanding of my own words previously published, I'll respond shortly in a separate letter here.

First, a question to the SNL: As there was no author's name published, or a "Sound Off" heading applied, who compiled the one-sided and unattributed "This is how Democracies Die" piece? Second, like many Americans, I fully support President Trump's efforts that will end dangerous and illegal immigration. His reforms, via Congress, will also holistically address the many aspects of immigration including DACA-eligible persons, ending wide and deep-familial "chain migration", terminating the foolish visa lottery and possible reducing overall legal immigration numbers per year. Excellent! As American citizens, this is our country, and through

Congress—with real Presidential leadership—we alone must determine and update immigration policy. No illegal alien, or outside immigrant, has any inherent or perpetual "right" to come (or stay) here! President Trump is being both gracious and compassionate with the DACA persons, a policy overreach that President Obama himself created.

Further, I support the SNL editorial comments on the DACA controversy in that same edition. That seems a fair position all reasonable Americans could accept. Sadly, this currently excludes the extremist left-wing base and their Democrat leaders in Washington, D.C. Their grunt-faced hatred and obstructionism was on full display during our President's fantastic State of the Union address in January. Democrats would not even rise and applaud this President's heroic and heartbroken guests that included a seriously-wounded North Korean defector, the parents of Otto Warmbier, and parents of a New York girl savagely murdered by MS-13 gang members. The Democrats political indifference, arrogance and blind hatred of this President speaks volumes of their own spiritual depravity. Thankfully, many American voters were witness, and we won't forget their partisan disrespect shown to real victims and their families!

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Is a managed account right for you?



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As an investor, you'll face many decisions over the years. How much should you invest? Where should you put your

money? When is it time to sell some investments and use the proceeds to buy others? Some people enjoy making these choices themselves – but not everyone. Consequently, the type of investor you are will influence your thinking about whether to open a managed account.

As its name suggests, a managed account – sometimes known as an "advisory" account – essentially is a portfolio of stocks, bonds and other investments chosen by a professional investment manager who makes the buy and sell decisions. Typically, each managed account has an investment objective based on your goals, and you may have some voice in investment choices – for example, you may be able to request that the manager avoid certain investments. Or, you might still work with a personal financial advisor who can help you identify and quantify your goals, define your risk tolerance, and track changes in your family situation – and who can then use this information to help guide the investment manager's choices.

Beyond this basic structure, managed accounts can vary greatly in terms of administration, reporting, fees and minimum balance.

So, assuming you meet the requirements for a managed account, should you consider one? There's really no one right answer for everyone. But three factors to consider are cost, control and confidence.

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Confidence – It's essential that you feel confident in a managed account's ability to help you meet your goals. And the various elements of a managed account may well give you that assurance. For example, some managed accounts include automatic rebalancing of assets, which, among other things, can help you achieve tax efficiency. Other features of a managed account – such as the experience and track record of the manager – also may bolster your confidence.

Ultimately, you'll need to weigh all factors before deciding whether a managed account is right for you. In any case, it's an option worth considering.

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EDITORIAL

Young at heart? Too much so

Another act of domestic terrorism. Among our own children. With a child pulling the trigger.

Don't for a minute think this young man was a "grown up" in any way that mattered.

Americans, as a rule, keep our children "young" much longer than most other countries. We do not place adult responsibilities and expectations on our younger people for many extended years beyond those expected as a rule by other developed countries.

Our children remain children well into their teens and twenties, not just for the sake of schooling; but for other expectations as well.

We do not, as a rule have very adult expectations of 18 year olds, or 19 year olds, or even 22 year olds.

No, we don't.

Not that some of them aren't very much their own people, very mature and very much young adults on their own; but they are an exception; not the rule.

Whenever Americans decided to extend the childhoods of our young people as we have, perhaps it was following the Great War, the first world war not the second, when so many young people were decimated from our population. It frightened us. We did not want to lose our children. And 20 years later, here was another war doing it again. Taking our young into a meat grinder once more. Then Korea. Then Vietnam. Then the deserts of the Middle East.

We fear for their lives, so we try to protect their young-ness. Keep them close to us by keeping them dependent and innocent.

Of course, it didn't (and doesn't) work.

They grow up anyway, and now, they grow up clueless.

They grow up without skills. Without necessary information. Without someone teaching them adulthood.

There are now classes in how to "adult."

How sad is that?

We have done our young people a horrible disservice.

By trying to give them a carefree youth, protect them from the ugly realities like chores, and responsibilities and losing even at (scoreless) soccer games, bolstering fragile egos instead of teaching resourcefulness; we've created a generation unsure of themselves. Unable to cope.

They can't cook, they can't sew on a button, they can't change a tire or balance a checkbook. They have been taught how to find facts but not how to learn.

They have been taught they are amazing, but not competent.

And when the real world knocks them down, a boss has expectations, a higher education teacher is not coddling, a real life experience leaves them helplessly, ineptly, unable to find someone else to fix the problem...

This is where we are. And not every parent has done this; but many have. Not every young person is a helpless wimp, but many are. And when they add a few years, and some experiences to their history, and feel competent enough to marry and have families, what examples will they have for parenting? What will the NEXT generation be?

We know, every generation thinks the current one is the end of the world, but when we see the unfortunate reality of the children who can only find the solution to their problems by buying an AK47, we really do have a problem.

Signs of Hope

Call me a contrarian. Or even a Pollyanna. But when everyone around me is filled with gloom and despair, seeing dire portents in every political headline, I try to find trends that encourage me.

And I'm finding them. It could be that my hopes outrun the realities. But I'm guardedly optimistic that's not the case.

If there's a single theme that ties them together, it seems to me that many people are beginning to view government with greater realism as to what it can do about improving the quality of life of our people. Don't get me wrong — there are still plenty of Americans who believe that government is best which governs least, and many others who reflexively turn to government to solve our problems. Including some who profess to dislike government.

Still, amidst all of the past year's political turmoil — in fact, in no small part because of it — there's been a renewed understanding that this country is a work in progress; that it's not yet finished creating itself. And so, Americans of all ideological stripes are determined to question and challenge features of the political environment that concern them.

They're looking at divisive issues like immigration with a dose of realism — an assessment of what should and can be accomplished — that hasn't always been evident before. They're standing up for better treatment of women and confronting the costs of past assumptions. They're marching and protesting. They're running for office. They're scrutinizing public figures more carefully than in the past. In other words, there's an energy and a vitality in the system that were hard to glimpse before.

Because politicians are pretty good at adjusting to the public mood, they're becoming a shade less divisive, less polarized, less partisan, and maybe even less intolerant of different opinions. I've even seen some strike a note of humility. It's possible I'm reading too much into this, but I think a growing number of Americans are tired of rancor, and are reasserting their respect for a nation founded on the principles of "out of many, one" and "freedom and justice for all."

And so there are signs of more flexibility in political life — of politicians and ordinary Americans shying away from implacable positions. They rec-



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ognize that it's a big country and we have to make it work. They are beginning to see, I hope, what it means to be an American citizen: that you can't be too dogmatic, that we

need to accept differences and extend to everyone the opportunity to become the best they can be.

This is crucial, because the United States is changing in dramatic ways — becoming less white, less rural and suburban, more urban, more racially diverse, possibly a bit less religious. In many parts of the country there's an understanding that whether we like it or not, our daily lives are affected by globalization and by forces exerted from far outside our immediate communities.

Now, there are plenty of counter-trends to everything I just said, and these get a lot of attention — indeed, they dominate our view of where the country stands right now. But as I survey the country and speak to different groups, I keep getting glimpses of the more hopeful trends I outline. So the question I come away with is, can they be sustained, nurtured, and enhanced?

And there, I'm afraid, I'm less hopeful. Because the answer depends upon the quality of our political leadership. For the most part, I don't see our most prominent leaders stepping forward with the determination to move the country in a more unified direction. We've always risen to the challenge of deep-seated, fundamental change in the past, but that doesn't mean we always will.

So where does that leave us as citizens? I think it falls to us to push the hopeful trends forward, to make them so obvious that they can't be ignored. If we're not at a crossroads, we're certainly not far from one, and in the end, it's up to each of us which direction we'll take as a nation.

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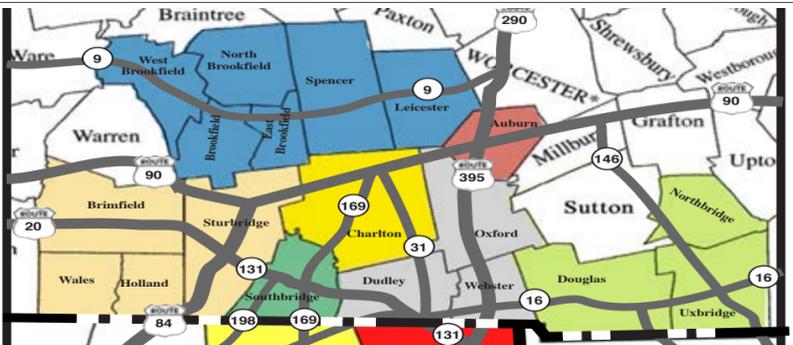
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of your walls and divide by 300. Keep in mind a gallon of paint covers approximately 350 square feet (with enough left over for touch ups).

Ensure a smooth surface: Before painting over an old bureau or other piece of furniture, you can easily clean the finish by wiping it down with a lint-free cloth dampened with straight turpentine.



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This method picks up any stray dust and helps smooth out the surface to prepare it for painting.

Painting over knotty wood? Knots often seep through newly painted surfaces. To prevent the transparency, try this: When using water-based paint, be sure to take the time to apply a water-based paint made to cover knots

first. This preventative step not only seals knots, but will prevent them from showing through subsequent coats of paint.

Gilding vintage frames or furniture pieces doesn't have to require the artistry of a pro. Try achieving the effect of gold by using enamel paint to produce a rich gilded effect. Simply apply gold enamel paint very sparingly with a thin

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SPORTS

Wolverines use run and gun technique to beat David Prouty

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LEICESTER — A run and gun offense was beneficial to the Leicester High girls' varsity basketball team, who secured a 59-29 victory over David Prouty Regional on the Wolverines' Senior Night on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

"It was a big night for them, I have four seniors and all of them were instrumental in leadership ability this year, even though some of them didn't play that much they were there every day rooting on their teammates," praised Leicester head coach Dave Padavano. "It was a great group of seniors. 'That was 10 wins for us, hopefully we can go a little further grab another one or two so we can host a game at home for districts.'"

The first quarter was neck and neck. The Wolverines took an early 5-2 lead, but the Panthers quickly battled back to make it a 9-5 game after a 7-0 run in the beginning of the quarter. Leicester was then able to get back on track to take a 14-9 lead going into the second quarter after a 9-0 run to end the frame.

The Wolverines' quick offense started to roll in the second quarter when they outscored David Prouty 18-3 to take a 32-12 lead into the locker room at the halftime break. Alexa Dufries scored six of her game-high 16 points in the second quarter.

"Our defense generates our run, so as long as we get our defense going and make sure we remember to run, we have a fast break play and a secondary fast break play. Once we get going downhill we are pretty hard to stop," Padavano stated.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, they were unable to score the basketball in the second and went cold on the offensive end after a good first quarter that kept them in the game.

"We played a good first quarter and then in the second quarter we have had those lapses over the course of the year. We scored three points in the quarter and you aren't going to beat any team scoring three points in a quarter. We are getting these lapses even with a couple timeouts, we just couldn't get out of it, but we fought hard," expressed David Prouty head coach Dave Woodward. "Jenna Petruzzi and Brooke Pepin had decent games. We fought to the end."

Pepin and Petruzzi scored 11 and 9 points, respectively.

The second half went in the favor of the Wolverines, who improved to 10-5 with the win. They were hitting their shots, running and playing great defense. Leicester outscored the Panthers in the second half, 27-16. The way the Wolverines played against Prouty is when they are at their best and they look to continue this play to end the season (which concludes after press time) and into their district tournament run.

"I start two freshmen and a sophomore who never started before. I got a senior and a good 3-point shooter and a great bench. We are playing with house money, we are building a program and this is a great start right now," Padavano stated. "It is our first year going to districts and these girls earned everything."

The Panthers, who dropped to 2-16 and finished 2-18 after losses to Tantasqua Regional and Notre Dame Academy, did not have the season they would have liked in terms of the winning column, but after a season of breeding some young players David Prouty looks to get back on track next season.

"We have to take care of the ball. Turnovers have been a killer for us all year, but that will come. We have a couple eighth graders coming up and then the girls we have didn't get much playing time last year and then came here into a starting role, so I think they will



Abbey Cashman of David Prouty drives on Leicester's Jenna Soden.



David Prouty's Brooke Pepin looks at the basket while trying to find room to shoot.



Taylor Wood of David Prouty dribbles against the defense of Leicester's Madison Hippert.



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Leicester's Madison Hippert looks for an opening in the defense of David Prouty's Abbey Cashman to produce a pass down into the paint.

be much improved next year," explained Woodward. "It still will be Brooke Pepin, our other captain Kylie Soter is out because of an injury. She got her ankle operated on today. We didn't have any seniors on

this year's team so we didn't have any senior leadership, but I think our juniors did fine and going forward we are looking to win a lot more games next year."



David Prouty's Jenna Petruzzi clutches the ball down in the block as Leicester's Colleen Lamprey defends.

Pair of locals medal at indoor track state meets

On Thursday, Feb. 15, the Division 5 Indoor Track State Meet was held at the Reggie Lewis Track in Boston. There, Leicester High's Aaliyah Hernandez qualified for the finals of the 55-meter dash and finished in 7.49 seconds, which was good for eighth place.

Then, on Saturday, Feb. 17, during the Division 2 State Meet, again at the Reggie Lewis Track, Tantasqua Regional's Ryan Zahr tied for sixth place in the high jump, leaping an even 6-feet.

A top-eight finish in a state meet earns that athlete a medal.

SPORTS

Slow starts doom Leicester in Clark Tournament loss to Chargers



Nick Ethier photos

Leicester's Kyle Padeni drives into the lane through Blackstone-Millville defenders Kyle Lubinsky, left, and Justin Keyes.



Anthony Goodney of Leicester makes a strong drive to the basket before finishing off a layup.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — Sometimes it is how you start and not how you finish.

The Leicester High boys' varsity basketball team found out how true that is in its Clark Tournament Small Schools quarterfinal against Blackstone-Millville Regional on Sunday, Feb. 18 at Clark University's Kneller Athletic Center.

Blackstone-Millville used fast starts at the beginning of both halves to jump out to leads it was able to maintain throughout, defeating the Wolverines, 60-40.

With the win the Chargers, the No. 4 seed, advance to the semifinal round, where it will play top-seeded Maynard High (17-3). Leicester, the No. 5 seed, finished its regular season with a 12-8 mark.

Behind the play of 6-foot-9 center Kyle Lubinsky, BMR (13-

6) scored the first nine points of the game. Lubinsky, who finished with 11 points, had four in the run. He also blocked three of the Wolverines' first nine shot attempts.

Leicester weathered the storm, however, cutting the lead down to three points — 16-13 — with 5:04 left in the first half, thanks to a short bank shot from the left side by the Wolverines' Kyle Padeni, who finished with eight points. Junior Sam Kenney (a team-high 15 points) had six points in Leicester's 13-7 run to get it to 16-13.

The Chargers then closed the half on a 13-4 run and led, 29-17, at intermission.

Four minutes into the second half BMR led by 25, 42-17, thanks to a 13-0 run to begin the third quarter. Justin Keyes (15 points) opened the run with back-to-back 3-pointers, Lubinsky then added five straight points and Michael Marchand fin-

ished off the spurt with a layup after a slicing drive through the lane.

The game had 12 minutes left to be played, but for all intents and purposes, it was over.

"The first four minutes of the second half we just did not play well," Leicester head coach Mike Lynch said. "We turned the ball over, we missed some assignments defensively and then they made a couple of shots and were able to keep the run going."

"We talked about it in the locker room. At this point of the season any significant stretch where we're not able to score and we're not making good decisions is going to cost us," Lynch continued. "The first four minutes of the second half is what did us in. At halftime it was a 12-point game; that's still anybody's game. I wanted us to win the third quarter and get back in it and that just did not happen."

Padeni, who is a senior captain for Leicester, was very disappointed with the loss.

"We usually come out and play with a sense of urgency," Padeni said. "We stay focused at all times, we play every possession like it's our last, every game like it's our last and we take care of the ball. We just come out and play hard, 24/7. I don't think we did that tonight and it's a shame. We battled hard for the most part, but the most part isn't enough."

Padeni was particularly impressed by the play of Marchand, the Chargers' 6-foot-3 senior captain who finished

with a game-high 22 points to go along with 10 rebounds, three assists and four steals.

"The big kid inside [Lubinsky], you've got to come up with an answer for him to negate his size, usually shooting well from the outside, but the other kid [Marchand], he was unbelievable," Padeni said. "That kid was relentless. He never stopped; he kept going the whole time, in every quarter on every possession."

Padeni said while the loss to BMR was disappointing, the focus has already shifted to preparing for the districts.

"We know we'll have to

give a little extra in every game we play in the districts and on every possession we play in those games," Padeni said. "We didn't do that tonight and it ended up costing us."

"As far as districts, we'd like to get a home game. That would mean a lot to us," Padeni continued. "It will give us a lot of motivation. We love playing in front of our home crowd on our home floor."

The Wolverines will find out when the brackets are announced for the Central Mass. Division 3 tournament on Friday, Feb. 23.



Bryce Gosselin of Leicester keeps the ball away from Blackstone-Millville's Michael Marchand while looking to make a pass.



Leicester's Felix Melendez drives into the lane on Blackstone-Millville defender Derek Valentine.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 beginning Feb. 26 and ending 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 Little League Registration and Fishing Derby announcements

Leicester Little League will be hosting a fishing derby at Sargent Pond on Saturday, Feb. 24 (7 a.m. start time,

weather permitting). Please email leicesterbaseball@gmail.com for more information. The Little League is also seeking local business sponsors for the upcoming season. Please visit www.leicesterlittleleague.com for more information.

Leicester Rec Basketball Playoff Results

Varsity Division:
Spurs 44, Thunder 41
Celtics 50, Cavs 43

Junior Varsity Division:
USC 24, Boston College 20
Syracuse 21, Michigan 19

SPORTS

Minutemen march into districts with impressive Senior Night win

BAY PATH'S VANGEL, MORRISON SHINE AGAINST NASHOBA TECH

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional's Savannah Vangel and Kayla Morrison both had a Senior Night that they will remember forever. The Minutemen hosted Nashoba Tech on Thursday, Feb. 15, and they dominated from the opening tip.

Vangel, the team's strongest

post presence, finished with an impressive double-double of 22 points and 18 rebounds. Both were game-high totals. Morrison, a strong shooter from behind the 3-point arc, scored 6 points and pulled down 9 rebounds.

Add all that up and Bay Path took care of the Vikings, 66-19, to finish the regular season off with a record of 12-6.

"It was a great night," said head coach John Selen, adding that it was all about his two senior players.

"I really didn't expect to do as well as I did, but once I realized it could be my last time playing on this court it really just kicked in," added Vangel.

Selen noted that Vangel has really come on strong as of late, which bodes well for the Minutemen once the Central Mass. Division 4 tournament commences.

"Savannah really started to turn it on the second half of the season," he said. "The Worcester Tech game was huge for us. Savannah perhaps played the best game in her career against Worcester Tech. She was directing traffic and getting people into position, which helps our defense [to] rebound, so she did a fantastic job."

The Minutemen defeated the Eagles in that game played two days prior, 51-31. That victory guaranteed Bay Path the Colonial Athletic League Small Schools title.

When it comes to Morrison, the team's captain, Selen said that she doesn't fear the big moment before referencing a game that came last year during the district tournament.

"Kayla is the quiet leader of the team. But she has her court-persona versus her regular persona," he explained. "A lot of players might fold in a big game, but she really rose to the top that night."

Morrison drained three 3-pointers and finished with 13 points as the Minutemen played tough versus a higher-seeded Tri-County Regional team as they tried to pull off the upset before falling short in the second half.

Bay Path has made strides in each of Vangel's and Morrison's four years. In 2014-15 the Minutemen went 10-10 and reached the district preliminary game. In 2015-16 Bay Path went 11-9, 2016-17 brought a 10-8 year, and in each the Minutemen went down in the first round. The 12 wins this season is Bay Path's high-water mark in Selen's six-year coaching career.

"We're taking baby steps forward, so we're hoping to make a leap forward," he said of gunning for a postseason victory. "That's first on our mind."

"This team is so good this year and we're really hoping for our first district win. It would be amazing," added Vangel.

Morrison believes that the team's cohesiveness could be beneficial come playoff time.

"We have a really good group of girls this year," she said. "We get along on and off the court and we work so well together on the court. We know everyone's strengths. We always have each other's back."

Vangel's strength is rebounding and finishing close to the basket. That was on full display in the fourth quarter versus Nashoba Tech when she corralled in an offensive rebound and finished it off with a put-back on three separate occasions.

"I always just tell them, 'if you miss, you've got to keep taking it and I'll be right there to put it back if you do miss,'



Nick Ethier photos

Savannah Vangel of Bay Path gains position in the paint on a Nashoba Tech defender.



Nekelle Waskiewicz of Bay Path gets ahead of the Nashoba Tech defense and finishes a layup for two points.



Bay Path's Madison Paulhus reaches out to steal the ball versus Nashoba Tech.



Bay Path's Kayla Morrison hoists up a 3-pointer during the Minutemen's 66-19 victory.



Bay Path defender Patricia King makes it difficult for a Nashoba Tech player to shoot a 3-pointer.

Vangel said.

Not only did Vangel and Morrison shine for the Minutemen, but so did the underclassmen. Bay Path suited up 11 players and all 11 grabbed at least one rebound. And nine of the Minutemen scored.

"They play well as a team, they feed off of each other and they're all looking to help their teammates. We don't have any selfish kids on this team," Selen said of yet another aspect that will help Bay Path in the district tournament.

Nekelle Waskiewicz scored 11 points

for the Minutemen versus Nashoba Tech, while Kiara Coates finished with 9 points and 7 rebounds. Kayla Davis hit a pair of late 3-pointers for her 6 points.



ATHLETE
of the **WEEK**

Savannah Vangel

The Bay Path Regional senior from Spencer produced double-double totals of 22 points and 18 rebounds in the Minutemen's 66-19 victory over Nashoba Tech on Senior Night, played Thursday, Feb. 15. Bay Path finished its regular season with a record of 12-6 and will next embark on the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament.

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Kayla Morrison of Bay Path dribbles down the court on the fast break.

SPORTS

Quaboag grinds out defensive victory over Auburn, 28-24



Nick Ethier photos

Quaboag's Brooke Dion looks up and over Auburn's defense while looking to make a pass.



Quaboag's Jessica Souza forces Auburn's Victoria Murphy to pass the ball away thanks to some strong defense.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — After a successful season of rebuilding the Quaboag Regional girls' varsity basketball team finds themselves district-bound and one win away from a double-digit win season after a 28-24 slugfest victory over Auburn High on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

"It is awesome," expressed first-year head coach William Beauregard. "We were rebuild, rebuild, rebuild when I got the job and now we are almost at 10 wins where we would make it with 50 percent of our wins. We are very young, so we just need to work on getting better. We are getting a lot better, but we

have to put together a full game and improve over the next couple weeks before playoffs."

The Cougars (9-9, with two games to play after press time) have automatically qualified for the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament via the 70 percent rule. Over 70 percent of their games were played against higher-division opponents, so they had to win at least half of their Division 4 contests to qualify. Quaboag defeated North Brookfield High twice in their only Division 4 games.

From the start versus Auburn it was clear that offense wasn't going to be the main commodity. Instead, great defense was put on display throughout.

Sophomore guard Kiarra Dorman started strong, scoring all nine of the Cougars' points in the first quarter. But other than her offensive display, points were hard to come by for both teams. At the end of the first Quaboag led, 9-2.

The Rockets battled back, however, in the second quarter to make it a one-possession game going into halftime. Molly Cutting scored six of her team-high 11 points in the second on two 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions. Auburn's defense stood strong and held Dorman to just three points in the quarter and the Cougars to just five total.

In all, Auburn outscored Quaboag 10-5 in the second quarter after a lackluster first and went into halftime down two points, 14-12.

"It was ugly, it was real ugly, but we did enough to get the job done," expressed Beauregard. "I thought we opened up and set the tone early defensively. In the second quarter they gave it back to us a little bit and from then on it was a dogfight. Both teams were aggressive and played a physical game. It was a good defensive game, not a lot of offense. We need to straighten that out a little bit."

The second half continued to be a defensive slugfest and points were at a premium. Quaboag went to Dorman, their go-to scorer, down the stretch. She added eight more points in the second half to finish with a game-high total of 20.

Despite not being able to put points on the board with ease, the Rockets played hard and did not give up. They made the Cougars earn everything and played hard until the final buzzer.

"I am glad that we kept battling back, [but] it is definitely not the outcome that we looked for," expressed Auburn head

coach Nicole LePrevost. "Our slow first half really set the tone for the game and we never gained full momentum."

The Rockets did not have the season they wanted in the win column, as they dropped to 3-16. Auburn then lost its season finale to Grafton High on Saturday, Feb. 17 to finish 3-17 but, with six juniors and promising young talent on the roster, Auburn looks to get back on track next season.

"We have been used to hav-

ing a team where there was a go-to scorer, so offensively everyone individually needs to get more confident in their own abilities," LePrevost explained. "We have the abilities, but sometimes we lack the confidence that we needed and that hurt."

"I have six juniors, one that was out all season with a torn ACL, and five that played and I need all of them to be ready to play next year," LePrevost concluded.



Kiarra Dorman of Quaboag releases a shot just past the reach of Auburn's Semran Sahota.



Catherine O'Donnell of Quaboag stays in tight on Auburn's Isabella Therrien, who dishes a pass over to the right corner.



Addy Ford of Quaboag turns the corner on Auburn's defense on a drive through the paint.



Quaboag's Carly Duff drives past an Auburn defender on her way to the hoop.

SPORTS

Warriors rally in fourth quarter, but fall just short to Oakmont



Tantasqua's Lindsey Zak reaches out and nearly comes away with the steal on a pass intended for Oakmont's Jessica Lee.



Tantasqua's Madison Varney keeps her feet inbounds while reaching out to save a loose ball.

They made the comeback and I wish them nothing but luck in the districts." Goyette was also pleased with how Tantasqua's defense didn't allow a single basket in the fourth quarter, just four free throws. "Defense is not much skill, it's more of an effort and a choice. Anyone can play good, hard defense, and we certainly did that," he said. Now the Southern Worcester County League A Division champions, who exhilarated their fans with an impressive winning streak, are excited for postseason play. "We've had a great season and we want to keep it going," Goyette concluded.



Ainsley Way of Tantasqua, right, and Oakmont's Jessica Lee jockey for position while racing after the ball.



Tantasqua's Lydia Boland eyes the interior before passing the ball down low.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

ASHBURNHAM — Riding a 17-game winning streak, the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team concluded its regular season up at Oakmont Regional on Friday, Feb. 16. The Warriors, looking to make it 18 wins in a row, fell behind early against the Spartans and found themselves down 18 points, 49-31, heading into the fourth quarter. Most teams, especially one playing its fourth game in five nights — all on the road — would have packed it in, but not Tantasqua. They scored the final frame's first 17 points and eventually grabbed a 52-51 lead, only to fall in the final seconds, 53-52. As a result, the Warriors will enter the Western Mass. Division 2 tournament with a still-impressive record of 17-3. "We were concerned about our legs...so we had some questions coming in if we had the legs

for this," said Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette. "We looked a little sluggish there, but these kids play with heart and they play with passion. They dug deep and they kicked it in in the fourth quarter. Offensively, we just attacked." Having already opened the fourth quarter on a 10-0 run, Warriors' junior Lindsey Zak (11 points, 9 rebounds) came up with a steal with 2:36 to play and went in for a coast-to-coast layup, finishing with a Euro-step move and a nice touch off the glass to cut the deficit down to 49-43. Tantasqua freshman Ainsley Way (12 points, 7 rebounds) followed with a pair of free throws and Morgan Smith next grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back up for two. Way then hit one free throw with 1:14 left to make it a one-point game at 49-48. Then, with 55 seconds remaining, Oakmont finally scored its first points of the quarter when Irini Stefanakos

buried a pair of free throws to make it 51-48. The resilient Warriors continued to show fight, though, as Smith collected another offensive rebound and coinciding putback with 34 seconds left and, after the Spartans missed and Tantasqua freshman Madison Varney corralled the rebound, Smith eventually scored again on another offensive board and layup. With 6.5 seconds showing on the clock, the Warriors rallied all the way back to take a 52-51 lead. Smith, a 6-foot freshman, had team-high totals of 18 points and 18 rebounds for an impressive double-double. "She's our leading rebounder every night and she pitches in some big, valuable points, but tonight she turned it up," Goyette said of Smith's play. "The basket at the end to put us up by one was phenomenal. It was a hustle play and she's a hustle kid, that's for sure." Unfortunately for

Tantasqua, Oakmont's Hannah Cravedi received the inbounds pass and drove the length of the court, getting fouled with 1.4 seconds to go. She calmly sank both free throws to win the game for the Spartans. "We wanted a district-type game, and we certainly got it," said Goyette. "This will benefit us going into districts for sure." Oakmont head coach Jeff O'Neill said that the game will also benefit his team, who improved to 16-3 with a game to play before partaking in the Central Mass. Division 3 tournament. O'Neill then gave praise to the Warriors, saying, "They were playing to win because they were driving to the hoop. Give them all the credit in the world."



Morgan Smith of Tantasqua gets position inside the paint to shoot up and over Oakmont defender Leah Pelkey.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

WARRIORS HANG ON FOR ANOTHER WIN

Feb. 12
Tantasqua 43, South 41 (OT) — The undefeated season remained alive for the Warriors' freshman boys' basketball team, as they ousted the Colonels. Defense was the story for Tantasqua, which held South scoreless in the second quarter to lead at halftime, 13-10. Offensively, Cooper Hurt and Brandon Jarzabski led the charge with eight points apiece.

SPORTS

Three-goal third period helps Auburn fend off Patriots



Auburn's Drew Darger chips the puck down the ice and chases after it.



Caleb Bartlett of Auburn reaches down to settle a bouncing puck with his glove.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Playing against a desperate team in North Middlesex Regional that's trying to accumulate enough points to gain entry into the Central Mass. Division 3 tournament, the Auburn High co-op varsity ice hockey team was deadlocked in a 2-2 tie heading into the third period in their game that took place Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Horgan Arena.

The Rockets, which also includes athletes from Shepherd Hill Regional, Tantasqua Regional and Millbury High, then played their best period in the third, scoring three goals in a one minute, 43 second span to ultimately win a 5-3 decision.

"We've been playing four in a row like this, teams that needed wins to get in," said Auburn head coach Glen Bombard. "I think we knew we could win the game, we just had to put the effort in. I said to them in the third period, 'they're in desperation. If we don't go out and get 14 shots and put a couple in and only give up six and shut the door, you'll win the game.' We ended up getting 13 shots and three goals and only gave up eight [and one goal]. I'm happy with the third period."

Auburn, who punched their ticket into the CMass. Division 3 tournament many games ago, finished the regular season with an impressive mark of 12-5-3.

With the third period at its midpoint and the score still tied at 2-2, the Rockets headed to the power play and quickly took advantage. Kyle Spurr got the puck over to Ryan Slade, who then passed to Alex Surmis. Surmis' slap shot from the point was tugged just under the glove of North Middlesex goalie Thomas Kelly (18 saves) for the go-ahead goal.

Seconds later, the Patriots were called for another penalty and Auburn scored again. This time, just five seconds into the power play, Ryan Lempicki took a similar slap shot. His blast was of similar height as Surmis' — about three feet off the ice — and it got past Kelly for the eventual game-winning goal. Adam Lanier and Colin McKeon were credited with the assists.

"We said shoot three feet off the ice, and when we did that we scored goals. He [Kelly] can't see it," explained Bombard.

"He [Bombard] made sure before I went on the ice to shoot three feet above, and I did what he said and put it home," Lempicki said of the goal.

Spurr added an insurance goal for Auburn with just under five minutes to go, scoring off a rebound. McKeon and Joel Miller had the assists.

North Middlesex's Nick White scored with 42 seconds left, but it wasn't enough as Auburn goalie Cam

Carpenter finished with 22 saves to pick up the victory.

McKeon scored the Rockets' first goal, just 3:20 into the first period. Anthony List curled around the net and slid a pass into the slot, where McKeon was to send a shot through Kelly's five-hole and across the goal line.

"I just yelled 'middle, middle' and he just slid it to me," McKeon said of the goal. "We've been clicking all year, too."

The Patriots' White then scored late in the first period and North Middlesex took a 2-1 lead 2:28 into the second (Cam Stairs goal) before the Rockets battled back with a goal from List a minute later. Lanier slid a pass up the ice to List, who deked out Kelly.

McKeon picked up the second assist.

Auburn then had the terrific third period to end the year on a high note, going 4-0-1 in its final five games.

"It's an excellent year. I don't think we've lost since somewhere in January," said Bombard, as the Rockets last lost on Jan. 20. "We're on a good roll and overall I'm happy, thrilled."

"We just exploded," McKeon said of the recent stretch. "For playoffs, seeding-wise, we needed that win."

Lempicki believes that the team can achieve some lofty expectations this postseason.

"We're feeling good, looking to keep the pressure going and hopefully win the state championship. That's the goal," he said.



Auburn's Kyle Spurr looks ahead while handling the puck down the ice.



Adam Lanier of Auburn stick-handles the puck down the ice with North Middlesex's Cam Stairs in tow.



Auburn's Colin McKeon skates ahead of North Middlesex defender Joe Murphy.

Annual Snow Ball breaks cabin fever blues

WEST BROOKFIELD – At a time when many families are starting to sing the winter blues, West Brookfield Elementary School students and their families were all smiles during an annual winter-themed

program.

The Snow Ball event at town hall saw youngsters dressed to the nines for a night of dancing, food and fun. Kids enjoyed music from a DJ, a photo booth, and

plenty of tasty treats. Ironically enough, there wasn't a single flake of snow to contend with during the Feb. 10 Snow Ball – only heavy rain and fog – though parents certainly weren't complaining.



Kevin Flanders photos.

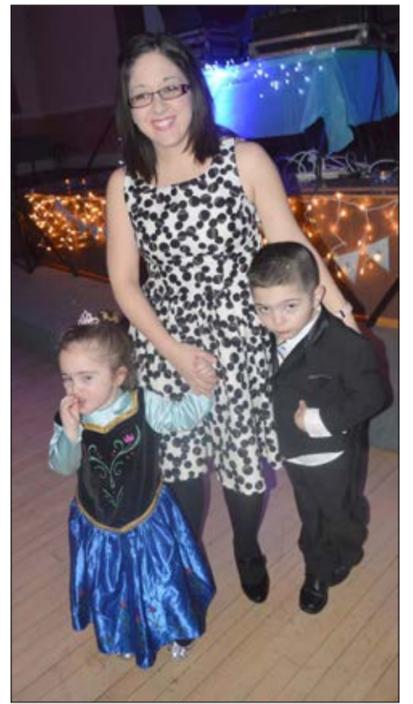
It's a father-daughter celebration with Andy Milner and 2-year-old Mackenzie, of West Brookfield.



Get ready, dancers. It's time to do the Macarena!



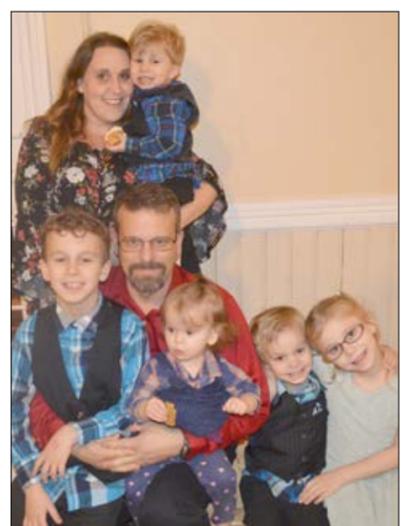
Danielle Benkert, of West Brookfield, spends the night with her children, Adam age 6 and Lillian age 2.



Ally Beane, of West Brookfield, enjoys the ball with her kids, Mason age 3 and Deanna age 5.



West Brookfield Elementary School students are looking sharp for the ball.



The Carrington family, of West Brookfield, comes together for a photo.

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brush to the edges of frame and furniture moldings.

Don't you just hate it when paint-brush bristles "shed" on a freshly painted surface? Even the best of brushes sometimes come loose. To prevent this, try soaking a new brush in linseed oil overnight before using it. As a bonus, the pre-treated brush will last longer and be easier to clean!

After cleaning brushes, place a rubber band around the tip of the bristles until dry. It will keep the shape of the bristles and prevent them from fanning out during drying.

Achieving an even paint application when using aerosol paint cans can be tricky. For a finer spray, make sure your can of paint is room temperature. Paint stored in cold areas such as the basement or garage doesn't always dispense as smoothly. Better yet, dip your can in warm water before using to ensure a nice, even coat of paint.

Here are a few tips from the pros to prepare walls for painting:

*Need to patch a crack in the wall quickly? You can do the job with items on hand if you just mix equal parts of starch and salt, with just enough water

to make a thick paste. Apply and smooth over cracks or small holes.

*Did you know you when mixing up commercial plaster, you'll reduce lumps if you add the powdered plaster to the water instead of adding water to the plaster?

*Want to reduce sanding your plastered walls? Go over freshly applied joint compound with a wet paint brush for a smooth finish.

Vintage Patina Finish: This application, which gives objects a faux aged patina, is ideal for flea market birdbaths, outdoor plant hangers, base planters and other items you want to have a showy vintage finish. It is easy to do and the results are truly impressive!

Materials: Oil based enamel in three hues of green (recommended Verdigris green, Sage green and Pine green; oil base semi gloss in Bronze; four kitchen sponges; masking tape.

Instructions: It is important you prep the piece well so the paint layers adhere properly. Sand if needed, and remove any rust. Tape off areas with masking tape. To prime, paint surface with a good rust proofing primer. Paint item with the base color Bronze (see materials list), allow to dry.

Dab dry sponge into first green paint color, then blot off excess and dab on the object. Don't squeeze the sponge in your hand, but hold it lightly, parallel to the surface of the object. Apply the paint randomly to create light and dark spots.

Leave some gaps. These will be filled in with the rest of the paint colors. Repeat the process with the two other colors of green. Use your brush to push paint into cracks and crevices. Let the first color dry before moving to the next. This should take about a half hour for it to dry because so little paint is used. Reapply the base coat color in spots to bring up the back ground. Let dry. Remove the tape but do not varnish for a true aged effect.

Floral Faux: This simple application results in a designer look wall that rivals expensive floral wallpaper. Best of all you control how dense the pattern is. Use a few colors or just one to customize your design and achieve the desired effect.

Materials: Latex wall paint in two or more colors; a new feather duster; paint applicators such as roller, brushes, etc.

Directions: Paint wall a base color in either flat or semigloss finish. Thin out latex paint with a little water. Dip tip of feather duster in water and shake off excess water. Dip end of feathers in a small amount of desired color and dab wall lightly with one color, leaving space for one or more additional colors.

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Long before the preservation standards of modern archaeology came to exist, Keith identified several burials and recovered a variety of artifacts from the site, including an Adena-style spearhead, copper beads, and carved stone tubular pipes.

"In the area where Barker Keith had excavated, we observed two soil discolorations that in shape and size were consistent with burials he had excavated more than 50 years earlier," Johnson added.

The UMass survey revealed that parts of the 16-acre property were disturbed over the years by modern activities, including the installation of utilities, construction and demolition of buildings, and landscaping to flatten certain areas. Now that the town has received confirmation about the ancient burial ground, experts recommend that officials proceed with caution when removing three buildings on the property.

Town officials are hoping to secure more grant funding from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to address the demolition of the buildings and needed cleanup work. The grant would also facilitate additional archaeological testing to help town officials plan for future land use strategies in the area. Officials have already discussed the prospect of eventual public access to the property for recreational and educational purposes, but detailed

regulations would first need to be established.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

regulations would first need to be established.

"We need to be very careful about everything that is done there," said Selectman Clarence Snyder, who has been involved in all stages of the project. "The purpose of this survey was to verify that this is an ancient cemetery – not to dig into any of the graves."

Added Johnson, "There are several areas on the property where deep disturbance occurred in the past, including the former swimming pool and a leaching field at the southwest corner of the property. The town could dedicate these areas for public use for activities such as a picnic area, a walking path, an outdoor pavilion, or a playground."

No burial sites were disturbed during the survey. The UMass team placed a heavy emphasis on gaining information without destroying graves or disinterring artifacts.

"The [UMass] team went above and beyond with their research. I was very impressed with the volume of their work," Snyder added.

The project also enabled the property to be nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Town officials don't expect to learn if the site has been approved for at least a year.

As part of the final phase of the project, Johnson's team will prepare a report that includes a comprehensive site map. The report will be shared with residents, town officials, and local schools for educational purposes.

SENIOR CENTER

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ture and library books, were donated by residents and local businesses. Spencer Council on Aging members thank all volunteers and donors who made the transformation possible, as well as the Worcester County Jail's inmate service crews. It was exciting for staff members to see seniors take the lead on the project by decorating and arranging furniture.

"This is a great place for our seniors to enjoy many activities. We are very excited about this project," said Council on Aging member Mary Williams.

The staff is also following through on its commitment to ensuring that the building acts as both a senior center and a community center. Seniors are always given preference for programs and activities, but in most cases, there is room for community members ages 18 and older. There are currently several non-senior residents who enjoy programs each week at the center, and Woodbury is hoping for that number to

expand.

"This center isn't just for seniors. This is a great community center," said Woodbury, who pointed to the center's Zumba class as a program that has drawn several members under 40.

The staff also reminds patrons that the center welcomes residents from out of town to participate in programs, as space allows. The center currently serves anywhere from 120-150 seniors per week.

The Senior Center's chess program will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning at 9 a.m. Please check in with the staff upon arrival to learn more about this program and several other offerings.

For more information about the center, call (508) 885-7546.

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The sportsmen's expo should be a real winner



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This Friday Feb. 23, the OSEG Sportsmen's show at the Big-E in Springfield will open their doors at noon. The three day event is sure to draw a large number of sportsmen this year because of the added booths with the latest in fishing gear, guides, seminars, and hunting gear etc.! The three day event is one of the highest rated shows in the Northeast. Show hours are Friday noon to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.!

If you are a waterfowl hunter you should stop by to visit Joe Judd at his booth for Quaker Boy Calls. He will also be giving a seminar on turkey hunting. Numerous big game hunters will also be at the show to give expert advice on their tactics of harvesting some trophy big game animals. Geoffrey English will also be there again this year with his waterdog show, and is pictured in this week column. For more information go to the website at www.outdoorexpo.org. Hope to see you there!!

It looks as though ice fishing will stop early this year due to the recent rain

and thaw. Although some ponds and lakes still have safe ice on them they need to be used with extreme caution. Lakes and ponds north & west of the valley have a bit more ice, but the warm weather predicted for this week will have a huge impact on their ice also.

Jerry Gareri of Milford headed out to his camp in Maine to do a bit of ice fishing and had a great time catching monster large mouth bass and huge brown trout. This week's second picture shows a 6 lb. 9 oz. large-mouth bass he caught and released last week, along with numerous other big bass and trout.

The 2017 striped bass season in Massachusetts was about as good as it gets according to a release by the Division of Marine Fisheries this month. A surprising catch of striped bass were caught the week before Memorial Day last year with a monster 64.6 fish on May 16. The 13 minute battle earned the angler a Mass saltwater derby winning fish. Indeed, it was a year for the books with some anglers stating it was the best striper fishing in decades.

On the other side of the coin were the many poachers caught with illegal fish by Massachusetts Environmental police on the banks of the Canal. Many were charged with criminal and noncriminal fines.

New interstate plan for Atlantic Menhaden:



A Maine catch by Jerry Gareri included this monster large mouth catch and release.

Revised Quotas, Same Reference Points, were released for this year's commercial catch. The DMF supported the fixed minimum approach for quota allocations this year. For a complete listing of the 2018 menhaden catch allocation, go to the DMF website to get the full approved Amendment 3, which will take effect in 2018. The commercial trawlers that take thousands of pounds of menhaden each year have had striper sportsmen continuously fighting to keep the trawlers away from many sections of the bays, in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters. Menhaden are a valuable resource to migrating stripers and other fish that depend on them

for food. The Providence River in Rhode Island had set new regulations on the areas that the commercial netters could go to a few years back, and the sportsmen enjoyed some of the best striper fishing ever. Schools of menhaden remained in the area for many weeks.

Did you know that soft-shell clams take two or three years to reach the legal size limit of two inches long in Massachusetts waters? Reproduction is determined by size not age and clams are able to reproduce at an average of 12,000 eggs annually, with some female clams reproducing when they are only 3/4 of an inch in size. Female clams will release their eggs and sperm during



Geoffrey English and his waterdog show are part of the OSEG Sportsmen's Show this year.

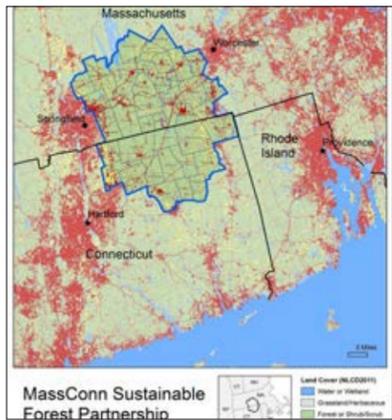
a spawning event which happens when environmental conditions are just right. Female clams are capable of producing up to three million eggs annually according to a recent release by the DMF. Hopefully the clams will continue to enjoy a good life, as millions of Americans love to dine on these tasty saltwater clams, including this writer.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club is planning a huge flea market for used hunting, fishing and camping equipment at the club grounds on April 29. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Mark Kuras is chairman of the event and can be contacted by calling him at (508) 234-9270.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

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Courtesy illustration

The map displays the area of conservation properties sustained by the coalition of organizations.

importance to local land trusts and supports private landowner's investment in their community," said Ed Hood, MassConn's coordinator and also the executive director of the Opacum Land Trust based in Sturbridge.

While communities benefit from permanent conservation of land, the process of donating land has significant costs, primarily in the form of surveys, legal fees and other expenses associated with the transfer of land to a qualified conservation organization. The Cox Trust provided a total of \$1.1 million in funding to promote innovation and the direct conservation work of Regional Conservation Partnerships such as MassConn across New England, with emphasis on reducing transaction costs.

The first round of grants from the MassConn Regional Conservation Fund was announced in November 2017, going to four projects that will permanently protect 472 acres of land. Recipients of this funding include the East Quabbin Land Trust for an 85-acre project in West Brookfield; the Minnechaug Land Trust for a 33-acre project in Hampden; the New England Forestry Foundation for a 310-acre project in Stafford, CT; and the Opacum Land Trust for a 44-acre project in Wales. Each grant recipient is committing its own time and resources to implement their conservation projects, with funding from the MassConn Regional Conservation Fund going to cover the transaction costs of surveys and other related expenses.

"As an all-volunteer organization serving Wilbraham and Hampden, the Minnechaug Land Trust depends on the generosity of those who support our work to permanently protect critical open space," said Sherry Himmelstein, president of the Minnechaug Land Trust. "This gift from the Cox Foundation allows us to protect sensitive land that borders Minnechaug Mountain Conservation Land on two sides, enhancing an important local treasure."

"The Northern Connecticut Land Trust (NCLT) greatly appreciates the work of MassConn and the New England Forest Foundation to protect the 310 acre forested area in Stafford, CT. The Stafford property is strategically located abutting 93 acres of forest owned by the land trust," said Jim Gage, treasurer of NCLT, a seven town regional conservation organization with a mission to preserve the natural resources of the northern Connecticut region including agricultural land and other ecologically important open space.

In late 2017, the Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust completed 35 years of charitable giving to several sectors, including environmental protection (www.gmafoundations.com/cox-trust-closes-philanthropy). Michael Hill, the president of the Jesse B. Cox Charitable Trust, notes that the directors of the Cox Trust wanted to do something significant as they retired the Cox Trust. Using the remaining funds from the Cox Trust grant program for Regional Conservation Partnerships, they awarded two organizations with a final "Blue Sky Award" of \$45,000 each to continue their especially innovative conservation work. The High Peaks Initiative of the Appalachian Trail Land Trust in Maine and the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership were the recipients of this award.

"The MassConn Steering Committee is still exploring its options for using this award, with the goal of maximizing this investment from the Cox Trust for regional land protection," said Hood. "Everyone can help by supporting their local land trust. The rural character and fragile environment of our region are under threat from sprawling development and the impact of climate change – in a generation, much of our remaining wildlands and woodlands may be lost if we don't act now to protect important parcels of land today."

MassConn, one of 42 Regional Conservation Partnerships in New England, developed in response to the "Wildlands and Woodlands" vision for regional forest conservation developed by Harvard Forest (www.wildlandsandwoodlands.org) and with support from the Highstead Foundation (www.highstead.net). Highstead worked with the Cox Trust to use the grant program to advance the entire field of collaborative

regional conservation.

"These awards from the Cox Trust are strengthening and diversifying the tools Regional Conservation Partnerships use to help individuals and families permanently conserve their land. This strategic approach to collaboration is inspiring a new era of community-based conservation, and paves the way for future innovation in land protection," says Bill Labich, senior conservationist for Highstead and coordinator of the RCP Network, who serves as an advisor to MassConn.

Supported by, and based at the Norcross Wildlife Foundation in Wales, the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership helps to coordinate regional conservation activities and secure funding to protect and enhance the forested landscape in south-central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. In 2016 and 2017, MassConn partnered with local, regional and national partners to provide 25 public programs on sustainable forestry and conservation options for private landowners, reaching more than 300 individual participants. MassConn is a lead partner with the Last Green Valley and the Northern Rhode Island Conservation District to implement a five-year Regional Conservation Partnership Program that will provide over \$12 million in support for sustainable forest management practices and working forests conservation.

For more information on the MassConn Regional Conservation fund, please go to <http://www.opacum-land.org/massconn/rcf/>. To find your local land trust visit Connecticut Land Conservation Council (<http://www.ctconservation.org/>) or Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition (<http://www.massland.org/>).

PROGRAM

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program for the past five, and a board member of The American Parkinson's Disease Association Massachusetts Chapter, Moir's inspiration to begin Dopafit is a personal one, "My mom died from complications of Parkinson's six years ago. She's my inspiration. When helping people who suffer from the same disease she suffered from, I get to meet her every day. It's a real blessing that my helping other people living with Parkinson's has also become my passion."

Based on participants' reactions when Moir charges into the room, one can feel their sentiment for him: smiles erupt everywhere.

Tim MacMillan, a former Spencer firefighter and Parkinson's activist seeking to help pass the #H1455 Firefighters with Parkinson's Disease Bill, was diagnosed with Parkinson's in February of 2014.

He says the combination of a fantastic doctor in Dr. Anthony Izzo at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester and his participation twice weekly in the Dopafit program has helped to change his life, "Before I was diagnosed with Parkinson's and after the first few

weeks of diagnosis, I was this quiet guy who kept to myself. Now, I am comical and outgoing and gaining confidence that I can handle this disease. This program is awesome. Both the boxing and the handwriting help. I can go quite a few days without tremors."

In conjunction with Moir's program Saba Shahid, Moir's wife and business partner who has a Master's degree in biomedical science from Quinnipiac University, has designed and written an original workbook, Let's Combat Micrographia. Micrographia, a side effect common in Parkinson's patients and an indicator in the diagnosis of the disease is defined as small, crowded handwriting. Shahid's workbook engages participants in fine motor control through handwriting and reaction-time skills therapies. Workbook exercises are specifically designed to measure a variety of results, as they are completed both pre- and post Dopafit workouts; however, exercises may also be completed independent of the boxing program.

Shahid says results have been encouraging, "We've noticed huge improvements in participants' results from pre- to post workout: timed exercises become better, handwriting is better."

In fact, both Shahid and Moir are working with and sharing results of

their programs with neurologists at UMass.

As well as her workbook, Shahid has combined her love of the arts, science, and serving other people to develop yet another way of helping Parkinson's patients cope with symptoms. The Art Cart is a creativity and movement program, free to Parkinson's patients, and funded through grants awarded through the American Parkinson's Disease Association Massachusetts Chapter. The Art Cart workshops are designed to help patients overcome symptoms through fine and gross motor movements combined with self-expression through various artistic mediums. At the program's conclusion, Shahid arranges an art exhibit of participant's work as a fundraiser for the Association, Massachusetts chapter, making giving back a large portion of her goal.

MacMillan has benefited from all three programs, "Both Chad and Saba are amazing. They both do so much for the Parkinson's community. They really work with you, putting you to the test, helping to ease the symptoms of the disease."

For more information please visit Dopafit-Parkinson's Wellness Center on Facebook, www.mydopafit.com, or call Chad Moir directly at (203) 828-7189,



Chad Moir, Saba Shahid and the participants in the Rock Steady program have found ways to deal with aging and disease in a dynamic way.

and for more information on The Art Cart visit them on Facebook at [smilethroughart](http://smilethroughart.com) or visit their website at www.smilethroughart.com.

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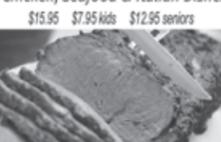
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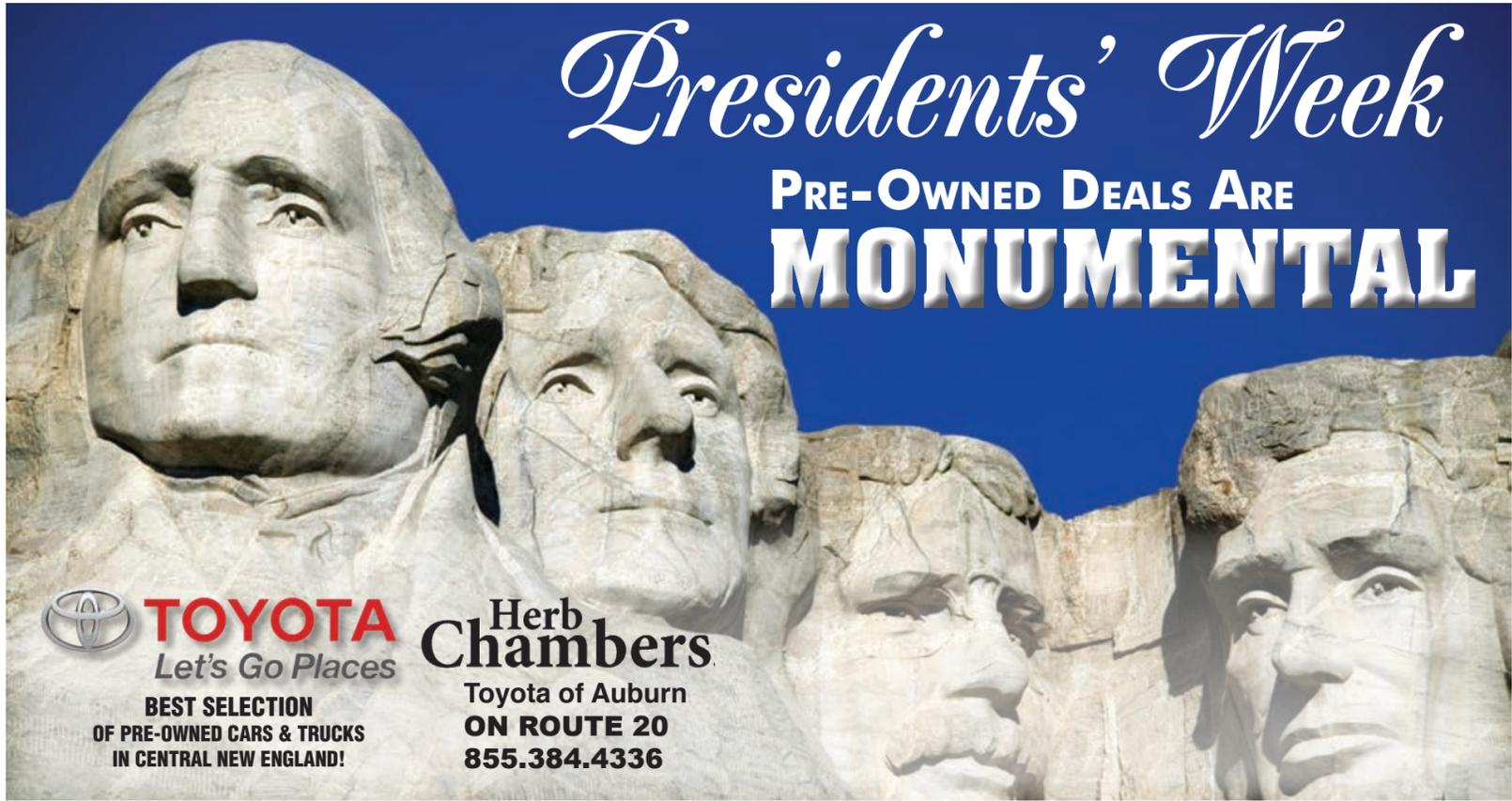
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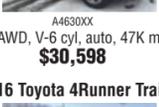
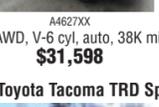
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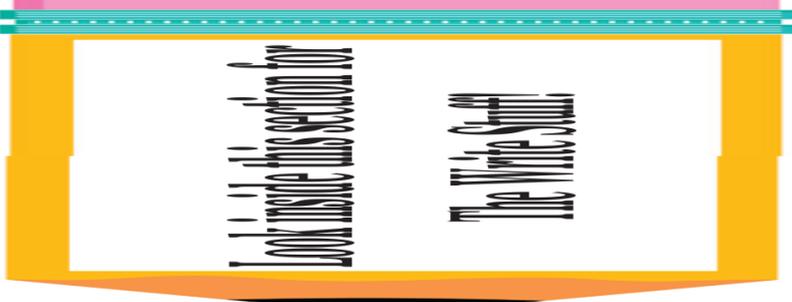
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I'd like to invite you to check out THE WRITE STUFF this week. Thank you to this month's authors who shared their creative stories and poems, beautiful Valentine poems, a Grandmother's Plea for change in the wake of the tragic recent school shooting, and others who shared their memories of the great Blizzard of '78. I welcome new and repeat authors each month! See The Write Stuff for suggested March topics and deadlines for next month.

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OBITUARIES

Clifford O. Gaulin, Sr., 76



MILLBURY / SPENCER- Clifford O. Gaulin, Sr., 76, Passed away on Monday, February 12, 2018 in St. Vincent Hospital surrounded by his children after a fall and a battle with pneumonia.

He leaves his children Clifford O. Jr. (Sue) of Charlton, Michelle Branconnier (Paul) of Brookfield, Lisa Fountain of Centerton, AR., James of Largo, FL; 6 grandchildren John & Craig Branconnier, Clifford III, Jacob, Jessie and Devin Gaulin; 2 great grandchildren; a sister Joyce Lebel of Millbury; his former wife Linda Gaulin of FL; many nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by 4 brothers Henry, Emil, Ernest and Kenneth Gaulin; a son Thomas A. Gaulin and

his first wife Lois Lambert Gaulin King Clifford was born March 22, 1941 the son of the late Jerry and Forence (Prevost) Gaulin and served his country in the US Navy. He worked in construction for many years, later he worked for Red Star Express and finished his working career at Steelcraft in Millbury.

At the families request he will be cremated. A graveside service will be held on April 20, 2018 at 1:00PM in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. A celebration of life will follow on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer is directing arrangements. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com



Joseph R. Robidoux, 89



LEICESTER / ROCHDALE- Joseph R. Robidoux, 89, of 840 Pleasant St., Rochdale, a section of Leicester, died Saturday, February 17 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Marie A. (Maiorano) Robidoux, two daughters, Rose V. Pare and Victoria R. Ethier and her husband Richard all of Leicester, two sisters, Annette Derian and her husband Karney of NY, Anne Houle of Auburn, a sister-in-law, Peggy Robidoux of Auburn, grandchildren; Elyssa Pare and her fiancé Luis Figueroa, Bethany Seymour and her husband Devon Seymour, Nicole Ethier, Richard Ethier and great-granddaughter, Layla Figueroa.

He was pre-deceased by 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Joseph & Victoria (Courtamarque) Robidoux.

Joe graduated from St. Peters High School in Worcester and received a degree from Wentworth College in Boston. He later went to Barber School

and owned and operated Joe's Barber Shop in Rochdale for over 50 years, retiring in 2014. He also served his country in the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Rochdale VFW Post 7556 He has been worshipping at Greenville Baptist Church in Rochdale for the past 20 years. Joe enjoyed golfing, gardening, cooking, and most of all loved his family time.

A Memorial Service with Military honors was held Tuesday, February 20 at 12 noon in Greenville Baptist Church, 674 Pleasant St., Rochdale. Calling hours preceded the Service in the Church from 10 am to 12 pm. Burial will take place in Greenville Baptist Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Greenville Baptist Church Food Pantry 674 Pleasant Street Leicester Ma. 01542. The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St. Leicester are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Daniel T. Braney, Jr. 82



WEST BROOKFIELD - Daniel T. Braney, Jr. 82, of West Brookfield, died on Monday, February 12, 2018 at Harrington Memorial Hospital.

He leaves his sister, Mary Joan Boire of Millbury, two grandchildren, Max King and Drew Dobeck, his sisters-in-law Jean Stone and Kathleen Braney, several nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was predeceased by his wife Maxine (Grenier) Braney in 1975 and his daughter, Sharon M. Braney in 2011, as well as his brother, Michael and his sister, Marion. He was born and raised in Millbury, son of the late Daniel T. Braney, Sr. and Ethel W. (Tobin) Braney, and has lived in West Brookfield for over 20 years.

Daniel worked as an Operations Technician at the former New England Bell Telephone Company before he

retired.

Mr. Braney was a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

Dan was a voracious reader, who also liked western and classic movies, and could often be seen in a quiet way helping others. He enjoyed spending social time at the Ye Old Tavern in West Brookfield, where he was familiar to patrons, and easy to talk with.

A private Graveside Service for Dan will be held in the spring in Central Cemetery in Millbury. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the West Brookfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 540, West Brookfield, MA 01585. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

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Marie "Toni" A. Robidoux, 89



LEICESTER / ROCHDALE ; Marie "Toni" A. (Maiorano) Robidoux, 89, of 840 Pleasant St., Rochdale, a section of Leicester, died Sunday, February 18, at home, one day after her beloved husband, Joseph R. Robidoux, died in their home.

Marie and Joseph "Joe" were married for 58 years and leave two daughters, Rose V. Pare and Victoria R. Ethier and her husband Richard all of Leicester, grandchildren; Elyssa Pare and her fiancé Luis Figueroa, Bethany Seymour and her husband Devon Seymour, Nicole Ethier, Richard Ethier and great-granddaughter, Leyla Figueroa.

She was pre-deceased by a brother Vincent Maiorano and sister-in-law Ruth Maiorano.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Giovanni & Rosa (Guarini) Maiorano.

Marie owned and operated her own

hair salon called Toni's hair Styling in the same building that her husband "Joe" owned and operated Joe's Barber Shop. She styled hair for over 50 years, retiring in 1990. She attended Greenville Baptist Church in Rochdale for the past 20 years. Toni loved worshipping the Lord, her weekly girl's card games, shopping, and most of all spending time with her family.

Marie and Joseph were waked and honored together. A Memorial Service was held for both at 12 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, in Greenville Baptist Church, 674 Pleasant St., Rochdale followed by Military Honors for Joe. Calling hours preceded the Service from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Church. Burial of both Marie and Joseph will be held in Greenville Baptist Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Greenville Baptist Church Food Pantry, 674 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA 01542. The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Kenneth R. Stanhope, 71



Kenneth R. Stanhope, 71, passed away on Tuesday February 6, 2018 at his home in Warren. He was born in Southbridge, the son of William and Mildred (Ford) Stanhope. He was pre-

deceased by his sister, Mildred Lewis and two brothers, Richard Stanhope and William "Sonny" Stanhope, Jr. He leaves Jesse Vessella, who he considered his son, and Jesse's wife Amy (Hebert) and their daughter Makayla Vessella of Warren, two sisters, Carol Smith and Gail Stanhope, and long-time friends Carol Vessella of Warren and Phil Vessello of Auburn. He also leaves many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Stanhope was a veteran of the Vietnam War and served his coun-

try honorably in the United States Marine Corp. He was awarded the good conduct, national defense service, Vietnam service silver star, & Republic of Vietnam campaign medals. When he returned to civilian life he owned two taverns and then a variety store. He was a past commander of V.F.W. Post 8606. He loved watching Westerns and Baseball on television.

Ken Loved his family and close friends, always putting their needs above his, he was a big man with an even bigger heart and he will be missed by all of them.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date, please email kensthanopecelebration@gmail.com for details.



Ronald E. Streeter, 80



EAST BROOKFIELD / SPENCER / PALM HARBOR FL- Ronald E. Streeter, 80, passed away peacefully following a brief illness on February 15, 2018. Predeceased by his devoted wife Patricia

in 2010, he leaves his son Dennis and wife Michele of Spencer; his daughter Beth Cooksey and husband Shawn of Grafton; and his beloved grandchildren Rebecca, Madison, Emily, Alec, Sierra, and Jordan.

An excellent athlete, Ron played three sports for David Prouty High School - basketball, winning the Clark Tournament in 1956 his senior year; track, holding the long time record in the high jump; and his most accomplished sport, baseball. Ron also went on to become a well known high school and college baseball umpire in Central Massachusetts. In his later years, golf was his favorite pastime with many rounds played with his wife, son, granddaughters, son-in-law and daughter-in-law, and many friends. Ron especially enjoyed his trip to the 2015 British Open in Scotland with his children and the 19 years volunteering for the annual PGA Tournament at Innisbrook.

In the late 70's, Ron took great pride in heading the Recreation Department in East Brookfield. He was instrumental in building and renovating the sports fields for the town youth. Most summer evenings you could find Ron watering the fields with the town fire hose. Additionally, Ron worked with the townspeople of East Brookfield to build a much needed addition to the Memorial School. He also coached several youth sports teams in East Brookfield.

Ron graduated with a Degree in Engineering from Wentworth Institute in Boston. Following graduation, he

joined the Army Reserves, and it was at that time, on a beach in New Jersey, that he met his his wife, Patricia Porter. Ron and Pat married two years later and for 49 years, raised their children in East Brookfield and Spencer. Ron worked as an Engineer for several companies, most proudly worked for Norton Company, retiring after 20 years of service. At that time Ron and Pat retired to Florida where Ron was thrilled to have Pat finally join him on the golf course.

Although Ron had many professional and athletic accomplishments, his biggest accomplishment in life was his treasured and devoted family. Ronald and Patricia enjoyed many special vacations, summers and holidays with their children and grandchildren. Ron could always be seen cheering on his children at their sporting events; he never missed a game. Later in life, Ron was proud to be his grandchildren's biggest fan. He will be dearly missed by all who loved him.

Ron's family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the UMass Memorial Oncology and Palliative Care Departments, as well as the Rose Monahan Hospice Home for their kindness and compassion during his illness.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 3 at 2 p.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Calling hours will precede the services on Saturday from Noon to 2 p.m. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, East Brookfield. The family asks that flowers be omitted and donations be made to the High School that he loved, David Prouty Athletic Booster Club, P.O.Box 444, Spencer, MA 01562.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com



NORTH BROOKFIELD- On January 31, 2018, a kind and wonderful man left this earth. John H. Robertson III died unexpectedly at home. John leaves his love and life long companion, Michelle Peterson, his daughter Madeline Peterson who was his world and the sparkle in his eyes, his sister Kathie Chartier of Worcester, his brother Daniel Robertson and his wife Ruth of Winchendon as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. John is predeceased by his father, John H. Robertson II and his mother, Barbara (Foley) Robertson.

John was born in Worcester, MA on May 31, 1957 and lived in North Brookfield most of his life. He graduated from North Brookfield High School in 1976. He attended Quinsigamond College and New England Tractor Trailer School. John worked as a truck driver for the last 30 years. He won the Massachusetts State Safety Driver Championship in 2006 and 2007. He competed nationally in New Orleans,

LA and Minneapolis, MN.

John was a caring and loving person. He had a dry sense of humor and was very quirky. John was a great Dad. His kindness, patience, guidance and love for Maddie were endless. He loved to dance to his own style and teased Maddie that he would dance like that in front of her friends. He loved and was very active with his daughter's soccer. He tried never to miss a game or practice and always had advice about how to play the game more effectively. John loved to read, to camp, to travel and to watch TV especially anything to do with history or Star Trek.

Our fondest memories with John were on Sunday Family Day - watching Maddie play soccer, having Chinese lunches, spending time exploring at the beach or Boston, or just hanging at the pool - anywhere that we were together. Those memories will live in our hearts forever.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held on March 18, 2018 at 1:00PM at the Ye Olde Tavern in West Brookfield, MA. Please join us and share a story, a prayer, a poem or anything you'd like to honor this wonderful man whom we lost.



To place an In-Memoriam, Card of Thanks, Birthday or Anniversary Greeting, in the Spencer New Leader, the deadline is Friday noon for the following week.

Ad prices are \$15 for a 2x3 (actual size 2.4" x 3") or \$25 for a 3x4 (3.7" X 4") or 4x3 (5" x 3"). You can add a photo at no additional cost.

To send by mail, please mail to **June Simakauskas, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550.**

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For more information, please call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news and she'll be happy to help!



OBITUARIES

Janice L. LaBarge, 82



SOUTHBRIDGE-Janice L. (Plasse) LaBarge, 82, of Old Woodstock Rd., passed away on Sunday, Feb. 18th, in the Vibra Hospital, Leicester, after a long illness.

Her husband of 51 years, Romeo LaBarge, Jr., died in 2010. She leaves her six children, Clifford Fontaine and his wife Janis of Brookfield, Jane Guedel and her husband Tom of Tucson, AZ, Gary Fontaine and his wife Maria of Southbridge, Joel Fontaine and his

partner Brett Canada of Tucson, AZ, James LaBarge and his husband Dave Deignan of Topanga Canyon, CA and Russell LaBarge and his wife Penny of Southbridge; 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her stepfather who raised her, Clifford Reyor. Janice was born in Southbridge the daughter of the late Raoul "Blackie" Plasse and Madeline (Bombard) Plasse Reyor.

Janice worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for 30 years before retiring many years ago. Janice loved to play cards and was an avid bowler and bowled in the couples' league for many years. She was at one

time a CB radio enthusiast and her handle name was 'Happy Days'. Most of all she loved her family, especially her grandchildren.

Janice's family would like to thank the staff at Vibra Hospital, especially Ann, Mary Ellen and April, for their kindness, care and compassion in their mother's time of need. They would also like to thank the staff of the Harrington Memorial Hospital ICU department and her daughter-in-law, Penny, for being her caregiver for many years.

Her funeral will be held on Friday, Feb. 23rd, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St.,

Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge, will be held at the convenience of the family. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22nd, from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

CALENDAR

Friday, February 23

LENTEN LUNCHESES: First Congregation Church, 207 Main St., Spencer are holding Lenten Lunches once again this Lenten season. Lenten Lunches, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. For the next six Fridays: Feb. 23, March 2, March 9, March 16 and March 23. The lunches will feature soups, lobster rolls, assorted sandwiches, desserts and beverages. You may call the office for more information Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon at (508) 885-2149. Call to find out what the soup of the day is. Enjoy your lunch in our dining room or call ahead for delivery or pick up 10 a.m. to noon orders ONLY (508) 885-5098. We will deliver to business and individual homes in Spencer ONLY on orders of \$30 or more.

Sunday, February 25

BROOKFIELD GARDEN CLUB: The Brookfield Garden Club will be welcoming Neal Sanders, author of 11 mysteries, several that use garden club settings. He writes as the principal Undergardener, who is a non gardener but loves gardening. In the past, Mr. Sanders has also run the Massachusetts Horticulture's activities at the Boston Flower and Garden Show. He will be presenting a program on Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Congregational Church in Brookfield at 2 p.m. His program is entitled "GARDENING IS MURDER," a laugh-out-loud presentation on gardening. The program is open to the public. Please come and join us. Refreshments will be available.

Friday, March 2

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Sunday, March 11

NORTH BROOKFIELD DEMS MEET: The North Brookfield Democratic Town Committee will be holding a meeting on March 11 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.nbdem.org

ocrats.org to subscribe to our website and to learn more about our group and our future meetings and activities.

Wednesday, March 14

LEICESTER GARDEN CLUB: The Leicester Garden Club will meet for their first meeting of the year at the Leicester Senior Center on Wednesday March 14 at 7 pm. The speaker will be Ellen Sousa author of "The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planning, Planting & Maintaining the Eco-friendly Habitat Garden." Ellen is the owner of Turkey Hill Farm and her presentation will be about native plants for central Massachusetts. This should be a very informative talk to all of us that garden here in central Massachusetts. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Thursday, March 15

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

Friday, March 16

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Saturday, March 17

ANNUAL GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION: The BUUC Women's Alliance will be holding their 22nd annual Goods & Services Silent Auction on Saturday, March 17 at the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church (located at 9 Upper River St, Brookfield from 6:30 - 9 p.m. We will also have raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, and a cook-off. The Women's Alliance of the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church has met since 1859. The Alliance provides support to the church and service to the community. It also serves the social and spiritual needs of women through fellowship, group expression, and programs of education, service and community.

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Friday, March 30

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.

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.

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, Wachuset, North and East Brookfield Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield Elementary School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. For more information, please call CFCE at (508) 885-2934 or e-mail Wachusettcpc@hotmail.com.

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

February 23

The Write Stuff

Essays, Short Stories, Memories,
Poems and more!

Open to ALL ages

(Suggested topics for March)

1. March is National Women's History Month. Write about a woman whom you admire.
2. March 30 is "Take a Walk in the Park Day." Write a poem or story about your favorite local park.
3. It's Spring! Write a poem or story about the joys of Spring!
4. How will you celebrate Easter Sunday, April 1, with your family?
5. Topic of your choice

For more information or to submit for next month,
email jsima@stonebridgepress.news or call 508.909.4062

The Next Write Stuff Will Publish On March 30.

**Deadline For Submissions Is
Friday, March 23.**

Thank you to Lamoureux Ford of East Brookfield for continuing to be a sponsor of The Write Stuff... it's "Where Friends Send Their Friends!" Also thank you to this month's authors, and to those who shared their memories of the Blizzard of '78 on Facebook.

Please join us again in March!

MEMORIES OF THE BLIZZARD OF '78

BY FRANCES ANN WYCHORSKI,
WEST BROOKFIELD MA

The Blizzard of '78 is now celebrating a 40th anniversary. This great storm started on Monday, February 6 and did not stop until the next day. At that time, I was living in Worcester, MA with my family in a small house on Vernon Hill. I was a senior in high school. There was an early dismissal and I recall taking the city bus up Grafton Hill, getting off on the corner of Houghton and Grafton Street, walking the last mile home. I can recall watching television that evening and seeing Mayor Kevin White of Boston and Governor Michael Dukakis talking to us about what was happening.

When the snow finally stopped falling, the dig out began. There was a problem getting outside to start shoveling because the storm door opened out and the snow was too heavy and deep against it. The back porch had a door that pulled in and my brother went out that way. He couldn't find the stairs to walk on. The snowpack reached up to the first floor and after paths were cleared, our house cat started a habit of walking up to the living room window and simply scratching at it to let us know he was ready to come inside.

There was no car traffic on the road for several days. If I am not mistaken, we were told to stay home and not travel by car at all. It simply wasn't possible. In fact, a few days later, it snowed again and I was shoveling as snowmobiles went by the house. I had to toss the snow up and over by then as the piles were almost over my head. People were curious and took the chance to get around other ways.

There are memories of flooding in Hull. People were skiing in the roads. Governor Dukakis called in some sort of large snow vehicles that were common in ski areas. They could roll right over the snow and get to places easily. Nurses and healthcare workers stayed on duty for days. They were the only people allowed to travel after the storm. People were running out of food as we were all housebound. To this day, people that lived through the blizzard panic a bit at snow storms and tend to visit the grocery store stocking up on essentials. I did not return to high school for at least two weeks.

I recall the story of a young boy disappearing sometime after the storm. He went outside and did not return. It was odd and where he went was unknown. When the snow packs thawed in late March and April, his body was found in the snow. He'd died right outside the home and somehow became buried in a drift.

Only the winter of 2010-11 compares to '78. It snowed every week for four to five weeks without a melt in between. My house started to look like an igloo and I had snowpack up to the bottom of my mailbox. As in '78, roofs started to crack or collapse causing a nightmare for homeowners and businesses.

MEMORIES, BLIZZARD OF '78

Donna R: "I was 15 years old had a paper route remember delivering papers the snow piles were so high. Also had three weeks off from school too."

Don B: "I was in Gitmo hoping all the best for everyone. Came home 3 weeks later and saw the most snow in my lifetime."

Joelyn D: Photo: "My dad, Richard Green, (me) and my brother Troy K. I remember shoveling out with a metal shovel, knit gloves that we got soaking wet and then we'd have to change them and get another pair, we didn't have waterproof gloves then."

Margaret D: "My husband LD and I were in the National Guard and we were activated."

Laurel TS L: "I spent an hour shoveling my driveway so I could go to my job at the Brookfield State Police Barracks. When I got there they said I could go home! I said "NO" I shoveled and made it I stay! My late husband was a West Brookfield cop. I think the town highway department picked him up for his day shift. I don't remember if we lost power but we heated with wood so had heat."

Alison M: "I was a bun in the oven."

Midderice D: "I remember living in NB and we ran out of firewood and my dad took one of the living room chairs and broke it up to use the wood in the fireplace. Needless to say my mom was quite upset because it was her chair and he didn't ask her."

Suzanne B: "Massasoit had free food all day. We took a walk around town and stopped there for drinks."

Cathy D: I was in my senior year of nursing school at Salem State. I had to dig out my Volkswagen. We didn't have school for a week!"

Melanie K: "I was in my senior year of college in Wisconsin. February 6 was my dad's birthday and I called to talk with him. My mon said he wasn't home yet because there was a huge storm. I called every half hour for hours, getting more worried with each call. Finally he made it home around 10:00 pm He had followed a town plow truck home from the border with Leicester, all the way up High St. to our house. He said without the truck, he would never have made it home."

Debra K: "I was senior at Prouty and on my way home. I got stuck on Route 31 north before Northwest Rd at Ann L M's house (she had been my 5th grade teacher). Her father was there and let me use the phone to call my dad. My car was stranded for a week, but I was able to get home safely. What a storm that was!"



RICHARD GREEN, JOELYN & TROY OF SPENCER SHOVEL OUT BLIZZARD OF '78

Andy G: "Ran my snowmobile up and down 31 North pulling people out of freezing cars."

Donna M F: "My father and I drove our snowmobile up and down our road getting grocery lists then went to Price Chopper (Kings) and picked up food for the neighborhood. All the ice cream was melted all over the store and it was dark in there."

Susan T: "I was in grad school in frigit Indiana. We didn't have the snow, but the temps were so cold the dorm heating system could not produce enough heat. We went to bed in hats and coats."

Sheila M G: "My mom was working with the Civil Defense in town. Her cousin, Bob F, came to the house on snowmobile to pick her up. They had an emergency shelter set up at Town Hall. Snowmobilers were riding out to senior citizens on the outskirts of town to make sure they were ok. I also remember my mom and dad walking to East Brookfield to check on my grandparents who lived next to Lamoureux Ford."

John C: "I was delivering newspapers. Remember the old Breezy Bend, a wall of snow on both sides looked like you were driving through a tunnel almost."

Leigh B: "Lots of snow forts with tall walls. It was fun for us, unless you had to deliver newspaper."

Karen B: "Oh the snow forts. The no school. The sledding down Prouty Street. Cars could not use it so we did. My family was waiting for the state to re-open the roads so we could drive to Florida."

Diane G-C: "I can't say that I do, but I very clearly recall the eruption of Mt. St. Helens."

COLD SWEET MEMORIES

BY RICHARD TRAUSCHKE

It rained all evening, with a northern breeze;
I awoke in the morning with the early sun.

Out of the portal, eyes near closed with sleep,
I beheld a wondrous sight that God had done.

He coated the trees from crown on down;
with glassy ice, that shimmers and gleams;
wrapping branch, limb and twig all around,
that creak in the breeze, and break with ease.

Then falling on snow crust, and wind-swept away;
with a familiar crystal tinkling sound.
Till finally stopping and lodging, to stay
caught in the critter tracks on the ground.

The tall conifers, now silent and proud;
stand like sentinels in frosty attire.
Waiting on a breeze to loose laden boughs;
releasing the snow hidden under the spire.

The afternoon sun will be stronger still;
and then will warm the Maple tree.

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MEMORIES, BLIZZARD OF '78

BY JUNE SIMAKAUSKAS, SPENCER, MA

It was definitely a different time back then. We were probably warned that snow was coming, but back then, things weren't closed or canceled ahead of time. I doubt there was satellite or 3D images to predict weather events and, most of the time, the weatherman were wrong, so we didn't pay much attention to the forecasts. Most cars didn't have four-wheel drive or even front wheel drive, at least mine didn't. I was driving a Pontiac Firebird with rear-wheel drive and mag wheels...not exactly meant for winter

driving. My sister and I were working at Worcester City Hospital at the time and decided to take the back roads home instead of going down Park Ave to Main Street to Spencer. We took Chandler Street, which would have taken us to Tatnuck Square and up Pleasant Street, had we made it that far. We got as far as Cumberland Farms on Chandler Street. It was as far as my car was going to go and we needed to find a phone. At least we were stranded some place warm that had food. There were several other folks that were stranded there as well. I remember the snow just piling up outside and covering my poor car. We didn't have cell phones back

then and had to rely on pay phones. A friend of my sister's drove a jeep and picked us up, but instead of bringing us home, brought us to his house in Oxford. We were stranded there for two days in our white hospital uniforms, borrowing clothes from his sister. I remember a few rides on a snowmobile while we were there. A couple days later, my fiancée was able to shovel out, borrow a 4-wheel drive truck to rescue us and bring us home. It was several days before I could pick up my car from Cumberland's parking lot. I still remember the look of my car literally buried in snow...just wish I had a camera at the time. I think school was out for at least two weeks.

The Blizzard of '78 was the snow-storm of the century that won't be forgotten by those alive at the time. Memories are that of tragedy and loss for some; a heck of a lot of snow and fun memories for others. For me, it will be a story for my children and grandchildren when they say, "look at all this snow!" I'll say, "You think this is a lot of snow? Let me tell you about the Blizzard of '78!"



DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

Why are people today so rude and mean?
Shouldn't everyone be treated like a king or queen
Instead of holding the door for you they slam in your face
Simply because you are of a different color, nationality or race
No one even says thank you anymore
Acting as if it were a heart breaking chore
If you walk in front of someone just say please excuse me
This is the way it should be – just reality
Adults use profane language in front of a child
Stop before you speak just for awhile
Making fun of a woman even if she's a little overweight
Happening in every town – community – every state
Not wanting a girl playing on a boy's baseball team
Is this the truth – what does this mean?
Not believing in a man – not even giving him a chance
Abuse is not love – or caring – not one-sided romance
Leaving an infant in a car in the freezing cold
This story about endangerment must definitely be told
A two year old sneaking out of the house in the middle of the nite
The parents to keep this person not putting up a fight
Yelling at a passenger for bringing a pet on the plane
This their security blanket – must not live in shame
Today's children for elders have no respect
Maybe in their own life was hatred and neglect
Robbing a bank for drugs they need the money
This today the truth – not even funny
A home invasion where a young adult is harmed
Setting a fire, just to pull the fire alarm
Calling your school and making a threat
Later in life this you will regret
Just walking by someone when on the ice they fall
Will you keep walking or simply make a call?
Not saying anything because you didn't want to get involved
So much food in today's age is getting recalled
Not helping a 90 year old cross the street
Turning the other way when a teacher you meet
Always having to be in the front of a line
In a hurry – I have not the time
When during the day nothing is going your way
Simply take a moment for yourself and begin to pray
God in return will see you thru
For do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

OLD LOVE POEM

BY STEPHANIE LEONARD, EAST BROOKFIELD, MA

I once was sad,
thrashing dark clouds thunder,
I thought I was in love but he had me fooled,
I couldn't even see the light of day
I was amidst this curse
a damsel in distress
he show me no affection I should not mention,
iron hands and voice like tacks
I couldn't look back
His meanness and tricks prevail
he stole my heart like a thieve
and cut into a million pieces
he was cold like a corpse
I was alone
a new Love liberation
write a poem
for the month February
where true love shines
Than shall win this heart of mine
So this is what I wrote
I want a man that is a dear
always be in his heart
his hair long falling to his knees
like silk and sand
everyday an unusual look that takes me by wonder
and may he never say goodbye
an old age tale that I do not want put down and personality mellow
he'll adorn me with flowers red and white
hard to find he's more than commodity but a way of life
a man shadowy as moon but takes my breath away
a chocolate he'll leave for me
Summer petals delicate yet fragile
a king of jungle but never agile
I want him to treat me like a queen
Is this too much to comprehend
winter snow and ice castles
through fall leaves of rainbows
I want him to adorn me with surprises like a babies laugh and sunrises
but be insightful and full of talk and chatter as the dawn birds coo
So I wrote this letter at into the universe on day where lovers meet
a special February 14th .returned a letter back... from secret admirer
"I LOVE YOU"

THE LIGHT IN MY HEART

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

The first day I met Sandy I knew
She would be a special friend my whole life thru
When arriving at the cafeteria we'd chat for awhile
And when she left, my face still had a smile
Always saying if you need a change come work with me
Being a true friend – the best – anyone could see
In the summer with our shorts – your great legs she would show
How much I'm gonna miss you – you will never know
And even though as a manager being your one true career
It's now time to retire after 50 years
Starting to work at only age sixteen
You should be crowned the UMASS queen
But now it's time for another journey thru life

To spend more time with Don as his devoted wife
Your children Don, Marie, Michelle and Paul all now grown
Having boys and girls all of their own
Spending quality time with Brielle, Sophie, Reilly, Anthony, Tristan, Samantha and Cam
All of your attention in great demand
Not having to awaken early in the morning anymore
You can sleep in-sit-relax-not worry about chores
There's camping-hiking-nature in the woods
How you deal with creepy crawlers I never understood
Going kayaking you are certainly in good shape
Taking care of yourself that's no mistake
It will be difficult for me when you leave not to cry
For one thing I regret is saying good bye
But you are cherished as a loving person with a heart of gold
With your kindness and compassion towards me I was sold
The gratitude you showed when for you I would bake
Bringing you taralles or your favorite cake
I shall miss you for me always being there
A person who believed in me – a friend who cared
Whether right or wrong you stood by my side
Giving me back my self-esteem – dignity and pride
For you I wish joy and happiness in all that you do
And may all your hopes and dreams come true
And although in February we will have to depart
You, Sandy, shall forever be "the light in my heart."

GIVING LOVE & HOPE

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

From Massachusetts – New Hampshire and even in Maine
This is in everyone of these states something the same
On many street corners homeless people stand
With signs saying God bless you – please lend a helping hand
Many of these individuals are usually men
But we can't just look away and just pretend
Most are veterans coming home from war
Not even imagining the horrors that they saw
they come back to no home – no insurance – nothing at all
Even though they chose to leave everything when they received that call
Some are women in an old worn dress
A few are pregnant – well you know the rest
Who are we to look at these poor souls and judge
Even if you don't give them money they don't hold a grudge
To buy drugs and booze
Do you think for one minute this is the life they choose?
It's not that they enjoy standing for hours in the freezing rain and cold
No they're not lazy and no not even bold

In the blistering sun in 90 degree heat
With old worn out shoes on both of their feet
Not an ordinary job working from nine until five
Fifteen or more hours they stand – they need to survive
Many have no money so they can't offer food or rent
Living in the woods – a box – a tarp for a tent
Going through dumpsters to find anything to eat
Getting stares – dirty looks from all society they meet
One day this could be you – yes it could even be me
Just open up your eyes and try to see
This is the year 2018
All should be living the American dream
No one should be living the way that they do
Unless you've been there you haven't a clue
So when you see a homeless person on a street corner with a sign
Say a prayer for them and hope they'll be fine
As you think of your family and your heart starts to melt
Give what you can afford as they are begging for help
The giving season has ended – yet the need never ends
Someone who was a homeless stranger will now be a friend.

WILL YOU?

BY SUSAN JANE SHEPERD, AUBURN, MA

Love is everywhere, just waiting to be found,
It makes your heart turn upside down.

Time & devotion are the best gifts of all,
Their cost is priceless – not found in a mall.

Declaring your devotion, is quite a big risk,
Deep down inside, you want to be kissed.

To the outsider, it doesn't make any sense,
It's time to get off that white picket fence.

Hearts & flowers, some red and some pink,
A great big smile and even a wink.

Love makes you do some crazy little things,
Making your heart feel like it has wings.

From the beginning of time, love was found in a garden,
A love everlasting – not needing a pardon.

The day has come – let them know how you feel,
No longer a dream – it's time to get real.

Hoping the feeling comes back your way,
Then it'll be time to plan that big day.

Bending down on one of your knees,
"Together forever, say yes, will you please?"

A GRANDMOTHER'S PLEA

BY VICTORIA HOPKINS PROVOST,
RICHMOND, NH (FORMERLY OF SPENCER, MA)

It's domestic terrorism! Period!
So why is a background check something bad?
Who thinks like that?
Who votes like that?

Stop listening to the propaganda of the NRA
because it's not about taking all your guns away.

Stop listening to the propaganda of the NRA

because it's the greenbacks of the greedy that talk this way.

Don't stay silent and say you don't "talk" politics

because that's just an excuse that makes our nation sick.

And our illness as a nation is beyond recognition

because we lack sane legislation and logical communication.

So close your eyes and listen to the screams of all the children

As they hide behind doors
Seeing dead classmates on the floors

Of the now unrecognizable place
Where they should truly feel safe.

Take your head out of the sand
It is beyond time to take a stand

In the name of all the children
whose voices should be heard

Whose lives are worth far more
than the dollars the lobbyists adore.

We should not build a costly wall
when our children take the fall

In the name of the second amendment

And a political party and its president.

Use the money for the remedy!

So why are background checks something bad?

Who thinks like that?
Who votes like that?

It's domestic terrorism. Period!

AN ANGEL WALKS BESIDE ME

BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER

As long as I
have you
to walk beside me
thru this
path called "life,"
I will be
fine and will
not fear.
Our love is
greater than
any challenge
put before us.
Together, we
live as one
and we are
stronger with
that bond.
No one can
separate us,
for our commitment is
forever.
You are my
truest angel,
and as long as
we walk together
hand in hand,
we will overcome all.
God bless you,
my soulmate.

BESPOKEN – A TRUE STORY

BY DEBORAH GREGOIRE LEFEBVRE,
SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

Once upon a time there was a group named BeSpoken,

Who gathered at a venue named Starlite.

Poems were read and emotions were awoken,

At the end of each month on Wednesday night.

Starlite is in Southbridge on 39 Hamilton Street,

Please come listen to us as we rhyme.

We look forward to seeing you the next time we meet,

At 7:00 pm, so please be on time!
Check us out on Facebook,
For this story is real.

C'mon, take a look,
It'll change the way you feel.

Because you'll have the need,
To sometimes break out in laughter.

And once you hear us read,
You too can live happily ever after.

BYGONE BIRCHES

BY RICHARD TRAUSSCHKE

Young, slender birches along the road;
will never reach the height of a teak.

They sway like ladies in fine white clothes;

and sigh when a breeze permits them to speak.

Heart-shaped leaves covering the crown;

The boys climb up the slim pillar's core,

and sway it side-to-side, till they ride it down;

then let go, and swoosh it back to restore.

The ideal birch tree I have found;
is seven inches across, at the base.

Once it sets you down on the ground;

Let Go! But protect your face.

I was always swinging on birch trees;

and rode every birch tree around.
Those years are gone away from me;

and those trees, they too are probably gone.

I'd love to swing on one, if I dared;
Just to see if I could do it.

I'm old now, and not much energy to spare;

so I'll just have to remember it; darn it!

WASHING DISHES

BY CHARLES THANAS, LEICESTER, MA

The sun was always yellow,
like corn, when we walked down
Broadway kicking pebbles in the dirt
along the roadside. Our new sneakers
filled with sand and small rocks
along the way. It was a different
time and a different place then,
in South Portland Maine, a kind of
wild country that seemed to ignore
the city and that was fine with me.

It was always early when we went
washing dishes. Always the fresh
morning air and the sun beginning
to burn on the beaches so close by
when we walked that two miles
to my uncle's restaurant. I didn't
think much about the day ahead,
in the kitchen, slopping pans and
burning my hands on hot plates
after the rush. Dish washing: A
noble and satisfying job much
overlooked and all too necessary,
dishwashers; one of the invisible
doers in life.

But it was summer and the morning
air pushed cool across my forehead
before gathering steam and
roaring into its sweltering
afternoon heat.

I will proclaim now and forever
for all who have ever burned their
hands and scrubbed the pots of a
restaurant kitchen that it is a noble
and necessary travail. Above all it
was speed that made it all work,
speed and coordination while
enduring the grueling kitchen heat.

It made the air outside seem cool
even when it was 90 in the shade.
I was young then, just learning
about girls, a wise guy, sneaking
a smoke out back by the garbage
cans, and collecting memories of
Uncle Jimmy's restaurant.

Valentine's Day, a cold snowy
one, was turning the roads icy and
slippery, plus poor visibility and,
Teckla King, on her way home from
Capital Book Store was feeling
stressed and tired. It was a long day
selecting books for the library; and
she thought maybe her husband,
Brad, was right, she was working
too many hours; time to listen to
him.

As she approached a country
road, one that hadn't been plowed
for hours, an oncoming truck forced
her car off the road into a drift.
Trying to leave the banking got
her car stuck even more. Teckla's
only choice was to stomp through
the drifts to get help. A farm house
with a bright porch light got her
attention. It was exhausting and
feeling frozen, she made it to the
porch and as she rang the bell, the
name Teckla Edwards stood out to
her. A friendly, smiling elder lady
invited her in.

"My dear, you look like a snow
lady,"

The young lady stated, "I was
wondering if I could use your
phone, I have to call my husband
and my cell phone isn't working."

"You could certainly use it, but
right now it is out of order. My son
Stanley will be stopping in soon
and you'll be able to use his cell
phone."

Mrs. Edwards took her coat and
had the young lady sit in front of
the fireplace.

"A cup of hot tea will hep warm
you," she commented.

The two ladies enjoyed their tea
with a helping of lasagna. Teckla
didn't realize how hungry she was.

"My dear, what is your name?"

"My name is Teckla King."

The elder lady commented, "So
we both have the same first name,
you know it is a Polish name, and
not a popular one at that."

"My husband calls me Teckly
so I seldom hear my first name,
although I do like it."

Sitting near the fireplace brought
Teckly warmth, but not comfort;
she was nervous thinking of what
Brad must be going through; she
was already two hours late of arriv-
ing home.

"My dear, did you always live in
Massachusetts?"

"No," said Teckly, "we came here
from Minnesota when my hus-
band's company opened an office in
Pittsfield, 20 years ago."

The chatter seemed to arouse the
elder lady, who excused herself,
went into the dining room, and
came out with a bottle of wine and
two goblets.

"Teckly, would you like a little to
really warm you up?" she asked.

"No thank you, the tea was
enough."

"Tell me, dear, where did you live
in Minnesota?"

"In a small town, Middleton," she
answered.

"Oh oh," commented Mrs.
Edwards, and Teckly noticed that
she reached for a second glass.

As the talk progressed, the bottle
was emptying at a fast rate.

"Mrs. Edwards, do you feel
alright?" Her cheeks were getting
flushed and her glass trembled in
her hands.

"Teckly, do tell me more about
your life," she replied.

"Well, I was named after an aunt
of mine who left home at an early
age, I guess she was 18. My mother
loved and missed her so much. I
was named after her."

Mrs. Edwards almost fell off her
chair.

"Teckly, do you think you'll ever
find her, and if you did, how would
you know for sure?"

"My aunt had a prominent birth
mark that I heard stories of and I
know I'd recognize it."

The elder lady pulled the sleeve
off of her left arm and in plain view,
stood a birth mark, deep red in the
shape of a heart.

"Is this not proof enough, my
dear niece, and is your mother's
name Helen, and do you not have
an uncle Stanley?"

The two ladies embraced with
tears of joy, kisses and hugs; it was
a great moment of celebration.

Teckly said, "When I call my
mother tonight, I'll have a message
of a miracle to share.

You know, Aunt Teckla, it was
your porch light that led me to your
home."

"Yes, Teckly, just like the Star of
Bethlehem."

"This is one Valentine's Day
we will always remember, and
to have viewed your red heart
on Valentine's Day was truly a
blessing in disguise, commented
Teckly."

The End

THINKING OF A FRIEND ON VALENTINE'S DAY (A POEM)

BY TOM VANTRE, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

To my friend, Leslie
For Valentine's Day, 2018

As Valentine's Day approaches, I
think about how we met.

With the help of mutual friends,
we met through social media.

I don't know about you, but I was
nervous as hell.

My social skills weren't the great-
est and they still aren't.

But having a couple of similar
interests certainly helped a lot.

From having an interest in anime
to being fans of horror,

We could talk about The Walking
Dead all night.

September 2017, the remake of
Stephen King's IT is released.

We met in person for the first
time to see the movie.

Time with you was enjoyable and
we should do it again.

I said I had feelings for you and
that hasn't changed.

You just wanted to be friends and
I'm ok with that.

Even if I meet another woman
and fall in love with her,

I will still love you always but as
my very good friend.

CUPID'S TWELFTH BIRTHDAY

BY SUZANNE VASHUGIN,
SPENCER WRITER'S GROUP

On the day that Cupid turned
twelve years old,

God gave him twelve arrows
made out of pure gold.

These arrows were his most pow-
erful because he received them
from above.

The potion they possessed
gave the recipient everlasting, not
romantic love.

All the other angels were so happy
that they merrily danced around,

Then they presented Cupid with a
sparkling crystal crown.

He placed it on his head and
leaped from cloud to cloud,

After he did this for an hour, he
said, "I need to be serious now."

Cupid knew it was a difficult deci-
sion, on who to give his arrows,

So he sat and pondered it as he
leaned on his elbows.

Cupid thought, "Maybe I should
give them to world leaders or some-
one famous

or maybe to sports stars or cham-
pions in the Olympics?"

"I think I've got it!" he shouted to
the angels who hadn't flown away.

"I'll wait until 12:01 in the morn-
ing on Valentine's Day,

to watch the seven continents on
Earth,

and see which twelve mothers
first give birth.

I'll shoot my painless arrows at
each of their newborns,

Yet they won't feel a thing, not
even the prick of a thorn.

Two days passed, and it was 12
o'clock midnight.

Cupid was so excited about his
significant plight.

He stared at the world with great
anticipation.

Which baby would be born first
and from what nation?

At last, he heard wails from
Tanzania, Peru and Canada.

Then, he heard cries from
Malaysia, Timbuktu and Australia,

Next, Cupid heard screeches from
Siberia, Hawaii and Ireland.

Last, he heard shrieks from
China, Chile and Iceland.

As Cupid carefully listened
to all the newborn commotion,
he flew with lightning speed to
each location.

With a smile from ear to ear,
Cupid bestowed his priceless gift,

"Have a loving life!" he said,
as to the clouds did he lift.

Cupid returned to the heavens,
and God had one specific question.

"Why did you choose new
born babies to give this special
present?"

Cupid replied "I thought many
hours about what I would do.

Maybe I would give them to some-
one important, but I didn't have a
clue.

I decided the best option was to
pick someone new,

So on the day of love, Valentine's
Day, off I flew!

I found the first born babes in
each corner of the world.

Next, I launched my arrows and
watched them swirl,

toward each wee one that would
possess everlasting love,

more than any present human
had ever heard of."



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WEBSTER - 9 Asselin Ave! Hospital Newly 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! 2.5 Baths! 2 Car Garage! Shed! \$279,900.00	DUDLEY - 20 Williams St! Nice 7 Rm Cape w/3 Car Garage! SS Appliances! Kit w/Oak Cabinets & Corian Counters! Frplcd Liv Rm & Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Sunroom w/Hot Tub/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Tile Bathrooms! Buders Furnace! Town Services! Fenced Backyard! \$244,900.00	WEBSTER - 25 North Main St! ATTENTION INVESTORS! 4 Family! 44/4 Rms! 2/2/2 Bdrms! Consists of 4 Kitchens, 2 Bdrms Each Unit, 4 Living Rms One Unit with Built-Ins & Fireplace! 4 Full Baths! Laundry In Units! Full Basement w/Storage! Needs TLC! Walk Up Attic! \$169,900.00	DOUGLAS - 93 Monroe St! 10.97 ACRES! Updated 1867 8 Rm Farmhouse! Flexible Floor Plan! Loads of Charm! Frplc Liv Rm! Fam Rm w/ Cathedral! Slider to Deck! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 2 Car Attached Garage! Additional 3 BAY, 50x85, GARAGE BUILDING! \$594,500.00	DUDLEY - 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Appliances! Granite Kit! Frplcd Dining Rm! Living Rm w/ Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! \$359,900.00	MILLBURY - 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 146! Close to Singletary Boat Ramp! \$120,000.00	CHARLTON - 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Hrdwds! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Total! 16x30 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! \$344,900.00	SOUTHBRIDGE - 118 Riverview Pl - Unit D! Contemp 5 Rm 2 Bdrm Townhouse Condo! Appliances! Eat-in Kit w/Dining Area! Sunken Liv Rm w/Slider to Deck & Access to Pool! Master Bdrm w/Full Bath! 1.5 Baths! 2nd Flr Laundry! 2 Parking Spaces & Visitor Parking! \$119,900.00			
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WEBSTER - 42 Cushing Rd! 7 Rm Ranch! Cabinet Kit w/SS Appliances & Tile Flr Dining Area w/Corner Hutch! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Den w/New Carpet! New Electrical Service! Partially Finished Basement! Garage! Screened Porch! Shed! Town Services! \$239,900.00	WEBSTER - 10 Arthrop 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	WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Killdeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdw! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 14x20 Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaped! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! \$524,900.00	WEBSTER LAKE - 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Contemp Ranch, 3 Bdrms! 3 Baths! Lake Views from Most Rooms! Hrdwds & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brunarhan Custom Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/New Bath! Frplcd Fam Rm! Deck w/Custom Bar! 2 Car Garage! \$639,900.00	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	WEBSTER LAKE - 3 Lakeside Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! Ideal Summer or Year Round! Western Expa - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm Ranch! New Quartz & Stainless Kit! 3 Remodeled Bdrms! 2 New Baths - Master Bath! Tile & Hrdwds! Frplc! Oil Heat! Unique Waterfront! \$575,000.00	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 Bath! Skylight! Hrdwds! 6 Panel! 1st Flr! Oil Heat! Furnaces! 1 Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electric! Fenced Yard w/Patio! \$219,900.00	WEBSTER - 47 Harris St! Custom Built 6 Rm Ranch! 43 Acre Lot! Eat-in Kit w/Oversized Pantry! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Bay Window! 3 Large Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpets & Large Closets! Den! Full Bath w/Lean Closet! Semi-Finished Lower Level w/Full Bath! 10yr Young Roof! Newer Gas Furnace! \$229,900.00			
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WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Pond Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrms, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Appliances! Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frplcd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! \$749,900.00	WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrms, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/Heated Flr! Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! Lake Facing Master w/Master Bath! Upstairs 3 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! Lower Level Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Sauna & Full Bath! 3 Car Attached, 1 Car Detached! Security! Generator! Boat House! \$1,195,900.00	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	WEBSTER LAKE - 3 Lakeside Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! Ideal Summer or Year Round! Western Expa - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm Ranch! New Quartz & Stainless Kit! 3 Remodeled Bdrms! 2 New Baths - Master Bath! Tile & Hrdwds! Frplc! Oil Heat! Unique Waterfront! \$575,000.00	WEBSTER LAKE - 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Contemp! Panoramic Lake Views! Most Rm! Open Flr Plan! Frplcd Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Bath! 2 Car Garage! Deck! Add Lot Access! Recent Roof! \$599,900.00	WEBSTER LAKE - 33 Beacon Rd! 6 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 3 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! C/Air! 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 Land to Beach/Shore! Private Rd w/Woods Across Street! Location, Slope to Water, View & Exposure, Things You Can't Change, After that it's One's Imagination! Front, Back, & Side Yards, Space to Roam, Entertain, Park & Expand! Main Level, White & Black Granite Kit, Center Isl w/Gas Range & Sink, Wall Oven! Din Area! Lake Facing Din Rm! Frplcd 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/ Frplcd Fam Rm, Summer Kit & 3rd Full Bath, 3.5 Total! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage & More! \$1,100,000.00	WEBSTER LAKE - 18 Bates Crossing! South Pond! Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Eastern Exposure! 8 Rm 3,100' Custom Contemporary! 2.43 Acres! Substantial Privacy! Home Features Endless Possibilities! Open Flr Plan w/Magnificent Views from Every Rm! 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! European Kit w/Center Isl! Modern Frplc Liv Rm w/Glass Sliders Open to Waterfront Balcony! Master Bdrm w/en-suite Bath, Separate Shower, Jacuzzi Tub, Walk-in Closet & Attached Laundry! Lower Level Bdrms Share Private Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage w/Work Space! Detached 2 Car Heated Garage w/Workshop! Greenhouse! Panoramic Lake & Estuary Views! \$950,000.00	WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Beachfront! Townhouse! 6 Rm! 1,574' Open Floor Plan! Appliances! Granite Kit w/Hrdwds! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent Clair, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage! BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! \$424,900.00	WEBSTER LAKE - 334 Killdeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained 7 Rm Colonial! Appliances! Oak Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Lake Facing! Cathedral Ceiling 3 Season Sunroom! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 3Bdrms! 2 Bath! Sandy Beach! \$469,900.00	WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Lakeside Ave! 100' Waterfront! Huge Views of South Pond! Western Exposure - Fantastic Sunsets! In Time for Summer! 5 Rooms of Rustic Charm! Real Log Summer Cottage! 10,924' Lot! Allows for Room to Expand! Remodel It! Tear It Down! Build New! \$359,900.00

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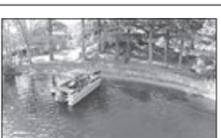



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<p>Woodstock \$495,000 NEW LISTING</p> <p>bhhsNEproperties.com/170048421 Ca. 1745 but completely new w/4,000 SF, 4 BR 3 BA on 1.17 acres surrounded by protected land. Chef's kitchen & 3-car garage! The Gosselin Team: Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	<p>Woodstock \$450,000</p> <p>bhhsNEproperties.com/170027908 18.24 acres of beautiful nature. Comfortable & spacious living w/hrwd floors throughout. Location is private & peaceful. John Downs 860-377-0754</p>	<p>Pomfret \$305,000</p> <p>bhhsNEproperties.com/170049480 Beautiful 3 story Antique home with 6 BR and a wonderful layout! Antique charm with modern updated systems! Brooke Gelhaus 860-336-9408</p>	<p>Thompson, \$339,900</p> <p>bhhsNEproperties.com/170044048 3 BR, 2,600 SF colonial on 2.5 acres w/private backyard. Cathedral ceilings, open concept. Great for entertaining! Jen Jackson 401-413-1001</p>	<p>Danielson \$229,000</p> <p>bhhsNEproperties.com/170005096 Prime mixed use residential/commercial. Lower level walkout was office. 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>
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HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 THRU SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 p.m. nightly; 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday A WINTER REVIVAL -- All welcome Rev. Mark Fowler to preach and sing EAST BROOKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH 262 East Main Street East Brookfield, MA

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23 AND 24

7:00 p.m. FOOTLOOSE The winter musical at Hard Auditorium at Pomfret School 398 Pomfret St., Pomfret, CT www.pomfret.org/calendar

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:00 p.m. EMPTY BOWLS A soup-tasting to benefit local food banks Main House, Pomfret School 398 Pomfret St., Pomfret, CT www.pomfret.org/calendar

APRIL'S FOOLS 9:00 p.m. Local classic rock band 308 LAKESIDE 308 East Main Street East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

2:00 p.m. FOOTLOOSE The winter musical at Hard Auditorium at Pomfret School 398 Pomfret St., Pomfret, CT www.pomfret.org/calendar

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY MARCH 2, 3, 4

COUNTRY FOLK ART CRAFT SHOW Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference

Center 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA Show hours: Fri. 3-8; Sat., 10-5; Sun., 10-4 Admission \$6. Handstamp admits you all three days. Visit countryfolkart.com for \$1 coupon

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 p.m. FRIDAY NIGHT RADIO Four-piece classic country and western tribute band 308 LAKESIDE 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

POULTRY SEMINAR AT KLEM'S 2:00 p.m. With Nutrena guest speaker, Amelia Noll KLEM'S 117 West Main St., Spencer, MA 508-885-2708 (Ext. 104) www.klemsonline.com

ROADHOUSE STRANGERS 9:00 p.m. Rock & blues band that opened for Three Dog Night & Grand Funk Railroad 308 LAKESIDE 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Woodstock Academy presents the MARSHALL TUCKER BAND with opening act Cold Train at the Center for the Arts on the Woodstock Academy South Campus, 150 Route 169, Woodstock, CT Admission tickets can be purchased for \$35 A limited number of premium tickets, which include admission to a pre-show reception, can be purchased for \$100 The reception will be held next door at the Head of School's home and will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Tickets can be purchased at woodstockacademy.org/tickets

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SATURDAY, MARCH 17

BEEKEEPING SEMINAR AT KLEM'S 11:00 a.m. Learn the basics Instructed by Roland Sevigny KLEM'S 117 West Main St., Spencer, MA 508-885-2708 (Ext. 104) www.klemsonline.com

THE BAD TICKERS St. Patrick's Day Starting late afternoon. Playing your favorites with some Irish Pub songs thrown in! 308 LAKESIDE 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

EASTER BUNNY PICTURES AT KLEM'S 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hop on in - pets and children welcome! \$5.00 donation to the Spencer American Legion KLEM'S 117 West Main St. Spencer, MA 508-885-2708 (Ext. 104) www.klemsonline.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

2:00-4:00 p.m. NOTRE DAME ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE Meet the faculty, take a campus tour, learn all that NDA has to offer. For more info, contact Kimberly Kossuth, Director of Enrollment at 508-757-6200 (x 229) or enrollments@nda-worc.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

KLEM'S FISHING EXPO 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Repls, experts and the latest gear for 2018 KLEM'S 117 West Main St., Spencer, MA 508-885-2708 (Ext. 104) www.klemsonline.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

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FRIDAY, APRIL 20

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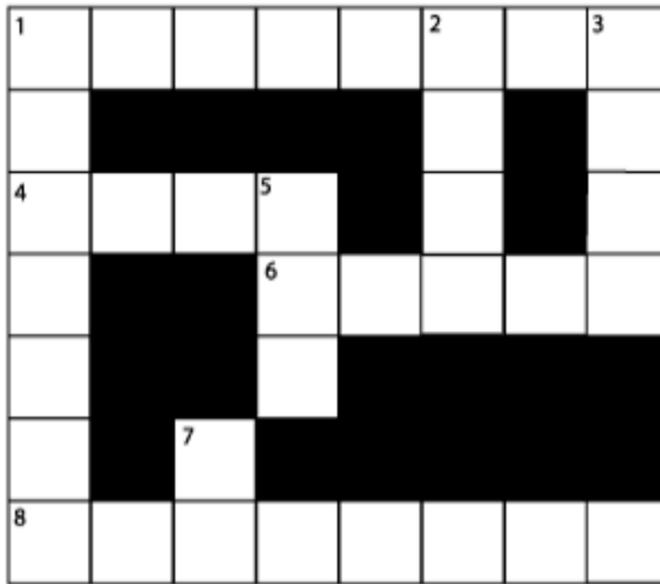
TRIVIA TUESDAYS at 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes 308 LAKESIDE 308 East main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

TRIVIAL THURSDAY No cost to play Cash prizes Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. CHESTER P. TUTTLE POST AMERICAN LEGION 88 Bancroft St. Auburn, MA 508-832-2701





Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Plan of time
- 4. Tree trunk
- 6. Divides
- 8. Put things in proper places

DOWN

- 1. Below zero
- 2. Operator
- 3. Periods of time
- 5. Easter Standard Time (abbr.)
- 7. Movie rating

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1885: MARK TWAIN'S "THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN" IS PUBLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES.
- 1930: PLUTO IS DISCOVERED BY AMERICAN ASTRONOMER CLYDE TOMBAUGH.
- 2013: ARMED ROBBERS STEAL \$50 MILLION WORTH OF DIAMONDS AT BRUSSELS AIRPORT IN BELGIUM.

SCIENCE FACT:



TRUE OR FALSE?

DAYS ARE ACTUALLY GETTING LONGER AS CENTURIES GO BY.

ANSWER: TRUE. THE EARTH'S SPIN IS SLOWING DOWN. DAYS GET 1.7 MILLISECONDS LONGER PER CENTURY.

Answers: ACROSS 1. Schedule 4. Bole 6. Sorts 8. Organize DOWN 1. Subzero 2. User 3. Eras 5. EST 7. PG

New Word

SCHEDULE

plan for carrying out a process

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Time
- SPANISH:** Tiempo
- ITALIAN:** Tempo
- FRENCH:** Temps
- GERMAN:** Zeit

Did you know?

EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF RELATIVITY STATES THAT THE CLOSER YOU ARE TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH THE SLOWER TIME GOES.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: DESK CALENDAR

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to skiing.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 18 = o)

A. 26 19 18 21 4 26

Clue: Hills

B. 26 24 18 23

Clue: White stuff

C. 19 18 16 2 4

Clue: Ski hotel

D. 21 18 19 4

Clue: Straight metal

Answers: A. slopes B. snow C. lodge D. pole

SUDOKU

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				6	7	2	
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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!

3	1	2	8	5	9	6	4	7
6	5	9	4	7	3	2	8	1
4	8	7	1	6	2	9	3	5
8	4	1	5	9	6	7	2	3
9	7	3	2	8	1	4	5	6
5	2	6	3	4	7	1	9	8
7	6	8	9	2	5	3	1	4
1	9	5	7	3	4	8	6	2
2	3	4	6	1	8	5	7	9

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TOWN OF STURBRIDGE FIRE DEPT. is accepting applications for the position of full-time firefighter/paramedic. For more information, call 508-347-2525, or visit https://www.town.sturbridge.ma.us/fire-department for detailed requirements and application.

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TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD Employment Opportunity Water Treatment Operator, North Brookfield Water Dept. Full-time. Requirements for the position of Water Operator include a high school diploma or GED; and a 17 Mass. Drinking Water Operators License or a 1T Operator in Training. This is a 40 hour a week position, Tues.-Sat., coverage on alternating holidays and on-call weekends. Interested candidate must have a valid Mass. driver's license and must be available for overtime work when necessary. Training schedule will be Mon.-Fri. until successful candidate has met the requirements needed to assume this position schedule. The North Brookfield Water Department provides drinking water to 80% of the population of the town, drawn from our surface water reservoir, Horse (North) Pond. This position requires operation of the Bell Hill Water Treatment Plant, a US Filter Microfloc package plant including upflow clarifiers run by the SCADA operating system. This position includes meter readings, replacement and repair as well as distribution system maintenance, construction and repair. Also included are lawn mowing, snow shoveling, general cleaning, brush cutting and all similar chores to maintain area in and around the treatment plant, raw water pump station, reservoir and distribution system. A complete job description is available upon request. Starting hourly rate: \$20. Step one is an entry level pay scale with yearly potential increases to a maximum step 5 pay scale of \$26.11 over a five year period as duties, licensing, and experience expand. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume via email to rkrbwtd@verizon.net or can be mailed to North Brookfield Water Dept., 14 Bell Rd., North Brookfield, Mass. 01535 Applications will be accepted until Noon on Friday, March 9, 2018 for this position. The North Brookfield Water Dept. is an equal opportunity employer.

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ATTENTION SPENCER RESIDENTS PUBLIC HEARING

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TOWN OF BROOKFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Brookfield Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on the application of David Holm of Holm Auto Group LLC for a Class II License to Buy, Sell, Exchange or Assemble Second-Hand Motor Vehicles, or parts thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Said hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 7 PM, in the Banquet Room of the Town Hall, 6 Central Street; Brookfield, MA. BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Linda M. Lincoln, Chairman; Clarence R. Snyder, Vice-Chairman; Beth L. Coughlin, Clerk. February 23, 2018

NOTICE OF HEARING

The North Brookfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 to receive public opinion regarding the following zoning bylaw amendments: Section VI. F.2. Applicability, Section VI.F.4. Monitoring and Maintenance, Section VI.3.f. Design Standards for Commercial Solar and Section II. Definitions/ Section VI. Add subsection I. Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments and consider changes to the zoning map. Hearing will take place at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest St., North Brookfield at 7:15PM. Copies of bylaw proposals are on file in the office of the Town Clerk, 215 No. Main St., North Brookfield, MA. February 23, 2018 March 2, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing on the proposed Brookfield Elementary School Budget for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Brookfield Elementary School, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, § 38N. A copy of the proposed budget is available in the Principal's Office at Brookfield Elementary School. Kyle Hill, Chairman Brookfield Elementary School Committee February 23, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Worcester, SS. SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION No. 18-219C

To Shawn Wharton Brian Wharton 40 Quaboag Street, Brookfield, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED: North Brookfield Savings Bank is a duly incorporated financial institution authorized to do business in Massachusetts and having its primary place of business at 35 Summer Street, North Brookfield MA 01535 claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering property situated 40 Quaboag Street, Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts given by Shawn Wharton and Brian Wharton to North Brookfield Savings Bank recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 54498, Page 53, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act

of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Worcester in said County on or before the twenty-third day of March, next or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act. Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this ninth day of February 2018. Dennis P. McManus, Clerk February 23, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE Fiscal Year 2019 SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING Leicesters Public Schools Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Chapter 71 Section 38N of the General Laws, the Leicesters Public School Committee will hold a public hearing on its proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. in the Leicesters Town Hall Select Board Meeting Room. February 23, 2018 March 2, 2018 March 9, 2018

HEALTH

How To C.A.R.E. About Being Your Best

(NAPS) According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 60 to 85 percent of the population worldwide does not engage in enough activity, making physical inactivity the fourth-leading risk factor for global mortality. With many spending hours commuting and sitting at their desks and moving less, more people are putting their health at risk for weight gain, muscle loss, weak bones, poor blood circulation and inflammation that can lead to heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke and increased feelings of depression. Any amount of physical activity is beneficial, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Ideally, though, adults should do at least 2.5 hours of moderate-intensity physical activity (such as walking), or 1 hour and 15 minutes of vigorous-intensity, or a combination of both, each week.



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Helpful Hints To help you live a healthier, happier, more active lifestyle, former Olympic runner, personal trainer, and current vice president of Worldwide Sports & Fitness at Herbalife Nutrition, Samantha Clayton, offers this reminder to C.A.R.E.:

- Create specific and achievable goals and resolutions. Remember, this is a lifestyle change that can lead to sustainable, lasting results. "Crash diets" and gym overload are temporary and not sustainable long term. For example, if your goal is to start running, don't shoot for

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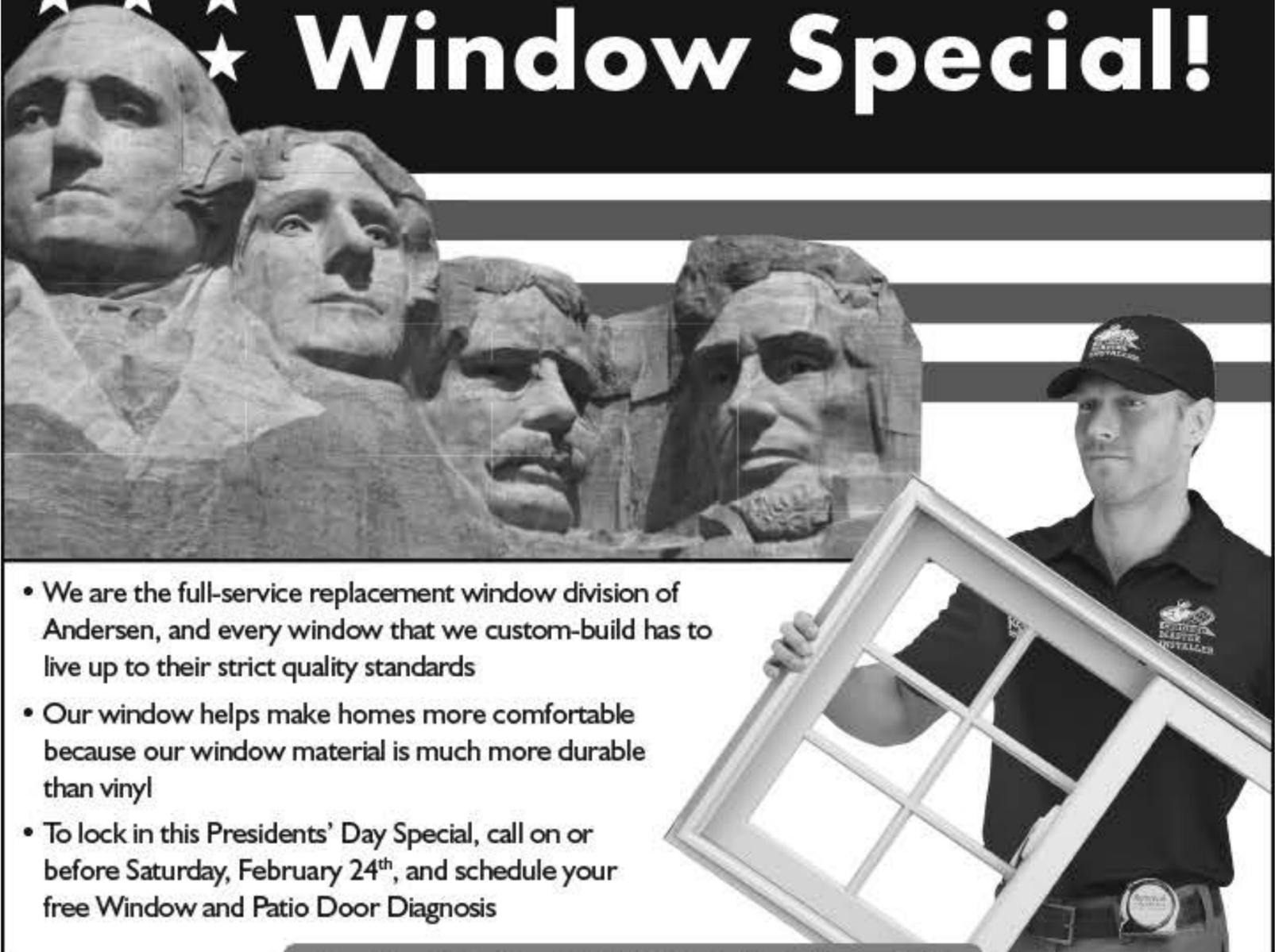
- social networks to help you achieve your goals. Surrounding yourself with like-minded people can help you stay on track. At Herbalife Nutrition Clubs, for example, people come together to improve their health, fitness and well-being, all while benefiting from a supportive

- community that provides encouragement and guidance.
- Resolve to take action by making little lifestyle changes. It takes three weeks to make a habit, so start with something you know you can achieve. Add fruits and vegetables to every meal, go for a walk, take the

- stairs instead of the elevator, park your car farther from the door and walk.
- Eat balanced meals that include fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and proteins that will help maintain energy and curb appetite. Many people find that an easy way to jump-start their diet is to replace two meals with a meal replacement shake or bar, such as Herbalife Nutrition Formula 1, then have a calorie-controlled, healthy entrée as their third meal, with extra veggies and salad on the side.
- How To Get Started Weight management is a result of balanced nutrition and exercise. Free video tutorials of exercises you can do at home, in the office or on the road are available at www.Herbalife.com. There, you will find Clayton and other fitness experts demonstrating exercise routines that are from five to 15 minutes long. You will also find recipes for nutritious, balanced meals. Whether you're new to exercise or are training for the next bodybuilding competition, the exercise video library caters to your goals and aims to help you achieve a healthier and happier life.



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