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New year off to a busy start at Haston Library

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The new year is starting off with a busy schedule at Haston Free Public Library, where patrons can find plenty of fun activities this month.

On Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m., the library will get a visit from Dave Brown, a retired veterinary virologist who spent most of his career as a medical researcher in the fields of genetics, virology, and immunology. During his presentation this month, Brown will talk about various strategies to promote mitochondrial health.

“The brain is a highly active organ with great energy demands. Mitochondria are the powerhouses of cells—and without healthy mitochondria, cells of the brain will be particularly vulnerable to degeneration,” read a statement promoting the event.

For more information about the program, call the library at 508-867-0208.

Also this month, the Haston Library Book Group is reading “Falling Man” by Don DiLillo. The book will be discussed on Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the library and via Zoom. Copies of the book are available in the library. Call the library for more information, or to access the Zoom link.

Meanwhile, the library is spotlighting the services of volunteer Emily Janes this month. Having volunteered at the library since 2018, Janes is always helping guests with various services.

“Most of the time she cleans the library, dusting and washing down surfaces and windows. She also enjoys doing special assignments, like cutting out holiday shapes for decorations,” read a statement released by the library. “Emily’s favorite part of working in the library is the people. Emily is a wonderful volunteer, a good friend, and a lovely person. The library is so lucky to have her as a member of our volunteer team.”

Additionally, Janes recently completed a draft of a book about Christmas and continues to write in her blog.

The library also invites families to take part in January story-time sessions on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. An array of winter-themed books will be featured as part of the program.

Looking ahead, the library is eager to host additional events this winter. These include school vacation week activities in February, as well as a visit from author Elena Palladino in February to discuss her book on the villages that were destroyed for the construction of Quabbin Reservoir.

To learn more about upcoming programs at the library, or to sign up for an event, call 508-867-0208. The library is located at 161 North Main St.

Community gets first look at locally shot film



Members of the cast and film crew celebrate the release of the movie.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — When local residents catch a recently released movie this winter, they’ll be sure to enjoy plenty of familiarities in the setting.

Several scenes in “The Snowball Effect” were filmed at Spencer Country Inn, which hosted a free screening of the movie on Dec. 18.

For Amy Perro, whose parents purchased the property in 1982, it was a thrill to see the venue showcased in a new, creative way. Like many local businesses, the inn went through uncertain times as a result of pandemic restrictions, and the unique recent experience helped make an already triumphant holiday season extra memorable.

“It means so much to be able to come through the pandemic and have this experience,” Perro told the New Leader. “This whole thing came together really nicely. It was interesting and impressive to see all of the crews involved.”

Filming at the inn took place over the course of two weeks in April, with scenes featuring the banquet hall, the front of the inn, and various hallways. Additional filming for the movie took place in Worcester, Holden, and Oakham.

Over the last decade-plus, Massachusetts has become an increasingly hot commodity for filmmakers. The majority of recent Bay State productions have taken place in Boston and Worcester, but movie crews are always on the lookout for smaller

communities that can deliver the quaint, bucolic atmosphere needed for certain films.

“Producer Jenna O’Connell and I were looking for a location where we could film a number of different scenes without having to move locations, and we passed by the inn, which had a ballroom, a bar, bedrooms, and a beautiful exterior. We knew it would be perfect,” said Chris Lang, who served as the director and writer for the film. “On top of that, Amy, the owner, was so incredibly accommodating and helped us in every way she could.”

Perfect for the holiday season and wintertime, “The Snowball Effect” tells the story of two rival meteorologists who have an opportunity to advance their careers...assuming they can beat an impending blizzard to the city for an interview. In the middle of their journey, they find themselves stuck in the village of Mistletoe, where the holidays are no longer celebrated.

From the film crew to the stars of the movie, everyone relished the opportunity to bring their scenes to life at Spencer Country Inn.

“What’s great is when you have locations that are already so perfect for a Christmas themed movie. It just makes it easy to film and look good on screen,” Lang added. “Spencer and Oakham doubled for our imaginary town of Mistletoe, Mass., and together they gave the perfect vibe we were going for.”

Back in July 1982, Perro’s parents—Dave and

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Donation will bolster ESL programs at Leicester schools



Leicester school officials and students celebrate a donation made to the district by Auburn Elks Lodge 2118.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The school department recently received a major donation from Auburn

Elks Lodge 2118 to bolster its curriculum for English language learners. The \$2,000 donation was announced during a check presentation

on Dec. 22 at Leicester High School. For Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian and his team,

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Members sought for Master Plan Steering Committee

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Officials are seeking community members who are interested in joining the Master Plan Steering Committee.

Spencer recently received a grant to update the town’s Master Plan, which was last updated in 2003. With the imminent formation of the Master Plan Steering Committee, residents will have the opportunity to help set the goals and objectives of the updated plan.

Members of the committee will meet once or twice per month, officials said. Meetings will be held remotely, except for a community forum whose date has not yet been announced. Meeting days and times will depend on the availability of committee members.

“This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in your community and help the town accomplish something great,” said Town Planner Lauren Vivier.

A Master Plan is a document designed to provide a basis for decisions regarding the long-term development of a municipality. The document should include a statement identifying the goals and policies of the community for its future growth and development, officials said.

As part of the update to the Master Plan, the town will conduct an interactive public process to determine overall community values, goals, and patterns of development.

Specifically, the Master Plan will focus on several major elements, including land use; housing needs and development; economic development and employment opportunities; natural and cultural resources; open space and recreation; and services and facilities.

“Updating a Master Plan provides a community with a formal avenue through which to make regularly scheduled assessments of its progress, both in terms of reviewing the effectiveness of development decisions and in terms of satisfying the priorities the town has established for itself,” read a statement released by the town.

Looking ahead, members of the Master Plan Steering Committee will play a direct role in shaping the town’s vision for future activities. Members’ responsibilities will include providing feedback on proposed changes, as well as approving all draft materials related to the project. These include survey language; outreach materials; and agendas for community forums and other public meetings.

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Webster Five donates \$25,000 to African Community Education



Pictured left to right in front of their new building are Biodun Akande, Board Chairperson, ACE and Kaska Yawo, Executive Director & Co-Founder, ACE.

AUBURN — Webster Five recently donated \$25,000 to African Community Education (ACE), a Worcester organization dedicated to assisting African refugees and immigrant youth and families in achieving educational and social stability. The donation will go towards their campaign to renovate the new ACE Center and expand program access.

ACE's programs include after school and family education programs, mentorship opportunities, community outreach and more. They currently serve 6.3 percent of African-born immigrants and their children living in Worcester within 200 percent of the poverty line.

With their 2022 move to a larger headquarters, ACE looks to expand their programs and grow their reach to serve even more families.

“Webster Five is proud to support the important work African Community Education is doing to increase access to resources promoting personal growth and stability in our community,” said Don Doyle, President and CEO, Webster Five.

“African Community Education is extremely grateful for Webster Five’s generous contribution to our organization. This gift will have a tremendous impact as we renovate the new ACE Center and expand access to education, outreach and workforce develop-

ment programs for thousands of African refugees and immigrants in the Central Massachusetts community. We are thankful Mr. Doyle and the Webster Five leadership team recognize the important role this project has in our local community and believe in our work at ACE enough to be an early supporter of these efforts,” said Kaska Yawo, Executive Director & Co-Founder, ACE.

To learn more about ACE’s mission and programs, please visit <https://www.africancommunityeducation.org/>. To learn more about Webster Five’s charitable giving, visit <https://www.web5.com/about-us/our-story/our-news/>.

Author Donna McCance to visit Leicester Senior Center

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The Senior Center will host local author, educator, and community leader Donna McCance for an informational event this month.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m., McCance will visit the Senior Center to present her book, “Knowing Me from A to Z, A Child’s Mindset.”

McCance co-authored the book with mindset specialist Harry Petsanis. Since the publication of their book, McCance has presented at Leicester Public Library, the Leicester Women’s Club, and at book tours throughout Leicester.

A retired Leicester Elementary School teacher, McCance taught first and second grades for 22 years. She also taught reading at the school’s Summer Camp Explorations program through-



Local author and community leader Donna McCance will attend a program at the Senior Center this month.

out that time. Currently, she serves on the Council on Aging, the Leicester Women’s Club, and the Leicester School Committee, among other organizations and committees.

Having dedicated her career to advancing education, McCance is thrilled to continue assisting local students and their families with her book.

“The purpose of the book is twofold. One is to bring awareness to adults so they can understand the importance of stepping back and allowing children to develop their free thinking so they can explore, experiment, and experience their learning,” McCance said. “The other purpose is to bring awareness of mindset to children so they can have a sense of self through such traits as self-confidence, self-worth, self-reliance, and self-regulation.”

McCance also joined Petsanis in co-authoring a framework on mindset development for schools. Entitled “Individualistic Mindset Awareness,” the piece will be published soon along with the book “Mindset 365.”

The Jan. 24 event is open to the public. A complimentary lunch will be served after the presentation.

Additionally, McCance will be available after the program to sign copies of the book for purchase.

To learn more about the event, or if you wish to attend, contact Leicester Senior Center Director Rachelle Cloutier at 508-892-7016. You can also sign up by visiting the Senior Center.

Ring in the new year with programs at Leicester Public Library

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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LEICESTER — Officials and patrons at Leicester Public Library are ringing in the new year with plenty of exciting programs.

The Friends of the Leicester Public Library will host a plant swap at the library from Tuesday, Jan. 24, through Saturday, Jan. 28. Guests are invited to bring a cutting of a plant they own and swap it for a new one. If you don’t have a plant of your own, you can purchase a rooted cutting from the Friends for \$1-5.

Materials are available on the main floor of the library’s Reading Room during regular hours.

For anyone who wants to jumpstart their spring garden, the library will host Leicester resident Linda Monahan, who will introduce attendees to the winter sowing method. The event is set for Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room.

“This method of starting seeds in the winter allows for growing your own food year-round in Massachusetts without grow lights, heat mats, or

indoor space,” read a statement released by the library.

The first 15 attendees of the event will receive all of the materials and seeds needed to start their own garden. All others will be provided with a materials list and instructions. The event is free to the public, with no registration required.

Over the next few months, the library will host a series of short programs called D.I.Y. Together. These events are designed to teach different skills. Most are drop-in events that allow residents to receive a free, quick tutorial, with no registration required.

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Quinsigamond Community College to host 38th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College will host the 38th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 16. This year's theme for recognizing Dr. King is "A Day of Service."

The public is welcome to attend the breakfast by purchasing tickets at www.QCC.edu/mlk-breakfast by Monday, Jan. 9. After this deadline, please contact June Geary at jgeary@qcc.mass.edu for tickets. Doors will open at 7 a.m., with the program starting at 8 a.m.

This year's keynote speaker will be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts Rachael S. Rollins. After being nominated by President Biden as the Chief Federal Officer for Massachusetts, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in December of

2021. Ms. Rollins is the first Black woman to hold this position. Prior to this, she was the first woman and the first woman of color elected as Suffolk County District Attorney in Massachusetts.

Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion at UMass Chan Medical School, Dr. Marlina Duncan, will serve as the master of ceremonies. Prior to arriving at UMass Chan in December 2020, she served as the assistant vice president of academic diversity and associate dean of diversity initiatives in the Graduate School at Brown University.

"QCC is honored to once again be hosting this important community event that highlights the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "We must continue to work every day to embody Dr.

King's message of love, inclusion and peace."

Co-Chair of the Committee Nellie Toney said, "Happy New Year Worcester County! We the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee wish you and yours a healthy New Year. It's 2023 and we are back as an in-person community event. Thank you again for supporting our efforts in keeping Dr. King's legacy and dream alive."

Several students will be awarded MLK Scholarships, funded through the MLK Committee's scholarship subcommittee and yearly golf tournament, and one scholarship that is funded through Quinsigamond Community College.

In addition to the scholarships, the annual Eleanor T. Hawley Community Service Award will be presented to Dr. George Storms

Smith and Gordon Hargrove. One of the founders of the MLK, Jr. Community Breakfast, Smith had a decades-long career in education and civil rights activism. Hargrove was a staff member and executive director of the board of directors for The Friendly House.

Worcester Police Officers Captain Kenneth Davenport and Officer David Rutherford will also be receiving awards for their community involvement.

Highlights of the morning's musical selections will be musical duo David Allen on guitar and Noah Allen on saxophone, a Gospel Jazz Combo featuring Mechanics Hall Education and Community Program Coordinator, Christon Carney, and a traditional folk song with audience participation led by Leslie Clark.

Those attending the Breakfast are asked to bring a new, age-appropriate book (related to MLK or diversity) for second and third grade students. These will be distributed in Worcester and Fitchburg public schools for students to take home. Worcester bookstores Tidepool Bookshop and Root & Press are offering discounts for this event.

The Worcester Area Mission Society and United Congregational Church (WAMS) are coordinating the book drive and can purchase a book for anyone who prefers to give a cash donation through the WAMS website <https://wamsworks.org/donate>.

Community based organizations will also be in attendance at the Breakfast to offer information about their work and solicit volunteers.

This year's event

sponsors include Quinsigamond Community College, National Grid, UMass Chan Medical School and UMass Memorial Medical Center.

To learn more about the event or to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, visit www.QCC.edu/mlkbreakfast.

Additionally, the YMCA and MLK Community Breakfast Committee are looking for volunteers to assemble kits for foster children on Monday, January 16, 2023, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at YMCA's Greendale Family Branch or Central Community Branch. Kits will include pajamas, a toothbrush, and a message from the Community. For more information about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Christina Puleo at cpuleo@ymcaofcm.org.

Greater Worcester Community Foundation now accepting scholarship applications

WORCESTER — As the new year marks the perfect time to set new goals and aspirations for the future, the Greater Worcester Community Foundation (GWCF) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting scholarship applications for high school seniors who live in Worcester County and are seeking college scholarships through the 2023-2024 academic year.

For more than four decades, GWCF has not only impacted the lives of nearly 10,000 aspiring students by awarding scholarships funded by the generosity

of individuals, families and businesses in the community, but has made a conscious effort to invest in the future of Central Massachusetts. As one application opens the door to more than 140 scholarships that can be redeemed across dozens of colleges and universities throughout the region, many of these students end up living, working and creating positive change within the cities and neighborhoods in which they receive their education.

Take Eric Roldan as an example. Once a recipient of the William J.

Short Scholarship and the Elm Park Community School Scholarship, Roldan received his first taste of making a difference as a member of GWCF's Youth for Community Improvement Program (YCI). A 12-week student led program, students come together to identify areas of interest within their community where they would like to see change. This experience and opportunity led Roldan down the path to his current role as Director of Outpatient Services at Open Sky Community Services in Worcester.

"What GWCF is doing with their scholarship program is giving young students the hope, encouragement and financial support they need to overcome barriers," said Roldan. "There is nothing more fulfilling than having the opportunity to invest your time, energy and exper-

tise back into the community that once served you."

Since the program's founding in 1978, \$14.04 million has been distributed to nearly 10,000 students. Last year, GWCF awarded over \$754,000 to more than 400 local students. Now in its 45th year of awarding college scholarships, awards ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 will be made to students based on a wide variety of criteria including need, merit, career goals and activity involvement.

Students may apply online by visiting greaterworcester.org. Scholarship applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1. Recipients will be announced in July 2023. For more information, please contact Jacob Vazquez, Philanthropy Officer, Scholarship jvazquez@greaterworcester.org.

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School awarded grant for adult career technical education program

CHARLTON — Superintendent-Director Kyle Brenner is pleased to announce that Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has been awarded a Career Technical Initiative (CTI) Grant to help bolster the school's adult education program from the Baker Polito Administration.

The \$579,710 grant awarded to Bay Path will be used to provide free training and placement services to 90 un/underemployed adult learners for high-demand Advanced Manufacturing, Culinary and HVAC positions. The school will partner with employers, including A&M Tool Design, All Points HVAC, Angry Panda Food Co, CK Smith Superior, Dexter, FLEXcon, F.W. Webb Co, General Mechanical Contractors, Great Oak Pizza, Pine Ridge County Club and Primetals Technologies, to conduct this training.

"This funding will provide our students with the opportunity to receive exceptional training and help them to prepare for their careers. It will also help support the trade industry by bringing expertly-trained individuals into the workforce," said Superintendent-Director Brenner. "On behalf of the entire school, I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing governor and lieutenant governor for this very generous grant."

The goal of the CTI Grant is to expand training opportunities for young people and adults as part of the Administration's multi-year effort to address workforce skills gaps so more residents can pursue careers in growing industries and employers can hire qualified workers to grow their businesses.

This grant, which was administered by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, was part of \$3,612,596 in funding awarded to support employers in training and recruiting Massachusetts workers for high-demand sectors like technology, healthcare, and manufacturing.

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We would also like to thank all of our neighbors. Without their support, we could not have done what we did. You have been awesome through the years.


We would also like to thank the Leicester Police Department. We could not have done it without their help. We had crowds of over 3,000 some nights. They kept everything flowing. We never had one issue.

They are putting electricity on the common, so we will be donating some things to help decorate the common.

Scott and Denise Weikel

If you would like to nominate someone or a group of people for 2023, please email your suggestion to Mikaela at mikaela@stonebridgepress.news. Thank you.

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BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — With recent winters featuring multiple thaws, first responders say it's now especially important to take precautions to avoid venturing onto thin ice. Over the last three weeks,

the region has seen several days with temperatures significantly higher than average for this time of year. The stretch of mild winter weather caused the ice to shrink—or disappear altogether—on some local water bodies. As a result, area first responders are reminding

residents of the conditions necessary for them to safely return to the ice. Even though most water bodies have frozen over again, they might not be safe for certain activities just yet.

“New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Clear ice is also stronger than white cloudy ice,” said Leicester Fire Chief Michael Dupuis. “Ice that is formed over open water such as rivers or lakes containing a large number of natural springs is even more dangerous and should be avoided.”

Officials also remind residents that several factors determine the strength of ice, including water depth, size of the water body, water chemistry, currents, snow cover, age of ice, and local weather conditions. “Ice doesn't freeze uniformly. Continue to check ice conditions frequently as you venture out onto the ice,” read a statement released by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. “Many lakes and ponds may contain spring holes and other areas of currents that can create deceptively dangerous thin spots.”

Local first responders also urge residents to be well-prepared with safety equipment and communications devices before going onto the ice.

“When you do choose to go on the ice, be prepared with a cell phone in case of emergency, as well as rope,” Dupuis said.

Individuals heading onto the ice should also bring ice picks with them, officials said. In case of emergency, drive the nails into the ice and pull yourself to safety while kicking.

Wearing a life jacket will also help keep you at the surface if you fall through thin ice, in addition to providing insulation against the effects of cold water, officials said.

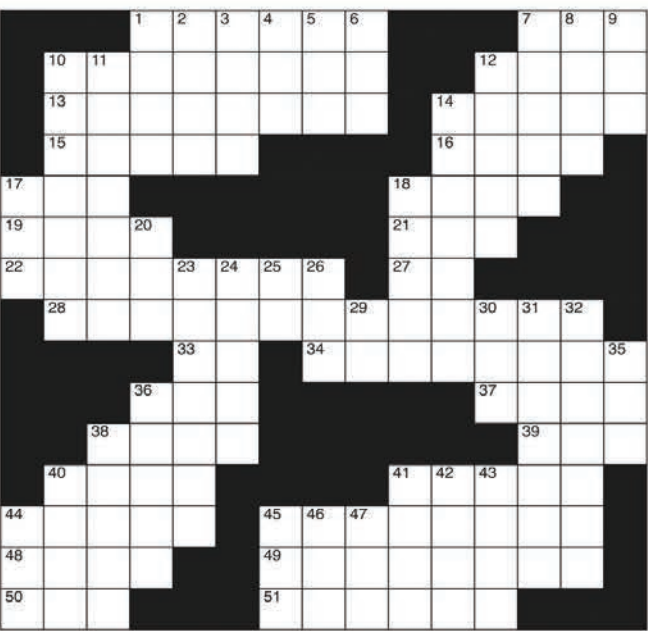
If ice is two inches thick or less, you should stay off it. Four-inch ice is safe for ice fishing and other activities on foot, while a thickness of five inches is needed to support snowmobiles and ATVs.

In order to accommodate cars and small pickup trucks, ice should be between eight and twelve inches thick, officials said.

Finally, residents are advised to always keep their pets leashed while walking on or near frozen water bodies. Local first responders handle a number of calls each year involving animals falling through the ice.

“Well-meaning pet owners can easily become victims themselves when trying to assist their pets,” read the statement released by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

For additional ice safety tips, visit www.mass.gov.

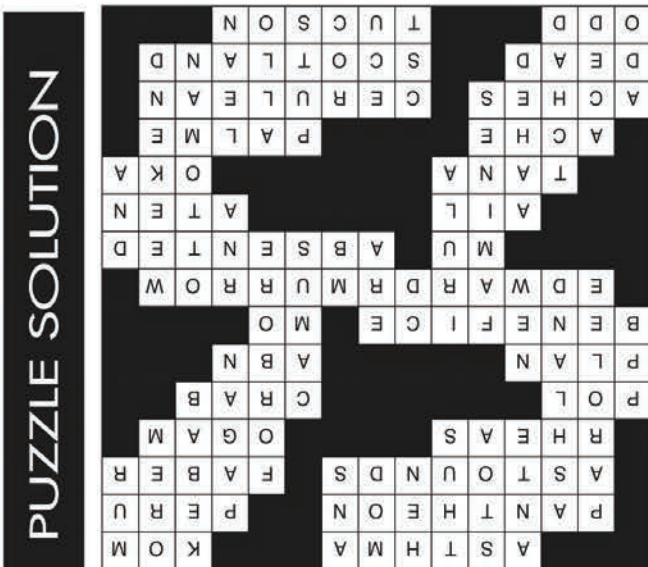


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Respiratory disorder
- 7. Bulgarian mountain peak
- 10. Group of important people
- 12. South American nation
- 13. Amazes
- 14. ___Castell, makers of pens
- 15. Perlman and Seehorn are two
- 16. Early medieval alphabet
- 17. Legislator (slang)
- 18. Tasty crustacean
- 19. Course of action
- 21. Airborne (abbr.)
- 22. Permanent church appointment
- 27. Larry and Curly's pal
- 28. Famed American journalist
- 33. 12th letter of Greek alphabet
- 34. In a way, vanished
- 36. Afflict in mind or body
- 37. Egyptian Sun god
- 38. Source of the Blue Nile
- 39. Egyptian unit of weight
- 40. Be the source of pain
- 41. Esteemed award ___ d'Or
- 44. Partner to pains
- 45. Deep blue
- 48. No longer living
- 49. Country in the UK
- 50. Not even
- 51. Arizona city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Wager
- 2. Classical portico
- 3. As a result
- 4. Bird
- 5. A type of "Squad"
- 6. Autonomic nervous system
- 7. Dish with food on a stick
- 8. City northwest of Provo
- 9. C. European river
- 10. One out of jail
- 11. Henry Clay estate
- 12. Heathen
- 14. Refrained
- 17. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 18. "The Stranger" author
- 20. Not old
- 23. Periods of starvation
- 24. Language of tribe in India
- 25. Savings account
- 26. Pitching stat
- 29. Megabyte
- 30. Ribonucleic acid
- 31. A place to put your feet
- 32. The fun part of a week
- 35. We all have our own
- 36. Partner to "oohed"
- 38. African nation
- 40. Breezed through
- 41. Sets out
- 42. Other
- 43. Not fattening
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QCC Announces fall semester Dean and Merit Lists

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Fall 2022 Semester Dean and Merit Lists. A total of 482 students were named to the College's Dean's List and 864 students were named to the Merit List.

QCC's Dean's List Fall 2022
Students who meet the criteria below and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester are named to the Dean's List:

All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted). Semester Quality Point Average (QPA) must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level
Auburn: Logan Alexander, Kiara Diaz, Tiana Germain, Daquan Gooch, Emelis Henriquez, Andy Ho, Muhammad Ibrahim, Meghan Johnson, Priscilla Kot, Irene LeBlanc, Jacqueline Leavey, Emma Martin, Emily Mills, Tien Luc Nguyen, David Zona

Blackstone: Reno Caretta, Katelyn Hanson, Erin McDonald, Jacob Ridlon
Brimfield: Haileigh Chase
Brookfield: Jared Maldonado, Emily Pope, Tay-Lynne Pope, Vanessa VanGerven

Charlton: Hayden Davis, Emanuel Desouza, Natasha Emco-Rollins, Jordan Goulas, Jacob Heywood, Kayla Hinkley, Haley LaFortune, Jessica Lapierre, Amanda McDermott, Chase McKenney, Connor Novack, Jordyn Poirier, John Price, Amanda Sampson, Hannah Sharma, Dylan Smaltz, Demerice Wolfenden

Dudley: Anthony Awad, Mia Bohanan, Mina Bektor, Thalia Hernandez, Grace Jocson, Nicole Karp, Emily Kolodziejczak, Christopher Lincoln, Julie Milner

East Brookfield: Grace Haight, Byron Tippings
East Douglas: Rebecca Barr, Brennan Jones, Hannah Rosenkrantz, Peyton Simoneau, Ethan Soyinthisane
Fiskdale: Lauren Augustine, Carina Holt

Grafton: Andrea Carenzo, Evan Ducharme, Amber Dumas, Brinna Smith

Holland: Azure Butler, Monica Confer

Leicester: Jon Auger, Aimee Brigham, Camden Crocker, Nikolas Dagostino, Jason Edson, Cole Keeton, Cassidy Saksa

Millford: Bianca Sayuri De Oliveira, Luca Masso, Angelo Romero
Millbury: Zachary Belanger, Emily Briddon, Brandon Charbonneau, Amy Lukowski, Aran Paquin, Julia Silva Santiago, Nicholas Terp, Stephanie Xiao

North Brookfield: Deborah Hill
North Grafton: Nicholas Calo, Holly Martin

North Oxford: Gracyn Mauch
Northbridge: Vivian Adams, Bronte Chosta, Nicholas Cleary, Lauren Rogozenski

Oxford: Susan Cicerchia, Alexander Duval, Ariana Gelardi, Jennifer Gum, Allison Hamel, Ashley Hamel, William Harvey, Amanda Listewnik, Ellie Makowiecki, Wilson Oteng, Jared Torosian, Julie Viola

South Grafton: Nicholas Fobert, Thomas Fobert

Southbridge: Kendall Barton, Alec Belle, Evan Duffey, Ashley Gerstel, Margaret Githui, Anthony Lang, Hilary Lapan, Jacob McDonald, Logan Mombourquette, Ogochukwu Nwasolu, Caleb Powell, Eve Robida, Alexander Rousseau

Spencer: Matthew Heffernan, Lourdes Morales, Kyle Paquette, Nathaniel Rybicki, Kyle Sadusky, Sarah Simpson, Yujia Wei

Sturbridge: Brian Gagnon, Ryan Manners, Erica Mathis
Sutton: Sarah Beachman, Amanda Berube, Katherine Fields, Disha Khanna, Taylor Marsh, Kailey O'Neil, Julia Sawicki

Uxbridge: Hailey Bergman, Antonio Demalia, Abigail Hanscom, Jeremy Lutton, Nicholas Maracle, Justin Meola, Abigail Vanderbrug

Webster: Adrienne Chomes, Natalie Duszak, Sean Flynn, Camden Heenan, Hlaing Htoo, Caitlin Kotarba, Chime Lama, Karma Lama, Tenzin Lama, Samantha Nelligan, Kasey Pechie, Elena Ralph, Beatriz Roman

West Upton: Aidan McCrea
Whitinsville: Nicholas DePasquale, Peter Greenan, Tracy Lewis, Matthew Wildman

QCC's Merit List Fall 2022
Students who meet the criteria below and have earned six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits, are named to the Merit List:

All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted). Semester Quality Point Average (QPA) must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level

Auburn: Zahraa Alshammari, Hanayah Barjolo, Adriana Bennett, Diana Bies, Hannah Chapdelaine, Madison Cove, Dylan Culani, Lyndsey Delorto, Kelly Do, Ryan Flattery, Dawson Gemme, Mark John, Leesa Kamaru, Laura Keister, Nicole Mikolajczyk, Donald Moylan, Chanel Napoli, Ifeanyi Nwachukwu, Matti Phaneuf, Emelyn Rivera, Kenya Rodriguez, Sara Ruffi, Xabriania Santiago, Cameron Szalay

Blackstone: Jordan Geoffroy
Brimfield: Lyndsey Gamache, Lillian Morrell
Brookfield: Kerry Gromosky,

Lorianne Palmer, Tye Zola
Charlton: Elizabeth Belanger, Caitlyn Bussiere, Christopher Chute, Molly Cloutier, Sidney Corbin, Johnson Ebe, Loriauna Graika, Abigail Joesten, Karina Lareau, Florence Lundi, Sophia Lynch, Heather McManus, Baker Meece, Nicole Mulvey, Lauren Polack, Jennifer Stearns, Ashley Steelman, Rebecca-Dawn Walley

Dudley: Aria Butler, Ashley Carrion, Jessica Clark, Xavier Collazo, Nayalis Gonzalez, Daniel Kelley, Laurelyn Mayen, Christina Richert, Kalli Rojas, Clarice Smith, Ann Marie Taylor, Nicholas Whitley, Gabriel daSilva

East Brookfield: Haley Arguin, Samantha Holmes, Hilda Maldonado, Matthew Porra

East Douglas: Courtney Barch, Jessica Bates, Abigail Bonneau, Britni Conner, Hunter Dunn, Anahise Fano, Trevor Jolin, Mark Pepin, Michael Purvis, Ashley Schofield

Fiskdale: Brianna Brothers, Madison Ricci, Tristan Shaw, Anna Simons

Grafton: Jeremy Barrett, Haley Becotte, Christopher Pinnock, Elisabeth Spencer, Tracy Torteson, Aiden Walker, Audrey Ziegler

Groton: Rose Fudge
Holland: Justine Block, Beau Boudreau, Timothy Hagen, April Swanson

Leicester: Nicholas Bouchard, Ryan Butler, Vasthy Diaz, Amanda Frascolla, Lilly Kinney, Malarie Zawulich

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Millbury: Casey Ampagoomian, Terrence Benton, Sandra Bravo, Jacob Brodeur, Britney Brown, Christian Donaldson, Ivie Lapointe, Madison LeClaire, Grace Malone, Melissa McMillen, Rachael Mercurio, Lucas Ogasahara, Michael Quitadamo, Jennifer Renaud

Millville: Danielle Zaloudek
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West Brookfield: Patricia Antalek-Schrag, Timothy Poissant

West Upton: Timothy Fobes, Kendal Rodriguez

Whitinsville: Jessica Caggiula, Melissa Sue Chenevert, Dana Clasby, Deanna Decoteau, Randy Diaz, Jason Doyle, Emily LaFleur, Nikolas McLean, Jordan Miller

Fall 2022 Dean's List announced at Stonehill College

EASTON — Stonehill College is proud to recognize the students named to the Dean's List this semester. To qualify for this honor, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered.

Katheryn Stapel of Leicester
Isabella Ortiz of Leicester
Shelby Wessell of Rochdale
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Naomi Myers named to President's List at Bob Jones University

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Naomi Myers, a Junior Nursing major from East Brookfield, was among approximately 720 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2022 President's List.

The President's List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.

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Leicester Knights of Columbus hosting comedy fundraiser

LEICESTER — The Leicester Knights of Columbus will host a stand-up comedy fundraiser Saturday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., and raffles and a cash bar will be available.

This entertaining show will feature Adam Webster (featured on 101.1 FM The Pike), Dan Smith (USO tours, HBO and Comedy Central), and Kris Bert Leduc (featured with Comedy For Cash).

The KOC hall is located at 91 Mannville St., Leicester. For tickets and information, contact Donald at (508) 615-8434.

Leicester Woman's Club meets Wednesday

LEICESTER — The Leicester Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford at 11:30 a.m.

The program will feature a guitarist. A buffet will be offered, and the cost of the meal is \$18.

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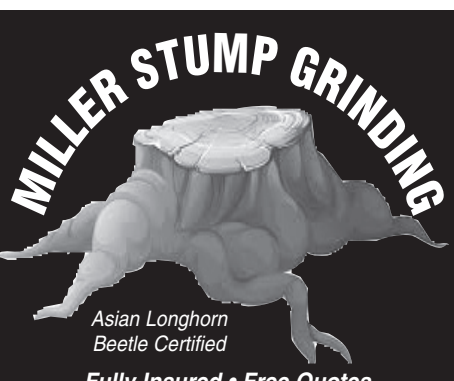
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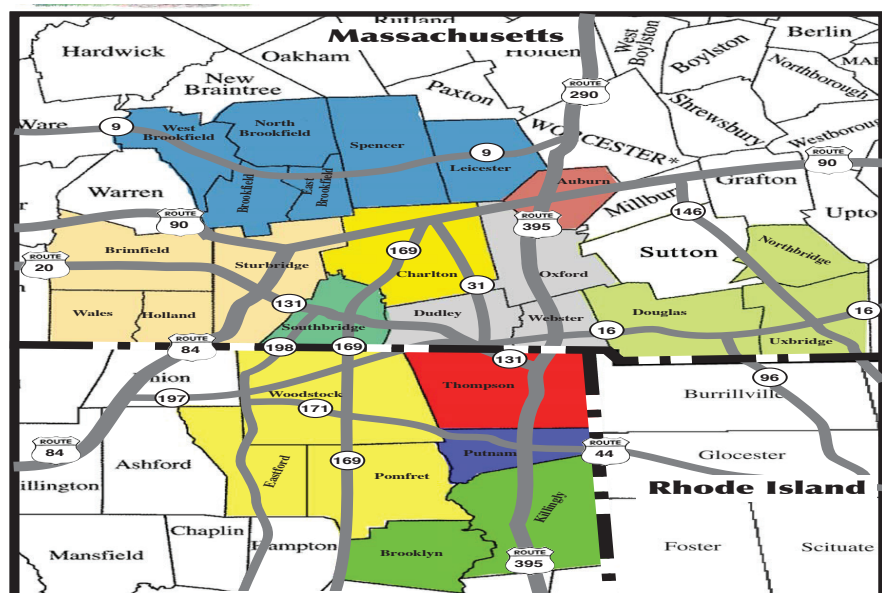
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EDITORIAL

A day to honor equality

Public offices throughout the state will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement from 1954 until his assassination in 1968. The federal holiday falls around the birthday of King on Jan. 15. Republican President Ronald Reagan made the holiday a courtesy.

Leicester school officials and students celebrate a donation made to the district by Auburn Elks Lodge 2118.

y official in 1983. In 1986, the first observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day took place. In the year 2000 the holiday was observed by all 50 states for the first time since 1986. Labor unions, in contract negotiations, brought the idea of celebrating King via national holiday. Republican Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts and Democrat John Conyers of Michigan brought forth the legislation in 1979, where it was five votes shy of passing in the house. Those in opposition to the day cited that the cost of paying federal employees would be too expensive. Others stated that honoring a private citizen would go against tradition, in that King never held a public office. In 1980, Stevie Wonder released the single “Happy Birthday” to shed light on the campaign. The largest petition in favor of an issue in the history of the United States gathered six million signatures. Two Republican senators from North Carolina, Jesse Helms and John Porter, opposed the bill because of King’s opposition to the Vietnam War and also accused King of being a communist. An FBI investigation dating back to 1963 turned up no evidence that King had been influenced by communists. The bill passed the House of Representatives 338-90. Within the bill was language establishing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission. King’s wife, Coretta Scott King, was made a lifelong member of this commission by President George H.W. Bush in May of 1989. Martin Luther King Day is seen as a day to promote equal rights for all Americans. While there are few traditions surrounding the holiday, many educators use the day to teach their students about the struggle against racial segregation and racism. In New Hampshire and Arizona, the day is combined with Civil Rights Day. In Idaho, the day is referred to as Human Rights Day, and in Wyoming, Equality Day. King, who was born in 1929 was an American Baptist minister from Atlanta, Georgia. In 1963 during the March on Washington, he delivered his famous “I have a Dream” speech. In 1964, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in promoting nonviolent resistance and for advocating for Civil Rights. King was assassinated at the age of 39 in Memphis, Tenn. by James Earl Ray. Ray, 41, was sentenced to 99 years in prison. The assassin died in prison in 1998 from hepatitis. An excerpt from King’s famous speech: “So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire; let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York; let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania; let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado; let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that. Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia; let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee; let freedom ring from every hill and mole hill of Mississippi. “From every mountainside, let freedom ring. “And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: ‘Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.’”

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The rest of the story

To the Editor:

Some of you may remember a radio personality named Paul Harvey. He was famous for reading a headline that gave you an impression, then offering the rest of the story, which often reversed an opinion the headline had given you. An example of this kind of story would be an ad campaign urging voters to repeal a gas tax law that increased without Congress being on record of voting for the increase. The rest of the story was that all revenue raised by this gas tax would only be used for the repair and maintenance of our bridges, and the tax would go up at the same rate as inflation. At the time of this referendum, this would have increased the per gallon tax a penny a gallon within three years. The repeal referendum succeeded, gas taxes would not automatically go up and those monies would now go into the general fund where there would be a record of how it was spent. and that is the rest of the story.

In watching Chuck Todd on “Meet the Press” Sunday, something was discussed that, upon reflection, I think I was already aware of, but the proverbial light bulb went on, as they exposed so many interesting facts. Over 60 percent of we Boomers and older are online and use social media, the number is over 70 percent for our children and 80 percent for our grandchildren. By social media, I include Facebook, Twitter, TikTok (wholly China owned), and a plethora of others, including interactive news sites. One thing they all have in common is utilization of algorithms. If you go online looking to buy a car, visit a restaurant or hire a contractor, those algorithms will provide you with more options than you may want. Not only will you receive this “help,” but you are likely to start hearing from vendors of these goods and services, whether you wish to, or not. Whether on my computer or phone, I find myself blocking or dumping hundreds of these each month.

While these are an inconvenience, we usually know why and how it happens. That said, the experts revealed that the main reason our country is so divided these days, is that those same algorithms when applied to a “virgin” computer and user, who expresses an opinion or comment that can be considered to lean left or right, will in short order, expose you to the most radical end of your leaning inclination.

This is a reason why there are still people thinking the election was stolen, or who do not know that our bor-

America’s horrible week of bomb throwers and legislative terrorists and the debt ceiling

To the Editor:

Ezra Klein the writer, who I quoted in a Dec. 23 letter, would consider them Congressional “bomb throwers.” John Boehner, a former Republican Speaker of the House (2011-2015), would call them “legislative terrorists.” This includes the more than more than 20 right wing members of the Republican Party who either voted against electing Kevin McCarthy Speaker of the House (like sexual predator Matt Gaetz) or those who did a deal with McCarthy (like total con man George Santos). These are persons who believe in nothing

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ders can never be secured until actual root of the problems are addressed. Conversely, the far left no longer has any semblance of spending restraint.

Collectively, not hearing “the rest of the story” has created a confrontational attitude and society.

My entertainment for the last two days was watching the newly elected Republican House majority, display that letting them be in charge of this vital component of our government, because we were not happy with what came before, reminds me of the old expression-”cheer up, things could get worse- so I cheered up and they did.” While my government experience has been limited to being an elected town meeting member, I am savvy enough to know what competence looks like. Whips either know the vote counts, or don’t call for one.

McCarthy has now failed to secure the Speakers gavel six times (Doing same thing but expecting different result). Here are the numbers- there are 222 Republicans and 218 votes needed to become speakers. So far, every vote has included at least 19 votes for not-McCarthy. Included in those 20 are at least 8 who want a commitment to impeach Biden and investigate Hunter (Trump’s revenge), and at least 8 who will not support McCarthy without a commitment to not do those stupid things. If these remain true and non of the 212 Dems defect, we may break the former three-month Speaker-less record.

If there is anything remotely resembling something other than a clown show, the house controls spending and cannot do any until there is a speaker I also wonder when we start paying reps- after sworn in? My town had a rob Peter to pay Paul rule. Every spending bill had to specify funding source. Because the concept that spending and paying seemed stupid, this worked perfectly.

With the succeeding generations of my family, all military, the rumblings about cuts to Ukraine funding, are not on my popularity list.

With sons wh deployed to Korea and Iraq, and airborne grandson and an Air Force granddaughter facing China, we put boots on the ground as needed, but would choose not needed. Check your sources, make your own decisions, but make sure you know the rest of the story.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

(including conservative values), have no loyalties and no purposes other than, perhaps, a desire to destroy .

To get the job, the cowardly, valueless McCarthy gave away to the bomb throwers/legislative terrorists and others numerous powers and positions which will make our Speaker of the House position and America weaker and more vulnerable.

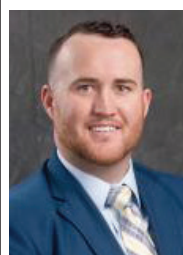
In this context, The 23rd of December letter indicated two of Klein’s critical recommendations for our government’s normal and required operating practices. The first involved the timely approval of our country’s annual budget. While late as usual, the budget, with bi-partisan support, was passed by Congress, by the then Democratic Speaker of the House.

The letter also indicated Klein’s point that we need to “bomb proof” our countries’ annual setting of the debt ceiling. In other words, with the budget approved and now being spent we now need to pay for goods and services we have ordered and are using One could write about “balancing.” the budget later. However, soon the job of Congress and the Speaker will be approving the annual debt ceiling. Or if not becoming thought of as international deadbeats and losers to Xi Ping’s China.

So, remember the debt ceiling!

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

Open the (back) door to a Roth IRA



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There aren’t many drawbacks to having a high income — but being unable to invest in a Roth IRA might be one of them. Are there strategies that allow high-income earners to contribute to this valuable retirement account?

Before we delve into that question, let’s consider the rules. In 2023, you can contribute the full amount to a Roth IRA — \$6,500, or \$7,500 if you’re 50 or older — if your modified adjusted gross income is less than \$138,000 (if you’re single) or \$218,000 (if you’re married and filing jointly). If you earn more than these amounts, the amount you can contribute decreases until it’s phased out completely if your income exceeds \$153,000 (single) or \$228,000 (married, filing jointly).

A Roth IRA is attractive because its earnings and withdrawals are tax free, provided you’ve had the account at least five years and you don’t start taking money out until you’re 59 and a half. Furthermore, when you own a Roth IRA, you’re not required to take withdrawals from it when you turn 72, as you would with a traditional IRA, so you’ll have more flexibility in your retirement income planning and your money will have the chance to potentially keep growing. But given your income, how can you contribute to a Roth?

You may want to consider what’s known as a “backdoor Roth” strategy. Essentially, this involves contributing money to a new traditional IRA, or taking money from an existing one, and then converting the funds to a Roth IRA. But while this backdoor strategy sounds simple, it involves some serious considerations.

Specifically, you need to evaluate how much of your traditional IRA is in pretax or after-tax dollars. When you contribute pretax dollars to a traditional IRA, your contributions lower your annual taxable income. However, if your income is high enough to disqualify you from contributing directly to a Roth IRA, you may also earn too much to make deductible (pretax) contributions to a traditional IRA. Consequently, you might have contributed after-tax dollars to your traditional IRA, on top of the pretax ones you may have put in when your income was lower. (Earnings on after-tax contributions will be treated as pretax amounts.)

In any case, if you convert pretax assets from your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, the amount converted will be fully taxable in the year of the conversion. So, if you were to convert a large amount of these assets, you could face a hefty tax bill. And since you probably don’t want to take funds from the converted IRA itself to pay for the taxes, you’d need another source of funding, possibly from your savings and other investments.

Ultimately, then, a backdoor Roth IRA strategy may make the most sense if you have few or no pretax assets in any traditional IRA, including a SEP-IRA and a SIMPLE IRA. If you do have a sizable amount of pretax dollars in your IRA, and you’d still like to convert it to a Roth IRA, you could consider spreading the conversion over a period of years, potentially diluting your tax burden.

Consult with your tax advisor when considering a backdoor Roth strategy. But if it’s appropriate for your situation, it could play a role in your financial strategy, so give it some thought.

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Ice fishermen take matters into their own hands

It seems as though winter has taken a break, which is OK with me. Unfortunately, ice fishing will suffer with no ice to fish on, but locals like Matt Fontaine have taken matters into their own hands and broke out their open water fishing gear and traveled to the cape ponds to do a little shore fishing. Gearing up with his waders and spinning rod, he set out to fish Peter's pond and managed to catch a few impressive rainbow trout on fishing lures. He was not alone at the lake, with other anglers also fishing from the shoreline. He also noticed a few boats trolling not far from shore. Matt is also a great cook when it comes to making his famous fish chowder.

Matt makes a great fish chowder using tautog to enhance the taste of the chowder. He brought some of his homemade chowder to me this past weekend, and it was gone by the same evening. My dad always made a great fish chowder from the fish we caught at the Meadow Pond in my younger years, and it was delicious. It was quite a few years later that I was eating at the for-



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mer Klondike restaurant and found fish chowder on the menu. It was great! Why don't more restaurants make good fish chowder?

Another local angler decided to take a trip to his camp in Maine last weekend, and also found very little ice to fish on, and did not take any chances of falling through the thin ice to catch a few fish. For anglers that want to catch a few trout, a quick trip to the Cape, and fishing from shore at one of this writer's favorite spots (Hamblin Pond), you are sure to catch a few nice fish if there is not a thin layer of ice on it!

Early signs of spring are all around us, noting the recent roadkill of a skunk in the road in the Uxbridge area last week. Pussy willows are also budding and should be out early if this weather

continues. The somewhat early spring is also easy on wildlife and should keep them well fed through the remaining eight weeks of winter. With the absence of acorns this year most deer are dependent on the grass to feed on. One local hunter harvested a deer in Douglas during the primitive arms season, and when he field dressed the animal he was surprised to find the stomach loaded with acorns. A few areas did have an acorn crop this year but not many.

Are you feeding your dog a proper diet that will keep him or her healthy for many years? One veterinarian has found that most dogs are eating unhealthy food, and that is the reason that many dogs are not receiving a good diet and getting sick. Most dog owners are feeding their dogs dry dog food that has had most of the nutrients cooked out of it, and then they add unhealthy ingredients to bond the dog food, which allows the dog food to have a shelf life of up to three years. These dog foods are causing dogs to have numerous cancers, and a short life. The vet



Courtesy

This week's picture shows Matt Fontaine with a couple of tautog he used to make a great fish chowder!

suggests that if you want your dog to have a happy healthy life, you need to prepare your own dog's food by cooking the proper ingredients to feed your pet. It is a lot more costly and time consuming, but it is worth it in the long run, and you will have a happier healthier dog for many more years. Paying big vet bills can be drastically lowered. There are

many books out there with good recipes for your dog. Take the time to read one of them!

This past weekend, an immature bald eagle was spotted at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club, perched high in an old dead tree, and was later spotted flying around the club a short time later. It sure is nice to see this great bird of prey

again. Numerous other birds have returned, after the use of DDT was stopped. Will we ever learn?

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Tips to Keep Your New Year Resolutions – Part II

Struggling to keep your New Year resolutions? You're not alone. Studies show less than half of those who made annual vows, will remain true to them come March. With this dim data in mind, this week's column will offer a roundup of tried and true tips (some previously published here) to up the odds of making your New Year's resolution stick.

And if these tips don't do the trick, don't throw in the towel yet. Research shows only 40 percent of habits are broken on the first try. Besides, there's always next year!

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Strategy: You've likely heard it before, and this column has repeated it, but here is some advice to successfully "break a bad habit": Experts agree that it takes a minimum of 21 days to change a behavior, so the first thing to do is count ahead 21 days and mark the day you'll be officially "home free" from your habit on a calendar. How to get through the 21 days? First write down your goal and list the positive reasons you want to change your habit. These exercises will help build commitment. Next share your goals with your family and friends. Making a commitment public leaves little room to back out, plus you'll benefit from a support system. Each day review your list of reasons for quitting or



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changing. You might also want to repeat an affirmation or inspirational quote to solidify your vow. It often helps to enlist the help of others to get through a tough spell. Join a support group to talk out temptations, or seek out a chat group online. Reward yourself verbally, each hour if necessary, working up to a great treat at the end of a successful week.

And remember if you fall off the wagon, jump back on immediately before you fall completely back into your old habit. As noted above, research reveals only 40 percent of habits are broken on the first try. Besides, there's always next year!

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Here are strategies to stay on track and keep common vows:

Curb Cravings: Losing weight is a top contender in an annual list of resolutions. If cravings are your dieting downfall, try these tips before you fall off the weight watching wagon:

Craving chocolate? Eat a banana. Believe it or not, a fresh banana has been known to halt a chocolate craving. If

you seem to be constantly craving chocolate, consider adding a magnesium supplement to your diet. Some chocolate cravings are a sign you're deficient in this mineral, which is found in chocolate.

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If you crave fatty foods, your body may be low in essential fatty acids. Reach for some fish or take a flaxseed oil supplement to calm cravings.

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Is your sweet tooth out of control? Protein, fat and fiber in a balanced diet keep sugar levels more even and can keep sweet cravings at bay.

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And remember, before you give in to a food craving, drink some water or a low calorie beverage instead. Studies show many food cravings are really thirst in disguise.

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Cut the Credit: If financial freedom is on your wish list, cutting credit card debt is a good place to start. Here are some facts that just might make you realize how drastic that plastic really is to busting your budget:

Fast food eateries take credit cards, but the convenience just might supersize your monthly credit card bill. Studies show people using credit cards in fast food restaurants spend up to 50 percent more than when they pay cash!

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And while low credit

card rates may lure you in - beware! A single late payment or over the limit charge can bring you back up to double digits.

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Are you ready for this credit card shocker? A typical credit card purchase ends up costing 112 percent more than if cash were used.

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From Fat to Fit: Adding or increasing exercise is a top vow this year. Most of us know the physical benefits of exercising, but if you still need to be sold on the idea, here are a couple of more reasons to stick to a fitness plan:

Want a good motive to suffer through sit ups? It is estimated that strengthening the abdominals can prevent 75% of lower back problems.

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Need an excuse to stall your daily walk until after supper? Here it is: When you walk within thirty minutes after eating you can increase the amount of calories you burn by as much as thirty per cent!

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Walking is also a natural mood booster. And non-aerobic exercise, like weight lifting, can improve sleep and appetite, reduce irritability and anger and produce feelings of mastery and accomplishment!

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Want to improve your odds of sticking to a fitness plan? Studies show people who exer-

cise in the morning are more apt to stay on the program long term.

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Famous Quotes

Read on for a dose of inspiration from successful people:

"If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success." - James Cameron

"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

Being realistic is the most commonly traveled road to mediocrity." - Will Smith

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary." - Vidal Sassoon

"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going." - Jim Ryun

"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it." - Margaret Thatcher

"Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success." - Dale Carnegie

A lot of people give up just before they're about to make it. You know you never know when that next obstacle is going to be the last one." - Chuck Norris

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." -

Vince Lombardi

"The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus." - Bruce Lee

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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.

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OBITUARIES

Francine C. (Sylvestri) Tribuzio, 76

SPENCER/ORLEANS: Francine C. (Sylvestri) Tribuzio, 76, of Orleans and formerly of Spencer, died Tuesday, Dec. 27th at Royal Cotuit Nursing Home in Mashpee.

She was the wife of Anthony J. Tribuzio who died in 1997. She leaves her brother; Amo "Nick" Sylvestri, Jr. and his longtime partner Ann Lanoue of Spencer, many cousins and 2 nieces, Stacey Sylvestri of Bangor, PA and Nicole Austin of NJ.

She was born in Southbridge, the

Sylvia M. Petrin, 86



West Brookfield - Sylvia M.(Allen) Petrin, 86, passed away peacefully, on January 5, 2023, at The Overlook in Charlton. Sylvia is survived by her loving children; Cheryl Shoum and her husband Joseph of Ware, Janine Goudreau and her husband Darryl of East Brookfield, Joseph Petrin and his wife Terri of Cicero, NY, Jackie Befford and her husband Michael of East Brookfield, and Jamie Petrin and her husband Kelly Cannon of Franklin.

She also leaves her grandchildren; Jason Toppin and Delia, Joshua Toppin and Kylie Baldwin, Mikayla Befford and Tyler Swalec, Abby Befford and Leo Germiniani, Joe Petrin Jr., Jonny Petrin, Julia (Coco) Petrin, Riley Cannon and Jessi Cannon; great-grand-child; Jade Toppin.

Also survived by her brother, Arthur Allen, and her sisters; Carol Dulak,

daughter of Amo Sylvestri, Sr. and Obella (Tetreault) Sylvestri.

At the family's request private funeral services and burial in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer will be in the Spring.

The J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

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Barbara Niemiec, and Dorothy Cebula. Sylvia is predeceased by her siblings, James Allen, Charles Allen, Catherine Knight, June Beausoleil, Marjorie Allen and her parents; Arthur and Ruby Allen.

Sylvia was the wife of the late Leo LaParle, who died in 1962, and Joseph C. N. Petrin, who died in 2019.

Sylvia worked many years as a school bus driver in West Brookfield. She also worked as a clerk for Betty Gordeson Studio of Dance before working at ITAC Industries and a local braided rug company. She enjoyed family vacations in York, Maine, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held Friday, January 13th in Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield, from 2pm-4pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in her memory to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL, 60601, online at alz.org

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Joseph "Al" Bouley, Jr., 93



SPENCER- Joseph "Al" Bouley, Jr., 93, of Spencer, died Sunday, Jan. 1st at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester after a brief illness.

He leaves his wife of 71 years, Margaret A. "Peggy" (Proctor) Bouley, his son; Steven C. Bouley and his wife Barbara of Mill Spring, NC, his daughter; Jennifer A. Bouley and her husband Richard of No.Brookfield, a sister; Jane M. Giard of Leicester, his son in law; Richard Sanborn of Spencer, 3 grandchildren; Karen, Emily and Elizabeth, 5 great grandchildren; Noah, Benjamin, Shea, Koraline and Grace, several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his daughters; Pamela Sanborn and Katherine Bouley, infant grandson; Steven Bouley, brother; Charles L. Bouley and sister; Anita Ducasse.

He was a design engineer for the former Warren Pumps in Warren for 39 years, retiring in 1996.

Al was born in Spencer, the son of Joseph A. and Georgianna (Barber) Bouley, Sr., graduated from David Prouty High School and Worcester Vocational High School and later served his country with the US Air Force during the Korean War, where

he was a trumpet player in the 542nd. Air Force Band. He also was a trumpet player in several area bands over the years. He was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish, the Gaudette-Kirk American Legion Post 138, and a 46 year board member of the Spencer-E. Brookfield Little League. The board named the Club House in his name for his longtime service and commitment to the Little League. He was an avid gardener.

His funeral was held on Saturday, Jan. 7th. from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 11 am. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial with Military Honors followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Calling hours were Friday, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Why Me & Sherry's House, 1152 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602 or Spencer-E.Brookfield Little League, P.O. Box 101, Spencer, MA 01562.

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Auction news for the New Year



Happy New Year! Let's start 2023 by catching up on some big auction news that closed out 2022.

An 1898 Smith and Wesson Revolver that belonged to Teddy Roosevelt made headlines recently. Roosevelt obtained the gun in 1898 when he was a lieutenant colonel training with the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry, also known as the Rough Riders. The Rough Riders were the only unit to see combat during the Spanish American War. While Roosevelt received the Smith and Wesson pistol, he preferred a different weapon during the war. The Robb Report writes that "Roosevelt famous-

ly used a Colt double-action revolver salvaged from the wreckage of the USS Maine, the US Navy ship that sank in Havana Harbor in February 1898." He kept the Smith and Wesson pistol as a "nightstand pistol." It sold for \$910,625 in December, nearly matching the \$1 million a Star Wars prop pistol that was used by Harrison Ford's Hans Solo character fetched at an August auction.

Trains Magazine reports that one of the spikes from Promontory Point, Utah will soon be hitting the auction block. Promontory Point is where the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads met in 1869. The transcontinental railroad united the country by rail. You might remember from history class reading about the golden spike being driven when the railroads met. The golden spike now resides in the Stanford University Art Museum. Train Magazine reports that there were three additional spikes used at the ceremony. There were two silver spikes and one with "a gold head, a silver shaft, and an iron spike at the base." That mixed

metal spike (also known as the Arizona spike) is the one that's heading to auction. The spike is engraved "Ribbed with iron, clad in silver, and crowned with gold Arizona presents her offering to the enterprise that has banded a continent, dictated a pathway to commerce." The spike is expected to sell for between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

Steve Wozniak's toolbox will be auctioned online at the end of this month, according to Benzinga.com. Wozniak was one of the founders who formed Apple in 1976. The toolbox is said to be from pre-1978, during Apple's formative years. An Apple Facilities Engineer found the toolbox with Steve Wozniak written on it on a Dymo label. The Facilities Engineer had asked Wozniak for it several years ago and Wozniak told him he could have it. The toolbox bidding starts at \$10,000 with an estimate of \$20,000 to \$30,000.



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And there's another big piece of Apple history that will also be sold soon: Apple's first trade sign that was used by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak when the company was still a startup. The nearly nine-foot long opaque sign features a multi-colored apple and has a starting bid of \$50,000, with an auction estimate of \$100,000 and \$200,000. With all these Apple items going to auction, I might just hang onto my old iPhone for a while.

We're offering a Colt revolver, along with over 500 additional items in our next online auction which starts this week and ends on Jan. 31. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

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Clip off any dead leaves as they appear. Use a sharp snips or bypass pruner to make a clean cut that looks tidy and closes up quickly. An occasional brown leaf is not usually a problem but if browning continues, it might be time to take action. Evaluate the growing conditions and make needed adjustments.

Brown leaves are often caused by low humidity which is common in many homes during winter. Boost the humidity in your home by grouping plants together. As one plant loses moisture through its leaves through transpiration the neighboring plants benefit. Add pebbles or marbles to the saucer or trays beneath the plants. Allow excess water to collect in the pebbles below the pot. As the water evaporates it increases the humidity right around the plant. Move plants that require moist soil and high humidity into a terrarium. They are attractive living decorations and make caring for high-maintenance plants easier.

Over- and under-watering can also result in brown leaves, leaf edges, and tips. Water thoroughly when needed. Base frequency on the plants you are growing, room temperature and humidity. Tropical plants need more consistently moist soil while cacti and succulents like it drier. With lower light conditions in many homes, plants

grow slower and may need less frequent watering in winter. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer which can lead to root rot.

Stop fertilizing indoor plants in winter unless they are actively growing. Applying fertilizer that plants don't need can cause root damage, leading to leaf discoloration.

Trim off brown tips that are common on spider plants, dracaenas, Ti plants, and prayer plants sensitive to the chlorine and fluoride in water. Avoid the problem by using chemical-free water.

Wipe dust off the leaves with a damp cloth. Use a cosmetic brush to clean the fuzzy leaves of plants like African violets. Keeping your plants clean and well-groomed also helps reduce insect and disease problems.

Further protect plants from pests with Summit Sticky Traps (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com). Just place one or two in the pot with the sticky side exposed. The yellow attracts fungus gnats, aphids, thrips, leaf miners, and other harmful pests feeding on your plants. The sticky sur-

face traps the insects causing them to die without the use of pesticides. Replace the trap once it is covered with insects or every three months.

Boost indoor plant resilience by providing the right amount of light. Move plants to a sunnier window or add artificial lights as needed. Then give plants a quarter turn every time you water. This promotes more balanced growth by exposing all parts of the plant to the light source.

Taking time to tend to your plants improves their health and beauty while elevating your mood and helping fight stress.

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 was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

We need a sense of direction

You could be hurting, and your family could be in trouble. Every day feels like a grind; you can't make it from one day to the next. You may have addictions, people disrespect you, and you have little help. Inflation seems spiraling out of control, and they say World War III is upon us. There appears to be chaos everywhere, especially in our minds.

We've been lucky to live in a primarily stable society for as long as most of us have been alive. When things become unstable and uncertain, we become stressed out, depressed, and worried. It can rob your sense of purpose and meaning.

It makes you want to give up and sit in a dark room and hide. You may have moments where you scream and cry, thrashing about as if doing so will make it all go away.

You can run away, go to the bar, watch television, and pursue any pleasure you can think of in the hopes it will go away. You can pursue happiness in all its forms, but still, life is waiting.

From the moment we are born, we are in a constant state of change. None of us will stay the same, and none will get out of life alive. What will we become? What is the meaning of it all? What's the point?

It's odd. For most of my life, I've pursued happiness, and although that was the goal, it didn't always bring joy. While working to be an actor, I didn't have a job for many years. All I did was go to the gym, eat nice dinners, go to clubs, hang out with friends, audition, take acting classes, and travel.

It was fun in a lot of ways, and also, it felt empty at times. I was too irresponsible to be able to handle it properly. I dreaded getting a job; I dreaded responsibility because I saw it as something that wouldn't bring any fulfillment.

Then one day, a stray cat showed up at my door. She begged for food, and I decided to feed her. After a few weeks, she started coming into my apartment, and I soon discovered I was a cat owner! I was responsible for another life.

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I gave her the best food; I took her to the vet and was concerned for her every need. It brought me so much fulfillment. That was just the beginning of my journey toward responsibility.

In a famous online lecture, rock-star Psychologist Jordan Peterson says, "You need a sustaining meaning; where do you find that? You generally find that in responsibility to yourself and other people." What is the goal of life? "To be the strongest person at your father's funeral."

I don't think he means that you should seek to be the strongest person at the funeral so you can feel better than everyone else, but because you can become a beacon of hope, someone to rely on, and an example to others.

I was not the most responsible person at my father's funeral, not by a long shot; My father had some fantastic friends.

Within hours of his death, I found myself engulfed in responsibility. It was new and stressful; since then, I don't get

much sleep, and I'm constantly on the move. I'm helping to run two businesses, writing this column, taking care of family members who need my help, and working a full-time job which I love. Oddly, or not so oddly, I feel fulfilled.

I didn't find fulfillment in pleasure; I found it in responsibility, just as Dr. Peterson says.

With all of life's problems, it's easy to become depressed and turn away from things we know we ought to do. Sometimes it feels like burying your head in the sand, deliberately ignoring the reality of the situation, and pretending the problem doesn't exist is the best course of action.

On the contrary, personal responsibility and accountability are the building blocks for a meaningful and fulfilling life.

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SPORTS

Steals galore for victorious Minutemen over Parker Charter



Nick Ethier photos
Bay Path's Kortnie Adams looks up at the basket while driving on the fast break versus Parker.



Bay Path's Anika Ferrantino races past Parker defenders on her way to the hoop.



Ali Welton of Bay Path launches a pass down the court.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLTON — The prototypical “defense leads to offense” mantra proved to be especially true for the Bay Path Regional girls’ varsity basketball team when facing off against Parker Charter of Devens on Monday, Jan. 9. The Minutemen made their first basket, put on a full-court press, stole the ball and finished off a layup. Another quick steal and basket put Bay Path in firm control, 6-0, just a minute in.

The Minutemen finished with five first quarter steals and totaled 21 thefts throughout the

duration of the game — six in the second quarter, seven in the third period and three in the fourth frame — as they cruised past the Panthers, 57-13.

“They love to steal the ball. We have a lot of smart basketball players,” explained Bay Path head coach Maddie Lynch.

The Minutemen held Parker scoreless in the first quarter, as they led 23-0 after the initial eight minutes thanks to six players scoring. Then, in the second, five players put up points — three of them being new to the scoresheet — while the Panthers only mustered up two points. Bay Path led at halftime, 36-2.

The Minutemen then won the third (8-3) and fourth quarters (13-8) to account for the 44-point victory.

All 12 of Bay Path’s rostered players — starters Terry Simon, Noalani Perez, Ali Welton, Kortnie Adams and Kendall Bond, plus reserves Gabi Lapan, Hannah Cavan, Allie Klar, Catherine Pavone, Grace Jones, Olivia Bowes and Anika Ferrantino — scored at least two points. Bond (team-high 12 points) and Ferrantino each pulled down a team-best seven rebounds.

“I tried to get everybody to play a lot and switch them in and out,” said Lynch, as the Minutemen are set to face off against two tougher teams this week, after press time. “I was really trying to make that happen (everyone play and everyone score) tonight because it’s good for all of them because some of them don’t get a lot of chances. This is going to give them a little bit of confidence.”

Lynch is not only in her first year of coaching basketball at Bay Path, but also in her first year of coaching any sort of high school level hoops. She has previously coached softball at Pathfinder Regional in Palmer.

That makes the Minutemen’s 5-1 start to the season even more special.

“That’s a phenomenal start for us. I got lucky enough to be with some of the best girls. We’re making due with it and I’ve got a good team to start with,” said Lynch.

With the loss Parker dropped to 4-4.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK — TANTASQUA SWIM HOSTS BROMFIELD

Strong second quarter helps Rams take down Tantasqua, remain unbeaten



Nick Ethier photos
The Tantasqua Regional boys’ and girls’ swim teams hosted the Bromfield School back on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

A very tight contest saw the Tantasqua Regional boys’ swim team edged the Bromfield School, 85-83, back on Wednesday, Jan. 4. The Warrior girls’ squad lost to the Trojans, 131-52.

For the boys, first place finishers included Zach Hilborn (200 free), Sam Merchant (200 IM and 500 free), Ethan Korenda (100 free), Ethan Zhu (50 free) and Evan Dambly (100 back). The boys also won two out of their three relays.

In the girls’ meet, Zoey Zhu (50 free) and Kira Dambly (100 butterfly) were the winners.

The Tantasqua boys improved to 2-2, while the girls slipped to 1-3.



Nick Ethier photos
Tantasqua's Adam Howe goes for the basket while driving versus Shepherd Hill.



Liam Hubacz of Tantasqua dribbles the ball up at the top of the key.

NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

DUDLEY — After grabbing a 16-10 lead after the initial eight minutes, the Shepherd Hill Regional boys’ varsity basketball team picked it up even more so, outscoring their opponent in Tantasqua Regional in second quarter play, 19-3, when the teams met on Thursday, Jan. 5.

That 35-13 halftime advantage all but gave the Rams the victory, although the Warriors did come out of the gate strong in the third quarter by grabbing the



Tantasqua's Bryce Tessier finds enough space against the Shepherd Hill defense to lay the ball into the hoop.

SPORTS

Rams shake off slow start, then claw past Quaboag



Quaboag's Kiara Gauthier, left, fights for space while Northbridge's Melissa Sabourin defends tightly.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

NORTHBRIDGE — When facing a full-court press, Northbridge High girls' varsity basketball head coach Jeff Kozik admitted that his team can, at times, try to move too fast in an attempt to break it. That occurred when the Rams hosted Quaboag Regional at Veterans Memorial Field House on Friday, Jan. 6, during first quarter play.

In that opening eight-minute stanza, the Cougars rattled off 10 consecutive points on five made baskets, and after each occurrence they set up their press. Many times it led to Northbridge turnovers and more scoring opportunities for Quaboag.

"They're athletic, they're aggressive, and we struggled with their press," said

Kozik.

The Cougars led, 12-4, heading into the second quarter. But the Rams rebounded and tied the game at the half, 14-14, before pulling away in the third and fourth quarters for a 39-24 victory.

"We just settled down. I think we have a tendency to rush against a press, which is what they want. We just have to get a little more patience when we're facing a press, and I think we did that in the second half," said Kozik.

The Cougars also weren't able to press as much in the final three quarters due to two factors: fatigue and lack of shot making.

"We played well in the first quarter. We got into our press and turned them over a little bit. It gave us easy looks, but we get a little tired and can't press



Kayden Lourake of Quaboag bounces a pass down low and past Northbridge's Natalie Zborowski.



Quaboag's Megan Shea looks toward the paint, hoping to make a pass down low.

the whole game, so the girls have to do a better job when we aren't pressing," said Quaboag head coach Bill Beauregard.

The Cougars made just two shots (and seven free throws) following the opening frame.

"We even got good looks, we just couldn't finish," said Beauregard. "I'll live with that when we do what we're supposed to do and we get good looks, they just don't fall sometimes. That's going to happen."

In the third quarter, the Rams took a 24-17 lead — their largest of the game to that point — on 3-pointers from either corner of the court by Molly Gahan. Northbridge took a 26-20 lead into the final frame.

A pair of baskets by Gahan in the latter portion of the fourth sealed the victory for the Rams. Gahan finished with a team-high 10 points, all of which came in the second half.

"We've had a lot of different leading scorers, which is a good thing as long as somebody steps up," said Kozik before turning his attention to Gahan. "She's pretty versatile. She's probably our tall-

est player, but we have her playing out on the perimeter. She can play inside and out and it's a good thing to have."

Eight other Rams scored, with the point distribution spread out. Abby Barnatt's 6 points was next closest to Gahan's.

Northbridge is now 5-2 in Kozik's first season as head coach after serving as the school's athletic director in the recent past before taking the 2021-2022 school year off from athletics in any capacity.

"We're still getting used to each other. I'm a new coach in a new system. They're adjusting to me and I'm adjusting to them, so I knew we were going to have some learning curves and some obstacles to get over," said Kozik. "We've gotten better every game, which I see as success."

Quaboag, meanwhile, dropped to 3-2 as they continue to sport a lineup without two starters that are out with ACL injuries. In the loss to Northbridge, Hailey Samek scored 11 points (going 7-of-10 from the free throw line) and Parker Tunley scored all 6 of her points in the first quarter.

RAMS

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first nine points. But The Hill ended up grabbing a 20-point lead by quarter's end (44-24) and ended with a 52-28 victory.

"Defensive intensity is the biggest thing we talk about all the time. It stems the tide for us. We're not always going to score 60-70 points every night, so getting stops and running in transition is one of the big keys for us, and that starts with our defensive inten-

sity," Shepherd Hill head coach Michael Rapoza said of what the key factor was in the all-important second quarter before the teams went to their respective locker rooms for intermission. "We were thrilled going into the half."

Rapoza was quick to note that Tantasqua would make a run in the second half, though.

"They're a good basketball team and super well-coached, so you know they aren't just going to roll over," he explained. "We went away from our

shot selection and defensively we took a step back."

"We started the second half with a nice run for us," said Warriors' head coach Scott Dion before mentioning that his team isn't quite up to full speed when it comes running an efficient offense. "We just can't score consistently enough. As we just discussed in the locker room, it's not that we don't have the pieces, we're just not quite yet ready to execute the opportunities that present themselves."

Tantasqua's 9-0 run through the first half of the third quarter — which included inside buckets by Liam Hubacz, Colm McGrath and Bryce Tessier, plus a 3-pointer from Adam Howe — brought their deficit down to 35-22.

"They shared the basketball," Dion said of what worked best in the third quarter. "I wanted guys to drive and kick and give up a good shot for a great shot."

The Rams got back on track midway through the frame when Lucas

Miglionico stole the ball away from the Warriors and made an outlet pass in transition to Ryan Brooks, who finished off a layup. Brooks also ended the period with a driving layup as time expired.

"Ryan stabilized us," Rapoza said of Brooks, who finished with 13 points.

Miglionico scored a game-high 19 points, all in the first half of play. Austin Ayotte added 9 points and Zachary Wennerberg scored all 8 of his points in the sec-

ond quarter.

The Rams are now 7-0 to open the season.

"I thought we gave 25 to 26 minutes of good effort and we're building to 32. It's always a work in progress and we're definitely making progress," said Rapoza.

"Shepherd Hill is obviously a very, very good team. Coach Posey's awesome and their kids are so tough. He has a couple of really, really good players," said Dion after the Warriors slipped to 4-3.

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January 13, 2023
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Mary McLaughlin
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
January 13, 2023
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January 5, 2023
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Proposed FY 2022/23 CDBG Application
The Spencer Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **January 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM** at McCourt Social Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA and via virtual meeting. Information to connect is included here: Dial in from phone: 1-866-899-4679 Access Code: 479-429-349 or from computer: <https://www.gotomeet.me/TownofSpencer-MA/boardofselectmen>.
The public is encouraged to attend this hearing to discuss the Town's FY22/23 application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for up to \$1.35 million in available Community Development Block Grant Funds. All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Spencer Town Administrator, 157 Main Street, Spencer, Ma 01562, Attn: Jeffrey Bridges
The Town is encouraging input on community needs and projects which would benefit from grant funding. The projects currently being considered are the Valley & Mill Street Infrastructure Improvement Project (Phase II), Pearl Street Improvement Project, and Code Enforcement Program. Additional projects may be discussed and may be included in the grant application.
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January 13, 2023

Fall 2022 Dean’s List announced at Stonehill College

EASTON — Stonehill College is proud to recognize the students named to the Dean’s List this semester.

To qualify for this honor, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered.

Katheryn Stapel of Leicester
Isabella Ortiz of Leicester
Shelby Wessell of Rochdale
About Stonehill College
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community

of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

POLICE REPORTS

Leicester Police Log

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:22 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), resolved; 12:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 3:21 a.m.: ambulance (Whittemore Street), transported; 8:19 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 9:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:03 a.m.: assist citizen (Mayflower Road), spoken to; 11:19 a.m.: welfare check (Collier Avenue), transported to hospital; 12:00 p.m.: ambulance (Marble Street, Worcester), transported; 12:31 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:00 p.m.: investigation (Main Street, Spencer), report taken; 3:31 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), assisted; 4:57 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, criminal application issued; 5:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred to ACO; 8:22 p.m.: ambulance (Lebanon Street, Worcester), transported; 9:04 p.m.: suspicious mv (Tobin Road), spoken to; 10:05 p.m.: family problem (Boyd Street), peace restored; 11:24 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:21 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 12:28 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Kevin Robert Montalvo, 32, 49 South Sturbridge Road, #1B, Charlton, on w/ suspended license/ subsequent offense; straight warrant, number plate violation, arrest; 8:58 a.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 9:49 a.m.: family problem (Rawson Street), spoken to; 10:18 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 10:39 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:30 a.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), served; 12:40 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 3:37 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, report taken; 4:17 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 4:20 p.m.: assist citizen (Dale Street), services rendered; 4:52 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), transported; 7:36 p.m.: family problem (Deer Pond Road), transported; 9:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:47 p.m.: ambulance (Clark Street, Spencer), transported.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:02 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:27 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), transported; 9:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:03 a.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), resolved; 10:12 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 12:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:30 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 1:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, unlicensed operation, mv towed; 10:27 p.m.: ambulance (Ingram Road), report taken; 10:58 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Siani Road), spoken to; 11:47 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

12:05 a.m.: ambulance (Bond Street), transported; 12:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:56 a.m.: disturbance (Overlook Drive), spoken to; 1:39 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 2:05 a.m.: disturbance (Bond Street), resolved; 5:47 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:17 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 12:27 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 2:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 2:17 p.m.: welfare check (Monterey Drive), services rendered; 2:26 p.m.: ambulance (May Street, Worcester), transported; 5:03 p.m.: disturbance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 6:08 p.m.: ambulance (Queen Street, Worcester), transported; 7:07 p.m.: ambulance (Mason Street, Worcester), transported; 8:27 p.m.: disturbance (Peter Salem Road), unfounded; 9:46 p.m.: unknown alarm (Main Street), resolved; 10:48 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), resolved; 11:11 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Spencer), transported; 11:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 11:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

9:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:06 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:18 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 1:21 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:43 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), resolved; 1:46 p.m.: ambulance (Watch Street), transported; 4:18 p.m.: suspicious mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), unable to locate; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:04 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 5:14 p.m.: accident (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, report taken; 5:21 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to.

TUESDAY, JANAURY 3

12:23 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:50 a.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), citation issued; 7:39 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 7:54 a.m.: property found (Main Street), resolved; 8:54 a.m.: harassment (Rawson Street), report taken; 10:06 a.m.: investigation (Rawson Street), report taken; 11:23 a.m.: welfare check (Franklin Street), resolved; 12:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Wesley Drive), unable to locate; 2:20 p.m.: lobby service (South Main Street), assisted; 2:58 p.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 3:51 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), unable to serve; 3:57 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), spoken to; 4:13 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken; 5:07 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:20 p.m.: m stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 5:37 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), unable to serve; 5:40 p.m.: ambulance (Williamsburg Drive, Worcester), call canceled; 6:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:35 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 9:38 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

1:05 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 3:15 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 8:48 a.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 9:24 a.m.: mv stop (Mulberry Street), spoken to; 9:43 a.m.: assist other agency (King Street), services rendered; 10:39 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street, Worcester), report taken; 11:37 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 11:44 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 12:18 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 1:11 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 1:54 p.m.: ambulance (South Street Extension), transported; 2:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 2:42 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, criminal application issued; 3:42 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 3:46 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 7:01 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 8:31 p.m.: accident (Marshall Street), mv towed; 8:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:36 p.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported.

Spencer Police logs

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

12:30-2:48 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:35 a.m.: suspicious mv (Old Farm Road), investigated; 12:35 a.m.: suspicious mv (Browning Pond Road), investigated; 1:17 a.m.: medical/ overdose (Temple Street); 3:37 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), poss. death report; 8:22 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 9:59 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 10:19 a.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 10:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), custody issue; 12:45 p.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), poss. break-in; 2:49 p.m.: medical/ general (West Main Street); 3:18 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 3:55 p.m.: larceny (Brown Street), poss. gutter cleaning scam; 4:15 p.m.: medical/ general (Pleasant

Street); 4:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), skater/ice not safe; 4:24 p.m.: fire alarm (Grove Street), referred; 5:59 p.m.: medical/ general (Howe Village); 7:23 p.m.: hit/run accident (Pleasant Street), parked mv struck o-night; 7:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), req. welfare check; 8:04 p.m.: illegal dumping (West Main Street), trash thrown out of mv; 9:41 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:21 p.m.: medical/ general (Irving Street); (total daily mv stops – 0).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:52-1:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:21 a.m.: disturbance (Linden Street), fem. attacking male; 4:11 a.m.: medical/ general (Greenville Street); 6:58 a.m.: medical/ general (Borkum Road); 7:36 a.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), re: screw in tire; 9:58 a.m.: officer wanted (Sumner Street), poss. theft from garage; 10:23 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 10:36 a.m.: medical/ general (Temple Street); 11:49 a.m.: intelligence/ drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 12:39 p.m.: lost/ found (Main Street), found cell phone; 1:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), services rendered; 2:08 p.m.: fire alarm (North Spencer Road), test; 3:48 p.m.: restraining order service/ 4 (Bixby Road); 4:40 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), dive team to Leicester; 5:09 p.m.: medical/ general (Prospect Street); 5:19 p.m.: citizen complaint (Paxton Road), crew left signs out; 5:46 p.m.: DPW call (Temple Street), lg. pot hole; 6:28 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:51 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), move road closed sign; 9:24 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:25 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), Deborah A. Staples, 150 Main Street, Spencer, warrant/ 2, arrest; 9:54 p.m.: medical/ general (Gold Nugget Road); 10:52 p.m.: vandalism (North Spencer Road), locker room vandalized; (total daily mv stops – 0).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:27 a.m.: medical/ general (Mechanic Street), lift assist; 4:23 a.m.: intelligence/ parole (West Main Street), info taken; 8:51 a.m.: medical/ general (Northwest Road); 9:13 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:27 a.m.: medical/ general (Fourth Avenue); 10:08 a.m.: fire (Wire Village Road), referred; 10:09 a.m.: residential alarm (Cooney Road), services rendered; 10:51 a.m.: medical/ general (R. Jones Road); 11:42 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 1:07 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 1:29 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 3:00 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 4:24 p.m.: lost/ found (West Main Street), eyeglasses found; 4:29 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 5:30 p.m.: lost/ found (West Main Street), cell phone found; 5:50 p.m.: medical/ general (R. Jones Road); 6:51 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:37 p.m.: medical/ general (Main Street), lift assist; 8:53 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), mvs speeding; 9:11 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 9:12 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 9:52 p.m.: suspicious mv (Park Street), investigated; 9:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), intoxicated party/ on foot; 10:00 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:29 p.m.: elderly matter (Wall Street), services rendered; 10:37 p.m.: medical/ general (Clark Street); (total daily mv stops – 2).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

1:06-1:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:39 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Kosta Jason Koutoulas, 54, 176 Maple Avenue, Rutland, possession Class B drug w/ intent to distribute, possession Class B drug, possession Class A drug, possession Class E drug, speeding, arrest; 2:12 a.m.: disturbance (North Spencer Road), fight; 11:54 a.m.: animal complaint (R. Jones Road), emaciated dog in yard; 12:31 p.m.: elderly matters (Wall Street), req. officers; 1:12 p.m.: medical/ general (Crestview Drive); 1:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 1:48 p.m.: animal complaint (Sherwood Drive), missing cat; 2:32 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lake Street), resolved; 2:52 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 3:26 p.m.: 911 call (Smithville Road), hang-up; 3:42 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 5:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Crestview Drive), req. welfare check; 5:19 p.m.: suspicious persons (Howe Village), re: text msgs./ phone calls; 5:39 p.m.: medical/ general (Howe Village); 6:07 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:21 p.m.: 911 call (Parent Street), hang-up; 6:26 p.m.: 911 call (Chestnut Street),

open line; 7:18 p.m.: medical/ general (Water Street); 9:22 p.m.: juvenile matter (Charlton Road), son left residence; 9:33-10:15 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:01 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Starr Street), f/w thrown at house; (total daily mv stops – 2).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

1:51 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; 1:59 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), re: kids by road/ Bond Street, Leicester; 2:20 a.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), req. welfare check; 2:44 a.m.: medical/ general (Mechanic Street); 5:09 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 6:00 p.m.: medical/ general (Crestview Drive); 7:09 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), unwanted party; 8:24 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), fight; 9:22 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:47 a.m.: medical/ general (Greenville Street); 11:13 a.m.: medical/ general (Main Street); 11:44 a.m.: suspicious mv (Ash Street), abandoned mv; 4:13 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 7:34 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 7:35-7:43 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Condon Drive), unwanted party; 8:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 10:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), followed by male; 10:35 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:45 p.m.: medical/ general (Valley Street); 10:53 p.m.: medical/ general (Main Street); (total daily mv stops – 3).

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

1:11 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 1:38 a.m.: medical/ general (Lloyd Dyer Drive); 2:30-2:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:02 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), re: water from bldg.; 7:26 a.m.: disturbance (Lambs Grove), wireless hang-up; 9:18 a.m.: medical/ general (Main Street); 10:12 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: rent issues; 11:11 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:18 a.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), domestic issue; 11:29 a.m.: medical/ general (Franklin Street); 11:43 a.m.: 911 call (Charlton Road), resolved; 12:16 p.m.: medical/ general (Wilson Street); 12:23 p.m.: disturbance (Town House Court), domestic dispute; 1:47 p.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 1:54 p.m.: commercial alarm (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 2:36 p.m.: fraud (Norcross Road), S/S scam; 2:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Woodside Road), re: alarm going off at night; 2:46 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 2:50 p.m.: RV complaint (Thompson Pond Road), jet skis on pond; 3:08 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), resolved; 3:21 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Laurel Lane), misdi- al; 6:06 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/ 5 (West Main Street), assisted; 6:29 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 7:03 p.m.: suspicious mv (Ash Street), info taken; 7:37 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Meadow Road), accidental; 11:19 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:48 p.m.: medical/ general (McDonald Street); (total daily mv stops – 0).

TUESDAY, JANAURY 3

12:20 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street), Jose A. Ramos, 112 South Hampton Street, Boston, warrant, arrest; 1:35-2:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:24 a.m.: medical/ general (Lincoln Street); 3:35 a.m.: suspicious persons (Maple Street), investigated; 6:09 a.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), icy conditions; 7:53 a.m.: accident (Donnelly Cross Road), report taken; 9:34 a.m.: animal complaint (Westland Drive), missing cat; 9:41 a.m.: medical/ general (Pine Avenue); 11:26 a.m.: LTC issued/ 2 (West Main Street), assisted; 12:45 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 1:17 p.m.: intelligence/ criminal (Grove Street), info taken; 1:30 p.m.: fraud (Northwest Road), spoken to; 2:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street) re: retrieve mail from former apt.; 2:56 p.m.: fire/ woods/ grass (Jolicoeur Avenue), referred; 3:06 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), re: threats; 3:35 p.m.: medical/ general (Lincoln Street); 3:49 p.m.: larceny/ shoplifting (Main Street), report taken; 4:28 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:40 p.m.: medical/ general (Spring Street); 4:59 p.m.: restraining order service (High Street); 5:25 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Browning Pond Road), child w/ phone; 7:13 p.m.: intelligence/ criminal (West Main Street), info taken; 9:28 p.m.: medical/ general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 9:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Ash Street), investigated; 9:42 p.m.: fire (Wm. Casey Road), referred; 11:49 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; (total daily mv stops – 2).



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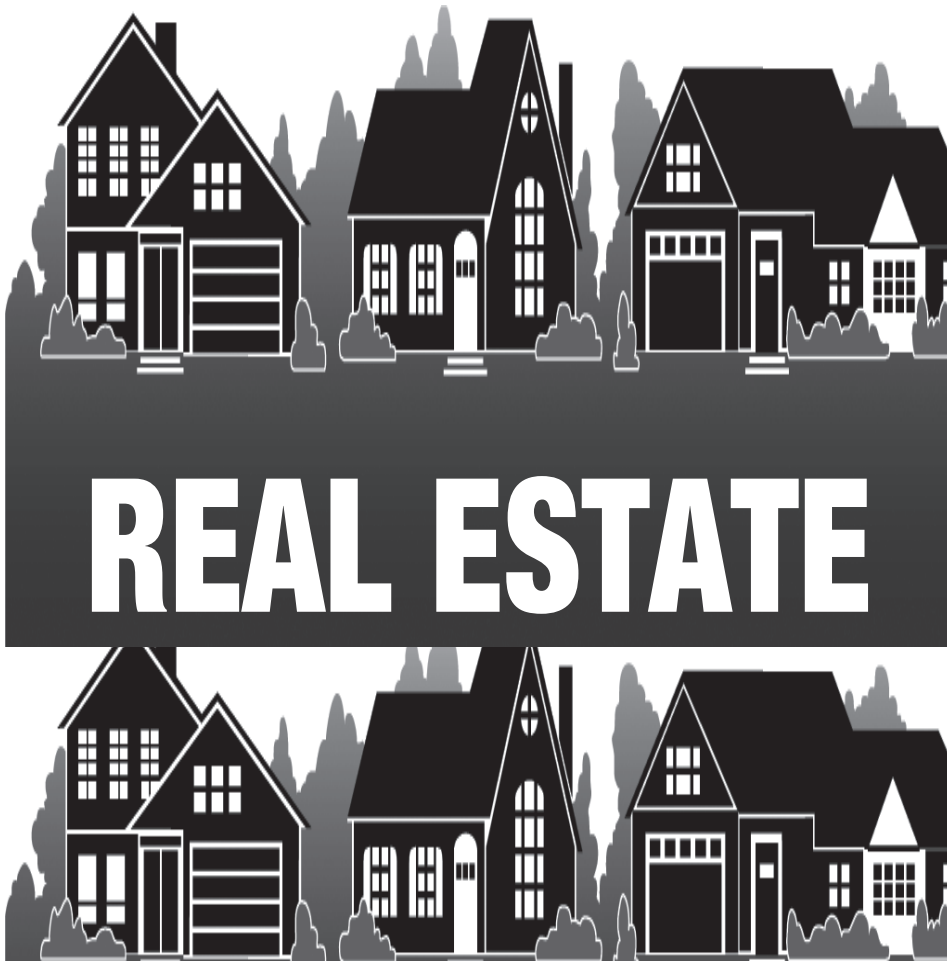
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DONATION

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the donation was a thrilling way to close out a successful year for the district. Elizabeth Marc-Aurele, the Exalted Ruler of Auburn Elks Lodge 2118, is thanked along with members of her organization for the donation. The funding will assist students throughout the school district, which serves 1,320 youngsters in grades K-12. “Over the last five years, the population of English language learners (ELL) within our schools has increased almost 40 percent,” read a statement released by Neile Connery, a grant writer for Leicester Public Schools. “Leicester now provides English as a Second Language (ESL) services for 68 students districtwide, and employs four full-time teachers to assure these students receive a well-rounded and comprehensive education while learning the English language.” The funding received by Auburn Elks

Lodge 2118 will go a long way toward augmenting educational opportunities across the district. “We are looking to build up our ESL program, and one of the areas that we are lacking is curriculum,” Connery’s statement read. “The Department of Education guidelines for ESL programs recommend a rigorous and challenging curriculum that will help students grow in their academic and language skills. Resources for purchasing this curriculum have not become available yet, and our program currently consists of materials that the ESL team has been able to pull together from vendor samples, used books, and their own personal funds.” The purchase of a Fundamentals Teacher Support Pack, Assessment Handbook, and Leveled Library book set will significantly improve Leicester’s current curriculum, officials said. The purchase will also serve as a foundation for the acquisition of additional materials once funds become available.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute students complete intensive research projects

WORCESTER — At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university’s 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people’s lives and make a difference before they graduate. “The WPI project-based curriculum’s focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems,” said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of Integrative & Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. “Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today’s global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application.” The following students recently completed an intensive research project in the fall of 2022: Eric Montiverdi of Leicester, class

of 2024, majoring in Mechanical Engineering (BS) was a member of a student team that completed a project titled Adam LaBombard of Leicester, class of 2024, majoring in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (BS) was a member of a student team that completed a project titled About Worcester Polytechnic Institute WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI’s pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

Friday’s Child



Kealan Age 9

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Kealan is on the Autism spectrum. He uses vocalizations, gestures, pictures, symbols and voice output devices to communicate throughout the day. He is an active participant throughout his school day and at home. Kealan has a g-tube for feeding and has made tremendous progress with gaining weight. Having decreased vision causes Kealan to only see about 3-4 feet away without his glasses. He is a sweetie! Legally freed for adoption, Kealan’s social worker is looking to place him with a family that is able to meet his needs and help him thrive. A family would need to be able to keep up with Kealan’s many medical and developmental appointments and help advocate for him in school.

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FILM

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Phyllis Ekleberry—purchased the property shortly after its days of serving as a nursing home. Following the purchase, they renovated the building and added function rooms. Dave Ekleberry passed away in 1996, but the legacy of his vision continues to live on through the experiences of local residents—and also on the big screen. “Opening a restaurant was always my dad’s dream. This whole experience has been a great way to memorialize him,” Perro said. If you and your family would like to catch the movie, it can be streamed for free on most streaming networks, including Amazon and YouTube. Plenty of area residents already saw the movie during the Dec. 18 screening. In lieu of an admission fee, guests brought a toy or a food donation to support local families in need. Looking ahead, the filmmakers are eager to take part in more projects in Massachusetts. Whether it’s Spencer, Leicester, or the Brookfields, residents might soon see additional local venues featured on the big screen. “Massachusetts has become a destination for film projects due to its sea-

soned crew and infrastructure built up over the years,” Lang said. “What’s great about this project is that every person involved was hired locally, and it just goes to show how much the industry has taken on its own life, independent of Hollywood or New York. I think the best part about filming in Massachusetts is how supportive local towns and businesses are to the projects, and how much fun we all have working together.”

MEMBERS

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opportunity for the average citizen to have a say in the direction Spencer will be going in the future,” Selectman Ralph Hicks said of the steering committee and the work that lies ahead. Upon completion of the updated Master Plan, the Planning Board will provide a copy to town officials to be placed on file. If you are interested in joining the Master Plan Steering Committee, contact Vivier at 508-885-7500 (extension 127). To learn more about the process of updating the town’s Master Plan, visit www.spencerma.gov.

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bankHometown raises \$66,000 for local food pantries

OXFORD — Robert J. Morton, president and CEO of bankHometown, announced that the bank's 19th annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraising drive raised \$66,000 for local food pantries. This brings the total amount raised over the 19 years the program has been in place to \$330,900.

The annual appeal is part of bankHometown's charitable giving program, called The Giving Tree, which reflects the bank's commitment to making a real difference in the neighborhoods it serves. Throughout the month of November, the bank invited customers, employees, and members of the community to donate funds at bankHometown branches. All donations received were matched, dollar for dollar, by bankHometown and the total divided among food pantries in Central Massachusetts and northeast Connecticut communities the bank serves. Each of these pantries received \$4,400 to help feed families in need:

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- Auburn Youth and Family Services Food Pantry
- CARE Food Pantry, Clinton



bankHometown's Thompson, Conn. office AVP Branch Officer Maria Thomas and Woodstock, Conn. AVP Branch Officer George Dimopoulos present a check to Jo-Ann Chenail and Anne Miller of the Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, one of 15 pantries receiving donations from the bank's Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraising campaign.

- Food Share, Southbridge, Charlton & Sturbridge
- Friendly House Pantry, Worcester

- Millbury Senior Center
 - Ginny's Helping Hand, Inc., Leominster
 - Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf
 - Sutton Senior Center Michael A. Chizy Food Pantry
 - St. John's Food for the Poor, Worcester
 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Webster
- Connecticut:
- Community Kitchens of Northeastern CT, Killingly
 - Daily Bread, Putnam
 - Friends of Assisi, Killingly
 - Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group
- "bankHometown would like to thank everyone who selflessly donated to our Neighbors Helping Neighbors campaign," said Morton. "We're pleased that these food pantries received much-needed funds in time for the holiday season."

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