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Local Girl Scout troop gives back through holiday projects

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — A local Girl Scout and her troop have given back to the community through several projects this holiday season.

Dakota Zinkevich, a member of Troop 30853 who attends Leicester High School, has been a Girl Scout for the past five years. She and her fellow troop members always enjoy taking part in projects that benefit the community, especially during the holidays.

“My favorite part of the holiday season projects that my troop is involved in is the apple pie baking,” Zinkevich said. “Even though it takes the longest to complete, there are a lot of fun steps involved. I personally enjoy when we are packing all of the pies up, because we get to see the results of all our hard work.”

This holiday season, the troop has also baked breads for the food pantry and donated ice melt shakers to the Leicester elderly community to help prevent falls. To accomplish this, troop members decorated creamer bottles and filled them with ice melt.

“My favorite part about Scouting is that I get to be with my friends while we do all sorts of activities to help the community and learn new things, all while we are having fun,” Zinkevich added. “I am looking forward to beginning to work on our Gold Awards, because each girl who is doing their Gold Award will get to choose a project that pertains to her own interests, while still helping the community.”

Zinkevich’s fellow troop members include Hannah Martin, Turn To **SCOUTS** page **A10**



Members of Girl Scout Troop 30853 have assisted their community through several recent projects.

Courtesy

Leicester school officials discuss response to oil spill

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Officials met last week to review and discuss the 2021 oil spill incident at the elementary school.

Hosted by the Select Board, the Dec. 5 public session was described by officials as an After-Action Review (AAR). The focus of the session was the March 31, 2021, incident which caused at least 750 gallons of oil to be spilled at the elementary school.

The spill occurred after the school department rented tents from a contractor in anticipation of schools reopening following a COVID-19 closure. The tents were anchored by 44-inch spikes, one of which punctured an underground oil supply line that feeds the school’s boilers.

As of Sept. 2022, the estimated cost of the incident was \$1.2 million, with an insurance coverage limit of \$500,000. All additional bills related to

the incident must be paid through the school budget, officials said.

In advance of the Dec. 5 AAR session, selectmen invited school officials, public safety leaders, and other town officials to attend.

“An After-Action Review is designed to take larger incidents and, without finger-pointing or blaming anyone, a review is done to see what the response looked

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Retiring Haston Library Director reflects on past challenges

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — No challenge has been too big for Haston Free Public Library Director Dawn Thistle, who recently announced her upcoming retirement.

Thistle’s last day will be March 1. She has already received thanks from throughout the community for helping to steer the library through unprecedented times as a result of the pandemic.

From ensuring the continuation of certain services during the library’s lengthy closure in 2020, to helping staff members and patrons navigate the many restrictions and safety measures in place following the reopening, Thistle has always come to work with a smile and a can-do attitude.

“I have tried to build upon all the great work [former director] Ann Kidd did during her years here,” Thistle said. “Having worked in college libraries for so long, I had a lot to learn about public library service. But that was fun, too, because it really is all about getting to know the people who use the library.”

Thistle, who initially wanted to become an opera singer, earned degrees in singing from Oberlin Conservatory and New England Conservatory. After working in libraries to pay her graduate school tuition, she decided to attend Simmons University to obtain a master’s degree in library science.

After spending 16 years as a music librarian and

head of readers’ services at the College of the Holy Cross, Thistle became the library director—and later the director of information technology—at Assumption College. She worked there for another 19 years before eventually arriving in North Brookfield.

“It has been an absolute privilege to meet and get to know so many wonderful people. I feel as though I have made many friends,” Thistle said of her time in North Brookfield.

While many library officials across the country were mostly inactive during the 2020 shutdown, Thistle and her team worked hard to facilitate a continuation of vital services. She also made sure offerings were improved for whenever the doors reopened.

“Dawn safely guided us through the darkest days of the pandemic in 2020. When the library closed, Dawn oversaw the gargantuan task of inventorying the entire collection of just under 30,000

Turn To **THISTLE** page **A10**

DA partners with local police for gun buyback

REGION — The Worcester County District Attorney’s Office once again teamed up with local police departments this year to help make the community safer.

District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., and his team supported area police officials last week

as they took part in the annual Guns 2 Gardens buyback program.

Each year, the program allows residents to earn grocery gift cards in exchange for operable guns.

“We’re honored to support the Guns 2 Gardens buyback again this year, and to be able to increase

our financial support to double the value of the gift cards provided to those who turn in their unwanted guns,” read a statement released by the District Attorney’s office.

Participating police departments in this year’s program included Spencer, Auburn, Worcester, Dudley,

Northborough, and Fitchburg, among others.

“Thank you to our local police departments for participating. As always, thank you to UMass Memorial Medical Center’s Dr. Michael Hirsh for organizing this important prevention program,” read the statement issued by the DA’s office.

For law enforcement and health officials, it’s critical to provide additional ways to keep guns out of the hands of individuals who aren’t supposed to have them. For residents who are no longer interested in owning a weapon—or are unable to safely secure and manage their firearms—the buyback program is a safe opportunity to exchange it.

“An unsecured weapon in the home is a public health danger that leads to more frequent homicides, burglaries, lethal domestic violence, accidental shootings, and suicides,” Dr. Hirsh said.

Buyback programs took place throughout the day at local police departments on Dec. 10.



Courtesy

Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., recently teamed up with local police departments for a community safety event.

Congratulations, June!

June Simakauskas, Stonebridge Press’ long-time advertising sales representative will be retiring at the end of this month.

June has had a distinguished and successful 16-year career with Stonebridge Press. Publisher Frank Chilinski sings her praises when he says, “June is one of the best sales reps I have ever had the pleasure of working with. We are so happy for her, but will miss her.”

Mikaela Victor, longtime East Brookfield resident, will be taking over June’s advertising accounts. Mikaela can be reached at (774) 200-7308, or Mikaela@Stonebridgepress.news. Please join us in congratulating both June and Mikaela on their exciting futures!

Friends of the North Brookfield Town House offer ways to get involved

NORTH BROOKFIELD — During this season of celebration and reflection people's minds often turn to ways in which they might help their community. Of course, donations to help complete their \$35,000 grant challenge are always welcome. But the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House have several suggestions beyond direct monetary contributions

If you shop on Amazon for items you cannot find in local stores, please go to smile.amazon and choose The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House,

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Specialty gifts may be purchased directly from the Friends. "Building Community by Saving the Town House" tee-shirts, Town House Cat's Meow collectors' items, and "George M. Cohan Was Here! The History of the North Brookfield Town House," a book by Marilyn Borst, all showcase the Town House

In addition to efforts that add funds

to their treasury for restoration of the building, the Friends need and welcome the time and talents of volunteers. While providing skills that are invaluable to the organization, people who can find space in their busy lives to help the Friends receive satisfaction knowing that they are part of a project that will provide a brighter future for North Brookfield and the surrounding community.

The Friends' board relies on the many performers, artists, and craftsmen in the area to help plan and carry

out Rural Opportunity in Art and Restoration (ROAR) programs for all ages. They also look to committee members from all walks of life, social media devotees to secretarial specialists, to tie everything together.

For more information about upcoming events and/or to express your interest in helping, please contact the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House at friends@nbtownhouse.com.



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North Brookfield Savings Bank named WWCMA WorkWell Massachusetts Awards winner for Exemplary Worksite Health Promotion

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank, a local community bank in Worcester County is proud to have been named a 2022 WorkWell Massachusetts Awards program Award Winner in the small group category for exemplary worksite health promotion. The awards, powered by Healthiest Employers, recognizes North Brookfield Savings Bank's achievements in providing best-in-class programs and supporting employees through a culture of well-being.

The Bank believes that supporting the whole employee and their families is important, weather it is health, financial or mental wellness, in total they all play into how an employee shows up as their best selves each day.

"Given all of the unique challenges that organizations have been facing over the last few years, our goal is to recognize those companies that are finding ways to approach well-being in a more holistic way, and meet the needs of employees and their families," says Jenna Carter, WWCMA Board Director and Awards & Recognition Committee Co-Chair.

"With the tremendous pressure to be an employer of choice, there's an emphasis to build well-being into the fabric of their workplace. These organizations foster an environment where employees can thrive in and are empowered through various tools, resources, and communication to be their best selves," explains Archana Kansagra, WWCMA Board Director; Awards & Recognition Committee Co-Chair; and founder of the WorkWell MA Awards program.

WorkWell Massachusetts Awards is a corporate award program created by WWCMA, a not-for-profit member organization dedicated to the advancement of worksite wellness programs. WWCMA is partnering with Healthiest Employers, a trusted national awards program that recognizes people-first organizations taking a proactive approach to employee health.

The judging is based on each organization's Healthiest Employers Index — a metric focused on six categories: Culture and Leadership Commitment, Foundational Components, Strategic Planning, Communications and Marketing, Programming and Interventions, and Reporting and Analytics. The questionnaire, scoring, and benchmarking were formed with the help of a national, non-biased group of representatives from the academic, medical, and wellness communities. The assessment is scored rubric style on a 1 - 100 scale, with each question totaling .25 - 3 points.

"Employees are the backbone of the Bank, they deserve our support of their physical, mental and financial health. Our programs such as Annual Wellness Week and Year-Round Wellness Challenges, such as the Water Challenge, inspire our employees to think differently about their health and take steps to re-focus on themselves and their health," said Andrea Healy, FSVP, Chief Administrative and HR Officer.

"We are proud to recognize these innovative employers for their outstanding wellness programs focusing on the health and well-being of their employees, especially with the challenges of a new hybrid work environment," states Kristie Howard, WWCMA Board Chair.

North Brookfield Savings Bank will be recognized for their best practices in employee health and well-being and receive their WorkWell Massachusetts Award at a special celebration event on Tuesday, December 13 from 6 pm - 10 pm at Lord Hobo Brewing Company in Woburn, MA.

View the 2022 WorkWell Massachusetts Award Winners: <https://wwcma.org/2022-workwell-award-winners/>

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- Understanding of National School Lunch Program requirements preferred
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Local police urge safe holiday celebrations

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Local police departments are urging residents to celebrate responsibly over the next few weeks, as the holiday season always brings a spike in OUI arrests and accidents.

Police in area towns will be out in full force through Jan. 1 to crack down on impaired driving and distracted driving. December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, and local officials continue to spread awareness through several pro-

grams. “Drunk and drugged driving is more than dangerous—it is deadly,” read a statement released by Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early’s office. “With the holiday season upon us, never let someone leave a celebration and drive under the influence.”

According to the DA’s office, 29 percent of Massachusetts deaths in traffic accidents in 2020 were caused by a driver operating under the influence. With Christmas parties and New Year’s celebrations—plus more drivers on the road for

travel—the holiday season is always one of the most dangerous stretches for motorists.

“When we are all busy with our holiday obligations, remember to keep your full attention on the road. Avoid a tragic result for you and your family by not drinking and driving, by wearing your safety belt, and not texting and driving,” said Spencer Police Chief David Darrin.

After two years of pandemic restrictions and closures, residents are ready to get out and celebrate the holidays at their favorite venues

again. In order to avoid an accident, a citation, or an arrest during the season of giving, police urge drivers to plan ahead.

“Socializing safely this season is so important. Since emerging out of the pandemic, everyone is eager to spend time with friends and family. Please do so responsibly and don’t drink and drive,” said Leicester Police Chief Ken Antanavica.

If you or a friend has had too much to drink, plan an alternate route home. The State Police, which will also feature increased patrols this

month, reminds motorists that buzzed driving is considered to be just as dangerous as drunk driving. And if you’re found to be over the legal limit, a single arrest can cost you thousands in legal fees, even if you’re not involved in an accident.

“Your life and the lives of others on the road are at risk every time a driver gets behind the wheel after drinking,” read a statement released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

State transportation officials recommend taking several steps to enjoy

your holiday season safely. These include choosing a designated driver ahead of time, or scheduling a ride-sharing, ride-hailing, or taxi service.

“If you are hosting a party where there’s alcohol, offer non-alcoholic drink options and make sure all guests leave with a sober driver,” the NHTSA statement read.

Additionally, if you see a potentially drunk driver on the road, safely pull over and call law enforcement.

Further information can be found by visiting www.nhtsa.gov.

Local real estate agent recognized internationally for outstanding achievement

SPENCER — The 2021/2022 real estate market was brisk as home prices and interest rates continued to rise. The need then and now for knowledgeable, professional real estate agents to skillfully guide their clients through the changing market has never been greater.

EXIT Realty Corp. International recognized its champions for outstanding achievement through that period during the company’s international Convention held recently at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort near Jacksonville, Florida.

* Michelle Terry, Franchisee with EXIT Real Estate Executives in Spencer, was honored with the Silver

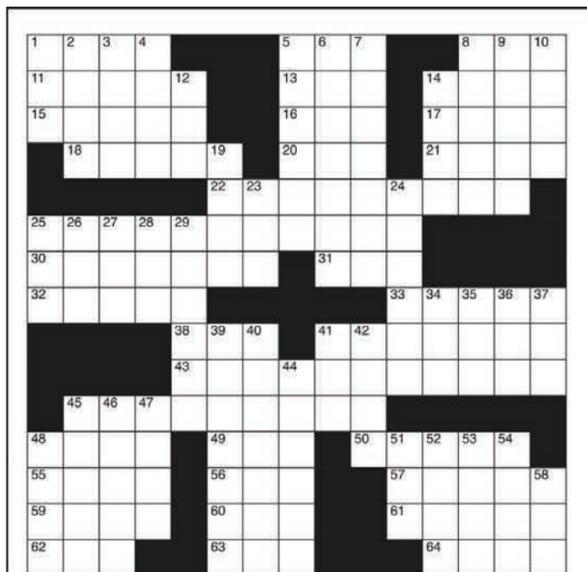
Award by EXIT Realty Corp. International. The award was given in recognition of closing between 50 and 74 real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. Terry was also inducted into the prestigious Ruby Circle in recognition of closing 500 real estate transaction sides during one’s career with EXIT.

“The real estate professionals who put the needs of their clients first and who can pivot to meet those needs in a changing economy will always succeed,” said Tami Bonnell, Co-Chair, EXIT Realty Corp. International. “It’s because of the hard work and dedication of our agents and brokerage owners that EXIT has continued to thrive and expand across the

US and Canada. We are proud of their accomplishments, and we extend our best wishes for their continued success. Congratulations to our champions!”

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EXIT Realty is a company founded and built on human potential. A full service, forward-thinking, real estate franchisor with offices across North America, EXIT has to-date paid out more than a half a billion dollars in single-level residual income to its associates. A portion of every transaction fee received by EXIT Realty Corp. International is applied to its charitable fund, and to-date, \$7 million has been allocated to charity. For more information, please visit www.exitrealty.com and www.joinexitrealty.com.



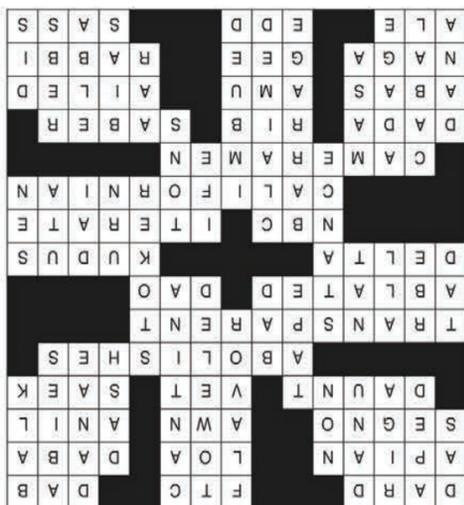
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- A people of Eastern Afghanistan
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Touch lightly
- Relating to bees
- Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- Mosuo culture religion
- Italian village
- Stiff bristle
- Wealthy enclave in Rio
- Cause to lose courage
- Examines animals
- Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
- Gets rid of
- Having easily perceived thoughts
- Removed surgically
- Principle underlying the universe
- Popular airline
- Peacock network
- Utter repeatedly
- One from the Golden State
- Photographers
- Father
- Popular BBQ dish
- Cavalry sword
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Atomic mass unit
- Afflicted in mind or body
- Indian mythological figure
- Mild expression of surprise
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Brew
- Doctor of Education
- Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- State attorneys
- Imitated
- Latvian capital
- Irish goddess
- Taste
- Dried
- Spanish saloon
- Mother of Perseus
- Evergreen coniferous trees
- Refuse to comply
- Negative
- Hyphen
- A way to record
- Not good
- One who tends the furnace
- Small amount
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- The whole quantity
- __ King Cole, musician
- One’s opinion
- Holds ashes
- Stablecoin cryptocurrency
- Side-blotched lizards genus
- Legislator (abbr.)
- Concentrated bombardment
- Took for oneself
- Nigerian City
- Thousands of pounds
- Inspired
- Secret clique
- Expression
- Dough made from corn flour
- Comedian Carvey
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Resistance fighters
- Criticize

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Alexandra Duntzee inducted into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, La. — Alexandra Duntzee of Leicester was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Duntzee was initiated at MCPHS University.

Duntzee is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization’s notable members include former President Jimmy Carter; NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and mem-

bers through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

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EAST BROOKFIELD

\$415,000, 312 E Main St, Vineyard, James D, and Vineyard, Robyn, to Chavez, Bradley J, and Chavez, Kathleen M.

LEICESTER

\$193,000, 29 Mill St, Joan M Robidoux RET, and Robidoux, Neil A, to Gjata, Gerta, and Preci, Ardian.

\$20,000, Sunset Dr, Foley Jr, Robert P, and Foley, Donna L, to Mendes, Belmira, and Nuamah, Susan.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

\$127,500, 19 Ryan Rd, Morrison, Scott, and Morrison, Michelle L, to Noorzaie, Ibrahim, and Noorzaie, Ghazal.

SPENCER

\$410,000, 42 R Jones Rd, Head, Christopher D, to Kase, Adrian, and Smith, Adam.

\$407,000, 3 Main St, Maisonet, Bryan, and Cruz, Mariana, to Gamboa-Ortiz, Javier, and Rodriguez-Barosso, Yadeni.

\$329,900, 39 Greenville St, Howell, George A, and Howell, June M, to Reynolds, John.

\$280,000, 32 Jolicoeur Ave, Mcfee 3rd, Harry E, to Earnest, Koby S, and Mcfee, Kayla M.

\$170,000, 31 Wilson Ave, Fast Eddies RT, and Russo, Edward F, to Swiderski, Miroslaw, and Swiderski, Roberta.

\$140,000, 42 Main St, Narrow, Elmer M, and Naim, Yoram B, to Naim, Yoram B.

\$88,750, 3 East Ave, Kennen IRT, and Kennen, Thomas W, to Kennen, Michelle E.

WARREN

\$460,000, 17 Canada Ln, Marcinek Jr, Tadeus M, and Marcinek, Mary B, to Beltrami, Kyle, and Giovanella, Brooke.

\$305,000, 75 Old Douglas Rd, Richard, Michael J, and Bryant, Kelsie M, to Santley, Steven P, and Santley, Misty L.

\$180,000, 43 River St, Pluta Mark C Est, and Siniscalchi, Kylie M, to Narreau, Kimberly, and Mancuso, Nicholas.

WEST BROOKFIELD

\$89,900, 25 Kennedy Rd, Dougan, Dave W, to Carroll, Sean, and Carroll, Mary A.

\$12,500, 46 Whispering Pine Dr, Yother John W Sr Est, and Yother, Lawrence, to Mcguigan, Timothy.

LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

LEICESTER — Leicester Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

High Honors
 8th grade: Jacob Beaulac, Taylor Gallant, Ty Gully, Jeremy Ledbetter, Nikolas Lison, Ryder Mandella, Kaydi Marttila, Joshua McCormick, Gianna Panepinto, Jillian Rodrigue, Abigail Valinski, Mary Van Hazinga, Sabrina Wright
 7th grade: Matthew Alves, Muhamad Arslan, Kennedy Bates, Brady Bouchard, Haylee Kularski, Brock Lopez, Zachary Macedo, Alena Martinkova, Julianna McCormick, Trinity Medeiros, Charlotte Mercer, Max Milionis, Katherine Ozarowski, Desmond Strom, Nicholas Stuart, Ryan Sweeney, Lillian Warner, Jayke Williams
 6th grade: Camden Beaudry, Elijah Belisle, Javier Flores, Alexander Fournier, Liam Gentile, Benjamin Hagglund, Braydon Herbert, Liana LaFlamme, Papayaw Larbi, Rocco Lauder, Tighe Lauder, Nick Nguyen, Jaedyn Perry Hunter Wright,
 5th grade: Maxwell Belizaire, Olivia Cardona, Adalynn Grant, Christopher Harrington, Tyler Kularski, Cadence Mederios, Emma Mercier, Owen Murphy, Colin Potter, Leah Varney, Gianna Wooden

Honors
 8th grade: Destiny Barshell, Brady Bates, Karsyn Bulak, Alexa Butler, Andrew Carpenter, Kelsey Cole, Margaret Dillon, Lena Dolen, Kenneth Lane, Jahnisha Layne, Arianna Lemerise, Adriana Lucas, Luke Marjault, Valerie Maynard, Kaidyn McDowell, Nayeli Merino Canof,
 Justin Nguyen, Arunass Orloff, Laila Paquin, Ashley Pereira, Ava Petrucci, Taylor Rodrigue, Madalyn Rose, Hannah Spratt, Casey Waterman, Camron Wells,
 7th grade: Jack Albro, Brody Arnberg, Russell Baker, Emma Bernabei, Jude Campbell, Truman Carr, Isabella Cortes Florez, Zachary Couture, Stella Entwistle, Alexander Frisch, Stephen Giaquinto, Jonathan Ho, Hailey Knott, Sarah Kozlowski, Joseph Kulla, Kobe Lavin, Kaylee Luby, Josiah McDonald, Kyah McDowell, Kameron Monroe, Trevor Moorghen, Nikolai Ngo, Brandon Nguyen, Alivia Perry, Katarzyna Piascik, Maryangelie Rivas, Paula Roberts, Muhammad Saqlain, Jameson Wood, Jennifer Zeena

6th grade: John Derrick, Brody Dufries, Elizabeth Dykas, Natalie LaPointe, Maci Lusignan, Ryan Lynch, Arilyn McNally, Lincoln Meloche, Kingston Nguyen, Thinh Pham, Malin Stimson,
 Benjamin Tivnan, Marilee Valentin, Robert Zinkevich
 5th grade: Trey Blais, Jolene Boudreau, Landon Bullock, Justin Cai, Avery Cole, Michael Cormier, Bridget Dillon, Gavin Ford, Shelby Grant, Russell Hayes, Cameron Hipple, Emily Hipple, Juliette Hoekstra, Ava Johnston, Fiona Liebman, Ayla Lis, Samuel Macedo, Charlie Marttila, Cole Milgate, Sonya Potvin, David Sanborn, Kayzen Santana-Ernestburg, Eris Santiago-Baez, Liam Tremblay, Aaliyah Trought, Joseph Ukoh, Oliver Underwood, Aiden Valinski, Brady Walsh, Lexie Weagle

Spencer seeks full-time firefighter

SPENCER — The town is seeking to hire a career firefighter. Working under the direction of the Fire Chief, the firefighter will be responsible for emergency responses and activities at fires, rescue scenes, and emergency medical incidents, among other responses.

Additionally, the firefighter will perform general duties in support of primary responsibilities, including general maintenance, upkeep, documentation and record keeping, and office tasks.

Requirements for the position

include a high school diploma or equivalent, as well as Firefighter I/II certification from the Massachusetts State Fire Academy (or equivalent).

The residency requirement for the position is 15 miles or less from town. The starting hourly rate is \$24.40, with a 42-hour average work-week.

If you are interested in the position, please submit a letter of interest, resume, and the names of three professional references to the Spencer Fire Department, Chief of Department, 11 West Main St.,

Spencer, MA 01562.

If you would like to send your materials electronically, please send an email to rparsons@spencerma.gov.

A review of all applications will commence on Jan. 2, and will continue until the position is filled.

The town of Spencer is an equal opportunity employer.

Community invited to Quabbin Reservoir program

SPENCER — The community is invited to a free presentation about the Quabbin Reservoir and Watershed Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 10:45 a.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St. in Spencer. (Parking is at our only entrance on Pope Street.)

This slideshow by Justin Gonsor of the Visitor Center

will further inform us about History of the Quabbin and its unique value far and wide.

You must call 617-431-4937 and leave your name and number and your call will be returned with parking and other details! There is no inclement weather date at this time.

Country Bank supports senior centers with \$42,000 in donations

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, recently announced donations to 21 local senior centers throughout the region.

Supporting communities has been part of Country Bank's mission since 1850, the bank is committed to the people, businesses and non-profits it serves. A total of \$42,000 in donations were made to local senior centers. These donations are made without restriction for those necessary items that may not be met within annual budgets.

"Everyone at the West Brookfield Senior Center appreciates the partnership that's been established with Country Bank. We will be using the \$2,000 to support our senior center programs and activities, and will use some of the funds for our annual Christmas Party," stated Betty Frew, Assistant Director.

"We know what a difference this makes for the senior centers, and we are honored to be able to support the great work that they do for our seniors," said Jodie Gerulaitis, Vice President of Community Relations at Country Bank.

In addition to its annual monetary support, Country Bank also sends teams of its "Difference Makers" to volunteer at local senior centers on a monthly basis.

The bank's volunteer team which they dub "Difference Makers" keeps busy throughout the year, but during the holiday season, there is always an extra-special feeling for them when they give back to their home town and its seniors, stated Gerulaitis.

Donations as of 12/9/2022

12/5/2022	Susan and Phil Laquerre	\$50.00
12/5/2022	Ahearn Equipment	\$100.00
12/5/2022	Pat George and Laurie Griggs	\$100.00
12/5/2022	East Brookfield & Spencer RailRoad	\$250.00
12/5/2022	Christine and Michael Haynes	\$25.00
12/5/2022	Cornerstone Bank	\$500.00
12/6/2022	Barbara Bernard	\$50.00
12/6/2022	Sue Terkainian	\$60.00
12/6/2022	Monette Landscaping & Construction	\$100.00
12/7/2022	Guaranty Glass & Mirror	\$500.00
12/8/2022	Joseph and Ellen Lowkes	\$50.00
12/8/2022	Joseph Zalleckas	\$50.00
12/8/2022	Ronald and Anne Marie Jette	\$125.00
12/8/2022	Mary and Paul Webber	\$100.00
12/9/2022	American Legion post 138	\$100.00

Monetary Donations may be sent to: Spencer Toys for Kids, P.O. Box 186, Spencer, MA 01562.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at: Spencer Fire Dept, Cornerstone Bank (Spencer office), ERA Key Realty Services (415B Main St). If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact Donna at donnaflannery@erakey.com or call 508-885-6336. If you are in need of assistance, applications can be picked up at: Spencer Post Office, Mary Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry or ERA Key Realty Services (outside mailbox). You can see updates on Facebook at Spencer Toys for Kids.



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Keep holiday greens looking their best

Wreaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays. Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.



GARDEN MOMENTS
MELINDA MYERS

allow it to better absorb moisture.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to warm, dry air indoors and drying winds and sunlight outside.

vate some of these chemicals. Allow the treated greens to dry for three to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces moisture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat, and flames from candles. Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.



Melinda Myers

When outdoor temperatures are cooler, green arrangements, like this winter container garden, last much longer than indoor displays.

you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest. Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location. Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end to

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treating. Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar and blue spruce. The waxy coating that makes these look blue can be damaged by these products. Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to acti-

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered locations, out of direct sunlight and wind where they suffer less drying. Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes,

Latest auction, antiques, and collectibles news

There has been a lot of auction news since my last column, beginning with the sale of a dinosaur skull. The New York Times reported that the skull was discovered on private land in a section of Northwestern South Dakota known to contain large amounts of fossils. The fossil was reported to still have 30 of the 39 original bones. There were high expectations for the skull nicknamed "Maximus." A *Deinonychus* skeleton for \$12.4 million and a *Gorgosaurus* skeleton brought \$6.1 million earlier this year. It had an auction estimate of \$15 to \$20 million but sold for only \$6.1 million.



Elvis Presley's 1976 JetStar plane will soon be auctioned. The top of the line was "decked out with custom red velvet upholstery, gold-finish hardware, a microwave, a VCR player, a cassette player and other lavish amenities", according to the Smithsonian. The jet is in poor condition after sitting at the Roswell Air Center in Roswell, New Mexico and mechanics removed the engines and many other components. The auction house hasn't estimated the value but believes that there will be plenty of interest from Elvis fans wanting to own a piece of his legacy.

markings that were used on balls pitched to Judge when he was nearing the American League single season home run record. After it was confirmed that he caught the record ball, he fielded offers from people wanting to purchase it. He placed it in a safe deposit box until it was moved to the auction house by armed guards. It is estimated to sell for \$3 million.

We also have our own baseball auction news to report. Our November sports cards and memorabilia auction brought some great results. We sold a collection of T206 (1909-1911) baseball cards in that auction. They were manufactured by the Carolina Brights Tobacco Company. A limited amount of these cards were produced for Carolina Brights and the cards are quite scarce. A Tris Speaker card graded at a 3.5 out of 10 sold for over \$30,000 and a 1.5 Fair condition Ty Cobb card sold for over \$50,000. We were pleased to see so many bidders step up to the plate for this great collection.

It was nice meeting the readers of this column who came to the Rotman auction of local memorabilia. We will also have a large auction of art, historical memorabilia and other antiques and collectibles online auction beginning later this month. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

Please contact us at www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@centralmassauctions.com for antiques and collectibles auction services.

There was also some post-dinosaur animal auction news. A Charles Darwin manuscript on natural selection recently broke a record for a Darwin document, according to Yahoo News. The document was described as Darwin's "definitive statement on natural selection and his legacy". The English scientist theorized that all living creatures developed from a common ancestor through natural selection. After his death in 1882, natural selection was widely accepted as a key part of evolution by scientists. The previous record for a Darwin document was a little over \$400,000. This manuscript sold for \$882,000.



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES
WAYNE TUISKULA

If you want to soar like the King of Rock and Roll did, you'll soon have the opportunity to buy his jet. The Smithsonian Magazine reported that

Cornerstone Bank donates \$5,000 to Venture Forum in Worcester

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$5,000 to Venture Forum, a startup community committed to helping entrepreneurs launch and scale their businesses in Central Mass.

"Many of our customers are local entrepreneurs and we are proud to help them grow and sustain their businesses," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "We hope that our support of Venture Forum enables more people to succeed in our local business community."

Venture Forum, formerly WPI Venture Forum, helps local entrepreneurs start and scale their businesses by connecting them to resour-

es and mentors and providing educational opportunities in the form of events and webinars.

"We are grateful for Cornerstone's support," said Zachary Dutton, executive director, Venture Forum. "The ultimate use of the donation will be to help strengthen the local entrepreneurial ecosystem with a goal of keeping companies in the region."

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank's local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability

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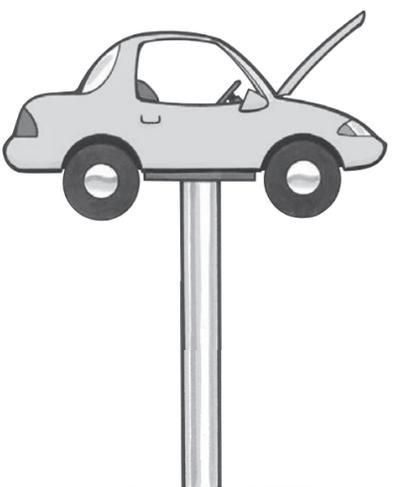
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EDITORIAL

Asking the right questions

It's holiday party season, and for most of us, that is a good thing. We get together with friends and family, enjoy some eggnog and a plethora of our favorite appetizers. However, we do know that often, we are invited by our significant others to attend a work soiree, or we are attending one ourselves. Being in a room where you only know one or a few people could seem like a daunting task for our introverted readers, but have no fear, below we have ways for you to have memorable conversations that you may end up enjoying.

Instead of discussing the weather or asking the mundane questions such as "Where are you from?" why not simply ask, "What's your story?" Other conversation starters include, "How do you know the host?" "What was the highlight of your week?" or "Are you working on anything exciting?"

If you're shy or feeling a bit awkward, you can keep the conversation going by talking about the food being served or the venue where the event is taking place. Asking a person what they have tried so far, and how they liked it is an easy conversation starter. If you research the history of a place, you can always begin with the 'Did you know?' questions. We know everyone loves a good history story and bits of local trivia.

If the person you are speaking with is from the area, ask them what they do for entertainment in town, including where and what their favorite restaurants are. Looking up recent sports standings is never a bad idea, even if you don't particularly care for sports. This way when you nod and smile, you can have some confidence in knowing that you are at least somewhat in the loop. If you've bumped into a fellow skier, discussing snow conditions and ski hills is an easy topic. Look up a recent odd news story that is interesting and humorous, that way during a lull, you can say, "So I was reading about a man who appeared before a Dutch court and requested that he legally be made 20 years younger." (Yes, that actually happened. If we see you at a holiday bash we will fill you in.)

Most conversations remain on the surface, which is appropriate when you don't really know someone. However, if you feel comfortable and are enjoying the conversation don't be afraid to go a bit bolder. Generally, most people like to talk about themselves, not necessarily for selfish reasons, but who doesn't want to be known and appreciated? We all have unique personalities that are worth sharing.

Such questions that go beneath the surface may include, "What is your biggest fear?" "When you were growing up, what was your dream job?" "Have you been to any interesting places lately?" "Have you learned anything this week, that you weren't aware of last week?"

The easiest thing to do while in conversation this month is to ask how a person celebrates the holidays. Asking about traditions and the best holiday a person has ever had brings up fond memories and positive energy.

These questions tend to snowball naturally, and before you know it, a solid, meaningful conversation has been had, and you could even make a new comrade along the way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

You are your own Santa Claus

To the Editor:
 Well, here I am again — the guy who has told you a few times recently about the non-Christmas's and New Year's for the 45 years in prison that I spent, released on Dec. 31, 2021.
 This time, I just want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy New Year, and let you know that there is, in fact, a Santa Claus. He's called Freedom, Sobriety, and You!
 Freedom from prison, sobriety from drugs and alcoholism, and you.
 You can make the choice to be and

stay free from jail/prison; stay free of drugs and alcohol that put you in prison, as well as many other heartaches, and you who make all those decisions.
 When you make the right decision, you are not only giving you/yourself the gift of life, you are also giving it to loved ones and friends.
 So look in the mirror, and what do you see?
 Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
 Happy New Year.
 All the way!

HANK HOUGHTON
 SOUTHBRIDGE

From our home to yours Christmas greetings – 2022

To the Editor:
 May the magic of Christmas bring you good health and happiness. This Christmas, we share and give our love to you and your family.

All is well, all is bright, especially on HIS special night. Yes, HE is the reason for the season. The rest of our Christmas greeting to all of you will include a few lyrics from songs and our personal touch.

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way. Oh! It's so much fun to laugh and sing each and every day.

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly. We wish all of you a Happy and wonderful season, by golly.

Let It Snow, Let It Snow. We are your loyal friends throughout the entire year we want you to know.

The First Noel, the Angels did say. Take the time to do good deeds, as we reflect and pray.

Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright. We want to wish you and your family much happiness, especially on HIS night.

Hark the Herald Angels sing. It's a fact Santa will come to your home and many presents he is sure to bring.

Glory to the New Born KING, with loud voices and a smile Christmas carols we will sing.

Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh, through the fields we go enjoying the happenings and special events of the day.

Oh! Little Town of Bethlehem How Still We See Thee Lie, after Christmas dinner we hope you will have your special piece of pie.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen and Women too. Let's raise our glasses making a toast, only having a few.

We Pray this night for Peace on Earth, especially the people of Ukraine. They are suffering so much this year and enduring too much pain.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, our wish is for a permanent Peace and to live in Harmony with everyone, without any Fear.

Keep the Faith, good things we can expect in 2023, because regardless of any differences that may exist in our world, we live in a society that is FREE.

May God continue to Bless all of You!

DONALD GAUDETTE
 SOUTH HADLEY

The author is a former resident of Spencer.

Christmas is Jesus' birthday!

To the Editor:
 Hello, and a blessed Christmas season to everyone. Just wanted to remind you that Christmas would not be celebrated if it were not for Jesus. We are celebrating the birth of Jesus, and not just another holiday, so in all your hustle and bustle getting ready for that special day, don't forget Jesus. Take the time to give Jesus your personal attention and wish Jesus a happy birthday by thanking Him for coming into this world to teach us how to live and love by honoring God, our creator, and God loving us so much that God redeemed us from the sin of Adam and Eve through His Son, Jesus,

who is God incarnate. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for our sins so that all mankind would honor God by accepting Jesus as the Savior of our eternal life in Heaven.

Galatians 4:4-5 is a very good testimony of God's love for us. Santa Claus, Christmas trees, that is all nicely done; however, Christmas is a special gift from God to us, eternal life with Jesus; it is the most precious Christmas gift anyone could ever ask for and want, Amen! Hallelujah!
 Dwell in peace!

ROLAND BLAIS
 BROOKFIELD

Advertisement was in poor taste

To the Editor:
 I find it very disturbing that the front page of Spencer's New Leader for December 9, 2022, shows a half page, larger than life, advertisement with a picture depicting a smiling gingerbread man smoking a marijuana cigarette with the caption "Let's Get Baked."

Does anyone else find this disturbing? People of all ages read this news-

paper, including Children and young adults. I realize we live in an age where marijuana is legal to purchase but, do we really want to be making it a point to encourage this?

I think this advertisement is in poor taste, and has no place on the front page of our town paper.

DONNA LANAGAN
 SPENCER

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Time for tax-loss harvesting?



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For a variety of reasons, such as higher interest rates, rising inflation and supply chain issues, the financial markets were volatile in 2022 — and this volatility probably showed up in your investment statements. Yet, while you may have been less than happy about your investment returns this year, the volatility and depressed prices may offer you some opportunities at tax time.

Specifically, you may be able to take advantage of tax-loss harvesting. Using this strategy, you sell securities at a loss to offset capital gains, which you may have if you've held some investments for years and they've greatly appreciated in value. And if your total losses exceed your gains, you could offset up to \$3,000 of ordinary income per year and carry over the rest to future tax years.

Tax-loss harvesting isn't just a tax issue — it also can be part of your investment strategy. What investments should you sell to take the capital gains? Which ones should be sold to take the losses?

To answer these questions, consider a few different factors:

Diversification – Portfolio rebalancing is important for investors. If you have too many investments that have essentially the same characteristics, your portfolio might be under-diversified — and diversification is necessary to help you achieve your long-term goals. If your assets are concentrated in a single asset class or a single stock, your portfolio could take a big hit during times of market volatility, but a diversified investment mix can reduce this impact. Consequently, when looking at ways to take advantage of tax-loss harvesting, you could consider selling an investment that's similar to several others you may own. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't prevent all losses or guarantee profits.)

Performance – Investment performance can be looked at in a couple of different ways. If you've held an investment for many years and it has gone up greatly in value, you might be motivated to sell it and take the profits. Conversely, if you have an investment that's consistently under-performed and has lost value, you might feel you're better off selling it and applying the losses against capital gains.

Holding period – When you sell investments that you've held for a year or less, your gains are taxed at your ordinary income tax rate; for investments held longer than a year, you'll pay the long-term capital gains rate, which is based on your income and ranges from 0 to 23.8 percent, which includes a 3.8 percent net investment income tax for high earners. Short-term losses offset short-term gains first, while long-term losses offset long-term gains. Once losses in one category exceed the gains of the same type, you can use them to offset gains for the other category.

Here's one more point to keep in mind: If you want to sell an investment for tax purposes, but you might like to reacquire it, you'll have to meet the "wash sale" rule, which prohibits you from writing off an investment loss if you or your spouse buys the same investment, or a substantially identical one, in the 30 days before or after the sale.

To take advantage of tax-loss harvesting, you'll need to act before the end of the year. And consult with your tax advisor. This strategy can be effective — but you'll need to be sure it's right for you.

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Fresh snow makes tracking easier

Now that the shotgun deer season has ended in Mass., sportsmen have set their sights on excellence. The snow that fell on Sunday made hunting conditions excellent for tracking. The new rifled single shot guns are extremely accurate, and many hunters prefer using the .50 caliber guns over their shotguns. There are still a lot of deer out there for hunters to harvest before the season ends on Dec. 31! Last week saw many deer hunters harvest some more impressive bucks, sporting some very impressive antlers and weighing in at close to 200 pounds. A Douglas man harvested a huge buck that sported a set of antlers that had 17 points during the shotgun deer season. It is one of the most impressive deer harvested this year. Kurt Salvas of Douglas also harvested a couple of deer that sported impressive antlers. Because of most deer being checked in online, the results of the final harvest of deer in Mass. will not be available until the middle or late February of 2023.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

RALPH TRUE

By killing them, only to have their populations increase to their original level in a matter of a few years. They are here to stay, and residents will need to learn to live with them. Residents will need to keep a close eye on their family and pets, to ensure their safety.

This is the time of year that many families consider buying a new family pet. It may seem like a good time of year to buy a dog or cat, but it is most often the wrong time to do so. Christmas is too hectic of a time as it is to bring a new pet into most homes. There are exceptions, but for most, waiting until spring is the best option, and adopting a pet could be the right way to go. During the pandemic of last year, many pets were purchased, as many adults were work-

ing from home and had time to care for them. As they started to return to their workplace, the pets were put up for adoption or brought to a shelter. The new pet owners had little time to care for their family and a dog, and they quickly found out the expense of owning one was more than they expected. Vet bills can pile up fast, costing hundreds if not thousands of dollars to treat them if they become sick or injured. Vet bills are through the roof!

Many of the dogs that were purchased were often purebred pups costing the owners \$2,000 or \$3,000. You need to consider the responsibility of owning a dog for as long as 12 to 14 years. It could cost you as much as raising another child during their lifetime. If you have the time and resources to own a dog, you will never regret it. They are loyal and entertaining to have, and can cheer you up when you come home from a hard day at work or the office.

I have had dogs for most of my adult years, and they all have been great to have. All of my dogs were hunting dogs that consisted of Beagles, Labrador Retrievers, and English pointers. They have provided for my wife and I many mem-



Courtesy

This week's picture shows 10 year old Hunter Weed with his impressive eight point buck he harvested recently while hunting with his dad. It is not his first deer! Nice job.

orable moments over the years, and we never regretted having them in our family. Today, many pups are selling for as much as \$3,000 to \$4,000, and if you want one, you need to wait three to four years to buy one. Many breeders have a waiting list of people interested in purchasing them. Today, I live alone, and my two dogs help me enjoy every day to its fullest. Dogs never seem to have a bad day, and are always there to cheer you up. If you have the resources

to own a dog, it is the best thing to do. You will never regret it. When their final days are near, and you lose one of them, it is like losing a family member. Even grown men cry after the loss of a family pet or hunting companion, but the memories will last a lifetime.

Ice fishing cannot be far away! It only takes a few days of temperatures near zero to freeze up some of the smaller local ponds. Be sure to have a talk with your family members about the

dangers of thin ice. Every year, some youngster falls through thin ice, that often has a bad outcome. I can already smell the venison cooking on outdoor stoves and fires, as anglers wait for the flag to pop on one of their ice tilts. Jig fishing through the ice is my favorite form of ice fishing! Can't wait!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Readers Share Tips and Tricks

It's time to take a peek into the Take the Hint! mailbox. Thanks to all the readers who have taken time from the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations to send in their great tips for dealing with the little nuisances in life. And remember readers, your tip puts you in the running for a three course dinner for two at the Publick House! From prepping a favorite winter vegetable to building a better mousetrap, readers share their favorite hints in this week's column. Read on and keep the tips coming!

** Painting can be messy, but it doesn't have to be with this do-it-yourselfer's quick and easy way to prevent drips and spills:

I used this trick this past week. Stretch a wide rubber band over an open paint can you are using while painting (vertical) so the band lies across where you dip the brush. Anchor it securely stretched also across the bottom of the can.

Now you can just, dip, rub off brush and paint. No more painted on stuck



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

lids or putting bent holes in the rim of your cans of paint!

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA
**

Butternut squash is a holiday favorite, but cutting and cleaning the hard vegetable can be a

workout! Try this reader's simple trick to cut the job down to size:

I have an easy tip for prepping butternut squash. The squash is delicious, but it can be such a difficult thing to prepare. Here's a trick you can use to make that process easier. Just place the squash in the microwave for 2-3 minutes. Afterwards you'll see that the squash becomes much easier to seed, peel and cube.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA
**

If country mice have taken up residence in your home this season, you'll be thankful for this reader's common sense adaption to the age-old mousetrap:

A helpful add-on to a mouse trap is a length of string tied to the front of the sprung loop. It makes it easier to retrieve and release the critter and not touch it. I now will never use the trap without it.

Paul Davignon
Uxbridge, MA
**

Read on for a trio of tips from a reader:

Here are a few tips:

1. Oops! You bought the wrong mouthwash and you hate the flavor if it? Don't throw it out, use it for an antiseptic

cleanser!

2. Did you know that insects hate coffee? I use the leftover coffee pods from my coffee maker and put the pod in a plastic or paper cup so that they don't spill. I place the cup anywhere I don't want the insects to be.

3. My daughter told me this one: "To prevent parents from accidentally leaving children in the back seat of the car unattended, parents can place one of their shoes in the back with the baby. You will have to get the show when you get to your destination." You can also use your cell phone for this purpose.

Sharon Conlon
Whitinsville, MA
**

Yard work is a chore, and even more so if you don't have a wheelbarrow or garden wagon. Try this reader's tip to improve:

Here's a tip for when you are working outside in your yard, but don't have a wagon on hand,

You can take a kid's round or long snow sled with rope, and fill it with your supplies, mulch, etc. Now you can pull it around the yard with ease.

JoAnn Wypych
Gilbertville, MA
**

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Mari JoAnn Wypych of Gilbertville, who sub-

mitted the sled repurposing tip above. Her name was drawn for a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House.

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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 renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wishes do come true

To the Editor:

I pointed out that the red wave was just catsup splashed on the walls at Mara Lago. If that is a standard response from #45, you may soon need scuba gear to visit that resort soon. While I am still awaiting evidence of nobody being above the law and equal justice, there are many encouraging signs. Kudos to Judy Rose for her brief but spot on comments last week. While the clear and present dangers she cited are still there, we who are woke are increasing our numbers.

Those paying attention would have taken note that the courts in Florida had requested that DeSantis clarify his woke commentary, and his lawyer defined it as "recognizing injustice and acting against it." The courts have put his woke act on hold. One bit of good news is that Senator Warnock will serve another 6 years. The sad and bad news is that the guy from Texas running against him and giving incoherent speeches about vampires and werewolves actually received 1.7 million votes from Georgians.

By now, we all know that the red wave failed in the Senate and produced just a five-member GOP majority. Mark your calendars for the clown show on January 3, 2023, where current house minority leader will seek the Speaker's gavel, with a dozen members seeking guarantee he would support Biden impeachment, and over a dozen who will not support him if he makes those promises. While Democratic minority leader Jeffries may have a better shot than McCarthy, I would not be surprised if a moderate Republican with the help of Dems, gets the job. I think everyone is just tired of the drama and clown shows like Hillary's e-mail, or Hunters laptop, and impeachments that do nothing no matter how guilty POTUS is.

Sen. Sinema has announced she will now be an independent. Considering the only public events she attends are usually with John Cornyn (R-Texas),

is anyone surprised? She assisted no candidates in her state in the recent mid-terms.

Jack Smith, the new special prosecutor, has really put the Trump camp on the spot. They appear to be taking the partisan step of insisting on the truth. It appears that every faction's alternate truths are now falling into the speaking under oath perjury trap. After having received two certifications that all of the government documents had been returned, then finding additional classified documents in a storage locker, Trump and his legal team have been cited for contempt, and an additional sworn certification requested, it now appears that with one of his lawyers being under indictment for signing a false statement and in danger of losing her law license, they are finding it impossible to find another lawyer to sign a new one, based upon Trump's word that they are all returned. What is most surprising to me is the emphasis on classification, sine taking any records is illegal. He actually signed into law a bill increasing penalty for mishandling government records, from one to five years in jail, thinking to use on Hillary. I think it is Karma.

Inflation was a major GOP election issue. Pointing it out, not plans to address it. Since it and oil prices are a world problem, only the Dems have kept addressing issues to save us all money, but, since supply and demand controls it, whether money, sales, stocks, I expect that the long Covid shutdown, and what appears to be record retail sales, will only increase inflation. Things get cheaper when overstocked, not when demand exceeds supply. Rocket science for some but not all. I miss the days before decorating and spending contests, when what we wanted was "Peace on Earth and goodwill to men" and women.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Bettering ourselves requires sacrifice

Everybody enjoys work. I've tried low-carb, talking about being better because talking about it is easier than doing it.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

TOBY MOORE

To truly become better, we must be willing to sacrifice. The person you want to become will only come into existence once you sacrifice the person you no longer wish to be.

One definition says that "sacrifice" means "the surrender or destruction of something prized or desirable for the sake of something considered as having a higher or more pressing claim."

Throughout my life, I've always struggled with my weight. I've tried almost every diet, and I'm happy to say that they all

low-fat, low-sugar, fasting, juicing, vegan, vegetarian, fruitarian, all-beef diet, intermittent fasting, and calorie counting. I lost weight while trying all of these plans.

Although they've all worked for me, they only worked in the short term. They didn't work long-term because, eventually, I no longer wanted to abstain from certain foods that violated the tenets of the plan I was desperately trying to adhere to. In short, I stopped making the necessary sacrifices.

No matter what, my cravings for bad food eventually got the best of me.

Once I opened the floodgates, there was no stopping the torrent of bad food decisions that followed after.

When I was doing the low-fat plan, I eventually rolled through a KFC, got a bucket, and never looked back. When I was on the low-carb method, I soon discovered I had a new addiction to raw cookie dough that wouldn't go away. When I was counting calories, one day, I just wanted to eat as much as possible and not know if I went past my calorie count; then, I just kept doing it.

I'm not here to endorse one weight loss plan over another, and I'm not here to give health advice. I am

THISTLE
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holdings and cleaning up the database of catalog records," read a statement released by the library. Thistle has also been commended by local leaders for her work in regularly promoting library activities through social media, a newsletter, and media releases. Always thinking about the future,

Thistle also expanded the position of children's librarian into a new Youth Services Librarian role that provides services to children up to the age of 17. "She has done a great job of mentoring our next generation of librarians, Brianna and Gabby," the library statement read. "We will miss her welcoming nature, her amazing ability to know just about every patron on a first-name basis, as well as their reading preferences." Even though she will be retiring,

Thistle plans to stay active with her many passions. She is a golfer, gardener, church organist, Harley-Davidson enthusiast, dog owner, and kayaker, just to name a few. She also hopes to get some traveling done during her retirement. "She wishes everybody the best and will continue to visit the Haston Library as a patron. We wish her a long, healthy, and happy retirement," the library statement read.

SCOUTS
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Isabella Lepoer, Natalia Kallio, Alayna Lund, and Nicole Tuson. Community leaders thank the troop for its continued efforts to brighten the holiday season. For the past nine years, the troop has helped provide hundreds of fresh-baked apple pies and pumpkin pies at Thanksgiving. During the Christmas season, the troop has donated fresh-baked breads to the Leicester Food Pantry each year.

In January 2020, troop members painted inspirational quotes in the girls' bathrooms at the middle school to help lift the spirits of students in the school. In August 2021, troop members painted more inspirational quotes to share with all students in the halls of LMS.

Moreover, over the past four years the troop has donated time to Santa's Snack Shack, with funds used for various organizations in town.

Throughout the years, the troop has assisted the Leicester Senior Center with multiple projects. Meanwhile, in 2020, the troop started a rock hunt in town.

Additionally, the troop has provided donations of toys, treats, and supplies to local dog shelters and organizations. For this year's troop members, who are all part of the National Junior Honor Society, it's always rewarding to work hard toward accomplishing new goals. Having already earned their Girl Scout Bronze Award, four girls in the troop, including Zinkevich, went on to earn their Silver Award by supporting the town's recently opened Bark Park. As part of their Silver Award project, troop members donated equipment for the Bark Park, as well as signage and flowers at the entranceway. Additional efforts at the park saw the girls contribute dozens of hours to their service project.

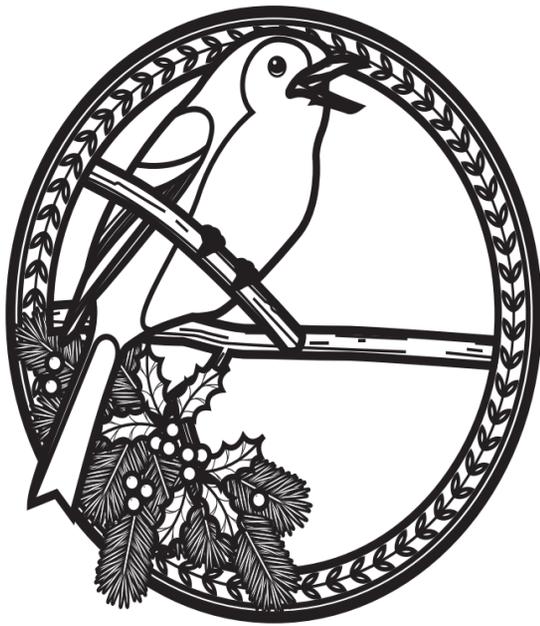


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ANSWER: BIRD

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- 1962: NASA LAUNCHES RELAY 1, THE FIRST ACTIVE REPEATER COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE IN ORBIT.



MIMIC

to copy or imitate closely

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Beak
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- ITALIAN:** Becco
- FRENCH:** Bec
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ANSWER: BLUE JAY AT FEEDER

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

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A. 13 3 21 21 25 21

Clue: Reflective device

B. 11 2 23 5 24 2 19 5

Clue: Safety device

C. 17 2 18 2 9 11 3 6 2

Clue: Style of driving

D. 20 23 7 5 3 25 9

Clue: With care

Answers: A. mirror B. seat belt C. defensive D. caution

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Level: Intermediate

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8	1	6	3	7	9	4	2	5	
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OBITUARIES

Claire S. Sauvageau, 84



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SPENCER- Claire S. (Beaudreau) Sauvageau, 84, of Spencer, died Monday, Dec. 5th, in Quaboag Nursing & Rehabilitation, West Brookfield. She leaves her husband of 20 years, David N. Sauvageau, her sons; Leo E. Berthiaume and his wife Cindy of Athol, and John S. Berthiaume and his wife Brenda of Spencer; her daughters; Marie T. Sandoli of Spencer; Lucille A. Arnold and her husband Kenneth of Upper Marlboro, MD, and Bonnie L. Berthiaume of E. Brookfield, a brother; Paul Beaudreau and his wife Helen of Lebanon, CT, and a sister; Rita Berthiaume of Spencer; 29 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren,

several nieces and nephews. Claire was a longtime hairdresser and former owner of Depot Hairstyling in Spencer, prior to her retirement. She was born in Worcester, the daughter of Louis and Olivine (Gouin) Beaudreau and later graduated from Worcester Girls Trade School. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church. Claire's funeral will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15th., from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Memorial Mass at 10 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, No. Brookfield Rd., E. Brookfield. A calling hour will precede from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Culture Project c/o Samuel Arnold, P.O. Box 86, Wynnewood, PA., 19096. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Michael A. Kowalski, 56



1966 - 2022

Ware - Michael A. "Mike" Kowalski, passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2022 surrounded by the love of family at UMass Memorial, Worcester, Massachusetts at the age of 56. Mike was born in Ware on September 5, 1966, son of Anthony "Dick" Kowalski and Marcia (Kozik) Kowalski. He was raised and educated in Ware, and was a graduate of Ware High School, Class of 1984. He continued his education at United Technology and after certification, he began his career as an Auto Technician a total of 35 years of service. Starting at the former Gene Motors in Palmer, then for the former Brookfield Motor Sales, and ending his career with 29 years at Guzik Motor Sales in Ware. Sadly, Mike's career ended due to the illness Lymphedema. Mike leaves behind his father, Dick Kowalski, and his mother,

Marcia (Kozik) Kowalski, and brother, Kenneth Kowalski. Mike was predeceased by his loving grandparents; Henry and Felixa (Gaj) Kozik, and Tony and Genevieve (Jolda) Kowalski, and his maternal uncle, Danny Kozik. A heartfelt thank you to those at UMASS Memorial and the Wound Center in Charlton for the care they gave Mike in his final days. Mike's real passion in life was Vermont Snowmobiling, and drag racing at Lebanon Valley, NY with his 1970 Plymouth Duster "The Neighborhood Nuisance". A last special note to the "Boulevard Bombers" from Mike, "Thanks for the ride!". In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Friends of Ware Town Hall" or the Young Men's Library, Ware. Final Services for Mike will be at the convenience of his family. The Koziol Family of Cebula Funeral Home is assisting Mike's family with the final arrangements. For more information and online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

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here to point out the commonality behind all of these plans.

The one thing that all of these plans have in common is they all require varying degrees of sacrifice. For most of us, if we're going to lose weight, we have to make sacrifices.

If you are on a low-carb diet, you'll have to sacrifice the bread, the sugars, and all the delicious starchy-fried things.

If you're on a low-fat diet, you'll have to sacrifice fast food and embrace a life of celery and cauliflower. Mmmmm!

If you're going to lose weight by being vegan, you'll have to sacrifice all animal-made products and learn to enjoy some avocado toast instead.

If you want results, you have to sacrifice. How are you going to lose weight without feeling hungry some of the time?

I've heard of diet plans where being hungry isn't a part of the deal, but most of us who've gone on diets would agree there is no such thing as losing weight without feeling hungry at least some of the time.

Even when the plan allows me to gorge on

bacon and ribeyes all day, I eventually feel like there's a hole in my stomach that not even bacon can fill.

Does change always require sacrifice? What about accomplishing your dreams? Can you achieve them without sacrifice?

What will you have to sacrifice if you want to build a business but also work a full-time job?

Want a promotion at work? Would you like a better relationship with your family? What will you have to sacrifice?

Are you thinking of starting a family? What will you have to sacrifice?

What will you sacrifice to get rid of your debt, addiction, and negative thought patterns?

Many have sacrificed their own lives to change the world.

Although the modern world has produced products that can make sacrificing easier, there is still no magic pill you can take that gives you a perfect life without sacrificing anything.

How great a sacrifice must you make?

I'll leave you with a quote by a pioneer in the self-help movement James Allen, "He who would accomplish little must sacrifice little; he who would achieve much must sacrifice much; he who would attain highly must sacrifice greatly."

Sheriff's Office warns of uptick in scam calls using Sheriff's name & number

REGION — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis is warning residents about a recent phone scam in which the caller claims that they're a Sheriff's Office employee and tells victims that they have an arrest warrant in their name or the name of a loved one. To avoid going to jail, the caller tells the individual that they need to pay a fine. Other popular phone scams involve claims of missed jury duty that also results in fines.

The Sheriff's Office has now received numerous reports of phone scams. In some cases, the scammer identifies himself as an Officer of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and then asks for money to clear up a warrant. In some instances, the caller requests that payments be made in the form of gift certificates. The caller will then have the victim remain on the line the entire time until the victim purchases the gift certificates and relays specific financial information from the gift certificate to the caller.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office encourages people to be aware of calls like this and to never give personal or financial information over the phone to anyone whom you didn't call yourself.

"Our department does not contact residents and demand payment or ask for credit card information. Today's scam artists are always testing new tactics. Residents need to beware of any unsolicited calls that ask for their personal or financial information," commented Evangelidis. "These callers can sound convincing, may be aggressive, and try to intimidate you with threats of jail time or steep fines. We encourage anyone who gets a suspicious call to hang up and contact their associated institutions directly to verify any requests."

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Leicester Police Logs

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

12:10 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:48 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), removed; 8:50 a.m.: escort (Chapel Street), transported; 11:36 a.m.: community policing (South Main Street), report taken; 12:42 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 5:50 p.m.: illegal dumping (South Main Street), spoken to; 10:12 p.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), spoken to.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:53 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 2:12 a.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 8:39 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:18 a.m.: residential alarm (Pleasant Street), resolved; 11:16 a.m.: welfare check (South Street), resolved; 11:45 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 1:02 p.m.: harassment (Lake Drive), resolved; 2:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street) spoken to; 2:37 p.m.: assist other PD (Birchwood Drive), no service; 3:42 p.m.: ambulance (Hawley Street, Worcester), transported; 5:03 p.m.: ambulance (Lincoln Street, Spencer), transported; 5:11 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), report taken; 5:13 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 5:27 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), resolved; 5:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, mv lights violation, citation issued; 6:24 p.m.: ambulance (Redfield Road), transported; 7:46 p.m.: larceny (Stafford Street), report taken; 7:54 p.m.: ambulance (Burncoat Lane), call canceled; 8:15 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), report taken; 8:47 p.m.: suspicious person (Crestwood Road), resolved; 9:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Crestwood Road), referred to ACO; 9:52 p.m.: welfare check (Shady Lane), resolved; 11:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

12:01 a.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 8:28 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unfounded; 8:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:42 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), no service; 8:45 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), mv towed; 12:30 p.m.: debris in road (Ferncroft Road), removed; 3:11 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Hospital), transported; 6:02 p.m.: assist citizen (Shady Lane), resolved; 7:58 p.m.: ambulance (Park Avenue, Worcester), call canceled; 9:52 p.m.: debris in road (Henshaw Street), removed.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), resolved; 12:51 a.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 2:24 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mayflower Circle), resolved; 2:45 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 6:00 a.m.: ambulance (Jacques Avenue, Worcester), call canceled; 7:22 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 8:01 a.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), unfounded; 8:25 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:22 a.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), transported; 11:11 a.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), transported; 1:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, marked lanes violation, criminal application issued; 6:44 p.m.: ambulance (Charles Street), transported; 10:16 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:25 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:31 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), spoken to; 6:49 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), call canceled; 7:54 a.m.: fraud (South Main

Street), report taken; 8:01 a.m.: ambulance (Craig Street), transported; 8:57 a.m.: ambulance (Bond Street), transported; 9:24 a.m.: mv stop (Hemlock Street), written warning; 10:14 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 10:19 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:32 a.m.: welfare check (Shady Lane), services rendered; 11:06 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:34 a.m.: investigation (Washburn Square), report taken; 12:17 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 1:06 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 2:55 p.m.: ambulance (Boyd Street), transported; 4:50 p.m.: mv stop (Winslow Avenue), verbal warning; 7:17 p.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street, Paxton), services rendered; 8:43 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), resolved; 11:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:59 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), gone on arrival; 8:25 a.m.: trespassing (Wildwood Lane), services rendered; 8:30 a.m.: assist other PD (Rawson Street), services rendered; 11:11 a.m.: threats (Paxton Street), report taken; 3:14 p.m.: assist other PD (Rawson Street), message delivered; 3:45 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Stafford Street), spoken to; 4:43 p.m.: disturbance (Soojians Drive), resolved; 5:02 p.m.: disturbance (Soojians Drive), resolved; 5:35 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to; 6:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Mulberry Street), referred to ACO; 7:05 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), no action required; 7:26 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Stafford Street), Shannon Beth Harrington, 39, 1110 Stafford Street, #B, Leicester; failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 10:07 p.m.: disturbance (Soojians Drive), report taken.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

12:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:44 a.m.: accident (South Main Street), mv towed; 7:16 a.m.: debris in road (Huntoon Memorial Highway), unfounded; 8:23 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:57 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:15 a.m.: ambulance (Warren Avenue), transported; 9:25 a.m.: ambulance (Waite Street), transported; 12:15 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street, Worcester), transported; 1:35 p.m.: ambulance (Donahue Street), transported; 4:45 p.m.: harassment (River Street), resolved; 5:57 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:20 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), resolved; 6:36 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), resolved; 9:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:18 p.m.: accident (Mill Street), report taken; 9:45 p.m.: assisted other PD (Salminen Drive), services rendered.

Spemnce Police Logs

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:40-2:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:41-1:46 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Main, Church streets), tickets issued; 5:24 a.m.: accident (Paxton Road), report taken; 7:24 a.m.: medical/general (McDonald Street); 8:25 a.m.: medical/general (Salem Street); 10:12 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:42 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), 12:17 p.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 12:27 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. father missing; 1:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: abandoned apt.; 2:21 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), money taken from ATM; 3:16 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 3:41 p.m.: disturbance (Pope Street), disruptive male in street; 10:02 p.m.: medical/general (Irving Street); 10:05 p.m.: suspicious persons (Pleasant Street), party threw bike into woods; 10:56 p.m.: suspicious

persons (Pleasant Street), party rep. bike stolen; (total daily mv stops - 2).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:50-2:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:19 a.m.: medical/general (Irving Street); 4:05 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 8:26 a.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), noise complaint; 8:55 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 8:59 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 9:08 a.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), rep. scam; 9:19 a.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 9:45 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), welfare check; 10:25 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 10:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), found stray cat; 10:46 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 10:49 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 12:52 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 1:14 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:38 p.m.: suspicious persons (Deer Run Road), investigated; 2:39 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), neighbors broke in/items stolen; 3:04 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), issues w/teen daughter; 4:31 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), mv/no lights; 4:38 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 4:42 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 4:54 p.m.: restraining order service (Chestnut Street); 5:00 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 6:05 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:07 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), c/o children playing; 7:24 p.m.: mv complaint (Chestnut Street), poss. drunk driver; 7:42 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Collier Circle), req. welfare check; 9:10-9:43 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:30 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 9:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Street), turning self in/larceny; 9:48 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), concerned/party overdue; 11:50 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); (total daily mv stops - 3).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

1:42-1:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:05-2:09 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Chestnut, Elm streets), tickets issued; 2:11 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), rep. damage to mv; 3:19 a.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 6:35 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 7:35 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:14 a.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 9:13 a.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), checking phone; 10:05 a.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road), porcupine stuck in soccer net; 11:11 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 11:22 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:56 a.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 2:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Roberta Bay), req. welfare check; 2:08 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Cherry Street), accidental; 2:22 p.m.: parking violation (Church Street), ticket issued; 2:48 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 2:53 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:04 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), concerned/well-being of couple; 7:12 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 7:32 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street), Mark C. Fish, 53, 40 Ledgeview Way, Wrentham, OUI liquor, marked lanes violation, negligent operation, arrest; 10:37 p.m.: medical/general (Ethier Drive); (total daily mv stops - 1).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:29 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Street Extension); 1:14 a.m.: commercial alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 3:03 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 3:19-3:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:08 a.m.: suspicious persons (Wilson Avenue), investigated; 10:15 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 10:39 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:47 a.m.: officer wanted (Ledge Avenue), req. welfare check; 12:34 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated;

12:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), re: Amazon pkg.; 1:24 p.m.: larceny (Chestnut Street), items taken from mv; 1:29 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 1:38 p.m.: 911 call (Church Street), no emergency; 2:28 p.m.: 911 call (Northwest Road), open line; 2:41 p.m.: medical/general (Ethier Drive); 4:14 p.m.: medical/general (Marble Road); 4:56 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), pkgs. taken from porch; 8:41 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:05 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 10:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Old Farm Road), re: issues w/ex's brother; 10:25 p.m.: medical/general (Linden Street); 10:36 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; (total daily mv stops - 0).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:15 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 12:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:45 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 1:05 a.m.: medical/general (Marble Road); 1:38 a.m.: parking violation (Pleasant Street), ticket issued; 4:20 a.m.: suspicious mv (Brown Street), investigated; 4:59 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 5:11 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 5:12 a.m.: disturbance (Wall Street), unwanted party; 5:35 a.m.: medical/general (Summit Street); 6:50 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:40 a.m.: DPW call (Bixby Road), power out; 8:02 a.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 8:38 a.m.: suspicious persons (Lloyd Dyer Drive), spoken to; 9:26 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 10:32 a.m.: DPW call (High Street), low-hanging wires; 10:46 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), re: animal bite; 11:25 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 12:02 p.m.: 911 call (Bay Path Road), misdial; 12:15 p.m.: trespassing (McDonald Street), no trespass notice rec'd; 12:59 p.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), accidental; 3:01 p.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 3:28 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), fraudulent claim filed; 3:29 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 3:34 p.m.: medical/general (Salem Street); 3:52 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 4:52 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Street); 5:27 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 7:49 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 7:56 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:16 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 10:52 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street); unwanted party; (total daily mv stops - 2).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:34-12:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:02 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), mv vs deer; 6:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Pauls Drive), owl stuck in mv; 8:29 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no contact; 8:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 9:27 a.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), TT unit snagged wires; 9:35 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Warren PD bolo/overdue motorist; 10:26 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 10:37 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), accidental; 10:58 a.m.: medical/general (Wire Village Road); 12:58 p.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), hunter on airport property; 2:10 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 3:43 p.m.: medical/general (Delude Avenue); 3:51 p.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), tx light stuck on red; 4:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), wants items from father's home; 4:33 p.m.: parking violation (McDonald Street), ticket issued; 5:34 p.m.: commercial alarm (North Spencer Road), no action required; 6:33 p.m.: medical/general (Pearl Street); 6:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), req. assistance/apt. lockout; 9:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Jones Street), noise complaint; 9:36-10:20 p.m.: building checked, secure; (total daily mv stops - 3).

LEGALS

THE TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. on the application made by Country Corner Citgo, Inc. 232 East Main Street for a Common Victualler All Alcoholic Package Store License. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Joseph Fish, Chairman
Robert Button, Clerk
Andrew Lynch, Member
December 9, 2022
December 16, 2022

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 22 SM 003562 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
John J. Green, Conservator of Brian Parenteau a/k/a Brian T. Parenteau

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq): Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 37 Paxton Rd, given by Brian T. Parenteau and Hui C. Parenteau to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, dated March 22, 2018, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58686, Page 83, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 9, 2023** or you may

lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on November 23, 2022.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
20-006439
December 16, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P3383EA
Estate of:
Carol B Allen
Also known as: Carol V Allen
Date of Death: 09/02/2021
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Barbara Van Slett of Spencer MA** requesting that the court enter a formal

Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, the allowance of a proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **01/03/2023**.

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

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
December 06, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
December 16, 2022

Bay Path Nursing students supporting literacy across the globe

RANDOLPH — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students recently volunteered with Bagong Kulturang Pinoy (BKP) to pack books for delivery to mini-libraries and elementary schools in villages in the Philippines. The sorting, processing, and packing of donated books was held at Tower Hill, Randolph.

BKP is an acronym for Bagong Kulturang Pinoy, a Tagalog phrase that translates as “new Filipino culture.” BKP is a nonprofit organization, driven by the efforts of volunteers, whose mission is to develop a reading culture and promote literacy among children in poverty-stricken areas of the Philippines. Many children in the Philippines lack access to books on

their reading level, or a variety of choices that interest them. BKP’s goal is to help these children acquire strong reading skills and proficiency in the English language, with the belief that these will lead them to a better education that in turn will open the doors to better opportunities. “Research from Unite for Literacy found that if a child grows up in a home with more than 100 books, they have a 90 PERCENT probability of graduating ninth grade, compared to 30 PERCENT in bookless homes.”

In an email to Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director; Liz Freeman, Volunteer Coordinator of BKP (www.bkpin.org) thanked the Bay Path Practical Nursing student volunteers who

sorted, processed, packed and moved heavy boxes of books. The student volunteers were Etta Lahai, Faith Wanjohi, Patrick Kariuki, Nancy Kamicha, Katherine Stano, Maureen Bittner, and Laurie Barkoskie. They hope that their volunteering continues to inspire the next generation of lifelong readers by reducing barriers to learning. Linda Ott of BKP recognized the assistance and support of Randolph Public School Superintendent Thea Scovell and Director Alpha Sanford.

Regularly scheduled book packings are held at 153 Andover Street in Danvers. To volunteer contact Liz Freeman, Lindentree85@comcast.net or call 781-521-3564.



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ON DEPOSIT

LAND: WEBSTER/OXFORD/PUTNAM
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OXFORD - LAND - General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! LAND with 4,095 SF Metal Building! 124 SOUTHBRIDGE RD (RTE 20). Town Sewer Project Plans are Approved. 22,894 sq. ft. Level Lot. 140 ft of road frontage. **EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES! \$795,000.**
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Food for the Poor program at St. John's becomes classroom for QCC Occupational Therapy students

WORCESTER — At Quinsigamond Community College, educating students transcends the traditional classroom setting for second-year students in the college's Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, OTA students took part in hands-on learning with members of Worcester's unhoused community at St. John's Food for the Poor Program, located at the St. Francis Xavier Center in downtown Worcester. The group of 11 traditional age and non-traditional age students come from all over the region.

"As occupational therapy assistant students at QCC, we're trying to improve our understanding of the unhoused community in Worcester," explained Rebecca Gervais, a mother of five from rural Connecticut. "It was really amazing to see that even when individuals are struggling and have very little, they are still really a community and do so much to support each other."

The occupational therapy assistant students hosted various activities that fostered social participation and health management. The students set up stations at the Xavier Center that

offered participants small first-aid kits, access to information on housing, food and health resources, as well as picking up a winter care kit.

The students did their homework, visiting the Xavier Center earlier in the semester to learn about the interests, needs and goals of the individuals who rely on the daily hot breakfast served at the center.

"As future practitioners in the field of occupational therapy, we're learning to uphold the standards of our profession," said Nick DePasquale, a father who currently works as a receptionist at Tufts Animal Hospital.

"While working with the unhoused community through our community outreach program, we are honing our skills to sustain meaningful occupations, or activities, that members of our community engage in daily."

This outreach event was part of the fieldwork that all occupational therapy assistant students must complete as part of their degree.

"In occupational therapy, we believe that simple classroom learning is not enough to prepare students, so we pair our course work with field experiences where we engage with the community to learn the occupa-

tional needs of different populations," said Erin Connor, professor of QCC's OTA Program.

Students in QCC's OTA program at QCC attend classes at the college's downtown campus on Federal Street in Worcester.

"We realized that we share this community with an increasing number of people who are unhoused — really we're the ones coming into their neighborhood each day for school. As OTA students, we're supposed to think about potential clients as whole people who engage in activities that bring meaning to their lives,"

said Jonathan Dudley, a non-traditional preschool teacher in Gardner. "We realized we've got a lot to learn from our neighbors."

St. John's Food for the Poor program at the St. Francis Xavier Center serves over 500 meals a day, five days a week, all year long.

"We cannot thank you (QCC OTA students) enough for all your care for our friends and your efforts to help them (the food program participants)," said Father John Madden.

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like and how future responses can be improved," said Select Board Chairman Allen Phillips. "This will be the process going forward for any large or complex issues we face in the town."

Prior to the AAR session, invitees received information on the purpose of the new protocol and how it will benefit the town.

During the Dec. 5 session, no votes were taken by the Select Board or school officials. Instead, officials sought to better understand the incident and discuss ways to make sure a similar situation doesn't happen in the future.

"Going forward, the town will institute a few new

policies based on the AAR and the improvement plan that will follow," Chairman Phillips added.

Officials expect one new policy to mandate that nothing can be driven into the ground on town property without project leaders first consulting the facilities director on the proposed work. Additionally, any suspicious odor detected on municipal property will prompt an immediate call to the fire department, officials said.

"The insurance company did an investigation, and has determined it was an accident," Phillips said of the oil spill. "It is the procedures after the leak we are seeking to tighten."

With the new, comprehensive policies soon to be installed, selectmen and school officials are looking forward to a safer environment at all town facilities.

"[Board of Selectmen] Chair Phillips did an amazing job facilitating the meeting," said Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian. "His experience working with MEMA [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency] provided us with a framework to improve. We learned from the incident, and we put steps in place so it will never happen again."

Added School Committee Chair Donna McCance, "Understanding the circumstances that led to this is critical toward taking measures to ensure it does not happen again. This meeting was a fine example of how the leaders in our town can work together toward making improvements that will protect the people and our assets. We are all working together toward establishing needed protocols, policies, and other changes that will improve practices."

NEED Project hosts workshop for educators



Courtesy

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School teacher, Kristine Wade of Sturbridge, Emily Giampa of Auburn, and Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina of Douglas.

on energy education

WORCESTER — About 25 local middle and high school teachers came together recently at the College of the Holy Cross Hogan Center for the 2022 Massachusetts Energy Education Workshop, an event for area educators held by the National Energy Education Development Project (NEED.org). "NEED trains and assists teachers in harnessing the energy of the classroom—the energy of the students."

Working with education and energy advisors, NEED designs and delivers professional development opportunities for educators that not only teach but also energize their classrooms.

In 1980, the NEED

Project began as a one-day celebration of energy education when National Energy Education Day was recognized by a joint Congressional Resolution. In the same year then-President, Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation stressing the need for comprehensive energy education in schools, a reduction in fossil fuel dependence, and to increase in the use of renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency.

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School teachers, Kristine Wade of Sturbridge, Emily Giampa of Auburn, and Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina of Douglas

attended the six-hour workshop.

"It is great being in person for this year's NEED workshop and a great idea to expand the outreach to the nursing community. Bay Path had a wonderful representation and very engaging participants. Thank you to the NEED Educators for a successful workshop," Bolandrina said.

The workshop is designed to educate the teachers so they can in turn provide education to their students. NEED curriculum kits were sponsored for each teacher who attended the workshop. Energy info books at three grade levels were available.



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SPORTS

Spartans rain down 3-pointers in win against Quaboag



Quaboag's Ryan Fernandez controls the ball while running the fast break.



Chase Potvin of Quaboag dribbles the ball and enters the Uxbridge interior.



Quaboag's Matthew Tiberii launches a pass past Uxbridge defender Carter Gilmore.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

UXBRIDGE — Ryan Hippert, head coach of the Uxbridge High boys' varsity basketball team, called Quaboag Regional, the Spartans' opponent on Monday, Dec. 12, "very small and quick and athletic."

For that reason, Hippert noted, "we tried to match it with that type of lineup."

And, as a result, Uxbridge "came out hot shooting," said Hippert.

Did they ever?

With Colin Spencer, who was the Spartans' sixth man in the season opener versus Blackstone-Millville Regional three days prior, inserted into the starting lineup, all he did was make seven 3-pointers for a game-high 21 points.

Uxbridge totaled 11 treys — three coming from Drew Gniadek and one from Thomas Costa — en route to a 67-31 victory over the Cougars, who were making their season opener.

"Colin Spencer had a hell of a game. He was just on fire. He has put in a lot of work this offseason," said Hippert of the team's lone underclassman, a sophomore. "He deserves to be here and it paid off for him tonight."

Hippert added that both Spencer and Gniadek (11 points) are "both very consistent. When they're hot, they're hot."

Last season Gniadek

knocked down a school record-tying nine 3-pointers in a game, shared with Ryan Morais from the 2014-15 season, and it looked like Spencer may have a shot at the record when he canned two triples in the opening quarter, four more in the second and one early in the third.

The Spartans led after one quarter, 18-9, at halftime, 41-14, and through three periods, 54-22, before winning by 36 points.

"They out-physicaled us," said Quaboag head coach Chris Reilly, whose team lost the rebounding battle, 46-21. "They dominated the boards at both ends — dominated. Dominated. They wanted it more."

The Cougars' top performances were turned in by Ryan Fernandez (10 first half points) and Owen Stevens (9 second half points), but it wasn't nearly enough.

Reilly noted that he was "shocked" by the end result, as he envisions a successful 2022-23 season for Quaboag.

"We faced a buzz-saw tonight. I'm going to tell you that we're going to be better," said Reilly.

Uxbridge, meanwhile, is 2-0 and Hippert is impressed by his team in the early going.

"This is probably the deepest group I've had, so any given night I think you're going to see certain kids come in," he said.

Case in point was the play of Ethan McCusker, who started in the season opener but came off the bench versus the Cougars. McCusker registered a double-double of 10 points and 11 rebounds. Another bench player, Aidan Blood, scored eight points in the fourth

quarter.

Jack Trask started for the Spartans and scored 10 points, six of those coming in the opening minutes.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK —

TANTASQUA SWIMMING TAKES HOME VICTORIES

Friday, Dec. 9

Tantasqua Girls 93, Advanced Math and Science Academy 76 — Swimming at Clark University, the Warriors won thanks to first-place finishes by Zoey Zhu (200 freestyle, 100 fly), Kira Dambly (200 individual medley, 100 back), Molly Bilodeau (500 free) and Tori Strendrup (100 breaststroke). The 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays were also winners.

Tantasqua Boys 86, Advanced Math and Science Academy 83 — Ethan Korenda (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle), Sam Merchant (200 individual medley, 500 freestyle) and Ethan Zhu (100 backstroke) won their events for the Warriors at Clark University. The 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays also won, as both Tantasqua teams are now 1-0 to open the season.



Uxbridge's Colin Spencer drives the ball around a Quaboag defender.

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SPORTS

High school hockey season opens at Dana Willard Memorial Christmas Tournament



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Auburn goalie Ethan Laplante focuses on the incoming puck to make a save against Nashoba.



Cooper C'Miel of Auburn clears the puck out of his team's defensive zone.

AUBURN — The Auburn High varsity ice hockey team normally opens



Auburn's Zachary Deluca uses the boards to carom the puck down the ice.



Sandwiched between a pair of Nashoba players, Nathan Dono of Auburn fights for possession of the puck.

its season at Horgan Arena hosting the Dana Willard Memorial Christmas Tournament, and this year was no different. The Rockets' co-op team, which also features student-athletes from Tantasqua Regional (six players), Millbury High (two players) and Shepherd Hill Regional (one player), played Nashoba Regional on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Auburn, which has 14 players from the host school to complete the 23-player roster, lost to the Wolves in a tight contest, 1-0. Nashoba's Colin Ruschioni scored the game's lone goal with 2:34 remaining in the first period, taking a feed from Dillan Lowe while on the power play.

The Rockets attempted 15 shots on goal, with seven coming in the final period as they applied pressure on the Wolves' net, looking for the equalizer. But Nashoba goalie Charlie Mattocks was up to the task, posting the shutout.

Auburn goalie Ethan Laplante was nearly as good, turning aside 13 Wolves' shots.

The Rockets then played and defeated the Worcester co-op, 7-0, in the consolation round on Saturday, Dec. 10. Nashoba won the Dana Willard Tournament on Saturday by beating East Longmeadow High, 4-1. East Longmeadow reached the final by defeating Worcester in the opening round, 8-2.

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