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The Brian Sweeney and 9/11 Memorial at Prouty Park is unveiled during a Sept. 11 private ceremony earlier this month.

'A symbol of strength and unity'

9/11 MEMORIAL HONORS ONE OF SPENCER'S OWN

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — With the recent installation of a 9/11 memorial at Prouty Park, town officials and residents honored those lost on that tragic day — including one of their own.

Brian Sweeney, a U.S. Navy veteran and distin-

guished aviator, was one of the United Airlines Flight 175 passengers killed when the aircraft was flown into the World Trade Center's South Tower. He was 38 years old, leaving behind his wife Julie.

Fifteen years later, on the 9/11 anniversary,

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Kevin Flanders photo

This monument at Prouty Park was dedicated in honor of Brian Sweeney, who was killed during 9/11.

Road reconstruction on the horizon

DRIVERS TO SEE RELIEF ON ROUTE 31

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Several years and countless damaged vehicles later, town officials and residents are thrilled about major improvements slated for Route 31 south.

Officials announced last Wednesday, Sept. 21, that a \$5 million reconstruction project was approved by the Central Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization. It will be funded by the Fiscal Year 2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the project is scheduled to be advertised for construction by MassDOT in October.

Full reconstruction activities on Route 31 (from the Charlton town line to Bemis Street) are set to begin in 2017, finally remedying a nightmarish

stretch of road. Spencer State Representatives Donald Berthiaume and Peter Durant received hundreds of calls and emails from residents over the years about Route 31, but they didn't need anyone to tell them how bad the road condition was. As residents living on Route 31, they experienced it firsthand every day.

"I have never received more calls and e-mails on anything than Route 31," Durant said. "I've replaced two front ends on my car. I'm so happy to finally see this work about to get done."

"It's all about tenacity and building relationships," Berthiaume said of the long process of securing funding and approval for the project.

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Reaping the rewards of thinking local

CENTRAL MASS. GROWN BENEFITS AREA BUSINESSES

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

What began as an agricultural study in area communities quickly blossomed into Central Mass. Grown, a regional initiative that has epitomized its name on many levels.

In just its second year of operation, Central Mass. Grown already includes more than 200 members supporting more than 110 farms. Featuring a coalition of farmers, buy local advocates, and area officials, the nonprofit organization has worked closely with the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) on several promotional and networking endeavors.

But none of the initiative's successes would have been possible without the hard work of local leaders. When former Sen. Stephen Brewer and his eventual successor, Sen. Anne Gobi, first promoted the initiative, they had no idea how popular it would become. But they knew it would provide a great opportunity for area farmers to

collaborate and discover new ways to gain exposure.

"Central Massachusetts had not been a part of the buy local campaigns that were successful statewide. I have been glad to work to make sure central Massachusetts farmers have the same opportunities that other areas of the state have enjoyed," Gobi said.

The initiative had a fairly inconspicuous origin — as a study led by the CMRPC involving what was termed as "the rural eleven communities" in Worcester County. But it didn't take long for officials to identify the many opportunities available.

"It quickly became known that the farms in Worcester County would benefit greatly from the promotion of their products and additional expertise," said Brookfield Selectman Clarence Snyder, who has chaired Central Mass. Grown since its inception.

Working with then

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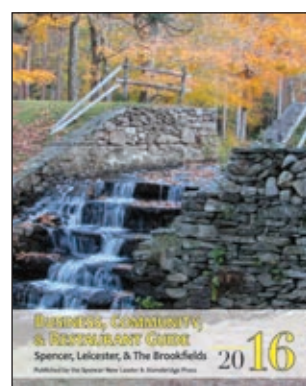
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Support group formed to help families with addiction issues

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Determined to offer assistance to local families as the opioid crisis rages, Susan Krikorian has organized a support group designed specifi-

cally for residents of Leicester, Spencer and the Brookfields.

The Talk, Tears and Tea group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Taking place in the Leicester Police Department community room, each meeting lasts from 7-8:30 p.m.

Moving forward, Krikorian, of Leicester, is eager to see the group help even more area families with a loved one struggling with addiction.

“With the help of a few parents, I started the group in Leicester due to the fact that there are really no support groups closer than Worcester now,” Krikorian said. “I

know that the Leicester, Spencer and Brookfield area families could use the support. I’ve wanted to do this for a couple of years, but being involved with other support groups, I couldn’t dedicate any time. I felt that it was important that I now step aside somewhat from the other groups and help my own community.”

The group held its first meeting on Sept. 11. There were 17 people in attendance at the meeting, which far exceeded original expectations. Now Krikorian is hoping to see the group expand as members build relationships and enjoy the inclusive environment. Committed to ending the stigma surrounding addiction, Krikorian has created a judgment-free group in which members can share stories and offer advice.

“This type of a group, when stepping through the door, is very scary until you actually get inside,” added Krikorian, whose daughter and a few other family members are in long-term recovery. “We try to let the members know that the stigma stops at the door.”

Due to the nature of the discussions at the meetings, the group is intended for members ages 16 and over. Not only do members provide insights and advice based on personal experiences, but they also share resources and assist fellow members in identifying treatment options.

Helping a loved one through a battle with addiction can be a lonely experience – but it doesn’t have to be that way, members said. In order to create the strongest support system possible, parents throughout the area have been committed to educating themselves on addiction and treatment resources.

“Substance abuse does not only affect the person with the disorder – it affects everyone close to them,” Krikorian told the Spencer New Leader. “By seeking support as a parent, sibling, or spouse, one can learn how to deal with confrontations, how to seek treatment, and how to try to hopefully save a loved one from overdose.”

One of the biggest issues law enforcement and treatment officials have seen

is the mentality that a family member’s drug use will be temporary and go away on its own. But the quicker a family member recognizes the problem and intervenes, the quicker treatment can be provided. A support group can go a long way toward helping families realize that there are many people in the same position as them, officials said.

“You are accepted here without stigma, without judgment,” Krikorian said. “It’s a place where you can go and talk, and everyone knows exactly how you’re feeling.”

The confidential environment of the support group is one of its greatest attributes, Krikorian explained. Anything discussed remains with the group, and members empower themselves by gaining knowledge. Though the group does not include professionals in medicine or drug treatment, the firsthand insights provided are invaluable.

Formerly a regional manager for the Learn to Cope organization, Krikorian has spent time as both an event facilitator and a Narcan trainer. Additionally, she has spoken at many panel discussions regarding opioid and other forms of drug abuse.

For Krikorian and countless other community leaders, as well as law enforcement and school officials, the war against the opioid crisis has reached a precipice. The numbers are staggering (seven drug-related deaths in Spencer alone last year), and the crisis is now being called an epidemic.

“People have to put the stigma behind and take action, or we will continue to lose a generation. As it is now, we are losing a generation – and the next generation will be the fallout due to this,” Krikorian said. “Someone with substance abuse disorder does not need to feel more ashamed – we need to help break them out of this.”

For more information on how to become a member of Talk, Tears and Tea, send an email to leicestermom@gmail.com.

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- Susan Krikorian, organizer of the new Talk, Tears and Tea support group, designed to help residents of Leicester, Spencer and the Brookfields who are struggling with addiction.

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LBA unites local businesses, gives back to community

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The goal each year for the Leicester Business Association isn't simply to unite business and municipal leaders, but to strengthen the entire community through solidarity.

In its first meeting of the 2016-17 season, the organization hosted an event last Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Castle Restaurant. Guest speakers included Town Administrator Kevin Mizikar and Police Chief James Hurley, among others. Town officials have always enjoyed collaborating with business owners in several venues.

"The LBA is a unique organization like no business association I have ever worked with during my time in local government," Mizikar told the New Leader. "Their meetings are productive, as they provide feedback on the things we are working on at the town level. They have also been more than willing to support the town on broad economic development issues, including utility infrastructure and our economic development self-assessment."

For the 60 members of the LBA, it means a lot to be part of a group that promotes business and also focuses on giving back to the community. Understanding the important relationship between town government and the business community, the LBA selects a different local leader or business owner at each meeting to provide an overview of the latest economic and municipal happenings in town.

And with a diverse membership base, organizational leaders are looking forward to a bright future.

"We have a lot of longtime business owners in town, and also a new group of younger business owners joining as well. I think the organization is in very good hands going forward," said Joe Dolen, the president of the LBA. "It's so important to bring business owners together to talk about issues, network with others, and give back."

For Dolen, the owner of Joe Dolen Photography, it's always enjoyable to have discussions with other business owners in town. By working collaboratively with municipal leaders as well, the association has helped improve the climate for all business owners in town.

But members also recognize that, in order to have a vibrant business community, the town as a whole needs to thrive. To that end, the organization is active every year in community service efforts. Each spring, the LBA awards three scholarships to graduating Leicester High School seniors.

"Every little bit helps for these kids. Traditionally, we try to pick students



Mary Ellen Pratte, left, and Karen Fontaine at the LBA meeting.

Courtesy photos



Town Administrator Kevin Mizikar addresses guests during the Leicester Business Association event on Sept. 21.

who are interested in business, and it's great for us to be able to help them out as they get started," Dolen added.

Earlier this year, members of the organization held a live auction that raised \$1,600 for the Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. Memorial Fund. The LBA also holds a raffle at each meeting to replenish its scholarship fund.

"It's very important for us to give back to the community whenever we

can," said Dolen, who joined the LBA in 2010.

The organization hosts about four meetings per year. To learn more about how you can become a member of the LBA, send an email to Dolen at joedolen@gmail.com.

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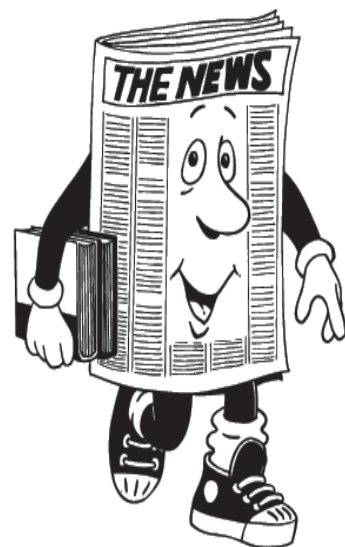


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Brookfield Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

BROOKFIELD — The Brookfield Cultural Council has set an October 17 deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Council spokesperson Bill Simpson, these grants have supported a variety of artistic projects and activities in Brookfield — including concerts, field trips and school workshops.

"I thank the Brookfield Cultural Council for continuing to provide quality programs for all to enjoy, which is the reason it was important to me to vote to override the Governor's veto in order to provide this funding," said Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer). "I encourage applicants to apply and be part of this worthwhile community endeavor."

The Brookfield Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding in the nation, supporting

thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Brookfield Cultural Council will distribute about \$4,500 in

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Violet and Liam Hanlon (6 and 8, respectively), of Spencer, do a little fall shopping.



Katie and Matt, of Spencer, with their 1-year-old daughter, Elsie.



Kylie Smichinski, of West Brookfield, holds her 1-year-old daughter, McKenna.



The Waz family, of West Brookfield, enjoys a day on the Town Common.



Annabelle Oakley, 4, of West Brookfield, gets a lift from her father, Ben Oakley.



Caden Charron, 4, of West Brookfield, can't wait to try some fudge.



Holly Penttila, of Templeton, sells fudge to eager guests.



Peggy Griffin, of North Brookfield, has been crafting for 35 years. She comes to the West Brookfield event every year.



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Adventures in adoption

NORTH BROOKFIELD NATIVE RELEASES BOOK WITH LOCAL FLAVOR



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Author Donna Girouard recently published a multi-book nonfiction children's series about pet rescue and adoption.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — With the publication of a multi-book nonfiction children's series about pet rescue and adoption, author Donna Girouard isn't simply telling stories but conveying a message. Girouard, a former North

Brookfield resident, has released the first two books of "The Adventures of Felix and His Furry Friends" series. Each book in the series tells the story of one cat or dog from that animal's perspective, beginning with their early days of neglect or abandonment and culminating with their eventual rescue and adoption.

"The purpose of the series is to educate children about animal rescue and adoption through storytelling. Actual photographs of the cats and dogs are included," said Girouard, who adopted two dogs and six cats.

Felix, a 12-year-old cat, serves as the moderator of the series. The first book, "Felix Finds a Fur-ever Family," tells his story — and each subsequent book is both introduced and closed by Felix. Additionally, each book in the series highlights a specific rescue organization that will receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of that book.

Felix's story in the first book, for example, refers to a "golden-haired lady" (Linda Gaunt, of Legacy Cat Rescue in South Hadley) who rescued him from a doughnut store parking lot. In the second book, "A Happy Home for Hoodoo!" Girouard teamed up with Second Chance Animal Shelter, of East Brookfield, to feature a German Shepherd who was saved from a life as a fight dog.

Both of these books are currently available on Amazon.com.

"I feel that the best way to initiate change and awareness is to reach out to the children," added Girouard, who works as a professor of writing and literature at Livingstone College in North Carolina. "So many

animals are abandoned or abused and suffering. We see their stories in the news and on social media, and my heart hurts every time I read or hear of another case."

The third book in the series, Bitzer and the Beast Become Best Buddies, is planned for release around the holiday season. For Girouard, the opportunity to inspire and educate through writing has been among her most rewarding accomplishments. She previously volunteered at The Humane Society of Davie County in Mocksville, N.C., where she coordinated Saturday dog adoptions at the local PetSmart.

"I found volunteering rewarding, but I wanted to do more. This way, I can combine my writing with my passion for animal rescue," said Girouard, who was born a third generation resident of North Brookfield.

Reflecting on where her writing career began, Girouard's memories always return to North Brookfield. In 1973, the very first piece she published was a short story in The Sitting Bull, the student newspaper at North Brookfield High School. Moreover, her first book (The Other Side: Closing the Door, published in 2015) is a memoir set in North Brookfield.

Like all authors, Girouard recognizes that her narrative

gifts are constantly evolving and improving.

"It's been a learning process for me. Fortunately, the internet has information on how to do pretty much everything, from converting a file to inserting a USB code into a cover design," she said. "First drafts can be awful, but I force myself to carry on. If a writer worries too much about what people will think, nothing will get written."

For the Felix series, Girouard is planning roughly a dozen books for publication, each with a specific rescue group to receive a portion of the proceeds. Future books will address such topics as spaying/neutering, euthanasia and grief when a pet dies, and pet hoarding.

"I want to save all the hurt and frightened animals, but I know that's not realistic. So I am trying to appeal to as many people as I can," Girouard said. "Originally, Book 1 was written in the third person, the story told by an unnamed narrator. Then I thought that if Felix told his own story, children would more closely identify with that cat or dog."

To order books in the series, check out Amazon.com.

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

CHERRY VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 443 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cherry Valley American Legion Post 443 Baseball Committee holds an annual golf tournament to raise money for its team. This year at the post tournament banquet two players from the Cherry Valley Post 443 baseball team, Tucker Hetherman and Conor Scully, were awarded \$500 scholarships. Tucker Hetherman of Charlton is a 2016 graduate from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and is now a freshman at Southern New Hampshire University at Hooksett, NH. Conor Scully of Auburn is a 2016 graduate from Auburn High School and is now a freshman at Western New England University at Springfield, MA. Both Tucker and Conor will play baseball at their respective universities and will both finish their last year of American Legion Baseball with Cherry Valley Post 443 next summer.

MERRIAM-GILBERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Thursday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m. "Uplifting Poems & Songs," featuring local author, Carol Mays & local musician, Gary Blanchard. Please register. Free copies of the book & CD will be offered to all attendees.
- Thursday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m. Book Discussion, "The Pickup," by Nadine Gordimer.
- Thursday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m. Friends of the Library meeting.
- Ongoing: Knitting Group every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

MERRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Friends of the Library! The Friends will host their annual Apple Prize Surprise and Book Sale on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is still time to drop off your donations of materials before the sale! It's Apple Country Fair time (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) so join the fun!
- In Memory: Cindy Thompson has donated funds to honor the memory of Jonathan Bemis (1986-2013). The fantasy series purchased is the "Wingfeather" Saga. Book 1 by Andrew Peterson, "On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness," adventure, peril, lost jewels, and the fear-some toothy cows of Skree.
- In Memory: Since 2007 Art and Joyce Wills, and Patty Jones, of Colorado, have donated Native American books in memory of Louise E. Meadows (1922-2007). Our annual donation of books arrived last week, and will be in the collection soon.
- Banister Book Group: Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 to 8 p.m. "The Midwife's Revolt: A Novel," by Jodi Daynard. Becoming a widow after Bunker Hill, Lizzy Boylston struggles to run her farm and midwifery practice as her friendship with Abigail Adams grows and she is thrust into a dangerous role as a spy for the cause.
- Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7 to 8 p.m. Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom. Working as an indentured servant alongside slaves on a tobacco plantation, Lavinia, a 7-year-old Irish orphan with no memory of her past, finds her light skin and situation placing her between two very different worlds that test her loyalties.
- Share a Book: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7 to 8 p.m. Bring in your favorite book, a book you are currently reading, or a book you just finished and enjoyed. Share a brief description with the group as we go around the table, introducing new

genres, titles, and fun.

- Le Cercle Francais: The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 3, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Harmonious Happenings. Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-School Music Time with Ms. Renee. Free snack and juice served. No sign-up. Funded by the Friends of the Library. Snack donations are always appreciated. Funded with a grant from the Great Worcester Community Foundation, Jeppson Memorial Fund.

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CLASSROOM CORNER

SCHOOL MENUS

DAVID PROUTY HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 3: Deli sandwich, veggie sticks, snack bag, apple, bottled water
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: BBQ beef or chicken quesadilla, pasta salad, carrots, peanut butter cookie
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: Hamburger w/ or w/o cheese, French fries, peas and carrots
 Thursday, Oct. 6: Mashed potato bowl, roll, green beans, brownie
 Friday, Oct. 7: calzone w marinara cup, romaine salad, Jell-O with cream

KNOX TRAIL

Monday, Oct. 3: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
 Thursday, Oct. 6: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
 Friday, Oct. 7: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk

EAST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY

Monday, Oct. 3: PB&J or ham and cheese, EB Sunbutter and jelly, snack bag, apple, veggie sticks, bottled water
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: Fruit and yoghurt

parfait, pancakes with syrup, sausage links, potato puffs
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: Trash can tacos, refried beans, corn, cornbread
 Thursday, Oct. 6: mashed potato bowl w or w/o gravy, roll, sweet potato, spinach
 Friday, Oct. 7: Pizza or fish sandwich with chips, green beans, Jell-O with cream

WIRE VILLAGE

Monday, Oct. 3: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
 Thursday, Oct. 6: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
 Friday, Oct. 7: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk

LEICESTER HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 3: Beef tacos with crunchy whole grain shells, lettuce and tomato, salsa and sour cream, roasted green beans, buttered corn, peach cup, dried cranberries
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: Chicken stir fry with broccoli, carrots and pea pods, brown rice pilaf, roasted green beans, fresh fruit choices
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: Hamburger Bar! Hamburger or cheeseburger on whole grain roll, potato smiles, steamed green beans, raisins

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 Tuesday, Oct. 4: Chicken stir fry with broccoli, carrots and pea pods, brown rice pilaf, roasted green beans, fresh fruit choices
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: Hamburger Bar! Hamburger or cheeseburger on whole grain bun, lettuce and tomato, assorted toppings, beaked beans, potato puffs, strawberry cup, pineapple cup
 Thursday, Oct. 6: Oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, warm whole grain roll and butter, whole grain chocolate chip cookie, raisins, apple crisp
 Friday, Oct. 7: No School

LEICESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct. 3: Meatball grinder on whole grain roll, potato smiles, steamed green beans, raisins
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauces, mashed potatoes, baked beans, applesauce cup, apple crisp
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: Chicken parmesan sandwich on whole grain roll, romaine salad with cherry tomatoes, assorted dressing, buttery corn, pineapple
 Thursday, Oct. 6: Warm ham and cheese croissant, lettuce and tomato, baby carrots and school made hummus, mandarin oranges
 Friday, Oct. 7: No School

LEICESTER PRIMARY

Monday, Oct. 3: Meatball grinder on whole grain roll, potato smiles, steamed green beans, raisins
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauces, mashed potatoes, baked beans, applesauce cup, apple crisp
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: Chicken parmesan sandwich on whole grain roll, romaine salad with cherry tomatoes, assorted dressing, buttery corn, pineapple
 Thursday, Oct. 6: Warm ham and cheese croissant, lettuce and tomato, baby carrots and school made hummus, mandarin oranges
 Friday, Oct. 7: No School

WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY

Monday, Oct. 3: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk

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 Wednesday, Oct. 5: PB&J Sandwich, Salad bar, EBE-Sunbutter & Jelly, Munchable Salad, fruit & milk
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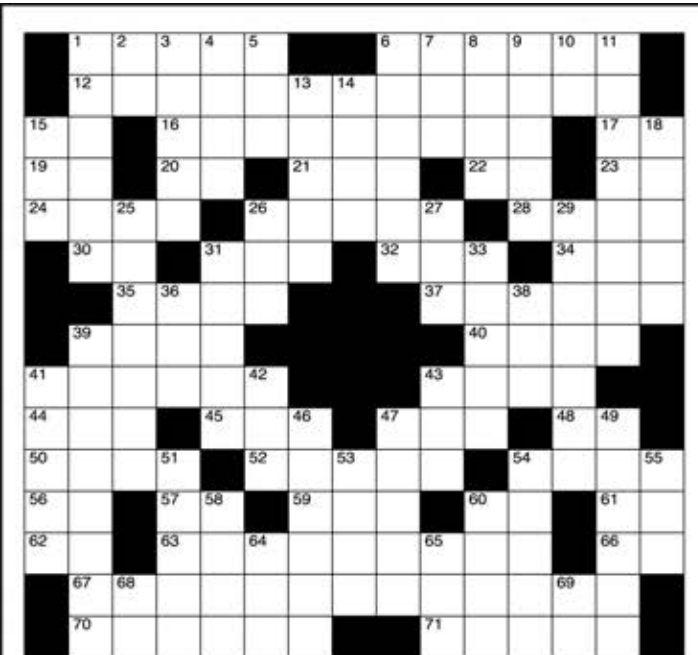
Monday, Oct. 3: Stuffed shells with garlic bread, Caesar salad, roasted carrots, chilled applesauce, variety milk
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: American chop suey, dinner roll, spinach garden salad, Italian green beans, chilled pears, variety milk
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: Variety sliders, NE baked beans, roasted broccoli, fresh fruit, variety milk
 Thursday, Oct. 6: Macaroni and cheese of the month! Mexican style mac 'n cheese with cornbread, roasted carrots, broccoli salad, chilled mixed fruit, variety milk
 Friday, Oct. 7: No School

NORTH BROOKFIELD HIGH

Monday, Oct. 3: PB&J Sandwich, Salad Bar, Sandwich Bar Salad, fruit & milk
 Tuesday, Oct. 4: PB&J Sandwich, Salad Bar, Sandwich Bar Salad, fruit & milk
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 Thursday, Oct. 6: PB&J Sandwich, Salad Bar, Sandwich Bar Salad, fruit & milk
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NORTH BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY

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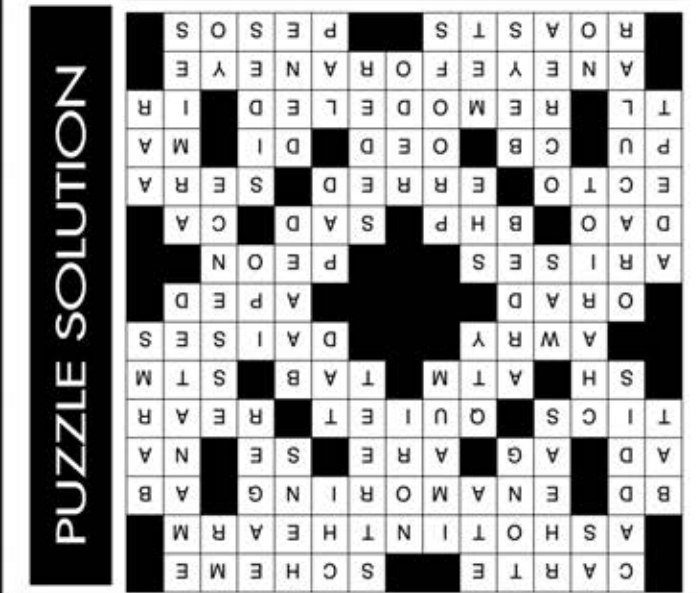


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. ___ blache: Freedom
- 6. Plan
- 12. A jolt
- 15. "Doonesbury" character
- 16. Inspiring with love
- 17. Blood type
- 19. Anno Domini
- 20. Janet Reno held this post
- 21. Arab Republic of Egypt
- 22. Midway between south and east
- 23. Sodium
- 24. Twitches
- 26. Not loud
- 28. Hindmost
- 30. Be quiet!
- 31. This gives you money
- 32. Check
- 34. Short-term memory
- 35. Asked
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Towards the mouth
- 40. Copied
- 41. Emerges
- 43. Menial laborer
- 44. Chinese sword
- 45. Energy unit
- 47. Unhappy
- 48. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 50. External
- 52. Strayed
- 54. Liquid body substances
- 56. Plutonium
- 57. Truckers use this
- 59. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 60. Beloved British princess Lady ___
- 61. The Bay State (abbr.)
- 62. Thallium
- 63. Rebuilt
- 66. Element
- 67. The law of retaliation
- 70. Cuts
- 71. Mexican monetary units

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mothlike insect
- 2. Equally
- 3. Flightless birds
- 4. Grilling tool
- 5. When you plan to arrive
- 6. Thoroughfare
- 7. Philosophical life force
- 8. Birds
- 9. Anxious
- 10. Man's title
- 11. Issued
- 13. Prayer leader
- 14. Edible red algae
- 15. Hitters need this
- 18. Froths on fermenting liquors
- 25. A two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle
- 26. Amount (abbr.)
- 27. Small amount
- 29. Fundamental quality
- 31. Cubage unit
- 33. Bleated
- 36. No longer is
- 38. Initial public offering
- 39. Hard to interpret
- 41. Highly skilled
- 42. The woman
- 43. A bachelor has one
- 46. Trial prints
- 47. Passover feast
- 49. Military forces
- 51. Plant part
- 53. Remake
- 54. Flanks
- 55. Swiss river
- 58. Ottoman governors
- 60. Vale
- 64. Encountered
- 65. One track circuit
- 68. Opposite of yes
- 69. Hello (slang)



LEICESTER MIDDLE

Get involved to save the Town House

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Change is coming to North Brookfield. Come see for yourselves.

Some people refer to it as the Town Hall. Others call it the Town House. But everyone agrees that the elegant white building at the corner of Main and Summer streets in North Brookfield stands in a place of prominence.

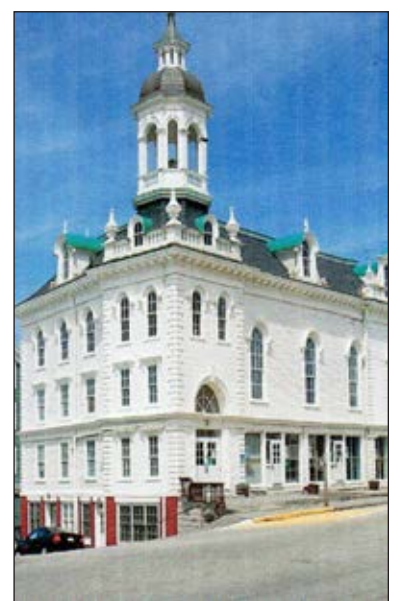
Built 150 years ago, the Town House had been the focus for the town's retail, social, civic, and cultural activities for many years. Dubbed "the center of everything" by townspeople, the National Register structure was the venue for local business transactions, basketball games and dances, town meetings and elections, and talent shows and musicals. But what set this building apart from other New England town halls was that it was host to performances by George M. Cohan, the only entertainer to have a statue dedicated to him on Broadway in New York City.

Unfortunately, the Town House was closed to town activities in 2002. But the town did not give up on its retail, cultural and civic center. Repairs were made to the building in 2004. In 2006 the Friends of the

North Brookfield Town House was incorporated as a nonprofit group devoted to forming a plan to save the historic 1864 National Register building. Now the building is structurally sound and watertight, with a brand new roof and a restored bell tower. What's more, a \$5 million effort is being undertaken by the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House in order to restore the edifice to its original glory. Through their efforts almost \$2 million in tax credits has been raised for the project. Now the Friends need the help of the community at large.

Properly reconfigured and equipped with an elevator for handicapped accessibility, this magnificent structure once again will serve the purposes for which it was built. Not only does the Town House represent a tangible link to North Brookfield's history, but its restoration and reuse as a business and social center will ignite a revitalization of the town and provide a cultural draw to all who visit the Brookfields.

When the Town House was completed in 1864, The Boston Herald newspaper paid a compliment to the town by writing that, "Surely North Brookfield stands preeminently as an



Courtesy photo

A series of information meetings are coming up in October to reveal to residents the progress being made in a project to restore the Town House in North Brookfield to its former glory.

object lesson of the possibilities that are attainable, even by 'hill towns', when their citizens, by united, intelligent and properly directed effort, work together for the promotion of the best interests of the whole community in which they live." Join the Friends now as they seek to breathe life back into the Town House. Be one of those people described by the newspaper so long ago. Get involved. Imagine the possibilities.

People can begin by attending a brief presentation by Jim Buzzell, President of the Friends, at the Haston Free Public Library, followed by a guided tour of the Town House. They may choose the time that suits them: Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m., or Sunday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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New memorial in Prouty Park pays tribute to Sweeney

SWEENEY

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ry earlier this month, Sweeney's younger sister, Anne Sweeney, joined more than 200 friends and family members in honoring her brother's memory by dedicating a monument to him and all other victims.

Featuring a piece of steel from the World Trade Center site, the memorial honors the life and legacy of Sweeney, a David Prouty High School graduate and beloved member of his community.

"To our family, this

isn't just Brian's memorial – we wanted to do this for the entire town of Spencer," Anne Sweeney said. "First and foremost, this is Spencer's 9/11 memorial. Yes, it is dedicated to my brother, but we wanted this to be for the entire town."

Sweeney was working for a Defense Department contractor at the time of his death. He designed aircraft weapons systems and flew out to California each month to test the features and provide guidance to those in charge of building them. Previously, he served as an elite Navy fighter pilot and was selected as

a training instructor at the Miramar Air Station outside San Diego, Calif.

For Sweeney's family, town officials and residents alike, the memorial ensures that the 9/11 tragedy is never forgotten in Spencer. It is also vital to instilling hope and promoting solidarity.

"The way the metal is twisted and torn – it shows the violence of what we as a country endured that day," Sweeney said. "This monument is also a symbol of strength and unity for our town. Spencer and the surrounding communities could not have been more caring

and supportive of our family."

Sweeney wished to thank everyone who made it possible to obtain the metal from the World Trade Center and then affix it to a monument in town. From State Rep. Donald Berthiaume helping to gain approval for the memorial at the park, to the Spencer Parks and Recreation Department's assistance, countless people had a role in preserving Sweeney's memory in his hometown.

"He loved Spencer. He loved New England, and he always wanted to come back here," Sweeney said.

For families who lost a loved one on 9/11, it has been upsetting to see the attacks of that day fade from many people's memories. Several remembrance events in area communities have seen steadily fewer guests in recent years, and countless students born after 2001 have been meagerly educated on the nature of the attacks.

But with monuments like the one at Prouty Park, residents can stop by and keep the memories alive. The 9/11 memorial is the latest component of a large-scale reclamation effort at the park, which has brought it

from an obscure location to a prominent venue on Route 9. Veterans and their families routinely visit the park now, as well as residents hoping to teach their kids and grandkids about the often high price of freedom.

Sweeney also thanked the Navy Color Guard for attending the private ceremony on Sept. 11, in addition to the contingency from American Legion Gaudette-Kirk Post 138.

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Officials announce \$5M Route 31 project for 2017

ROAD

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"[Department of Utilities and Facilities superintendent] Steve Tyler has done an unbelievable job and deserves a tremendous amount of credit."

In addition to repaving the road, the project will also include the replacement of all guardrails and the installation of new drainage equipment. Moreover, safety and sightline upgrades will take place at the intersections with Bacon Hill Road and Cranberry Meadow Road.

Further, safety improvements at the East Charlton Road intersection will include the realignment to a typical "T" intersection.

"This has been about twenty years in the making. It required a lot of hard work from the people here today," said Town Administrator Adam Gaudette, who joined other officials in thanking residents for enabling the project by passing a \$19 million debt exclusion at Town Meeting.

Town officials also thanked Senator

Anne Gobi and Representatives Berthiaume and Durant for their continued assistance, as well as project partners with MassDOT and the CMRPC. Though road construction projects are usually dreaded, officials and residents alike are eager to see the project get underway. Many drivers have seen significant damage to their vehicles as a result of regularly traveling deteriorated Route 31 south; others have avoided the road altogether.

"This is great news for everyone who lives on this road or travels this road," said Board of Selectmen Chairman John Stevens. "Roads are a symbol of the state of our services as a town, and the people wanted to see our roads fixed badly. I can't say enough about the vote taken this spring."

To view a list of project specifics and dates, or to check out updates on the construction, visit www.spencerma.gov.

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Town and state officials celebrate the announcement of a \$5 million road reconstruction project during a meeting at Town Hall on Sept. 21.

Central Mass. Grown provides boon for local farms

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state representative Matt Beaton, who currently serves as Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Senator Gobi was able to secure a budget amendment to fund the Central Mass. Grown initiative. This funding paved the way for exponential growth, including the distribution of farmers' guides promoting member businesses and their products.

Midway through 2016, about 13,000 guides had been distributed. Officials expect that 25,000 guides will be distributed by year's end, providing residents throughout the area with information on area farms, farmers' markets, and local food and products.

For farmers located in rural areas, these guides have been integral to increasing customers. And for those situated on main routes, the guides have helped bring in even more traffic.

"Central Mass. Grown is a great group of people who come together to promote locally grown produce," said Kim Miczek, of Leicester's Breezy Gardens. "From apple growers to zucchini growers, everyone is included."

Moreover, the initiative doesn't simply promote farms and products, but it also unites farmers and gives them an opportunity to form bonds. The group meets most often in the winter months,

and there is always plenty of time to discuss the ups and downs of agriculture. With the yearlong drought, 2016 has provided many hardships for farmers – but the Central Mass. Grown community always supports its members.

"It means a lot to have other farmers you can talk to and share things with. They're going through the same challenges that you are, and it's great to have others who understand what you're dealing with," Miczek added.

Moving forward, Central Mass. Grown members hope to continue ramping up the educational component of their mission. The goal is to keep reaching out to residents and conveying the many benefits to buying local.

"We all benefit by having local suppliers being able to market locally harvested foods to consumers, who can be assured of fresh produce and know they are doing their part to support local farms," Gobi said.

Several businesses are also reaping the rewards of thinking local. At restaurants, for example, locally grown options have created dynamic menus and introduced a new dimension to the dining experience.

For more information about Central Mass. Grown, visit www.centralmass-grown.org.

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Friday's Child



Nick is a fun-loving 11-year-old Caucasian boy who is creative and loves to sing. He is caring and polite. His hobbies include reading, playing Wii, using his bug catching kit, playing soccer, building with Legos, and listening to music. He has a vivid imagination and likes to engage in role-playing games while active outside or inside with action figures. He is helpful with his younger foster brother playing with or reading to him. Nick enjoys one-on-one attention, and also enjoys playing independently with action figures, Legos, and Pokemon cards. Nick's favorite foods are

chicken nuggets, pizza, and tacos. He also loves fruits and veggies including broccoli and carrots. While he has a short list of favorites he is willing to try new foods. Nick has played on a town soccer team for two seasons and would like to explore some new activities, too. Nick helps with chores around the house such as putting away silverware and sweeping the porch. He makes his bed and keeps his room neat. Nick loves dogs and is really good with them. He likes all kinds of pets and is interested in animals. Nick is very smart and does well at school academically. He does his homework every night cheerfully and quickly. He is in a regular education classroom but accesses school counselors when needed.

The ideal family for Nicholas is a two parent or single parent family of any constellation who has a lot of structure. Nicholas has done extremely well with his foster family but is ready to find his forever family.

Have you ever considered adopting a child or sibling group from foster care? Learn more about adoption from foster care at "The Adoption Option" on Sunday, October 2, 2016 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Jordan's Furniture, 50 Walker's Brook Drive, Reading, MA 01867. Prospective adoptive parents, including those new to foster care adoption, are invited. Families new to the process will have the opportunity to attend an orientation to the adoption process and speak with social workers and experienced adoptive parents who can help answer questions. Waiting children and their social workers will also be in attendance. For more information or to RSVP, contact MARE at 617-542-3678 (toll free: 1-800- 882-1176) or www.mareinc.org.



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Community Spirit Awards renamed to honor McCarthy

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Preservation Massachusetts has re-named The Community Spirit Awards in honor of the late K. Julie McCarthy, founder and president of the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House.

Preservation Massachusetts is the statewide non-profit historic preservation organization dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth's historic and cultural heritage. The Community Spirit Awards were introduced by Preservation Massachusetts in 2010 as a way to recognize those who embody the spirit of community based historic preservation activities in our Commonwealth.

According to Preservation Massachusetts, "Julie's boundless energy and years as an educator served her well as she and the Friends worked toward the restoration of the North Brookfield Town House. Upon her passing in March of 2016, the preservation community lost a dear friend. Her infectious energy, friend-

ship and legacy will continue on in the group and their mission of the restoration of this iconic building. Julie was truly the embodiment of the Community Spirit Award."




K. Julie McCarthy

Preservation Massachusetts celebrates the K. Julie McCarthy Community Spirit Award Recipients at their biennial Believe in Preservation Event this year on Nov. 3 at the Worcester Historical Museum beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If you would like additional information please contact Preservation Massachusetts at (617) 723-3383, Courtney Whelan at CWhelan@preservationmass.org, or Jim Igoe, at Jigoe@preservationmass.org.

Or The Friends of the Town House – Joan Small, lonejaney@verizon.net; or Edie Hubacz, vzeo0zln@verizon.net; 3383-617-723-3383/723-3383

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Me, myself and I



THE MINOR DETAILS
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It happens more often than you might think, and you might not believe this

because I am a member of the dreaded "media" (gasp!) — but yes, it's true, even I receive "hate mail" from time to time.

I'll give you a few seconds to recover from that world-altering piece of sarcastic truth.

The term "hate mail" is actually a little strong. These people don't actually "hate" me. They don't even know me. They might just "strongly dislike" everything I say and stand for. And it's easier to lob fireballs from a distance behind the veil of an e-mail or anonymous phone call than putting your name and face to it, but I digress.

This particular piece of vitriol that inspired this column was sent a few weeks ago (which I won't put a name to), and was actually a carefully crafted, several-hundred-word e-mail directly aimed at this column. Now, before you all get your pitchforks out, let me remind you that people are entitled to their opinions, even this guy, whom I'll just say frankly, is not a fan of my work.

To be clear, I am not naïve enough to assume that everyone likes this column. It's an acquired taste, a light piece of marshmallow fluff in an otherwise weary world of news. I like to think that sharing my life with my readers is a good thing. Some people think I should write about politics (FYI, that's not going to happen), others think I should write about history of local towns (what they don't realize is that this column is published in more than 25 towns — what would someone in Pomfret, Conn., care about a historical look at Auburn, Mass.?). "Less about your kids, man!"

Anyway, I write about what I know — fatherhood, being a husband, loss, love, parents, friends, circumstances, everything we all deal with. It's a slice of my life. Hopefully, it brings a smile. Sometimes, it may bring a tear. Other times, it may elicit a nod of agreement, or maybe even make you think. Either way, I think most people can relate. If you can't, that's OK. The beauty of it is, if you don't like it, you don't have to read it!

Anyway, back to the matter at hand. Negative comments are commonplace in this line of work, and I am way past the time when comments like that affected me. I've grown quite a thick skin in my nearly 11 years in this business. It comes with the territory. I'm a big boy, Mommy! But the two words that stuck out in this latest salvo by this reader were "narcissistic" and "self-centered."

Now, I laughed at this, because, in a strange way, he kind of has a point — if he were participating in the Hyperbole Games of 2016. I mean, yes, the column is about me most of the time, but isn't that kind of the point of a "slice of life" column? It's called "The Minor Details" for a reason. I wouldn't go so far as to call myself "narcissistic" — that's pretty extreme. Most people who know me would probably disagree (at least ... I hope they would — if that particular instance of fishing for compliments was successful, please send any and all compliments and head-expanding praise to aminor@stonebridgepress.news to satisfy my ever-growing, out-of-control ego).

Normally, I wouldn't have even written about this, and given this person's comments the light of day. So congrats, reader — you inspired me — and for that, I thank you. I'm not sure your letter had the desired effect, but at least you can know that I publicly appreciate you voicing your opinion, even if it was a negative one. But you probably won't read this — after all, you don't even like this column!

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

Fun at Five and a ribbon cutting



The Chamber of Central Mass South is thrilled to be holding its October networking event at a brand new venue in Sturbridge.

Join us as we first cut the official ribbon on Table 3 Restaurant Group's latest venture: Cedar Street Café, then we'll enjoy tasty treats, a cocktail, mingling and more at Fun at Five. Join a friendly crowd of local professionals as we welcome the new café and enjoy good company and conversation.

Cedar Street Café, located at 420 Main St., Sturbridge, will build on the success of Cedar Street Grille's offerings of innovative and creative fare, with a focus on morning and lunch dining. Reach the café by phone at 508-347-6800. Cedar Street Café joins the Table 3 Restaurant Group, which includes Avellino, The Duck and Cedar Street Grille.

The event takes place on Thursday, Oct. 27 with a Ribbon Cutting at 4:45 p.m. sharp. Fun at Five networking begins at 5pm. All are welcome! There is no cost to attend the Ribbon Cutting. The cost to attend Fun at Five is \$10 for Chamber members who pre-register, \$15 for members at the door, \$20 for non-members. Please RSVP by phone 508-347-2761 or e-mail info@cmschamber.org.

Thank you to October's Fun at Five Co-Sponsors: United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge & Charlton and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/MetroWest.

Celebrate Massachusetts Apple Month! It's time to celebrate the arrival of autumn and the wonder fruit that is fat-free, has no cholesterol or sodium, and provides fiber and natural anti-oxidants. As declared by Gov. Charlie Baker, September is Massachusetts Apple Month and we consider ourselves very lucky to live in an area that allows us to revel in the season!

"Massachusetts Apple Month is an opportunity to recognize the hard work local apple growers do to produce delicious and healthy fruit from Massachusetts," said Baker. "I encourage everyone to support Massachusetts' farmers this month by purchasing locally grown apples and other produce."

Massachusetts boasts more than 140 varieties of apples grown in the state, including local favorites such as McIntosh, Cortland, Macoun, Gala and Honeycrisp. Due to unusually dry conditions this year, our apple farmers have faced a challenging growing season and The Chamber of Central Mass South echoes the Governor's support

for our local farms and orchards by encouraging you to purchase locally grown produce whenever possible.

Treat yourself and your family to a visit to one of our bountiful local farms and orchards this weekend and experience the joy of harvest time! Check the websites or call ahead for specific hours and offerings at these wonderful spots:

- Breezlands Orchards: 1791 Southbridge Rd., Warren, 413-436-7100, www.breezlandsorchards.com
- Brookfield Orchards, Inc.: 12 Lincoln Rd., North Brookfield, 508-867-6858, www.brookfieldorchardsonline.com
- Cook's Farm Orchard: 106 Haynes Hill Rd., Brimfield, 413-245-3241, www.cooksfarmorchard.com
- Overlook Farm: 15 Long Hill Road, Brookfield, 508-867-2099, www.overlookfarm-ma.com
- Westview Farms Creamery: 111 East Hill Rd., Monson, 413-267-5355, www.facebook.com/WestviewFarmsCreamery

Here Comes Harvest Festival: Oct. 15-16 — The 27th Annual Harvest Festival on the Sturbridge Town Common and grounds of the Publick House Historic Inn is a family fun tradition. The event includes countless local crafters, artisans, specialty food vendors and farm fresh harvests. The Publick House's Scarecrow Contest is a perennial favorite. Enter your scarecrow for a chance to win incredible cash prizes. The scarecrows start going up on Sept. 23 and will be in place by Oct. 7! Visit The Publick House online (www.publickhouse.com) for more details and the complete Scarecrow Contest rules.

This year's entertainment features magic shows and roving magic by 'Magic By George' (Magic's only two-time Gold Medal Winning Champion!) on both days. Live music acts include 'Livestock' and 'Luscious Lushes' on Saturday and 'The Otters' on Sunday. See more details and the complete entertainment schedule at www.sturbridge-townships.com. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Rain or shine. Admission and parking are free.

The 27th Annual Harvest Festival is presented by the Chamber of Central Mass South and The Publick House Historic Inn. Harvest Festival is sponsored by Sturbridge Tourist Association. Welcome New Members! We are thrilled to welcome a new member to the Chamber community!

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Want to retire early? Start planning now



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The average American retires at about age 63, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau. If you enjoy your work, of course, you may want to go well beyond that age. But what if you don't want to wait until 63 or so? Can you afford to retire early?

Possibly — if you follow these suggestions:

Research the costs involved. What will you do during your retirement years? Will you travel the world or stay close to home, pursuing your hobbies? Will you downsize from your current home? How will you pay for health care until you're old enough for Medicare? You will need to answer these and other questions to determine how much you will need to sustain a comfortable lifestyle as an early retiree.

Invest more — and invest for growth. One big advantage in retiring at the usual age, or even later, is that it gives you more time to invest. But if you're determined to retire early, you will almost certainly need to accelerate your investment rate — which, in practical terms, means you'll likely have to contribute more each year to your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan than if you were going to retire later on. Plus, you may have to "ratchet up" the growth potential of your investment portfolio. However, because growth-oriented investments typically are more volatile than other investments, you will be taking on more risk than you might otherwise. If you are truly uncomfortable with this risk level, you may need to re-evaluate your plans for retiring early.

Cut down your debt load. It's always a good idea to enter retirement with as few debts as possible — but if you want to retire early, you may need to be even more diligent in controlling your debt load.

Know the rules governing retirement plan withdrawals. If you want to retire before age 59 1/2 and begin taking distributions from your IRA or 401(k) plan, you will generally be subject to a 10 percent early distribution penalty, plus normal income taxes (to withdraw your earnings from a Roth IRA tax and penalty free, you generally must have owned the account for at least five years and have reached age 59 1/2. You can withdraw your contributions at any time tax and penalty free). However, you may be able to avoid the 10% penalty if you take "substantially equal periodic payments," which are calculated based upon your age and other factors. Once these distributions begin, they must continue for five years or until you reach age 59 1/2, whichever is longer. Other rules apply to these distributions, so before taking any, you will want to consult with your tax and financial professionals. And keep in mind that if your withdrawal rate is too high, you risk seriously depleting your retirement accounts, especially if your investments decline in value during the years you're taking these payments.

Most importantly, do everything early: Plan early, invest early (and don't stop), and lower your debt load early. Getting a jump on all these activities can go a long way toward turning your early retirement dreams into reality.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cooke: Senate debate needed

To the Editor:

It's a tradition in American politics that candidates debate one another. A debate gives voters the chance to compare and contrast the candidates' views, policy prescriptions, ideas and demeanor to make a selection on who will best represent them.

Sadly, it appears that the voters in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex State Senate district will not get that opportunity. As of this writing, State Sen. Anne Gobi, a Democrat from Spencer, has still not agreed to a debate with her Republican challenger, James Ehrhard, of

Sturbridge.

The question is why won't Ms. Gobi agree to a debate? Is it because she can't defend her liberal voting record in the Legislature? Is she scared to be challenged on her past support for higher taxes and more regulation?

If Gobi isn't willing to stand up against Ehrhard and defend herself, how can she defend the interests of her constituents against the powerful special interests on Beacon Hill that favor Boston over central Massachusetts?

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VIEWPOINT

Fall landscape and garden tips

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As the harvest season wanes and the leaves slowly begin to turn color, it becomes

apparent the backyard garden, so alive and abundant in recent weeks, is soon to retire for a long winter's nap. While bountiful garden rewards may soon be behind us, garden chores will not. There is still much to keep a New England gardener busy during the autumn season. From planting spring bulbs to protecting harvest root foods, the following tips, culled from green thumb gardeners, are aimed at making fall chores a little easier.

Planting Pointers: Planting in the fall encourages good root development. Nurseries often slash prices on perennials and shrubs this time of year, so planting now will reward you with healthy plants on the cheap!

Nix Nibbles: Experts agree this time of year is perfect for planting spring bulbs. While squirrels and chipmunks keep away from Daffodil bulbs, Tulip bulbs risk invasion from the hearty nibblers. One way to protect your individual bulbs is to add some crushed rocks or shells into the holes when planting the bulbs.

Forbid Food: Experts say now is the time to stop fertilizing your flower-

ing shrubs and trees and cut down on watering them. This strategy allow this years' growth to harden off before the cold weather settles in.

Farewell Fungus: By the end of this month tuberous begonias are usually past their best. Before any frost, they should be lifted out of the garden and stored in a dark, cool area. To prevent rotting during storage, sprinkle a light dusting of fungicide on them. And always be sure plants are totally dry before storing for winter.

Root Roster: Whether you are growing your own root vegetables or are buying in bulk from a local farm or farmers market, proper storage is imperative to its flavor and quality. Here's the rundown on proper temps to keep your harvest safe and flavorful: Potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, cabbage and celery should be kept in a humid atmosphere at about 35-40 degrees. Squash and pumpkins should be stored in a dry area at 40-60 degrees. Onions and dry beans should be kept at 33 degrees in a dry area.

Root Cellar Sub: Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple; today some improvising is in order: Those with unheated basements report success creating a substitute root cellar by partitioning off one corner, installing insulation and a heavy, solid door. Keep in mind the temperature inside the root cellar will be coolest near the floor, so place roots there atop an old door or boards. Or create a root box by filling a large, sturdy cardboard box with a few inches of sawdust or sand. Place a layer

of roots such as carrots, leaving two inches along the sides. Cover lightly with sawdust and alternate layers, adding a final three inches of sawdust on top. Store in a cool basement or in the cellar bulkhead area.

Leave Leaves for Lawn: Take a cue from nature and use the autumn's fallen leaves to your lawn's advantage. Leaves are rich in nutrients, plentiful, and free! Here's how to mulch your own leaves: Set your lawn mower to a normal 3-inch height. Remove bagging attachments and block off the chute on a rear discharge machine (only if it is safe to do so). Run the mower slowly over the lawn to allow time for the leaves to shred.

Note: Make sure you mow before the lawn is smothered in fallen leaves.

Lime Lawn: If a soil test indicates lawns and gardens need lime, aerating the lawn first will reduce compaction and allow the roots to absorb the lime more quickly. No aerator? Wearing old golf shoes or baseball cleats while you hand mow can do the job.

Festive Flowers: Christmas Cactus and Poinsettia plants provide festive flowers, but you must act now if you want to be rewarded with flowers in time for the holiday season. If you were prudent enough to keep your poinsettia going throughout the summer, or have a Christmas Cactus indoor plant, here's how to force the plants to bloom at the right time: Poinsettias must be kept at about 65 to 70 degrees, and subjected to at least six weeks of 14 hours of total darkness per day (mid to late

September).

The Christmas Cactus require cooler temperatures of about 50 to 60 degrees. Place the potted plant in a closet or unlighted room, or by covering the plant with black cloth, black plastic over a frame or a cardboard box. The plant must then be returned to the light each day and given a minimum of four hours of direct sun, or ten hours of bright light. The application of a 0-10-10 fertilizer this month and again next should help encourage the development of flower buds, then feed your plant every two weeks with a high nitrogen fertilizer once color has begun to show.

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

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

Enjoy it

I used to have these visions of being a soccer mom in a cute minivan loaded up with kids and giant backpacks and juice boxes and singing happy songs while on our way from one activity to another.

I always had this vision, but my reaction was very different. As a teen I envisioned this as my horror story! A mom, wearing "mom jeans" I'm sure, driving a mini van filled with screaming children was not my idea of a good time. Then I got older, got married, had a family of my own. My previous minivan nightmare became a possibility. Now I was having those fantasies of happy children, home cooked meals, watching the news with my husband after the kids go to bed, and getting up the next morning with a smile on my face, coffee in my cup, and a happy family ready to start this all again.

Now, let me tell you the truth. My life is chaos! I love every minute of it, but sometimes it becomes a choice of brushing my own hair or making sure my kids are wearing pants while we have about 30 seconds to make it to the bus stop.

To all the parents out there who go through this every day, bless you! I am your number one fan. When I had one baby I was living in Worcester and working in Boston. I would take the 4:45 a.m. train every day, get to my office by 7 armed with coffee and ready to go. I was home by 6:30 p.m. typically and while exhausted I was OK. That baby is now almost 9 years old and his sister is 3 going on 13. I have no idea how moms do the schedule I used to keep. I can barely find matching socks.

This school year my son started Hebrew School, twice a week, 30 minutes away. Granted, I did this when I was younger and him going was a no brainer, it was just the way it was going to be. Except I now get him off the bus, fly to Hebrew School, occupy my toddler for a few hours, and head home only to realize I took nothing out for dinner, the toddler wants a bubble bath but I'm out of bubbles, the 8 year old wants to argue

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the point of homework, and the husband is going to be late and needs to work more from home. This is just one day, we also have scouts, karate, kickboxing, preschool, and an incredibly messy house.

I still don't own my minivan, but I am at the point now where I actually want one, I want those bells and whistles to keep the kids happy since we practically spend most our time driving around. I see moms who have it all together, and I just think to myself, "you are amazing, you must have a coffee making in your purse, but you are my hero!" I used to get upset when I realized at the end of the week I had a couch full of laundry, the paper towel is still next to the empty holder but not on it, I have had a sink full of soaking pots and pans for two days, and I cant remember the last time I washed my hair. But I stopped worrying, I realized that playing Mario Kart with my son was more important than folding socks, the painting watercolors took priority to doing the dishes. Yes, it is super important to keep a clean

and safe house, but these things can wait. They will be here tomorrow, our time spent with those tiny maniacs in our life will go by too quickly, and they will be teenaged maniacs, then grown ups, and they will have little maniacs of their own.

Enjoy this time you have with your family. It is a scary world out there and they need us as much as we need them. No one cares if you wear the same jeans all week, or if your hair is consistently in a messy bun. Get out and play before the weather gets too cold, and take a moment for yourself. I know this is the advice I should heed myself, and I will. My plan is to become more organized and laugh more. You should too!

Please write in and share your thoughts! As always, take what you want from what we discuss as advice or information, share with me your favorite tip or recipe and join me on our next edition of "Mom in Motion." E-mail me your thoughts and tips at jill@stonebridgepress.com.

Feeding Our Neighbors: 'The rest of the story'

I had planned to write a short letter recognizing and thanking participants and donors on behalf of Spencer Cable Access, Inc. (SCA) for working to make SCA's annual Open House and Feeding Our Neighbors Food Drive on Sept. 10 at David Prouty High School a rousing success.

After reading the coverage in the Spencer New Leader on Sept. 16, I realized I needed to say more. Why? Because the New Leader, despite devoting a full page to photographs of participants, missed crucial details. When I contacted the paper's editor to ask why, he stated he printed what the reporter gave him and suggested if I wanted additional information printed that I put it in a letter to the editor. Well, here you go.

The New Leader published a full page of photos taken at DPHS, identifying all as part of the Open House celebrating the 50th birthday of the school and showcasing students, teachers and administrators demonstrating and learning about many new electronic devices recently acquired by the school. Photos showed the DPHS Sports Boosters, Richard Sugden Library staff members exhibiting unusual items they loan, Bradley Bartlette Roche, the teen who performed with Billy Joel this summer at Fenway Park, and the DPHS birthday cake baked by the cafeteria staff. A brief introductory paragraph noted that the high school band performed.

The photos were delightful and important. Smiling faces reflected the pride the subjects have in their activities. It was wonderful to have the schools featured so positively. Everything was accurate and essential to the bigger story. The fact is the

bigger story was not reported, thus doing a disservice to everyone working at or attending Feeding Our Neighbors. The following is, to quote Paul Harvey, "the rest of the story."

"Feeding Our Neighbors" is organized annually by Spencer Cable Access (SCA) and broadcast live on Charter channels 192 and 194 to show off the SCA studio and to raise money for the Spencer Food Pantry at Our Lady Queen of the Rosary Church. Over \$3,500 in food and monetary donations was raised on Sept. 10. This year, for the first time, Feeding Our Neighbors brought together other organizations and town departments in a community celebration that will continue for many Septembers to come.

Participation of the schools, spearheaded by Superintendent Tracey Crowe and DPHS principal Elizabeth York was the crowning glory. The DPHS Chorus opened the day with the National Anthem. Dr. Crowe and Ms. Martha Berthiaume shared their pleasure that the schools could participate. Spencer/East Brookfield principals and assistant principals discussed highlights of the new school year. New Band Director Fran Fazio and new Chorus Director Suzanne Hager talked about their plans for 2016-17. Faculty members, parents and students shared their time and enthusiasm. The National Honor Society and Student Council offered building tours, recording them on the new GoPro cameras.

Mary Baker-Wood and Denise Famosa talked about the Richard Sugden Library. Spencer Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) brought its support vehicle and had a display

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detailing services it provides to the fire and police departments during emergencies. Sandy Fritze, SEMA Director explained her agency's role in disaster preparedness and response. The Fire Department provided safety pamphlets.

The Spencer Police Department's car seat safety inspection team inspected and correctly installed car seats. Officer Paul Magerowski brought a car seat into the studio to encourage viewers to drop by for an inspection. Old or broken seats were replaced with new seats free of charge for those who could not afford to purchase them thanks to a grant. A police officer from Leicester assisted.

Ed and Tina Bemis from Bemis Farms Nursery presented a free half-hour class to food pantry donors, creating pots filled with artistic fall arrangements.

Not only did Bradley Bartlett-Roche give a powerful performance on keyboard and sax and vocals but local musicians Gary Suter and Jack Mulhall, The Class Reunion Acoustic Duo, were set up to perform until sudden rain prevented them.

A steady stream of cars arrived with food donations. Fr. Bill Schipper, the new pastor at Our Lady Queen of the Rosary, and Cathy Sullivan who oversees the food pantry talked about the support they need to feed our neighbors. Volunteers served free hot dogs and sodas. Camera operators, among them DPHS students and the station manager of Grafton Public Access, navigated through the live broadcast.

Attendance prizes, generously donat-

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As participants packed up at the end of they day their comments reflected two very important elements. First, they saw the day as a community building experience during which the regional school department and the town departments worked together to learn about and appreciate each one's place in town. Second, they asked to return next year. SCA is excited to build on the enthusiasm and looks forward to having more community groups. We invite organizations who would like to participate to contact us through our website, scatv.org.

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Mr. Editor and Mr. Reporter, we hope to see you there.

SPORTS

Nearly even field hockey game between Leicester, Oxford goes to Wolverines

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The Leicester High and Oxford High varsity field hockey teams are very similar to one another in terms of skill level and desire to reach postseason play once again. When the two teams went head-to-head on Friday, Sept. 23, the evenness was on display until the Wolverines potted a pair of second half goals to win, 2-0.

"They knew this was a big game," said first-year Leicester head coach Katie LaPrad. "We had a couple tough losses the past week...so we needed this one."

The Wolverines improved to 3-4 and showed good bounce back ability after suffering setbacks to North Brookfield High, Tantasqua Regional and Northbridge High in the recent past.

"They knew it was going to be evenly matched, and it was," said LaPrad. "I told them it was going to come down to who was going to get to the ball first."

The stats were very similar — the Pirates generated eight penalty corners to Leicester's six and Oxford goalie Veronica Light made four saves to one turned aside by the Wolverines' Colleen Lamprey — but the aforementioned hustle led to Leicester's two goals.

With 21:21 to play, Grace Marc-Aurele tracked down a rebound after Light made a stop. Marc-Aurele then took a shot and deposited the ball into the back of the cage, as Cayleigh Peterson was credited with the assist.

LaPrad was impressed with the play of Peterson, a freshman competing in

her first year of organized field hockey.

Then, with 7:09 to go, the Wolverines doubled their lead after generating a corner. The ball pin-balled around the scoring circle for about 15 seconds until Emily Stead gained possession. Her shot also went in and Caitlin Kemp got the assist.

With a near .500 record intact, LaPrad and her Leicester comrades have the postseason tournament (Central Mass. Division 2) on their minds.

"They've known from the start that we're going to districts — that is the goal," LaPrad said of a program that she believes hasn't been in a playoff game since 2002. "I put it on the schedule the beginning of the year."

An added asset to the Wolverines' chances is the services of junior varsity coach Kathryn Stewart, who served as the David Prouty Regional varsity head coach for 24 years. LaPrad played for Stewart at Prouty and needed a JV coach.

"We have a really good relationship and I reached out to her," said LaPrad, adding that Stewart thought about the inquiry and eventually said yes. "We're really trying to build this [program] up."

Oxford, meanwhile, slipped to 2-2-1 as they also try to finish .500 or better and qualify for the same Central Mass. Division 2 district tournament.

"I think we have the potential to make it to districts if we work more on our control of ourselves with and without the ball," said second-year head coach Kadye McCarthy.

The Pirates nearly qualified for the



Nick Ethier photos

Leicester defender Amanda Saucier and goalie Colleen Lamprey combine to make a save versus Oxford.

tournament a season ago but fell a few points short. They haven't reached districts since 2011, McCarthy's senior season at Oxford.

McCarthy mentioned that the team must improve in certain areas to rack up more wins and a potential district

berth.

"We definitely could have played a little better, [but] it wasn't our worst game. We have more to work on. Corner wise, we had a lot of opportunities, [but we need] quick shots," she concluded.



Grace Marc-Aurele of Leicester passes the ball during a penalty corner scoring chance.



Leicester's Emily Stead stick-handles the ball around Oxford's defensive unit.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Sept. 20

David Prouty 182, West Boylston 183 — Thanks to Tyler Clayfield's 41 (medalist), Ryan Casault's 42, Colin Nosek's 44 and Josh Dukes' 55, the Panthers' golf team edged the Lions by a single stroke.

Quabbin 8, David Prouty 3 — Playing in Spencer, the Panther girls' varsity soccer team lost despite a hat trick from senior Jill Anderson.

Sept. 21

Tantasqua 8, Southbridge 0 — Abby Befford and Meaghan Kelley both scored a pair of goals as the Warrior girls' varsity soccer team blanked the Pioneers. Lily Lucas, Victoria

Bowler, Meghan Meserole and Keirea Bergeron also scored, while Camie Hall added a pair of assists.

Tantasqua 7, Southbridge 0 — Dan Rickson and Cooper Audette notched a pair of goals in helping to lead the Warrior boys' varsity soccer team past the Pioneers. Kevin Izzio, Luker Gerrish and Brian Mayberry also scored for Tantasqua.

David Prouty 171, Auburn 201 — Ryan Casault's 39 earned medalist honors for the Panthers' golf team during their victory over the Rockets. Colin Nosek (40), Tyler Clayfield (41) and Josh Dukes (51) also scored for Prouty.

Sept. 22

Tantasqua 3, Bartlett 0 — Set scores were 25-7, 25-6, 25-4 as the Warriors' varsity volleyball team rolled to victory versus the Indians. Kayla Fortuna had 12 aces for Tantasqua, while Samantha Gleason added 4 aces and Lily Kent contributed 3 kills and 2 aces.

In the junior varsity matchup, the Warriors won 3-0. Set scores were 25-17, 25-16, 25-8.

Sept. 23

Leicester 172, David Prouty 179 — Despite the Panthers' Colin Nosek earning medalist honors thanks to a 37, the David Prouty golf team lost to

the Wolverines by a combined seven strokes.

Sept. 24

Tantasqua 4, Shepherd Hill 0 — The Warriors' JV boys' soccer team got the best of the Rams at the Reservation. Jackson Hall scored twice for Tantasqua (4-0), while Kai von Bleicken and Logan McCarthy also netted goals. Bradley Beu preserved the shutout in net. Assisting on goals were Allen Falke and Roger Leland. Highlights of the game included Hall scoring on a direct kick out at Shepherd Hill's 20-yard mark and Beu making a stop on a penalty kick.

Antiques, Collectibles and Estates profile: Bill Safer

I hear from many of you that you enjoy watching the "Antiques Roadshow" and other antiques and collectibles nationally televised shows. There is a show taped in Worcester every month where you can learn more about antiques on a local level.

Bill Safer is the host of "Hidden Treasures." Bill has had a number of local dealers and auctioneers on his show who share their expertise with viewers. One of his favorite guests was a nephew of Harry Houdini who has a collection of Houdini memorabilia worth around \$500,000. The show runs on WCCA TV, which is the Worcester cable station. Although most of the readers of this column don't live in Worcester and can't watch the show live, you can view it on the web. See www.wccatv.com/video/hidden-treasures to view all 45 episodes. I was his guest on episode 35.

Bill's interest in antiques started when he was about 10 or 11. He appreciated the workmanship involved in making a quality box. He noticed details like the dovetailing on a wooden box. He appreciated the precision work with tight tolerances that made the metal boxes

seat tightly. When he was old enough to drive, he started going to yard sales searching for the rocks, minerals and seashells that had begun to collect. When he bought other objects that interest him he looked through the antique reference guides at the library to learn more about them. His knowledge and collecting interests grew and he now also collects miniature books, knives, English silver boxes, postcards and fountain pens.

Bill's knowledge has helped him make some good buys. He found a snuffbox listed on eBay that lacked some important details. He bought it for \$30. He relisted it describing it as a snuffbox made for the Northern troops in the Civil War. With his more accurate description it brought \$60. He also made an even a better discovery about 15 years ago. He found a box for \$1 in an antique shop bargain bin. He recognized the hallmark as being Russian. He sold it on eBay. When the bidding ended, it sold for \$1,800. The bidder that one it said



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that it was a salesman's sample by Cartier Jewelers.

He offers some tips for those out hunting for antiques. Bill said that the Arundel Flea Market in Arundel, Maine is one of the best in the Northeast in his opinion. It's open year round weather permitting. Bill says that he doesn't know everything about all antiques but can find someone who knows about an area outside of his expertise when he needs one. He advises people to look at eBay and elsewhere on the internet when researching pieces. Bill said that he offers seminars on eBay and antiques.

Along with his antique experiences, Bill has many other interesting life experiences. He was a military police officer, a Worcester police reserve officer and also worked as investigator for the federal government. He also is a member of the screen actor's guild and played a Boston Police officer in a motion picture.

The Harvard online auction with the 1969 Volkswagen Beetle is currently



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Bill Safer interviewing Houdini's great nephew, John Hinson, on "Hidden Treasures" TV show.

open for bidding. The preview is Oct. 1 and 2 at the estate in Harvard. The preview is Oct. 8 for a Worcester online moving sale. See www.centralmassauctions.com for more information.

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SPORTS

Rockets beat David Prouty boys' soccer on the pitch



Photos courtesy Mark Seliger, www.SeligerPhotography.com

The Auburn High boys' varsity soccer team hosted and defeated David Prouty Regional, 8-1, in a contest played last Wednesday evening, Sept. 21.

AUBURN — The Auburn High boys' varsity soccer team entertained David Prouty Regional under Memorial Field's lights on Wednesday evening, Sept. 21 and went home 8-1 winners.

The Rockets will look for more victories this coming week versus Northbridge High (home, Oct. 1, 3 p.m.), Quaboag Regional (home, Oct. 3, 7 p.m.), Southbridge High (away, Oct. 5, 3:30 p.m.) and Cardinal Spellman High (home, Oct. 8, 1 p.m.). The Panthers will try to get back on the winning track when they play Millbury High (home, Oct. 3, 3 p.m.), Grafton High (away, Oct. 5, 3:30 p.m.), Oxford High (away, Oct. 7, 3:30 p.m.) and Leicester High (away, Oct. 8, 2:30 p.m.).



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Grace Marc-Aurele

During Leicester High's 2-0 varsity field hockey victory versus Oxford High on Friday, Sept. 23, the Wolverines' Marc-Aurele broke a second half scoreless tie with 21:21 to play. That was ultimately the game-winner, as Leicester improved to 3-4.

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SPORTS

Highlanders air it out to edge Tantasqua football team, 14-13



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Quarterback Colin Eliason of Tantasqua peers toward the right sideline before passing the ball.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — The Tantasqua Regional varsity football team's defense — and in particular its run 'D' — was exceptionally strong when the Warriors took on Doherty High at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium on Friday evening, Sept. 23. But the Highlanders found an aerial assault and Tantasqua fumbled three times — both occurrences taking place in the second half — as Doherty rallied to win, 14-13.

The Highlanders improved to 2-1, while the Warriors slipped to 1-2. "Untimely penalties and turnovers,

and we lost by one," Tantasqua head coach Joseph Beveridge said of what made the difference in the game's outcome, citing that a facemask penalty late in the game derailed his team from getting the ball, and Doherty gained an extra set of downs while clinging to their one-point lead.

But back to the Warriors' defense. They forced a three-and-out during the game's opening possession and Tantasqua's offense quickly went to work. They embarked on a 10-play drive, which was capped by a 2-yard touchdown reception by Jack Dalton after receiving the throw from quarterback Colin Eliason (7 of 12, 77 yards). Zach Lavallee then kicked the extra point and it was a 7-0 game.

In fact, the Warriors' 'D' stifled Doherty's offense for the entire first half, as they allowed just 83 yards of total offense and pitched the shutout.

"We stacked the box and were hoping we could cover the perimeter with our four guys on their four and not let them run around on us," Beveridge explained.

And it worked. The Highlanders totaled just 26 rushing yards as a team, but the offense began to click through the air. Quarterback Chris Schoen finished 11 of 20 passing for 195 yards, and that included a 0 for 5 start. Schoen's favorite target was JJ Early (5 receptions, 128 yards), a lengthy wide receiver who had over half a foot's height advantage against Tantasqua's defensive backs.

"They found an advantage on the outside. They got a tall guy on a small guy and it took us a little while to adjust," said Beveridge.

Schoen connected with Early on an 18-yard touchdown pass midway through the third quarter — which came after the Warriors coughed up their first of three fumbles — and AJ Lacouture booted the extra point to tie it up, 7-7.



Tantasqua's Zack Zibold gets help from Mike Farland (32) to bring Doherty ball carrier Tajon Vasser to the ground.

Then, after Tantasqua botched a punt attempt that allowed Doherty to take over with decent field position, Schoen hit Early on a 38-yard passing strike. Four plays later, on the opening snap of the fourth quarter, tailback Tajon Vasser (24 carries, 25 yards) scored from 2 yards out to give the Highlanders the lead. Lacouture's second extra point made it 14-7.

The Warriors continued to battle, though. With just 3:47 to play, Eliason threw his second touchdown pass of the evening, this one a 14-yard strike to tight end Stephen Cook. But Lavallee's extra point attempt sailed wide left, leaving Doherty with a one-point lead.

The Highlanders had to punt the ball back to Tantasqua in the final two min-

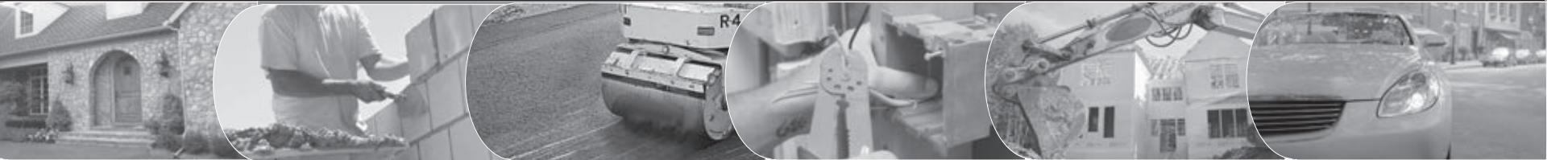
utes, but the Warriors' third fumble of the half allowed Doherty to recover and then take a couple knees to seal the victory.

Despite the loss, Beveridge remains optimistic about his team.

"We're almost there. We're turning it around. I thought Colin played well at quarterback, he's running the offense very well. It looks like we have a couple guys that are playing running back for us [Mike Farland and Anthony Law] that are going to do a good job. The line looked very well," he said.

On the defensive side of the ball, Cody Ridz led the Warriors with 14 tackles, while Anthony Law added 12 tackles and Billy Jones eight tackles and a pair of sacks.

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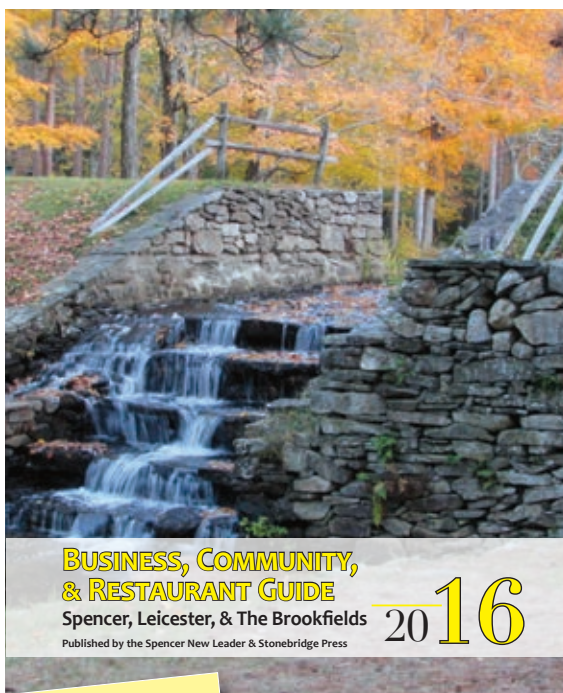
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SPORTS

Warriors win field hockey match vs. David Prouty after difficult stretch in schedule



Nick Ethier photos

Kailynn McCue of David Prouty uses an unconventional method to move the ball during a free hit opportunity.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Following Tantasqua Regional's 5-0 victory versus David Prouty Regional in varsity field hockey action on Monday, Sept. 26, the Warriors are nearly back to .500 as they currently sport a record of 3-4-1.

That record may be deceptive, though, because of an extremely difficult stretch of the schedule that saw Tantasqua lose one-goal games to perennial powerhouses Minnechaug Regional (2-1), Quaboag Regional (2-1) and Quabbin Regional (1-0), as well as a 2-2 tie with Auburn High. The Warriors' other loss was 6-0 to Watertown High, a team that has won the past seven Division 2 state championships.

"We've had great games against them," Warriors' head coach Jean Glennon said of the opposition. "We've been right on the doorstep."

Glennon added that defeating the Panthers was necessary to get the team back on track.

"We needed a win," she said.

But Prouty played Tantasqua tough in the early going, and it wasn't until 13:39 remained in the 30-minute first half that the Warriors netted a goal. Sarah Harlinski sent the ball into the scoring circle via a long hit, and teammate Lexi Fish tracked it down. Her pass then found the stick of Maddi Doherty, whose shot found the back of the cage as Tantasqua took a 1-0 lead.

From there, the Warriors found their offensive rhythm and scored twice more before halftime.

"I think after the first goal it clicked



Fiona Halloran of David Prouty whacks the ball out of her team's defensive zone.

and they started playing better," said Glennon.

With 3:43 left in the first half play, Bradyn Darger charged down the left side of the field with possession of the ball and centered a pass to Doherty, who did the rest for her second goal of the contest.

Then, with 47 seconds left before the break, Darger gained control of the ball out of a scrum and sent a pass to Anna DiGregorio, who gave her team a three-goal advantage.

Tantasqua then carried that momentum into the beginning stages of the second half when they upped their advantage to 4-0 less than five minutes in. There, Harlinski dribbled the ball into the scoring circle and rifled a shot into the net.

The Panthers continued to show fight, though, and earned a pair of penalty corners midway through the frame. They also generated a shot on net, which was saved by the Warriors' Jess Hall.

Tantasqua then scored its fifth and final tally with 7:25 left when Darger collected a rebound and scored amidst a scrum.

The Warriors had the chance to score a few more goals throughout the contest — especially thanks to seven corners — but Prouty goalie Jill Roy played spectacularly well and finished with 12 saves.

Glennon is optimistic that her team will take what they learned in their close losses — as well as what they learned in their victories — and put it all together to gather many more wins.

"We've played these unbelievable games, but we need to figure out how to turn it our way and not their way," she said. "I think we're playing better and better the more we play and they're getting very used to each other, so they're definitely clicking."

The Warriors' main goal, as it always is, will be to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 1 district tournament, which requires a .500 or better record by the regular season's conclusion. If Tantasqua reaches the postseason, they may be a tough team to beat thanks to their testy schedule.

"I think that will definitely help to do well in districts," Glennon said.

She concluded: "I think the seniors are doing a good job leading the team, the juniors have come in and done an excellent job, and I have a couple of sophomores that are doing a great job also. We're definitely trying to get better each time."



Emily Anderson of David Prouty gets the inside edge on a Tantasqua player for possession of the ball.



Sarah Harlinski of Tantasqua, left, and David Prouty's Jessica Lascom both battle for possession of a ball that is up for grabs.



David Prouty's Faye Kuszewski gets low to send the ball further down the field.



David Prouty's Brooke Pepin tries to maneuver the ball around a Tantasqua defender.



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If you have read many of my articles analyzing the market they are usually very positive as the last several years we have seen a huge growth in our market in prices as well as home sales.

In 2010, the average sale price for a single-family home in Worcester County was around \$258,000 while today it is just over \$300,000 or a 16.3 percent increase. Year to date in Worcester County, 5,832 homes have sold while only 2,809 sold in the same period in 2010, which is a 53-percent increase in sales.

We do have some early signs that the market may be shifting however, the numbers are still positive. Six months ago we had 1,992 homes for sale in Worcester County and today there are 2,338 homes for sale. Average days on market for homes six months ago was 166, and today it is 146, which is a positive sign. We are selling about 778 homes a month in Worcester County, so there is still only three months of inventory, which still shows this as a seller's market. I looked at my town of Charlton, and it is almost identical. We had 53 homes for sale six months ago, and 70 are for sale now. However, the days on market for those homes has dropped



REALTOR'S REPORT

JAMES BLACK

from 204 to 182. Which again means we are still cycling through the inventory. One of the signs of a shifting market is increasing inventory and another is a gap between what buyers are willing to pay and what sellers are willing to sell for.

Over the last few weeks, I started noticing many homes getting priced ahead of the market assuming the market will continue to improve and homes being priced higher than any other homes have sold for which will result in growing inventory and a slowdown in the market. Buyers seem to be much pickier and making much slower decisions than in the past and their lack of urgency is much lower. As inventory increases this will be amplified.

Keep in mind, this is for the Worcester County and this has been seen many places nationwide lately. However, real estate is local and you want to check with an expert in your local market to ensure how that market is trending before making any decisions.

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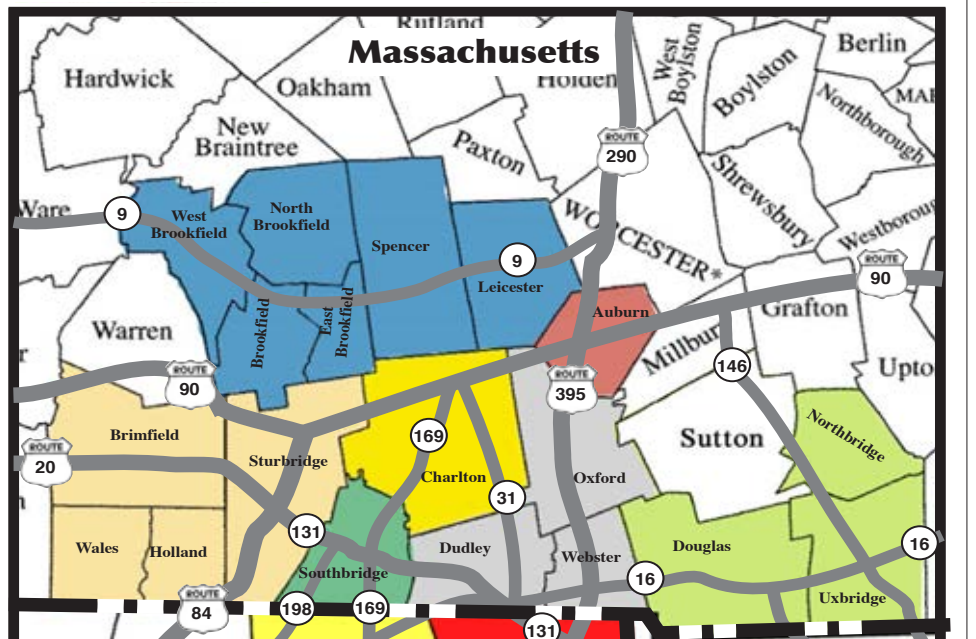
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SPORTS

Second half surge propels Valley Tech football over Minutemen



Nick Ethier photos

Ben Paquette of Bay Path gets behind the Blackstone Valley Tech defense and hauls in a 59-yard pass.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — With the Blackstone Valley Tech varsity football team clinging to an 18-13 lead over Bay Path Regional on Saturday, Sept. 24 at George L. Fowler Memorial Field, the Beavers were hoping to swing momentum back in their favor in the third quarter.

No one could have expected how quickly that would happen.

Valley Tech's Aidan Fitzgerald hustled down the field on the half-opening kickoff and recovered the ball before any player from the Minutemen could do so. The Beavers scored two plays later and never looked back, as they took a 44-13 decision behind 26 third quarter points.

"It seemed like they had all the momentum going into the half," Valley Tech head coach Jim Archibald said of Bay Path trimming the halftime deficit

to five points just 19 seconds before the break. "We challenged our kids and said 'keep playing physical.' We get the ball right away and we get a touchdown right out of the chute and took the momentum back. It seemed like once we got going they just couldn't stop us."

Quarterback Hector Petri called his own number on that third quarter touchdown — a 17-yard jaunt — which came just 29 seconds into the frame. Petri wasn't done there, though, as the signal caller rushed 18 times for 174 yards and a staggering five touchdowns.

Teammate Kevin Barthelmes, a tailback, rushed 10 times for 152 yards and a score, which came from 90 yards out.

"Our offensive line and our backfield did a great job," said Archibald. "We wanted to just play them two-on-two and our two being Hector and Kevin. I'll take those two against anybody all day long."

"We ran a new offense this week and without the line pushing up front me and Kevin wouldn't have been able to get the yards we had this game," added Petri.

Bay Path head coach Matt Fall credited Archibald and his crew for their strategy against his team.

"They had a game plan that neutralized us about as much as they could, so hats off to their coaching staff because they had a great game plan for us," he said. "Additionally, their players were very disciplined with that game plan and they took their time."

Fall was also quick to mention that his team's mistakes led to the Beavers running away with this one in the second half.

"Just a couple mistakes on our behalf that really just opened the door for them to take the lead and for them there was no looking back," he said. "They had a great hustle play to open the third quarter. They used that as momentum and they were off to the races."

Petri got his offense rolling early, as he scampered in for a pair of 6-yard scores in first quarter action as BVT



Bay Path quarterback Christian Keeler finds some open running room on the right side.

took a 12-0 lead.

From there, Bay Path trimmed the deficit to 12-7 when Matt Pecore (5 carries, 29 yards) scored on a 4-yard run and Ben Paquette kicked the extra point.

But the Beavers' defense came though next, as Jordyn Amero tipped quarterback Christian Keeler's pass and ran it back to the house, good for a pick-6 to make it 18-7. Amero added two fumble recoveries later in the contest for his monster game.

"Special player, he's only going to get better," Archibald said of the sophomore. "He's in tremendous shape...and does everything we ask him to do. He's one of the guys that set the tone for us."

Keeler (5 of 11, 145 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; 6 carries, 49 yards) then righted his wrong before the half when he found Travis Gillespie (3 receptions, 75 yards) on a 55-yard scoring strike down the left sideline to bring the Minutemen within five points before Valley Tech distanced themselves in the second half.

"A winter and a summer of hard work really showed today," Archibald

said after improving to 2-1. "Those guys [Petri, Barthelmes] were breaking tackles, moving piles and getting the big yards when we needed them."

Bay Path slipped to 1-2 as Fall challenged his defense in the latter stages of the game, and they impressed him.

"I particularly liked the fact that our defense stayed in the game," he explained. "I put a couple challenges out to them and to just finish the game off on a strong note and I think that they answered the bell on that behalf."

Fall, a first-year head coach after serving as an assistant for Al Dhembe — who manned the sidelines for 42 years at Bay Path before retiring — will look to Dhembe for inspiration as the Minutemen hope to improve to .500 and beyond.

"I'm trying to pick up right where he left off," Fall said. "He's still a mentor of mine and I'm going to talk to him sometime this week and see if there's something I could have done differently as a coach to make sure that I as a coach can get this team back on track for next week."

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- Wednesdays — 1 p.m., Balance
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- Spencer Council on Aging Foxwoods Trip — Wednesday, Nov. 2, leaves Big Y 8 a.m., leaves Foxwoods at 4 p.m. for return trip and arrive by 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$23 (non-refundable) checks to Town of Spencer by Oct. 15. No refunds. Sign up at the senior center.

are also invited to the West Brookfield Senior Center every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. for more Tai Chi. Join them!

Foot Clinic: The September Foot Clinic will be held as usual at the Brookfield Town Hall. The clinic this month meets on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m. To participate, please call Rikki LaMonda at 508-867-4578 to make an appointment. Leave a message if necessary.

Medi Car: the Medi Car is available for doctor appointments (there and back). Please call 508-867-1407 at the W. Brookfield Senior Center.

Brookfield Food Pantry: Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Church, located at the rear of the building off Howard St. The library is also a drop off point for donations to the Brookfield Food Pantry.

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Brookfield Seniors meet Oct. 11 also at 11:30 a.m. in the downstairs hall of the Congregational Church. This month our program is entitled, "De-Stress Your Life," and is sponsored by Fallon Health/Summit Elder Care. Come join us and learn how to laugh, socialize, exercise, be thankful and more. Refreshments available too.

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POLICE LOGS

The arrests and offenses below were listed in each town's police department logs. People charged are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. This newspaper will publish dispensations of cases at the request of the accused, with proper documentation.

SPENCER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 15
Zachary A Perron, 21, 2 Laurel St., Oxford, Warrant Arrest

Sept. 16
Deborah A. White, 59, 30 Elm St. Spencer, Warrant Arrest

Sept. 17
Justin Ashley, 27, 284 Jefferson Ave., Salem, disorderly person, disturbing the peace, Arrest

Sept. 20
Rachel E. Geren, 22, 51 North Brookfield Rd., Spencer, OUI liquor, operation of a motor vehicle negligent to endanger, operation of a motor vehicle with open container of alcohol, town road stop sign violation, fail to keep right with view obstructions, Arrest

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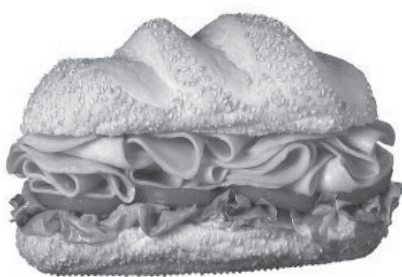
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Moore highlights availability of new MassTransfer portal

BOSTON — Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education recently launched an online portal to assist students with achieving their public higher education goals.

The new portal, known as "MassTransfer," provides students with information about how to minimize the time it takes to earn a bachelor's degree through a web toolkit presenting transfer options and cost saving opportunities of up to 49 percent. After years of development, the program represents a monumental step forward in establishing a system-wide set of course equivalencies between all 28 public undergraduate campuses.

"Many students attend a community college for the first two years before transferring to a public university to attain their bachelor's degree," said Senator Moore, who serves as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education. "That was my path, and it made financial sense for me and my family. However, this process can be frustrating and costly since certain credits taken by students may not be accepted by the transferring institution. This forces students to retake classes, which is a waste of time and money. The new MassTransfer portal helps to alleviate and avoid the issue of non-transferring credits altogether."

"With college costs identified as a chief barrier to college completion, we knew we needed a more seamless, efficient system to allow students to transfer from one campus to another and graduate in a more timely and cost-effective manner," said Carlos E. Santiago, Commissioner of Higher Education. "The new MassTransfer portal provides all the information students need to complete their academic journey without delay and added debt. I think many students will be pleasantly surprised by the academic excellence, diversity of degree programs and affordability available at each of our public campuses."

The MassTransfer portal also highlights opportunities through the Commonwealth Commitment program. This strategic initiative enables students who enroll full-time at one of the state's 15 community colleges to transfer to a state university, or University of Massachusetts campus, and graduate with a bachelor's degree in one of a number of select programs. Students who meet the program requirements will benefit from substantial savings including a freeze in tuition and mandatory fees, 10% per-semester rebates, and a full tuition credit in their last two years of school worth an average of \$1,200.

The portal officially launched on Sept. 6. High school and college students who are interested in more information are encouraged to visit the MassTransfer webpage, www.mass.edu/masstransfer.



WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY CARE

All women should have a health care provider for their reproductive health. From your first Pap test through menopause, we'll get to know you as an individual, taking the time to answer your questions and discuss your concerns.

All of our providers deliver babies at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield:

- **Dr. Oscar Martinez**, our medical director, has been caring for women in our community for more than eight years, including his residency at Baystate Medical Center.
- **Barbara Graves, CNM**, joined our team this year after 20+ years caring for women at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.
- **Dr. Diana Robillard** is the newest member of our team. She comes to us from Alabama, where she completed subspecialty training in adolescent gynecology.

We welcome women of all ages to our practice — whether you are having a baby, need gynecological care, are going through menopause, or are due for preventative care. For an appointment at any of our three convenient locations, call us today at 413-967-2655.

Baystate Medical Practices
MARY LANE OB/GYN

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Veterans Day Salute

Stonebridge Press would like to salute our veterans
(from all wars & branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, and active duty U.S. Military members in the November 11th issue.

Please send in a photo of your loved one with his or her name, rank, branch of military, and town from by email to jashton@stonebridgepress.com, or by mail to **VETERANS DAY SALUTE**, Att: Jean Ashton, Stonebridge Press, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

The deadline for photos is October 21.
There is no cost to submit a photo.

Let's give our veterans the recognition they so greatly deserve!

SEPTEMBER 30th thru OCTOBER 2nd
SALE HOURS: 10-5 PM

48TH ANNUAL PRE-SEASON SALE

20-50% OFF

All '15-'16 Clothing, Accessories, Ski Equipment & Snowboards

STRAND'S SKI SHOP

1 West Boylston Dr
Exit 1 Off I-190 • Worcester
508-852-4333 • StrandsSkiShop.com

CALENDAR

CALENDAR

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begin at 9 a.m. and will offer a wide variety of books for everyone in the family and wonderful homemade baked goods guaranteed to interest all taste buds. Tickets for raffle baskets will be available during the sale. The Chicken Barbecue will begin serving at 11 a.m. and will be a half of chicken, baked potato, seasonal vegetables, a roll and a drink. Seating will be set up there to enjoy your meal there and take out dinners will also be an option. The Sale and Barbecue will run till 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each dinner and are on sale now from members of the Friends of the EB Public Library and at the library.

Saturday, Oct. 15

SPENCER
Cornhole Tournament — Saturday, Oct. 15, from 12-4 p.m., David Prouty High School, 302 Main St., Spencer. Double elimination tournament, sponsored by the DPHS Athletic Booster Club. Registration \$50/per team of two. Minimum player age is 14. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Food, raffle, and vendors will be onsite. Third party vendor sites are available for a \$25 set up fee. Please send your player names, email addresses, and phone numbers with a check made payable to DPHS Athletic Booster club to: DPHS Athletic Booster Club, P.O. Box 444, Spencer, MA 01562. We will also accept in person team registrations at any of the evening home games at the snack shack on the middle field at DPHS. Contact Melissa Bernard 508-277-9177 with any questions.

Harvest Fair — First Congregational Church, 207 Main St. (Rt. 9), Spencer, Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Will feature plants, jewelry, baked goods, holiday and gift items, children's toys, games, vintage goods, collectibles, gift basket raffle and much more. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dining room open all day. Public invit-

ed. No admission fee!

WORCESTER
On Saturday, Oct. 15, 350.org will hold a forum on the proposed oil pipeline — the West Boylston Lateral — part of which will run through Spencer. The forum will take place at Worcester State University's Ghosh Science and Technology Center, on 486 Chandler St., Worcester, MA. The Forum will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m., and light refreshments will be available. Speakers from several organizations, including the Sierra Club, the Attorney General's office, a state representative and others, will address the impact of the pipeline on our communities, and the alternatives to fossil fuel infrastructure. We urge the citizens of the Spencer community to attend and join with us to prepare a response. We hope to see you there.

Saturday, Oct. 22

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Fall Fair — Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m. to 2 pm at the First Congregational Church. The fair will feature plants, jewelry, baked goods, homemade items, lunch will be served and will consist of a number of different soups, assorted sandwiches and apple crisp with ice cream. The public is invited.

Saturday, Oct. 29

SPENCER
Sweetpea Animal Shelter Halloween Dog Spooktacular — Saturday, Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4H Camp Marshall, 92 McCormick Rd., Spencer. Halloween fundraising event to benefit Sweetpea Animal Shelter and promote local animal welfare organizations. Indoor/outdoor event activities include live band and DJ costume contests for kids and pets, haunted hayrides, pony rides, indoor Kid Zone with bouncy castle and carnival games, food/craft vendors and many more fun Halloween activities for families and pets. Agility 'try-its' courtesy of Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team (C M D A R T) . Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Certification by The Right Paw. Free admission, families and pets are welcome!

ONGOING EVENTS

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

The North Brookfield Historical Society Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Saturdays of the month through October. Special appointments will be arranged whenever possible. For details and updates, please visit <http://northbrookfieldhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com>.

WARREN

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

RUTLAND

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

SPENCER

First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562, 508-885-2149. Economy Shop hours, open every Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Bingo at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. Along with our regular games we feature two winner take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payout's of \$600 and \$500 respectively. Good food and soft bev-

erages are available at Judy's Kitchen. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

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

EAST BROOKFIELD

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

NEWS BRIEF

Massasoit Art Guild announces awards

SPENCER — The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the Memorial and Special Awards for the 13th Annual Art Show Oct. 15-16 at the Spencer Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Presidents' Award: This award is given by Massasoit Art Guild Presidents, past and present. (Norman Cabana, Mary Kay Ebersold, Deborah Roberts Kirk and Amanda Delanski). This artwork must reflect the creative growth of an artist, supported and envisioned by the founders of the Guild. It will be selected by the presidents in attendance.

• Steve W. Morse: Massasoit Art Guild Photo Group Coordinator and member of our Board of Directors passed away at the age of 59 on April 28, 2015. Steve was a graduate of the New York Institute of Photography and the owner and operator of Casual Photo in Spencer. As the guild's photo group coordinator and board of director's member, Steve played a key role in our Guild. He was also a member of Greenville Baptist Church, the Professional Photographers of New England, the Seven Hills Camera Club in Worcester and the Worcester Alliance for photographers. He is survived by his wife Joyce, his mother, children, nine grandchildren and a great grandson.

• Doreen Seguin was a long-time supporter of the Massasoit Art Guild. Doreen, along her husband, Marc, they have owned Cormier Jewelers in Spencer for the past 25 years. Since the inception of the guild, she generously offered Cormier's wall space for all of our artists to share and sell their original works, prints and cards. She loved horseback riding, and her horse, Karolina. She was an avid reader, loved the beach — especially the dunes on Cape Cod, Irish Music and all things in nature. Above all, she loved her family. Doreen E. Seguin passed away on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Marc Seguin, her two daughters, Jessica Brown and her husband Alexander and Jaime Seguin, her mother, Theresa M. Dion, three brothers, their wives, and two grandchildren.

• Emile R. "Slug" Gaucher was a native of Spencer, WWII veteran and a graduate of the Worcester Museum School of Art. He won many awards in shows throughout his lifetime. Emile was a founding member of the Massasoit Art Guild and sold paintings to the College of the Holy Cross, Norton Company, Coca Cola Co., and many other private homes across the country. Emile Gaucher, 87, passed away June 11, 2012. His wife Hazel Gaucher, his son and daughter survive him.

• Vernon G. Graham, of West Kingston, Rhode Island, was a founding member of the Massasoit Art Guild. He was an avid outdoorsman and sailor, an active member of the Wickford Art League in RI and former member of the Long Island Art League. Vernon Graham, 87, passed away Dec. 20, 2010. He was the husband of the late Laura (McClain) Graham. He leaves his six children, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

• Mildred Terry: Mrs. Terry became an accomplished artist, sought after for her talent at painting large murals, many of which are gracing the walls of local public buildings and homes. Mildred worked in many mediums, pastel, watercolor, acrylic and oils, and was gifted in the use of each one equally. Mildred Terry joined the Massasoit Art Guild in 2002. Longtime residents of East Brookfield, MA, Mildred and husband Philip, who died in 2005, raised 11 children who gave them 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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BIG BIRD
Sept. 24 & 29th 11-1 & 2-4

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- Rock Wall
- Gemstone Mining
- Pony Rides
- Meechoo Train Ride
- Moon Bounce's
- Petting Zoo

RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN NOVEMBER?

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You can also place a political insert/flyer in our paper and insert by zip code to just your town. You supply the flyers, cost to insert an 8.5 x 11 one sheet flyer is just \$38 per thousand. For printing costs, please contact June.

All advertisements and flyers must contain the following information:

“Political Advertisement” at the top, and a “paid for by the committee to elect...” at the bottom.

Sample B&W sizes to place a political ad in the paper

1/8th page =	\$160
1/4 page =	\$336
1/2 page =	\$672
Full Page =	\$1344

These are sample sizes...any size is available for political advertising.

Top & Bottom of Front Page Ads are available Starting at \$200

Contact June at 508-909-4062 by Friday noon to place your ad in Section A; or Tues noon the week of to place the ad in Section B.

MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT!

Ad Libs by June

I don't know about you, but after watching the "biggest presidential debate in recent history" this week I am more confused than ever. Can we start a "write-in" campaign....Bill Belichick for President? :) I think we need a good coach to make America great again!!

The **WRITE STUFF** for **OCTOBER** will be out before the big election! Send in your thoughts about these two candidates and see if we can all get clarity before November 8th! All suggested topics are in this week's issue, but you can write about whatever is on your mind, appropriate of course. If you are a business and would like to be a sponsor of our readers writing page, please contact me.

Welcome **DURKIN & SONS TRUCKING CO.** to our family of advertisers! If you're looking for a reliable local guy for trash removal, weekly pickups and clean-outs, call Don at 508-885-4499!

If you haven't gotten your ad in for the **2017 BUSINESS, COMMUNITY & RESTAURANT GUIDE**, there is still time to reserve your spot. Call or email me for more information. I will extend the deadline as long as I can for all you procrastinators! Over 84 of our local businesses have already joined!

EXPERT STAFFING has some positions available in North Brookfield and surrounding areas. See their ad in our Town-To-Town Classified section for more info and contact information. Also looking for help, specifically, waitstaff, is **HAYMAKERS GRILL** in West Brookfield, and **QUABOAG REHABILITATION & SKILLED CARE CENTER** has openings for nurses, dietary ads, CNA's, and more. If you're looking for these types of positions, check out the ads!

Calling all **WOMEN IN BUSINESS** to join our special supplement on October 28. It's a great way to introduce yourself to the community. It's a Q&A format...email me and I'll be happy to send you the questions. Includes a photo. Cost starts at \$250 for a B&W ad to run 1/4 page in ALL 7 Mass papers! **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 12th!**

I'm still accepting photos for the **6TH ANNUAL PET HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST!** Send your cute pet photos to me by email by October 19th.

Have a great week! 😊

June Simakauskas
508-909-4062
email: jsima@stonebridgypress.com

LEGALS

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Steven Carroll a.k.a Carroll Property Management, LLC for the property located at

17, Wigwam Road, 21 Wigwam Road, and 106 North Main Street, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a two-family dwelling at each of these locations at the above conforming property in Rural Residential District requires a special permit as per sections, -3.2 Schedule of Use Regulations Use, - §3.22 Residential(3.) , (et al).

The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

September 30, 2016
October 7, 2016

Notice of Public Hearing- Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 18, 2016 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit-Applicants/Owners: George & Jane Ostiguy and Marjorie Frigon, Location: 327 Main Street, Spencer Assessor's Map U16-55-1. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under Section 6.2 Of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to receive a common driveway permit. The property is located within the

Village Residential zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday. September 30, 2016 October 7, 2016

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Major Site Plan Review-Applicant/Owner: Mark Andrews, Location: Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map U11/12. The applicant is requesting a Major Site Plan Review under Section 7.4. of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to construct two self-storage buildings. The property is located within the commercial zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday. September 30, 2016 October 7, 2016

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 16 SM 008540 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Donna J. Prouty; James G. Prouty** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.; 50 U.S.C. App. §501 *et seq.*: **U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Spencer**, numbered **20 Sunset Lane**, given by **Donna J. Prouty and James G. Prouty to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns**, dated **October 31, 2006**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **40085**, Page **242**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **October 24, 2016** or you will be

forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, **JUDITH C. CUTLER** Chief Justice of this Court on September 12, 2016
Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

(OM 15-008260)
September 30, 2016

Notice of Public Hearing- Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals
At the regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard: **Special Permit (Renewal)-Applicant Bond Construction Corp, Owner: Edward Hubacz & Joseph Hubacz, Jr., Location: Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R9-1& 2. The applicant is looking to renew their Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.**

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday. September 23, 2016 September 30, 2016

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



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

POLISH ORGANIST IN CONCERT
7:00 p.m.
Polish organist, Mirosława Cieslak will perform early Italian organ pieces as well as song from Poland with guest performers singing in Polish
ST. HEDWIG CHURCH
Everett St., Southbridge, MA
Concert is free and open to the public



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FINE ART AND CRAFT EXHIBIT AND SALE
Finnish American Heritage Society 76 N. Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169) Centerbury, CT
Indoor artisans, music, cafe
Free admission 860-974-2760

FABULOUS FALL EVENT
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
AMERICAN LEGION
227 Main St., Oxford, MA
Vendors, Raffles, Food

TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD
9:00 p.m.,
6-piece classic rock/contemporary band playing fun songs
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA

774-449-8333 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 p.m.
JOE MACEY
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
38th Annual
APPLE COUNTRY FAIR
Brookfield Town Common
Rain or shine
70+ craft booths, apple pie contest, quilt raffle and more!
5K run/walk begins at 8:00 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Register at www.running4free.com



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Northbridge Middle School
parking lot
171 Linwood Ave, Whitinsville, MA
Sponsored by Northbridge, Sutton, Uxbridge, Nipmuc Regional, co-op High School Hockey



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
LaSalle Reception Center

444 Main St., Southbridge, MA
\$8 for adults
\$5 for seniors and children
Tickets sold at the door
Sponsored by the bazaar committee of Saint John Paul II Parish

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

HARVEST FAIR
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
90 Bryn Mawr Ave.
Auburn, MA
9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Handmade knits and vintage linens, white elephant attic treasures
bake shoppe: homemade pies, candy, cakes and cookies pickles and cheese. Holiday shoppe and crafts
Vendors welcome
Contact Judy at jas2155@charter.net



ALBANIAN KITCHEN AND BAZAAR

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
St Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church
126 Morris St.
Southbridge, MA
Bake table, theme baskets, handmade beaded jewelry,
used books and this 'n that table
Dine in or take out at our Albanian Cafe



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

SAINT JOHN PAUL II PARISH BAZAAR
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Trinity Catholic Academy
11 Pine St., Southbridge, MA
Children's Games, Crafts, Village Bake Shop, Jar Deal
Theme Baskets, Parish Table,
Jewelry, Silent Auction, Community Raffle Table, Entertainment
Karol's Kafe opens for breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Great variety of items for lunch
Free admission
Ample parking
Handicapped accessible
For more info: 508-765-3701

ONGOING

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike,
Chepachet, RI 401-568-4102

TRIVIA NIGHT
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44)
Chepachet, RI

401-568-4102
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

HEXMARK TAVERN
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West Brookfield, MA
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AT THE STOMPING GROUND
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Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Open to the public
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1st table: 7:00 p.m.
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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Michael K. Olson and Jennifer A. Olson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Ally Bank Corp. f/k/a GMAC Bank, its successors and assigns, dated July 31, 2009 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44843, Page 1 subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Ally Bank Corp. f/k/a GMAC Bank, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 50632, Page 365 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Ocwen Loan servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 55640, Page 180; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on October 7, 2016 at 10 Bemis Street, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: Real property in the Township of Spencer, County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, described as follows: THE LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON OF EVERY NATURE AND DESCRIPTION AND ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND APPURTENANCES THERETO BELONGING, SITUATED ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF BEMIS STREET, IN THE TOWN OF SPENCER, COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: ON THE SOUTH 132 FEET BY SAID BEMIS STREET; ON THE WEST 132 FEET BY LAND FORMERLY OF PIERRE VANDALE AND JOSEPH BEDARD; ON THE NORTH 132 FEET BY LAND FORMERLY OF MRS. SYLVANUS CLAPP; ON THE EAST 132 FEET BY LAND FORMERLY OF TOUSSAINT RICHARD. Being all of that certain property conveyed to MICHAEL K. OLSON AND JENNIFER A. OLSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY FROM RICHARD W. MESSIER AND RUTH A. MESSIER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, by deed dated 10/12/2006 and recorded 10/27/2006 in Book 40049, Page 290 of official records. APN #: SPEN-2U-24

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
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14-015670

September 16, 2016
September 23, 2016
September 30, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE 490 Marshall Street Leicester, MA

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Paul D. Schold and Joann Schold to the Webster First Federal Credit Union** dated December 20, 2007 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 42230, Page 93, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breaching conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction, on the premises described in said mortgage on the **25th day October, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.** at the mortgaged premises **490 Marshall Street, Leicester, MA**, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage, and therein described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, situated in the southerly part of the Town of Paxton and also in the northerly part of the Town of Leicester, in said Worcester County, being described in a mortgage deed from Eveline E. Waters to Francis H. Inman, dated April 24, 1890 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 1321, Page 295 and also in deed recorded in said Deeds Book 1528, Page 136.

Said premises are conveyed subject to highway locations recorded in said Registry, September 29, 1948 and March 10, 1949 in Book 3148, Page 277 and Book 3174, Page 560, respectively.

EXCEPTING the land conveyed to Marshall Street Properties, LLC by deed of Paul D. Schold and Joann Schold dated August 26, 2005 and recorded in Book 37324, Page 174.

Being a portion of the same premises conveyed to grantor in certain deed dated June 2, 2005 and recorded herewith in said Registry in Book 36481, Page 167.

The said premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, mortgages, liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, unpaid taxes, municipal liens and other public taxes, assessments or liens, having priority over the mortgage described herein, if any. The above described lot is sold subject to the requirements of the Title V standards for subsurface sewerage disposal system 310CMR 15.00 et al.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of the Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale agreement executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right, but not the obligation, to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorney, Kevin M. David, Esquire, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) working days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder, and the balance of the sale price shall be paid by certified or bank check by the purchaser, and the deed shall be delivered to said second highest bidder, within twenty-nine (29) days of such notice.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee are exempt from this requirement); high bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid and tender deposit of \$5,000.00 in cash or by certified or bank treasurer's check. The balance is to be paid in cash or by certified or bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days thereafter to be deposited with Kevin M. David, Esquire, 271 Greenwood Street, Worcester, MA 01607. A foreclosure deed will be delivered upon payment of the balance due. The description of the premises in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WEBSTER FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Present Holder of Said Mortgage
Kevin M. David
Attorney for the Mortgagee
271 Greenwood Street
P.O. Box 70505
Worcester, MA 01607
Dated: September 30, 2016, October 7, 2016, October 14, 2016
September 30, 2016
October 7, 2016
October 14, 2016

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Thomas D. Snow a/k/a Thomas Snow, of West Brookfield, and Rebecca A. Peterson a/k/a Rebecca Peterson, of North Brookfield, both in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Southbridge Savings Bank, dated May 26, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 36454, Page 306, which mortgage has never been assigned, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction, on the premises described in said mortgage, and known as 156 New Braintree Road, West Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on Thursday, the 20th day of October, 2016, at one o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage, and therein described as follows:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in said West Brookfield, on the westerly side of the highway leading from West Brookfield to New Braintree containing one (1) or more acre more or less and bounded and described as follows:

On the north, west and south by land formerly of William M. Richardson and on the east by said highway.

Being Tract I conveyed to Thomas Snow and Rebecca Peterson by deed of One Princeton Street Realty Trust, Jamie Brown Trustee dated September 12, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 27485, Page 296.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

A Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollar non-refundable deposit will be required to be paid by certified check or in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale and the balance upon delivery of Deed within forty-five (45) days of said sale at the office of Montague & Desautels, 334 Main Street, Southbridge, Massachusetts, 01550. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale immediately after the close of bidding.

As an additional condition and term of the sale, in the event the successful bidder refuses to sign the Memorandum of Sale or fails to complete the purchase in accordance with the terms and conditions of said foreclosure sale, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the mortgaged premises to the next highest bidder ("Second Bidder") and to accept all bids upon the condition that the Second Bidder shall deposit with mortgagee's attorney the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder. Upon deposit of the Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars earnest money by the Second Bidder, the Second Bidder shall become the Buyer for purposes of the foregoing paragraphs and completion of sale. In addition, in the event of default by the successful Bidder and the Second Bidder, Mortgagee reserves the right to assume the Second highest bid and proceed with the purchase of the property in accordance with the Memorandum of Sale.

This sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the Mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale.

Other terms and conditions to be announced at the sale.

SOUTHBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK
By its attorneys,
Montague & Desautels
334 Main Street
Southbridge, MA 01550
Telephone: (508) 764-3244
September 23, 2016
September 30, 2016
October 7, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Joshua E. Buckley and Jacquelynn Buckley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Sunset Mortgage Company, LP DBA SMCMA Mortgage Company, a Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns, dated April 27, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41052, Page 303 subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Sunset Mortgage Company, SP

DBA SMCMA Mortgage Company, a Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 47871, Page 21; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on October 7, 2016 at 29 Clark Street, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land in the Town of Spencer, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, situated at the corner of Clark and Salem Streets, bounded and described as follows: On the South by Clark Street; On the East by said Salem Street; On the North by land, now or formerly, of Pierre Kashy; and On the West by land formerly of John Lacaire. For title reference see deed dated December 16, 2003 and recorded December 18, 2003 in Book 32486. Page 341.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
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Phone: (781) 790-7800
15-015052

September 16, 2016
September 23, 2016
September 30, 2016

Notice of Public Hearing-Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

At the regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit (Renewal) - Applicant/ Owner: Leo Aucoin. Location: 89 Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R2-211. The applicant is looking to renew his Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

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

September 23, 2016
September 30, 2016

NORTH BROOKFIELD PLANNING BOARD

The North Brookfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing and meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:15pm at the Senior Center, 29 Forest Street on the special permit application of Healthwise Foundation, Inc. 66 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA for a medical marijuana dispensary/cultivation facility at 60 Prospect Street, under by-law Section VI, subsections G & H, site plan review and registered marijuana dispensary/cultivation locations. Owner of the parcel is Admass, LLC, 43 West 47th Street, Suite 203, New York, NY. A copy of the application and other pertinent information is available at the office of the Town Clerk, 215 North Main Street.
William King
Chairman
September 30, 2016
October 7, 2016

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Christine A Cabana and Edward P. Cabana to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc d/b/a SurePoint Lending, dated September 22, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39897, Page 270, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc d/b/a Surepoint Lending to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-20 dated May 31, 2012 and recorded with said registry on June 7, 2012 at Book 49093 Page 128, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on October 11, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 42 WOODSIDE RD, SPENCER, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in Spencer with buildings thereon on the Easterly side of Woodside Road bounded and described as follows.

Being a tract of land shown as Lots #9 and #10 on a plan of land entitled Plan of Land in Spencer, Mass., owned by Raoul Chalifoux by Theodore P. Drazek, dated December 3, 1971 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 358, Plan 19. See also Plan Book 186, Plan 107.

Being the same property conveyed to Edward P. Cabana and Christine A. Cabana, husband and wife, by Quitclaim Deed dated February 8, 1999, of record in Book 21018, Page 290, in the Office of the Registry of Deeds of Worcester County, Massachusetts.

Being the same property commonly known as: 42 Woodside Road, Spencer, MA 01562

Tax ID No.: Map R39; Lot 24

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21018, Page 290.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-20
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201504-0249 - PRP

September 16, 2016
September 23, 2016
September 30, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Amy L. Fredette and Caryn Fredette to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, First American Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, dated April 16, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 33350, Page 266 subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, First American Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 52464, Page 236 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 55640, Page 178; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on October 14, 2016 at 67 & 67 1/2 Chestnut Street, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land with buildings in Spencer, MA on the South side of Chestnut Street, bounded and described as follows: On the North about 58 1/2 feet by said street; On the East about 10 rods by land formerly owned by Alex Wedge and land formerly owned by Augustus Delude. On the South about 60 1/2 feet by land formerly of Jeremiah Earley; and On the West about 10 rods by land now or formerly of Francois Collette II. Granting also a right of way on the East side of said tract and a right to a well on said Collette land. Being the same premises conveyed to Donald R. Faucher, Jr. and Linda C. Faucher by Deed of Charles J. Comeau and Anne T. Comeau dated July 15, 1988, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 11479 at Page 52. For our title reference see deed recorded in said Registry at Book 25890, Page 7.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
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14-014472

September 23, 2016
September 30, 2016
October 7, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by John Cabana, AKA John R. Cabana to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated November 10, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40147, Page 355 subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank national Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through certificates, Series 2007-EMX1 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., its successors and/or assigns by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 54033, Page 282; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on October 21, 2016 at 29 Pleasant Street, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon located on the westerly side of Pleasant Street and the southerly side of Prouty Street in said Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follow : Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of Pleasant street with the southerly line of Prouty Street; THENCE southerly along the westerly line of Pleasant Street, 46.50 feet; THENCE westerly along land now or formerly of one Muir, 98 feet to land of John A. Foley et ux; THENCE northerly along land of said John A. Foley et ux, 46.50 feet to the southerly line of Prouty Street; THENCE easterly along the southly line of Prouty Street, 98 feet to the place of beginning. For Mortgagor's Title, See Deed duly recorded herewith. Book 40147, Page 353.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-EMX1
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
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15-010213

September 30, 2016
October 7, 2016
October 14, 2016

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 16 SM 008775 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Neil Coran; Patricia A. Coran and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.; 50 U.S.C. App. §501 *et seq.*: **Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2005-HE6, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series OOMC 2005-HE6**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Spencer**, numbered **25 Pearl Street**, given by **Neil Coran and Patricia A. Coran** to **Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation**, dated **April 25, 2005**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **36189**, Page **307**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **October 31, 2016** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, **JUDITH C. CUTLER** Chief Justice of this Court on September 16, 2016

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

(OM 14-018577)
September 30, 2016

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Pierre Brouillard has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a retaining wall located at 29 Jolicoeur Avenue, Spencer, MA.

Michael Tavilla has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to re-construct a retaining wall and stairs, and remove and reset an existing dock located at 91 Clark Road, Spencer, MA.

Gerald Ferguson has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to re-construct a block retaining wall located at 103 Clark Road, Spencer, MA.

John Joyce has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to re-construct a field stone retaining wall, construct a boat ramp, demolish house and re-construct a new house located at 9 & 10 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA.

Capstone Realty has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a single family home, septic system, and well located at 9 Debbie Drive, Spencer, MA.

Capstone Realty has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a single family home, septic system, and well located at 13 Debbie Drive, Spencer, MA.

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
September 30, 2016



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B



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3 pre-winter lawn care pointers



Winter weather can be harsh, especially on lawns. Homeowners who spend much of spring and summer tending to their lawns may fear the impact that winter will have on their once-lush landscapes, making the fall a great time to fortify lawns against any harsh conditions to come.

Homeowners must take grass type into consideration before taking steps to prepare their lawns for the winter. Some grasses are best fertilized in late-summer, while others should be fertilized in autumn. Cool-season grasses, including fescue and bluegrass, are best fertilized sometime between the months of September and November. Warm-season grasses, such as Bermuda or zoysia, should be fertilized between July and September. Once homeowners have gained a greater understanding of their lawns, they can begin exploring the various ways to prepare their lawns for whatever winter has in store.

1. Explore winterizing fertilizers.

Homeowners who want to make their grasses more winter hardy can consult landscaping professionals to determine

if winterizing fertilizers will work for their lawns. These specially formulated fertilizers, many of which are made exclusively for cool-season grasses, contain higher levels of potassium and lower levels of nitrogen than early-season fertilizers. Potassium helps strengthen and harden plants, and cool-season grasses may need extra potassium as winter settles in. Homeowners who are not sure if they should apply winterizing fertilizer can conduct soil tests to determine the potassium levels in their soil. If the test indicates the soil has sufficient potassium, then applying a winterizing fertilizer is likely unnecessary. In addition, homeowners who have fed their lawn a balance of nutrients throughout spring and summer likely will not need to apply winterizing fertilizer.

2. Get rid of fallen leaves.

While fallen leaves may be integral components of idyllic autumn landscapes, leaves left on the lawn throughout the winter may lead to disease in the grass. Leaves trap moisture and block sunlight and air from reaching grass, and that can encourage the devel-

opment of disease. In addition, leaves can harbor insects that also may contribute to disease. While it might seem like common sense to delay leaf removal until the end of autumn when all the leaves have fallen, that, too, can prove harmful to lawns. Leaves left laying on lawns for long periods of time can contribute to the same types of damage as leaves left on the lawn throughout winter, so do your best to remove leaves as they fall.

3. Take steps to fight snow mold.

Homeowners who live in regions where snow falls into spring or where spring tends to be cold and damp may want to take steps to prevent snow mold. Gray snow mold typically looks fuzzy and gray, and lawns infested with snow mold may develop unsightly gray or brown spots indicative of dead grass. Pink snow mold may be even worse than gray snow mold because pink mold attacks the roots as well as the leaves. To prevent snow mold, continue mowing into the fall, even as lawns grow dormant, clearing the lawn of grass clippings and leaves after each mow. Thick lawns may provide a breeding ground for snow mold, so homeowners whose lawns have a history of developing snow mold may benefit from mowing their lawns into the fall.

Winter is rarely easy on lawns, but homeowners can take several steps to prepare their lawns for potentially harsh winter weather. FH168291

Identifying problems that can threaten lush lawns

Landscaping can be a rewarding hobby that instills a sense of pride in homeowners. Whether you prefer to get your hands dirty planting perennials or devote the bulk of your attention to crafting a lush, green lawn, chances are you will run into a problem during lawn and garden season.

Some problems are easy to identify, while others are more complex. The following are a handful of diseases homeowners may encounter when spending time on maintaining their lawns and gardens over the next several months.

ANTHRACNOSE

Anthracnose is a term used to describe various diseases that produce a host of unsightly symptoms. Those symptoms include tan to brown leaf spots or blotches; distorted, cupped or curled leaves; irregular defoliation, such as leaves falling in spring; and dieback, a condition in which trees or shrubs begin to die from the tips of their leaves or roots backward. Permanent damage due to anthracnose is rare, but the diseases can weaken trees over time and that can leave them vulnerable to pest infestations.



BROWN PATCH

Brown patch is unsightly and most likely to occur during summer. According to the Penn State Center for Turfgrass Science, perennial ryegrass, tall fescue and bentgrasses are the grass species most susceptible to brown patch. When a lawn is suffering from brown

patch, its leaves and stems die out in large, circular patches. In high-cut grasses, these patches can stretch from a few inches to several feet. Tall fescue grasses may not exhibit symptoms of brown patch in patches. In such instances, the brown patch may be noticeable on individual leaves that fea-

ture tan or light brown lesions, and the Center for Turfgrass Science notes that these lesions will be surrounded by dark brown borders.

DOLLAR SPOT

The American Phytopathological Society

notes that dollar spot refers to a disease of the leaves of turfgrass. Grasses suffering from dollar spot will have white to straw-colored lesions that progress downward from the leaf tip or laterally across leaf blades. Leaf blades affected by dollar spot may have several small lesions or one large lesion, and in some instances, the entire leaf blade may be affected. Turfgrass affected by dollar spot may be susceptible to weed invasions.

SUMMER PATCH

Summer patch is most common in warm climates and is characterized by yellow to straw-colored patches that can be several inches or several feet in diameter. According to Scotts Lawnservice, summer patch is often linked to shallow root systems that result from poor soil conditions. Large swaths of grass suffering from summer patch can be an eyesore, appearing as though the grass has burned under the summer sun.

Lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs are susceptible to the elements. Identifying lawn diseases quickly can help homeowners find solutions before the problems escalate. GT164990

Autumn yard work gone 'green'

Autumn marks the time to transition from the hot days of summer to the chilly weather of winter. As people remove sweaters and long pants from storage, cleaning up their yards also may be on their minds.

Fall is a season of beautiful foliage, but once that magical color show is over, thousands of leaves have fallen to the ground, necessitating a few weekends' worth of yard work. Some homeowners may be on the lookout for environmentally friendly ways to handle autumn yard work, and thankfully there are plenty of eco-friendly ways to tackle such tasks.

Leaves

The tallest task with regard to fall yard work is collecting the leaves

that fall to the ground. Some homeowners prefer to wait until all of the leaves have fallen before starting the collection process, while others handle the task in stages to make it more manageable. Regardless of your timing, skip the noisy gas- or electric-powered leaf blower in favor of a reliable rake. Raking not only collects the leaves but also helps men and women burn calories while ensuring they are not creating any noise or air pollution.

Invest in a durable, ergonomic rake to get the job done quickly and without injury. Innovators are constantly reinventing the rake, and now there are designs that do not trap leaves, saving homeowners from the

time-consuming tasks of cleaning the rake's teeth. Rake on a calm day so the wind isn't thwarting your efforts.

When it comes time to bag the leaves, use biodegradable paper bags or look for mesh-like bags that are made from cornstarch. These are more eco-friendly than plastic bags, which can take much longer to decompose.

You won't need to dispose of all the leaves you collect. Shred some to use as mulch, which can prevent soil erosion during the winter. Some leaves can be added to compost piles or used as a soil amendment in planting beds.

Compost

Autumn is an ideal time of year to get start-

ed on building a compost bin. Take advantage of the cooler temperatures to make outdoor work more comfortable.

According to the Audubon Society, American yards generate two tons of clippings each year. A lot of that waste ends up being bagged and thrown away. Instead of producing waste, compost leaves and grass trimmings to use as valuable fertilizer come the spring planting season.

When choosing a location for your compost bins, be sure to place them a good distance away from the house but near enough to garden beds. Most yard waste and food debris can be added to the compost pile. Just avoid animal products, which can produce



Skip the leaf blower and pick up a rake for eco-friendly leaf cleanup.

harmful bacteria.

Keep the compost damp and turn it periodically to facilitate the decomposition process. Soak finished compost in water to create "compost tea." This liquid mixture can be sprayed on lawns in the fall to give the yard

a nutrient boost that promotes healthy regrowth when the warmer weather returns.

Eco-friendly lawn care can save energy, money and natural resources. TF149545

FALL

Strategies for proper pruning

As the leaves fall off the trees and greenery thins out for the season, exposing branches and undergrowth along the way, homeowners may be tempted to prune their trees and shrubs. But while autumn pruning may seem like a good idea, many gardening experts say it is often best for homeowners to wait until winter or early spring before pruning.

Although pruning does thin out branches and tame spent blooms, which can be eyesores, pruning also stimulates new growth. Pruning in the autumn, when plants are naturally preparing to go dormant, can weaken the plants considerably. This can compromise their chances of surviving into the next growing season.

Fall temperatures also can be deceiving. While it may be warm during the day when the sun is shining, temperatures can quickly drop overnight. Pruning during the warmth of day, when the sap has risen in the plants, may deplete energy from the plant. When the mercury drops at night, the plant can suffer.

If you must spend time in the yard in the fall, tend to the leaves and debris that have already fallen to the ground rather than focusing energy

on fall pruning. If you have been diligent during the spring and summer, your shrubs and other plants likely won't need pruning at this time of year.

Wait until winter before taking out the shears. At this point, the woody parts of many plants are dormant and will not be harmed or primed to grow by the pruning. Chances are you won't prune too much as well, as chilly temperatures will keep you from spending too much time outdoors.

When it's time to prune, consider these other pointers.

- * Keep tools clean and in good working order. You risk injury if your tools are dull and in poor shape overall. Spend time sharpening pruners and keep manual tools oiled and clean. Debris can lodge itself in clippers, making it more difficult to open and shut them. Wash and dry tools after use, especially when dealing with diseased plants. Otherwise you risk spreading disease to healthy plants.

- * Cut back stems completely. It's usually a good idea to prune branches back to the main stem. Leaving a portion sticking out can catch on people or animals and produce a gathering spot for bacteria and insects. Take out thinner,



Fall pruning can stimulate growth in plants preparing for winter dormancy, threatening their ability to return next spring and summer.

smaller shoots first before moving on to any dead or dying branches.

- * Prune dry branches. Do not prune when plants are wet. Pruning damp plants encourag-

es the growth of microbes that can infiltrate the plant. This is not as significant a problem in the winter, when microbes have already been killed.

- * Ask an expert. If you are

unsure of how and when to prune particular plants, consult with an expert at a nursery or wherever you buy your plants. FH149522

Simplify fall leaf cleanup

Apple pie, pumpkins and blooming chrysanthemums are symbols of autumn. But nothing signals the arrival of fall more than the millions of leaves that begin to cascade from the trees as the temperatures dip.

Many people feel nothing is more beautiful than the yellow, red, purple, and orange leaves that coat neighborhoods and countrysides each fall. But in spite of their beauty, leaves might be a nuisance to homeowners tasked with removing the growing piles of them from their lawns. Those with large oak and maple trees in front of their homes understand the seemingly endless work of leaf removal.

As the days begin to grow shorter and colder, these changes trigger a hormone release in trees, prompting them to drop their leaves. This chemical message causes the formation of abscission cells where the leaf stem meets the branch, say botanists at the Missouri Botanical Garden. So rather than merely dropping off of trees when the wind blows, the leaves actually fall off deliberately.

Left untouched, fallen leaves can contribute



to lawn problems such as poor aeration, mold growth and moisture issues. Leaves also can cause staining on driveways and walkways. Prompt removal can help prevent any problems. To make faster and easi-

er work of leaf removal, keep these tips in mind.

- Mow over thin leaf coverage. If only a few leaves have fallen, use a mulching mower to shred the leaves until they are small enough that they won't suffocate the lawn.

The small pieces will decompose in the lawn, reintroducing nutrients as a result.

- Use an ergonomic leaf rake. Ergonomic rakes can prevent back and arm pain, much in the way that ergonomic

shovels do when shoveling snow.

- Invest in a quality leaf blower. Using a rake is good exercise, but homeowners with large properties might want to use a leaf blower. These machines can dislodge

leaves from bushes and hard-to-reach crevices, and they work faster than rakes.

- Use a tarp. Rake or blow leaves onto a tarp and then drag the tarp to the curbside or to the back of a truck for proper disposal. Special leaf scoopers enable you to grab more leaves if they need to be picked up and transported. Otherwise, you can use the covers from two garbage pails to achieve a similar effect.

- Work with the wind. Rake in the direction the wind is blowing and downhill if your property slopes. This way it will be easier on you, and you won't be working against Mother Nature.

- Spread out the job. Do not attempt to remove all fallen leaves in a single day. Schedule a few cleaning days during the season to make lighter work of the job than if you tried to do it all at once. Keep in mind that leaves will continue to fall throughout the season and you may need to spend a few days removing leaves from your yard.

Removing leaves is a large part of fall home maintenance. Employ these tips to make this task less strenuous. FH168298

Creative ways to recycle leaves



Leaves cascading down from trees indicate the arrival of autumn. However, colorful and awe-inspiring autumn leaves can be a hazard if left to lie on the ground too long.

Fallen leaves form a dense insulator to protect trees' roots and prevent competing plants from growing. Decomposing

leaves also provide nutrients for the tree. But wet leaves can be a safety hazard and leaves left on the lawn through the winter can pose a threat to the grass. These are just a couple of reasons why so much effort is placed on leaf clean-up in the fall. The following are some creative ways to recycle leaves

that fall from your trees in the weeks to come.

- Mulch: Shredded leaves can make for a great amendment to fertilizer for garden beds and even the lawn. Leaves lying on the grass can be mulched into small pieces with a mulching mower so they don't choke the blades of grass. Leaves also can be broken down with a string trimmer, a leaf blower that has a vacuum function or a commercial shredder/chipper. Add the shredded leaves to a compost pile or use them to fill container plants before adding regular potting soil.

- Insulation: Collect leaves to mound over delicate perennial plants and shrubs. The leaves will add more warmth to the soil and may help plants make it through harsh winters. Just remove the leaves slowly when spring arrives so that the soil underneath can get the sunlight and water it needs to thrive. Leave some leaves in the yard so that animals can

use them as nesting material and line their dens for the winter.

- Stuffing: Create whimsical scarecrows as part of your autumn decoration scheme. Gather older clothes that you no longer use and stuff the sleeves of shirts and the legs of pants with leaves, which are less expensive and easier to come by than straw. Use a few pieces of straw around the neck and hand areas of the scarecrow for visual effect. Tie off with twine and display your scarecrow.

- Bedding: Chicken owners can use fallen leaves as bedding in their chicken coops. Dry leaves also may create more comfortable and drier conditions for goats and other livestock. Goats may look to recently fallen leaves as a nutritious food source. Gather the leaves and let the goats munch before you further rake and compost the leaves.

- Decorations: Natural leaves

can be used as decorations both inside and outside a home. String freshly fallen leaves together and wrap them around a grapevine wreath for a rustic door decoration. Leaves can be placed in clear vases and put on display for a cheap way to showcase some autumn color. Preserve favorite leaves with a lamination machine or by sealing them between heated sheets of waxed paper. Cut out the leaf shapes and use for hanging window decorations.

- Recreation: Leaves have long been favorite toys for children, who eagerly await jumping into large piles of fallen leaves. Fill paper bags with leaves and draw a target on the front. Let kids test their skill aiming for the targets. Children can camouflage their clothing with leaves and masking tape and have a more intense session of "hide and seek." TF159521

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