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Leicester celebrates 21st annual Harvest Fair



Live music took place throughout the day.

Photos Kevin Flanders

LEICESTER – The 21st annual Leicester Harvest Fair featured a new venue and arrangement this year, but guests still enjoyed the same fall-time fun expected of the beloved festival.

The Sept. 18 event took place on the former Becker College campus. After excessive rains this summer delayed a sidewalk improvement project on the Town Common, Harvest Fair organizers were forced to move the event from its typical home.

After receiving Select Board approval, organizers pivoted quickly from their original plans to the

new arrangement at Becker. And it turned out the emergency stand-in venue was enjoyed just as much by many vendors and guests as the Common. Some vendors even preferred the Becker setup.

The fair featured live music, historical exhibits, artisan demonstrations, children's games, pumpkin decorating, face painting, a silent auction, food vendors, a farmers market, and multiple crafters.

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Jennifer Nozzolillo, of Oxford, left, and Linda Remillard enjoy the fall festivities.



Paul Davis, left, and Mike Kemp represent the Leicester Parks and Recreation Committee.

Leicester moves closer to acquiring Becker campus

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – After an overwhelming show of support from voters at last week's Special Town Meeting, Leicester's proposed acquisition of the Becker College property moved one step closer to becoming a reality.

At the Sept. 14 Special Town Meeting, residents voted 546-52 in favor of acquiring the Becker campus adjacent to the Town Common.

"What a great day for the town of Leicester. The people of Leicester knew what they wanted, and kept to the task before them at the Special Town Meeting," said Selectman Allen Phillips.

To fully greenlight the purchase, a second authorization was required at Tuesday's Special Election (Sept. 21). The election, which took place after this week's edition went to press,

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Home cooking helps Rams get past Quaboag

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge High varsity field hockey team had played three games so far in the 2021 season, and all were away from the home confines of Lasell Field. Unfortunately for the Rams, they were 0-3 on the road.

But a little home cooking worked wonders for Northbridge, as they hosted Quaboag Regional on Thursday, Sept. 16 and enjoyed their first win of the season, 3-2.

"It's nice to get one on the board. We were right in all three of those games," Rams' head coach Kerin Buma said. "Tantasqua and Leicester were one-goal games [both 1-0] and Auburn was two [4-2]."

"Doing it at home, too, is just what they needed to get things moving in the right direction," Buma added. "It's nice to get a notch in the win column and put that momentum forward and get that confidence up."

Northbridge got on the board first.

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Photos Nick Ethier

Hanna Nemeroff of Quaboag lifts the ball up and over the reach of Northbridge's Sophia Boisseau.

Spencer officials narrow TA search down to three finalists

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – After a lengthy search for town administrator candidates, officials have narrowed down the field to three finalists and two alternates.

The Town Administrator Search Committee has worked for several weeks to vet candidates and produce a final pool of top contenders. John Howard, the Select Board's designee to the search committee, has been encouraged by the breadth of knowledge and experience among the final candidates.

"They are very experienced, and have strong backgrounds. Hopefully they

will shine in the interviews," Howard told the New Leader.

Officials also wanted to ensure they named at least two solid alternate options to the final pool, in case the leading candidates don't accept the position or fail to align with the Board's vision.

The next step in the process is Select Board interviews of the final candidates, which should take place later this month and early in October. If the process stays on schedule, officials hope to name the next town administrator in November. Select Board Chairman Gary Woodbury said it's important for

officials to take their time throughout the interview process and not rush into a decision.

Spencer has been on the hunt for a new administrator since Thomas Gregory left in the spring after three years on the job. Not only will his successor be tasked with helping to lead the community out of the COVID-19 crisis, but also advancing several inherited projects and proposals across town. These include blight mitigation plans, downtown redevelopment, ongoing improvement projects, and the management of solar development once the moratorium ends in November.

Candidate interviews with selectmen were expected to begin on Sept. 20.

In recent months, Interim Town Administrator William Ross has handled Spencer's projects and administration. He previously served in an interim TA capacity before Gregory was hired in 2018. Officials thank him for his willingness to continue assisting the town on an interim basis to ensure continuity.

To learn more about the interview process and upcoming important dates, visit www.spencerma.gov.



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COLLECTIBLES
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According to the local dealers I spoke with, the September Brimfield show was a success. One told me that two large sales at the beginning of their show more than covered their expenses. Beyond this great local news, there has also been plenty of other antique related news from across the country.

National news begins with the sale of a 286-piece collection of rare antique portraits by some of the first Black photographers. According to NPR, in 1975, Larry West found a portrait of an African American person in a box of daguerreotypes in a New York antique store. NPR said that "his collection of 286 objects dating from the 1840s to about 1925, which includes daguerreotypes and other early types of photographic works" was sold to the Smithsonian after multiple museums competed

for the collection. NPR reported that "daguerreotypes were widely popular in the 1840s and 1850s and it's estimated that 3 to 5 million were made in the United States. But only 30,000 to 40,000 still exist." Further, there are only a small percentage of daguerreotypes from African American photography studios. West's collection contained 40 of these rare daguerreotypes. The collection will be displayed at the Smithsonian through 2023.

Further West, Al Capone's favorite gun and other personal effects are headed to auction in California. Capone was referred to as "Public Enemy No. 1" after the "Valentine's Day Massacre" where seven rival bootleggers were killed. However, his granddaughters who are auctioning his belongings remember him differently. Diane Capone described him as "very loving, very devoted to family, very generous." One of the items to be auctioned is a letter Al Capone wrote to his son Albert "Sonny"

Capone. Capone called Sonny the "son of my heart" in a letter he wrote while serving an 11-year term in Alcatraz for tax evasion. Other items being offered include "diamond-encrusted jewelry with [Capone's] initials, family photographs and his favorite handgun." According to the AP, the highlight of the sale is "the Colt .45-caliber pistol Capone always carried with him and used several times to protect himself." Diane Capone was unsure if the gun was involved in any crimes.

In other news, the Iowa Hawk Eye reported that Jim Sonnevile started collecting Coke bottles after one of his sons found a bottle while working on a construction site. He gave the bottle to his dad who became more curious about its origins. He continued buying bottles and now has around 1,200 in his collection. Sonnevile hopes to add a rare Hutchinson bottle to his collection. Charles Hutchinson of Chicago, IL patented the bot-

tle that became popular in the 1880s. A Hutchinson Coca Cola bottle sold at auction for \$7,000 in 2014. Much better than a 5 cent deposit.

Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items is now open for bidding. Our next multi-estate online auction will begin next month and end in early November. I'll be presenting on antiques and collectibles on Saturday, Oct. 30 at FinnFunn Weekend in Troy, New Hampshire. My "Evaluating your antiques" night class will take place on November 10th at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton, Mass., and on Saturday, Nov. 13, I'll also be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>.

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North Brookfield Cultural Council seeks grant proposals

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield Cultural Council (NBCC) has set a grant application submission date of Oct. 15 for organizations, schools, and individuals to present community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs that support cultural activities in the community.

According to NBCC Chair Laura

Dusty, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in North Brookfield, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

This year, the North Brookfield Cultural Council will distribute \$6,300 in grants. The Council looks forward to considering and choosing this year's worthy proposals!

The North Brookfield Cultural Council prioritizes those proposals that have the greatest impact on the community and serve specific audiences, as well as those that work to bring together diverse groups. School programs, senior programs, library programs and local organizations are priorities and should demonstrate the backing of the appropriate authorities. In order to maximize the funds, the council may partially fund a proposal. For more

details and funding guidelines, visit the webpage.

Applicants must apply electronically online at www.mass-culture.org/North-Brookfield. If you do not have a computer, please visit the Hoston Free Public Library or your local library for assistance, or email Laura Dusty at dustyl@lpsma.net if you need to make other arrangements. The deadline for submitting applications is Oct. 15.

The North 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 network 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.

For specific guidelines and complete information on the North Brookfield Cultural Council, visit www.mass-culture.org/North-Brookfield or send an email to: NorthBrookfieldCulturalCouncil@gmail.com. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org/lcc.

The NBCC is seeking new members of North Brookfield to join us as we review grant proposals and distribute funds in support of programs that enhance our community. The time commitment is minimal, but the reward of doing something that directly impacts our community in a meaningful way is priceless!

If you are interested in serving on the NBCC, please complete a volunteer application form or contact Laura Dusty at dustyl@lpsma.net for more information.

cused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.

Nichols College welcomes Fall 2021 students

DUDLEY — Nichols College is excited to welcome new transfer students to the herd this fall 2021 semester.

Megan Brown of N. Brookfield Anthony Hernandez of Spencer About Nichols College

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-fo-

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featured a debt exclusion request of \$19.9 million for the acquisition of the property.

Home to 19 buildings on 28 acres, the college closed at the end of this past academic year due to financial struggles worsened by COVID-19. The property includes a new turf field; a campus center; a veterinary health clinic; a gymnasium; the historic May House; several dormitories and other residences; and the Swan Library. Additionally, the college's kitchen, gym equipment, and veterinary equipment are included in the sale, as well as the IT network and equipment.

Officials and residents alike are excited about the municipal and community possibilities for the campus, if final approval of the acquisition is authorized. Officials said portions of the property would be used to significantly improve the town's schooling situation. Last year, voters rejected a new school proposal, and officials have scrambled to find a solution to aging school buildings and outdated equipment.

"Our educators will be able to offer different programs and vocational types of classes, and create a college type of

learning, thus preparing our kids for the future," Selectman Phillips said of the potential acquisition during a previous interview. "Leicester can become an education destination."

Officials are also emphasizing the historical significance of acquiring the campus. They are especially interested in preserving the May House, which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad. Several voters told the New Leader they support the town acquisition to ensure that outside businesses and organizations don't take over the campus.

Two open house events were held at Becker over the summer to familiarize voters with the property prior to town meetings.

Looking ahead, if the final authorization is granted at the Special Election, the town would likely form committees to help determine a comprehensive plan following the acquisition, officials said. Additionally, the Select Board and Town Administrator's office would work together to create a building maintenance and grounds plan for all newly acquired structures.

To learn more about the Becker acquisition proposal, visit the town website: www.leicesterma.org. You can also contact the Town Administrator's office at 508-892-7077.

Attention North Brookfield Water Users:
WATER MAIN FLUSHING
Oct. 4, 2021 through Oct. 22, 2021

The North Brookfield Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout town beginning Monday, October 4 through Friday, October 22, 2021.

The purpose of the flushing is to remove sediment buildup in the mains. The flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles dislodged during the flushing. This discoloration might stain your laundry, especially white materials.

Flushing is performed between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. We post our daily flushing schedule on the North Brookfield Water Department's Facebook page. If you would like additional information, please call the Water Department at (508) 867-0207.



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North Brookfield Savings Bank announces success of school supply drive

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is committed to excellence and the support of their local communities, which is exactly why the Bank hosts the annual Back to School Supply Drive fundraiser in order to help children from their local communities to excel in school. With the fundraiser coming to a close, and the children returning to their school classrooms, North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the fundraiser was a resounding success! In fact, because of the Bank's contribution and the overwhelming support of local neighbors and community members, many of the children had a special backpack full of supplies to help start their school year of right. Shortly after our drive started in the beginning of August, we had a local resident make a very generous contribution of \$500! North Brookfield Savings Bank was proud to match this donation with a contribution of an additional \$500, kicking off this drive with not only supplies for each branch's display, but \$1,000!

"We frequently hear that our customers love this fundraiser, and we love it too! Back to School season is such an exciting time of year and we are so happy to work with our community members to support our local children," said Andrea Healy, Senior Vice President of Human Resources. "I think we all agree that each and every child, regardless of income or circumstances, deserves the opportunity to be as prepared as possible to receive their education and start the school year feeling positive. It is so wonderful to be involved and help make that possible."

Throughout August, North Brookfield Savings Bank employees, customers and community members showed their kindness and generosity by making thousands of donations. Many supporters visited the branches donating multiple backpacks and overflowing shopping bags of supplies, including pencils, notebooks, erasers, pencil cases, folders, and lunch boxes. When the fund-



Photo Courtesy

North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to support our local students of Warren Community Elementary School through the Back to School Supply Drive. Shown is North Brookfield Savings Bank West Brookfield Branch Customer Experience Manager Meagan Brousseau delivering school supplies donated by generous community members, customers and NBSB employees to Warren Community Elementary School Employee Brian Guimond.

raiser came to a close all school supply items were collected to be distributed to the children of local schools.

School supply donations were delivered directly to local elementary schools where the welcoming staff divided up the collected supply items and prepared them for children who would benefit from them in the coming first days of school. This year, the Bank used the monetary donations from this drive to provide those same local elementary schools gift cards to fill in the gaps for any items they may need to start off this school year. A \$200 Amazon Gift Card was provided to each of our local

elementary schools.

The School Supply Drive fundraiser is a special event that brings joy to both those who donate and those who receive. It is so exciting to be able to help support local school children have the best year they can by starting off on the right foot," said Nicole Syriac Marketing Coordinator. "We are overwhelmed and grateful for the continued generosity shown by the members of our communities. We all recognize the importance of every single child having what they need to start school the right way. Our sincerest thanks to everyone who showed their support."

House bill seeks to block vaccination requirements

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — In a recently filed bill, State Rep. Peter Durant is seeking to prohibit the mandate of vaccine requirements as a condition of entry.

House Bill 4416, filed by Durant (R – Spencer), was signed by 10 Republicans and two Democrats. Supporters include Rep. Donald Berthiaume, also from Spencer.

The bill seeks to prevent schools, businesses, government agencies, and other entities from requiring proof of vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition of entry to buildings. The proposed legislation applies to both public and private entities.

"These vaccine mandates are very concerning on many levels," Durant told the New Leader. "I am not anti-vaccine. I have been vaccinated, but I am against these kinds of blanket mandates that take away individual liberties."

With restaurants, businesses, sporting venues, and other locations across the country demanding that guests show proof of COVID-19 vaccination for entry, Durant is aiming to prevent this approach from gaining traction in Massachusetts. He was initially contacted by college students upset about school mandates requiring vaccination in order to study on campus. Weeks later, with dozens of other agencies and businesses announcing plans for vaccine mandates, Durant decided to file his bill.

"These mandates have brought us down a path where we are allowing government intervention. If we are requiring people to get this vaccine, what are

we going to require next?" Durant said. Additional supporters of the bill include Representatives David DeCoste, Shawn Dooley, Joseph McKenna, Marc Lombardo, Susan Gifford, Timothy Whelan, Alyson Sullivan, Jeffrey Rosario Turco, Colleen Garry, and Steven Xiarhos.

Several officials are worried that vaccine mandates could lead to the termination of jobs at a time when unemployment is already a major challenge statewide. In August, Gov. Charlie Baker announced that all Executive Department employees must be vaccinated by Oct. 17 to avoid disciplinary action.

"Executive Department employees who are not vaccinated or approved for an exemption as of October 17, 2021, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination," read a statement released by Governor Baker's office.

With the deadline approaching fast – and new mandates implemented weekly across private and public sectors – Rep. Durant is hoping his bill moves quickly.

He is pushing for committee hearings this fall on the filed legislation.

"I think there are major constitutional issues here. This sprint to government overreach is unacceptable," Durant said. "I have received more support for this bill from around the state than any other bill I've filed."



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PERSON of the WEEK

NANCY ANDREWS, Spencer, MA

While at the Spencer fair on Sunday we were in the cattle barn and we were greeted by a sweet older woman, Mrs. Andrews. She greeted my two grandsons and ask them if they would like to go in and pat the cows. She explained to them how old the babies were, and one of my grandsons was afraid to go in and she tried very sweetly to get him not to be afraid. She then took the two boys and walked over to another table with a puzzle and coloring papers and crayons and talked and played with them for quite a while. Mrs. Andrews was just amazing, very friendly and in these times, it is great to see and meet people like her. It was just a pleasure to watch my two grandsons smile and laugh with her; she definitely has an amazing personality. Thank you, Mrs. Andrews, for taking the time to interact with my two grandsons. We will never forget your kindness.

— Bonnie Biando-Harvey, Spencer, MA

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UMass Lowell celebrates Class of 2021

LOWELL — UMass Lowell recently honored local residents among its 4,582 graduates.

Despite the pandemic, UMass Lowell was able to offer graduates the chance to safely celebrate their success through a combination of virtual ceremonies and the in-person presentation of their diploma covers with a family photo at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell May 12 through 14.

“For those of you joining us in person, we’re thrilled that you are able to walk across the stage with family and friends present. As graduates, I imagine there is both a sense of tremendous pride but also a sense of relief in receiving your diploma after enduring a time when the world around you was under

a siege of challenges,”said Chancellor Jacquie Moloney. «You, the Class of 2021, showed us the meaning of true grit and what it means to stay strong and to keep hope alive. I know you will join me in saying thank you to the faculty and staff who also had to dig deep to provide you with as great an experience as possible under the circumstances, and to your family and friends who were there for you when you needed them most. But I also want to thank each of you who are graduating. For just as UMass Lowell has impacted you, you have all left a powerful impact on us. In 1,000 ways, you, the Class of 2021, have enhanced and improved this university.»

The three-day Commencement celebration began on Wednesday, May 12. A ceremony for graduates who earned doctoral degrees featuring William Moylan, UMass Lowell Distinguished University Professor and architect of the university’s renowned sound recording technology program, as the keynote speaker was held. A series of brief, small ceremonies on Thursday, May 13 and Friday, May 14 at the Tsongas Center recognized graduates who earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees. At these ceremonies, graduates, accompanied by up to two guests, walked into the Tsongas Center and then crossed the stage, received their diploma covers and had an official photo taken before departing. Strict

social distancing and other safety measures were in place during all in-person Commencement events.

The virtual portion of the celebration - online ceremonies viewable at www.uml.edu/commencement for the next year - featured a range of notable individuals with experience and knowledge to share with the Class of 2021.

Thursday’s ceremony included the presentation of an honorary doctoral degree to Ron Insana, senior analyst and contributor to CNBC and MSNBC networks, as well as the Chancellor’s Medal for Public Service and Civic Engagement to Market Basket, the 104-year-old supermarket chain founded in Lowell that now employs more than 25,000 people and is well known for its generous profit-sharing plan, for two charitable foundations and support for scholarships for UMass Lowell students.

Friday’s ceremony featured Deepak Chopra - founder of The Chopra Foundation, a nonprofit entity for research on well-being and humanitarianism, and Chopra Globalreceiving a doctor of humane letters - who, along with UMass Lowell graduate and founder of The Born to Run Foundation Noelle Lambert, addressed the Class of 2021. Their speeches were viewable at www.uml.edu/commencement.

Local residents among UMass Lowell’s Class of 2021 are:

- * Samantha Bodo of Charlton, who received a bachelor of music degree in music performance
 - * Devin Salvuolo of Charlton, who received a bachelor of music degree in music studies
 - * Ryan DiLegge of Charlton, who received a bachelor of science degree in exercise physiology
 - * Kyle Mulcahy of Charlton, who received a bachelor of science in engineering degree in mechanical engineering
 - * Cody Kingman of Charlton, who received a master of science degree in mathematics
 - * Justine Grady of Charlton, who received a master of science degree in nursing
 - * Lance Harms of Charlton, who received a master of science in engineering degree in mechanical engineering
- More on UMass Lowell Commencement is available at www.uml.edu/commencement.
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North Brookfield Town House Friends to hold meeting

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The Board of Directors of the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House will be holding their 2021 Annual Meeting on Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Brookfield Police Station, 55 School Street, North Brookfield.

Join them to hear about Programming underway and Fundraising Events being planned, share your ideas, and volunteer your help as they take positive steps to restore the historic Town House as the focal point of a revitalized downtown.



Local students named to Dean’s List at MCPHS University

BOSTON, Mass. — MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester:

* Gabriela Braga is a native of Charlton, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health Psychology degree. Gabriela will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2023.

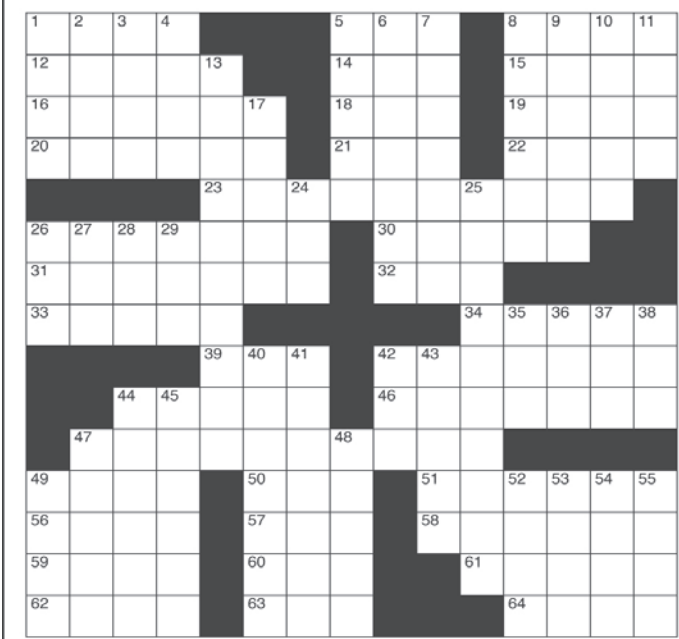
* Diana Giorgio is a native of Charlton, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health Psychology degree. Diana will graduate from the Worcester,

Massachusetts campus in 2022.

The Dean’s List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

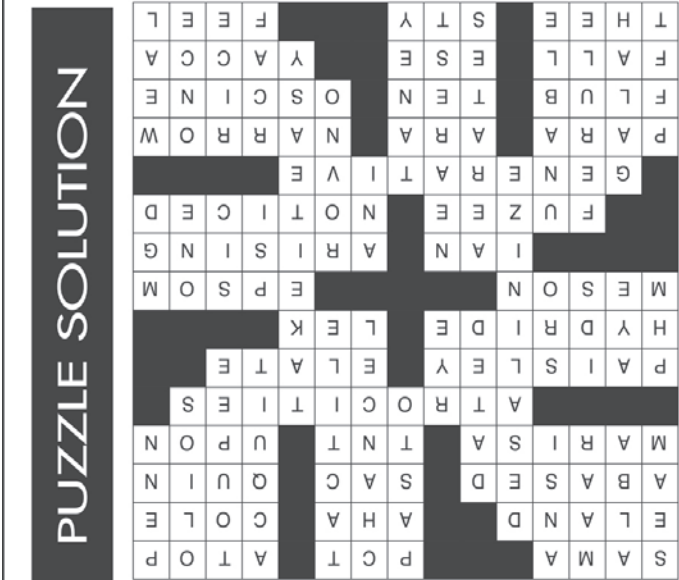
The mission of MCPHS University is to prepare graduates to advance health and serve communities worldwide through excellence, innovation, and collaboration in teaching, practice, scholarship, and research. Founded in 1823, MCPHS University is the oldest

institution of higher education in the City of Boston. In addition to the original Boston campus, the University has campuses in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Manchester, New Hampshire, as well as robust online learning options. The University currently offers more than 100 unique baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree programs and certificates covering a variety of health-related fields and professions.



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 - At the peak
 - African antelope
 - Expression of satisfaction
 - Yankees’ ace
 - Belittled
 - A baglike structure
 - Utah Jazz coach Snyder
 - Actress Tomei
 - Explosive
 - Formal for “on”
 - Cruelties
 - Country singer Brad
 - Make very happy
 - Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
 - Albanian currency
 - Subatomic particle
 - Type of salt
 - 007’s creator
 - Emerging
 - Railroad flare
 - Observed
 - Capable of reproduction
 - Indicates adjacent to
 - Legendary Notre Dame coach
 - Not wide
 - An embarrassing mistake
 - Pearl Jam’s debut album
 - Denotes passerine birds
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just about five minutes into the contest. There, Jordon Rice entered the scoring circle and sent a crisp centering pass to the stick of teammate Maeve Kelly. She was then able to whack the ball into the cage for the 1-0 lead.

The first quarter, and then the first half, ended with the same 1-0 score, but the Rams wasted little time doubling their lead in the third quarter. Under two minutes into the second half, Rice and Kelly again combined for a goal. Rice took a long shot that got tipped by Kelly, past Quaboag goalie Ariana Masterjohn and into the net.

“We’ve been working on that a lot this week, sending those balls in and trying to work on the finishing,” said Buma. “We haven’t had the issue with getting the ball down there, we’ve been down there plenty, it’s just getting the initial shot off.”

The Cougars countered with 9:50 remaining in the third quarter, cutting the deficit in half. Abigail Long outraced her defender down the right side and centered the ball to Alexandra Cacace, who one-touched a pass to Katelynn Swistak. Swistak was able to send her shot into the cage for the goal.

Northbridge opened up another two-goal advantage in the fourth quarter when, with 11:56 to play, Sophia Boisseau serviced the ball toward the goal. Katherine Kibbe was there to tip a shot in.

“We’re missing that weak side and

part of that is the youth,” longtime Quaboag head coach John O’Neill said of Northbridge’s three goals, which were all scored in a similar fashion. “We’ve just got to pick those people up.”

The Cougars continued to show fight and got another goal to close the gap to 3-2 with 8:49 remaining. Following a penalty corner opportunity, Isabelle Burgess found enough space to bang her shot into the cage.

Looking for the equalizer in the game’s waning moments, Quaboag’s Swistak and Kiara Gauthier both had shots on net, but Northbridge goalie Molly Consigli (five saves) was there to turn them both aside.

“I admire the fact that our kids didn’t quit,” said O’Neill. “It would have been a 2-2 game just if we looked at the second half.”

“They’re scrappy, that’s for sure,” Buma said of the Cougars. “You can never count them out no matter what.”

Masterjohn played extremely well for Quaboag and finished with 15 saves.

“She’s wonderful and she’s still young,” O’Neill said of Masterjohn. “She was making some good saves. The game really has changed and so she’s stepped up her game.”

The Cougars are 2-2 after beating Oxford and Monty Tech and losing to Uxbridge and now Northbridge.

“We’re taking positives. We just need to work on some defensive stuff. We’ll get there. Every game we improve and every practice we improve,” O’Neill concluded.



Quaboag’s Ayla Iwaniec maneuvers the ball around a Northbridge player and down the field.



Katelynn Swistak of Quaboag looks to make a move on her opposition from Northbridge.



Quaboag’s Isabelle Burgess stickhandles the ball down the field.

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Road), no emergency; 7:28 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken; 7:49 p.m.: animal complaint (Irving Street), loose chickens; 7:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), removing lg. bee hive; 10:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. welfare check; 11:11 p.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); Total daily mv stops – 2).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
12:51-3:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:02 a.m.: accident (Maple Street), report taken; 7:37 a.m.: accident (Main Street), info taken; 7:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), missing cat; 7:42 a.m.: fire alarm (Marble Road), referred; 7:46 a.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), items thrown from mv; 7:59 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), school bus didn't stop for students; 9:02 a.m.: accident (Main Street), info taken; 9:38 a.m.: suspicious persons (Wall Street), investigated; 10:43 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 11:19 a.m.: juvenile matter (Pleasant Street), req. welfare check; 11:47 a.m.: fire alarm (Smithville Road), referred; 11:51 a.m.: fire alarm (Chestnut Street), referred; 12:02 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 1:00 p.m.: juvenile matter (Woodside Road), inquiry; 3:07 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 3:32 p.m.: accident (Main Street), investigated; 3:48 p.m.: accident (Donnelly Road), report taken; 5:15 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Ash Street); 5:26 p.m.: disabled mv (Meadow Road), services rendered; 5:50 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 5:54 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), bear in area; 8:23 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 9:00 p.m.: disabled mv (Maple Street), assisted; 9:08 p.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 9:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), req. welfare check; 11:46 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Auburn PD bolo; (Total daily mv stops – 0).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
12:34-1:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Terkanian Drive), barking dog; 1:30-

1:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:42 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), LTC change of address; 9:48 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 10:16 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 10:33 a.m.: incident redacted from police log; 10:37 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:46 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 10:53 a.m.: animal complaint (High Street), re: non-compliance; 11:06 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 11:42 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 1:26 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 1:31 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:41 p.m.: fraud (Pearl Street), rep. Nat'l Grid scam; 2:27 p.m.: mv complaint (Hastings Road), speeding; 2:44 p.m.: disturbance (Willow Lane), rep. altercation; 3:26 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:08 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no emergency; 4:09 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), open line; 4:21 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), heavy traffic/Plantation Street; 4:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. escort to residence; 4:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: kidnapped dog; 5:17 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), accident on Rawson/amb. requested; 6:06 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 6:16 p.m.: fraud (Garrette Lane), rep. Nat'l Grid scam; 8:26 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), aggressive operator; 8:59 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 9:11 p.m.: suspicious persons (Crestview Drive), investigated; 10:13 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), info taken; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

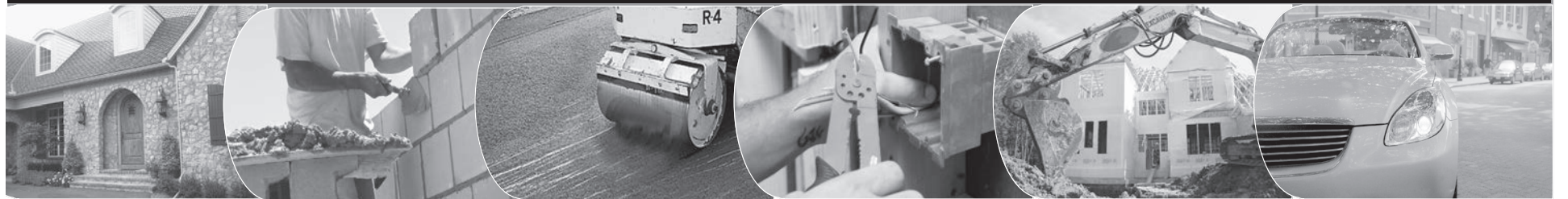
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
12:02-1:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:51 a.m.: juvenile matter (North Spencer Road), two children out/spoken to; 4:55 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:18 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:24 a.m.: 911 call (Adams Street), accidental; 9:17 a.m.: suspicious persons (Maple Street), roofers; 11:25 a.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), aggressive operator; 11:51 a.m.: animal complaint (Dale Street), injured hawk; 12:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: neighbor issues; 12:15 p.m.: commercial alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 12:48 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 1:08 p.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 2:08 p.m.: suspicious persons (North Spencer Road), investigated; 2:13 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water

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The perfect time of year

“The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings; now for October eves!”

Poet Humbert Wolfe wrote those words about fall, and the first day of fall is here. Sept. 22 marked the first day it is socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Starbucks and Dunkin’s have already unleashed the beast roughly two weeks ago.

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, however; on the flip side, there are several people who think it is too soon. A survey that posed the question, ‘When is it ok to start drinking and eating pumpkin?’ produced the following responses- ‘Right now!’ ‘First day of fall,’ ‘I always strive for after Labor Day but often start on July 12,’ ‘I’m waiting until Sept. 1,’ and ‘After zucchini season.’

It is true, there are more people in New England who are holding on to every last bit of summer than those looking forward to fall. To those people, we get it. Some people refuse to swap their flip flops for boots until the first snow fall.

The end of the summer season really isn’t so bad. With fall comes hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, homecoming and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. Winter hiking is epic as well. What could be better?

Perhaps the best part about fall, however, is the foliage. The leaves are already changing and soon New England will be swarming with tourists, cameras in tow. Peak foliage in New England will hit during the last week of September through the first week of October.

The 2022 Old Farmer’s Almanac comes with a winter warning: Prepare for a “Season of Shivers.” This winter will be punctuated by positively bone-chilling, below-average temperatures across most of the United States.

Within the next four weeks temperatures will drop drastically, with some hot days still sprinkled in for balance. The good news is, there is still plenty of time to sneak in a few more summer hikes, a kayak on the lake, a few more barbecues or a day reading out on the hammock.

So whether you’re still sipping pina colodas or drinking a pumpkin spiced latte while dreaming of jack-o-lanterns and the smell of wood stoves, this is the perfect time of year for you.

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Convenient scapegoat

To the Editor:

The progressive left leaning Democrats have found a convenient way to blame away all the problems of the world. Blame them on Donald Trump.

We saw in last week’s column one of their followers, Har-Yarok, called justified the failure in Afghanistan on the destabilization of that country by Donald Trump. Really? He expects us to not remember 30 years ago, when the Taliban started blowing up historical statues there. He doesn’t expect us to remember when they started putting the country under their iron fisted Islamic control with rape of the women and public beheadings. He doesn’t expect us to remember that they opened camps to train terrorists in the aim to bring their style of control over the rest of the world. This was the reason, after 9-11, that we went in. To stop the madness of the Taliban. The destabilization had absolutely nothing to do with Donald Trump. The only thing that Donald Trump destabilized is the minds of the leftist progressives.

Another instance is the lefty Pelosi. She has the gall to equate a citizen protest against unfair voting in the election to an attack from Islamic terrorists from outside our country. So, it seems this lefty leader doesn’t believe the citizens of this country have the constitutional right to protest. I guess she believes those in other countries have the same equal protection and rights as the citizens of America. Anyone who opposes her views is a Trumpster and a threat to democracy. It is abundantly evident that the new voting bill she and her cohorts are trying to push through is just for this reason. With no voter ID, it gives the illegal aliens the opportunity to vote. They will try to push it on you as a protection of the voting rights

of citizens, but that is the fallacy. We all know that people of all colors are smart enough to obtain a voter ID or register beforehand. It is just another instance where they think you are ignorant or not too bright. They continue to push this as a need to defeat Trumpism.

We also hear on the news continually that the Jan. 6 protest was a deadly armed insurrection. Let get this straight — not one of the protestors had guns, no matter what the lefty media tries to insinuate. The only part that was deadly about it was an unarmed protestor, Ashley Babbitt, who was killed by the government, a Capital security cop. The so-called bipartisan commission assembled by Pelosi has no Republicans picked by the Republican party. She wanted no questions asked unless it was greenlighted by her. Any reasonable person can see the reason for its creation was for Pelosi to continue her political attacks against Donald Trump. The same as she did with here two fake impeachments and the ripping up of his State of the Union speech. It is evident with Pelosi here allegiance is to her party and not the country.

Biden and his handlers came out last week to explain the need to raise the debt ceiling to avoid economic collapse. Their argument is that under Trump, the deficit was \$7.5 trillion. They should at least have the same opportunity to raise it by \$7.5 trillion more. So that’s their solution! Instead of trying to reduce the national debt, increase it by double. What kind of ignorant people are running this country? The real problem we have is that believe they have the backing of bunch followers that will dance along behind them as we go off the cliff.

MARK ROBILLARD
SPENCER

The three C’s

To the Editor:

A recent 1:30 a.m. visit via ambulance to the ER is what prompted this letter and its message that I hope to express today. Yes, I’m OK, thanks for asking. But if I had any inkling what was in store for me during the following 15 hours, I would have seriously considered just walking out into the woods and allowing nature to take its course.

In a nutshell, the nationwide medical system is in serious, and I mean serious, trouble if what I observed during my stay is a true indication of what is transpiring in all hospitals. Shortages of ER examining rooms or cubicles for the private individual treatment of patients have led to the halls being used as “rooms,” with very ill patients simply lying on their gurneys clad only in a johnnie with barely a sheet to cover them lined up end-to-end, or three across if the hallway was wide enough, without any sense of medical privacy or human dignity. The extremely hard-working doctors and nurses trying to do their best in what seems to be an impossible situation, running pillar-to-post attempting to provide the best patient care possible. And with COVID restrictions in place, patients, except for the most drastic and severe cases, had to manage to experience this unbelievable setting unaccompanied, including myself. During the course of my time there, three things kept coming to my mind: how much I love my wife, I’m no longer 16 and invincible, and how very quickly things can turn. Luckily for me, the end result was basically a false alarm.

Now, I can only suspect that depending on who’s reading this letter determines who should receive the blame for this picture. A conservative reader will most likely blame the liberals now that Biden is in office, with all of his leftist ideals allowing institutions such as health care run amok, and a liberal reader will probably blame conservatives for their refusal of getting vaccinated, thereby producing the lat-

est upsurge in COVID which requires more hospital beds with the end result being as previously described. Then what usually follows will be more finger pointing and playing the blame game, resulting in zero progress being made at all. I always thought that each generation was supposed to be more educated, more enlightened, more forgiving, more understanding than the previous. Instead, I see more stubbornness, more narrow mindedness, more prejudice, and more blind partisanship being exhibited by both sides of the aisle. It’s unfortunate that the concepts of compassion, cooperation, and compromise are now being viewed as signs of weakness instead of behavioral traits that should be emulated. Is it now a character flaw to show empathy for your fellow man? Our country’s name contains the word ‘united’ with the root word being ‘unity,’ as in working together for the common good instead of seeking to satisfy our own individual greedy natures and egos. C’mon people - wake up! Come on, politicians - do your jobs! The American people deserve better!

In closing, I’d like to end on an upbeat note if I may. I know I didn’t give a very glowing picture of my hospital stay, but in no way does this reflect on the professional care I initially received starting with the police response of both North and East Brookfield departments who were at my front door under three minutes after placing my phone call. Nor on the expertise of the EMT’s and paramedics of both East Brookfield and Brookfield who worked hand-in-hand in providing the best stress free atmosphere and first aid care possible. (Hmm, maybe they have something there.) All mentioned are truly a credit to their fields and we should feel very fortunate they serve our communities in such a high degree of professionalism. Thank you all very much.

ANDREW NEWTON
EAST BROOKFIELD

Determined to persevere

On the road to accomplish your dream, you’re going to have plenty of opportunities to give up.

You may have to try many times, but when the going gets tough, that’s when you need to find determination and perseverance.

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and must be cultivated from within. When things don’t go the way you plan, and you refuse to give up, determination arises, and a new fire will spark inside of you that gives you the power to persevere.

You’ll think of new ways, travel down different paths, reinvent yourself, develop unique ideas, and vow to become successful no matter the odds. It is down this path some must travel for ultimate victory.

Victory doesn’t come easy and usually never does. If it does come easy,

Prepare yourself financially for illness ... just in case

All of us hope to live long, healthy lives, so we do what we can to take care of ourselves through proper diet, exercise and avoiding unhealthy activities. However, none of us can predict our future, so it pays to be prepared for anything – including a serious physical illness or the onset of some type of mental incapacity, such as Alzheimer’s disease.



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Of course, you may never face these infirmities, but you should be aware that they could upset your long-term financial strategy and place considerable stress on your loved ones. What steps can you take to head off these threats?

First, make sure you know what your health insurance covers and how much you might have to pay out of pocket for treatment of illnesses such as cancer or kidney ailments. If you’re on Medicare (supplemented with Medigap) or Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C), you’ll want to know all about deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. However, if Alzheimer’s or another type of dementia is involved, Medicare may not cover the costs that could be incurred in an assisted living facility, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can suggest ways of protecting yourself from long-term care costs, which can be quite high.

Your next move is to make sure you have adequate liquidity. It’s hard to predict how many out-of-pocket costs you could incur when coping with a serious illness, but it’s a good idea to have enough cash readily available, rather than dipping into your 401(k) or other retirement accounts. So, if you’re retired, you might want to keep up to a year’s worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account.

Here’s another important step: Update your estate plan. Hopefully, if you have a serious illness, you’ll be able to recover. But it’s still a good idea to review your estate plan to ensure everything is in order, such as your will and your living trust, if you’ve created one. If you’ve kept up your life insurance, you’ll also want to ensure your premiums are still being paid. And don’t forget to review your beneficiary designations on your 401(k), insurance policies and other financial documents, since these designations can supersede the instructions in your will.

As part of your estate planning, you may want to include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows you to name someone to manage your financial affairs if you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which lets you name someone to make medical decisions for you if you’re unable to do so yourself. You may also create a health care directive or living will to express your wishes if you don’t have a power of attorney for health care, or the person named in a power of attorney for health care can’t be reached in an emergency. And since estate planning can be complex, you’ll certainly want to work with a legal professional, and possibly your tax and financial advisors, as well.

You might think it’s somewhat grim to prepare yourself financially in case you become seriously ill or if your life is touched by Alzheimer’s or another mental infirmity. But it’s a positive move – you’re protecting yourself and your loved ones from whatever life may throw at you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Couldn't agree more with the critics!

To the Editor
Finally! Someone has put their finger on it, and I couldn't agree more. I have completely had it with these ink-stained wretches who insist on submitting interminable letters to the Editor of this august publication requiring the endurance of a marathon runner to read through to completion, and, often, access to an electronic Roget's to deci-

If wishes were fishes

To the Editor:
I figure I am generally thought to be essentially liberal, And that is essentially true, but, although I was born at night, it was not last night. Like many libs, I have been blaming Manchin and Sinema for the Democrats failure to move the ball towards the goal line, and I still take issue with their support of the filibuster. If a simple majority cannot be achieved, allowing the minority party veto power, is certainly not returning the gesture. The party that made the case that Supreme Court justices should not be appointed, 11 months before terms end, in an election year, as the people should decide, promptly dumped the filibuster and filled the vacancy. When liberal lion Ginsberg passed, just weeks before the election, they promptly filled that see, in total deference to their previously stated position. There is simply no good argument for treating them any differently than they did to us.

That said, there is every good reason to at least pretend we are a democracy. For those who hold our founders in such high esteem, I won't even broach the moral decrepitude that existed among them, at this writing, but will point out that they had little use for the great unwashed masses, as evidenced by the electoral college, appointed senate or president being able to overrule the peoples house. The filibuster is an abomination, as it builds in minority rule.

Rather than dwell on a clearly unjust system, I have to acknowledge Manchin, for his pointing out the urgency that you read the budget bill. I am a longtime, vocal supporter, of single issue clean bills. It is not the 3.5 trillion over ten years that I find alarming, considering that we will have a \$7 trillion defense budget, over that period, presumably, in defense of the highly improved national circumstances.

Firstly, we are defense spending more than the next ten highest spenders. Secondly, we have done that for many years since WWII. Thirdly, any reasonable person, reviewing defense spending, would agree with President Eisenhower, that the military industrial complex, will take your last dollar, and let you starve. Setting aside the wonderful war results over the last 50 years, and the ludicrous building a 300

pher what, in their rhetorical pretentiousness, the discursive, dissembling, dilettante(s) is/are trying to say.

As Rooster Cogburn (John Wayne) said in "True Grit" when he levelled a six-shooter at a cornered rat in his sheriff's office: "I've got a rat writ here, writ for a rat!" Boom! I too have a writ for the despoilers of the op-editorial page: Cease and desist! Three

million dollar embassy in Kabul, or more multi billion dollar planes and ships, that million dollar missiles can erase, how many of you remember invading Iraq, with no body armor or armored vehicles? I guess the folks with stars, emptied the coffers for a carrier group we could not use effectively in the desert.

I have often pointed out that a competent homemaker with a budget, could produce way more bang for the buck, than these who are mainly responsible for there being a national debt. While we are on the subject of budget, the proposed \$3.5 trillion budget bill, continues to look more like a five year old editing his Christmas list to Santa.

Apparently, the Dems believe that, knowing the GOPs distaste, to again not pass a budgets, and shut down the government, let's take a peak at what is in the reconciliation bill-climate change issues ,healthcare issues, child-care issues, voting issues, education issues, prescription drug and Medicare issues, tax increases for the rich, tax cuts and credits for the poor. Have they tried codifying Roe v. Wade into it yet?

When you consider how many "hot button" and controversial items they tack on, the money part of it, might be the least partisan issue. This will be far from my first, or last, observation, that nothing is too good for the American people, and that looks a lot like what we will get.

For those who will say Trump was better. He wasn't. Neither was his congress. They borrowed \$2 trillion and gave 83 percent of it to millionaires. They royally botched covid. They released 5,000 terrorists, then "negotiated" unconditional surrender. Nothing Trump did, made America Great, and now he has figured a way around the will of the voters.

People see what D.C. produces, and suggest cutting or withholding pay. These folks are spending on your credit in trillions. Pay a couple million each, and hire better help. We lost comedian Jackie Mason this year, but he suggested putting them on commission. Am I the only one who thinks that they already are?

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

hundred words or less, and knock off the oh-so-clever insertions of foreign language terms and obscure allusions from history, literature and the Bible. Who knows? Who cares? And mark me down as standing foursquare with the complainer named Foley who remarked, and rightly so, that this flamboyant employment of 50-cent vocabulary terms is certainly only done to showcase just how well-read if not downright brilliant the offending contributor thinks he or she really is. Amen, sister. Couldn't have said it better myself.

And, as for the chronic belaboring the point, a practice so frequently indulged on these pages, who has identified the problem more precisely and engagingly than someone writing under the appellation of McAlester? This keen observer of the art of persuasive and tactically effective written expression, in his piquant critique of the age-old curse of those who wield the pen in an inexcusably tedious and long-winded fashion (See his letter: "Get to the Point") hits it—to exhume from the graveyard of hackneyed expressions-out of the park. In his jeremiad against too-lengthy verbosity, brother McAlister (who likely has "Brevity is the soul of wit" [Polonius to Gertrude in 'Hamlet'] taped at the top of his computer screen) required 686 words to get to his point. Probably a liberal: Do as I say, not as I do.

Anyway, they're exactly right, and I'm gratified and relieved to know they couldn't possibly be talking about me. I simply say what needs to be said, then get right back to the wood pile. Winter is coming. But, when I consider I often expatiate on the collapse of the American Republic ongoing right before our very eyes, I wonder, how fair is that, to restrict one's words to the same number allotted for announcing the next scheduled meeting of the Library Trustees? I mean, Edward Gibbon required seven years, ten volumes, and a million-and-a-half words to chronicle the Fall of the Roman Empire.

But, maybe the literary critic McAlester (I once stood in the rain all night trying to thumb a ride in McAlester, Okla., deep in Choctaw Country) is right. Perhaps I can asseverate in less than his 686 words why I think, metaphorically speaking, we are observers of the train crossing the Bridge over the River Kwai built by Colonel Nicholas (Alec Guinness). Oops, explosions and....there it goes, down into the river. Total collapse. Disaster all around. America is that train, and the river below is the graveyard of nations. In our case, it will be recorded as "Death by its own hand."

If you, dear reader, can't see what is happening all around you regarding the calamitous and, likely, catastrophic demise of your—and your children's and your grandchildren's-country, the greatest, freest, most gen-

erous, most beautiful country in the world, then it's true, there are none so blind as though who will not see. Only an obstinate, resolute Trump-hating, brainwashed Democrat loyalist will fail to acknowledge that in 8 short months we have gone from a country that had been doing quite well for itself-full employment; respected abroad; controlled borders; a strong military winding down combat operations in Afghanistan with no American deaths for 18 months; Chinese hegemony being successfully challenged; and a growing sense of renewed pride in our country. Even with the wreckage caused by the [Coronavirus], Americans were still optimistic that things would work out.

From stability and near-zero inflation and reasonable confidence in America's ability to recover, we have now reached a point where the question is openly discussed: can America survive? Eight consecutive months of one catastrophic failure after another—almost on a daily basis—will do that to a people. The economy and inflation; rampant and unpunished crime in the cities; the worst military humiliation in the history of our country; foreign policy disasters; the worst and most seditious men and women running—and ruining—our military and intelligence agencies; corrupt and useless politicians from both parties—nearly all of them; a massively failed and radicalized public school system; millions of illegals from God knows where pouring into our country at the behest of the Democrats, who value them for one thing only: their vote... that's just for starters.

"Led" by a life-long, shabby, ward-heeler-style, corrupt-to-the-bone, and, basically, very stupid man who mumbles his way through sound-bite speeches written for him by other less non compos mentis America-hating radicals who pull his strings on a daily, no, hourly, basis...what hope have we, the great broad center of working/middle class America who make the whole operation function? Very little, I submit to you, barring a great uprising of the masses who love the country and who will not "go gently into that dark night" of Communism and slavery. Do not consider that last comment to be hyperbole.

So, maybe our old buddy McAlester can write in and get to the point and tell us how we can stave off what, at this writing, seems to be a portentous unravelling of all that has made our country the spectacularly great place-despite its failings at times—it has been for untold millions of our countrymen for over two centuries, and for the peace and opportunities for other millions-billions-of other humans around the world. But, no more than 686 words, please.

JOHN McRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

Readers Share Favorite Tips and Tricks



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

As summer winds down and we prep for the cooler weather, readers are taking time out from their busy days to share tips and tricks they've discovered! From organizing drawers to freezing fresh produce, the following hints from readers are sure to help make everyday tasks a little easier!

And remember readers, send in your favorite helpful hint and you could win Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

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The seasonal scents of candle tarts and enjoying outside fire pits are just two of the simple pleasures of Fall. Thankfully, this savvy reader came up with helpful ideas for both:

I enjoy burning wax tarts but when they have finished melting I then would try to pour the melted wax into a can before disposing of it but always made a mess. Now after the wax has cooled off and hardened I put it in the freezer for a few hours & it easily pops right out.

I save my toilet paper and paper towel rolls. With the toilet paper rolls – I roll up newspaper & put it in the roll. With the paper towel roll I stuff it with my shredded paper and then stuff each end with crumbled up newspaper, used tissue or paper towel. This makes great fire starters for a fire pit or a wood stove.

Lisa Auger
Douglas, MA

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Thanks to this reader's tip to cut prep time in half, a favorite restaurant dish is sure to be served up at home more often!:

Here is my tip to making eggplant parmesan at a moment's notice. Whether you grow eggplant in your garden or purchase it this is a time saver for

making yummy eggplant parm. Simply prep and fry your eggplant slices based on your favorite recipe. Fry as many eggplants as you want then place them on paper towel lined cookie sheets to absorb excess oil. Remove the paper towels after a few minutes and place the eggplant in a single layer on cookie sheets. Once the eggplant has cooled put cookie sheets into the freezer and once solid just put the eggplant in freezer bags. When you're ready to make your meal simply remove eggplant from the freezer, layer your ingredients and bake as normal. I add an extra 5 minutes to the baking time. DO NOT DEFROST eggplant.

Sue Lewandowski
North Brookfield, MA

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This reader takes recycling to a new level with this clever tip to use packaging waste to organize drawers:

The plastic trays that cookies come in make the best drawer organizers. They come in different sizes and help to store several items. I use the long rectangular ones to store pens, markers, pencils, etc. The smaller, square ones store paper clips, pins, tacks, etc. Just place inside your desk drawer. Or use them in your bedroom to store jewelry, make-up, nail files and polish, etc. They are easily replaced when necessary, and are free!

H.H.
Holland, MA

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Fall lawn and garden chores can result in an encounter with poison ivy – luckily a reader shares an old "Indian remedy" to encourage healing and relieve the itch:

For Poison Ivy: Boil a good sized bunch of "sweet" fern (it has rounded leaves rather than pointed). I pack them into a large pot. Make it as strong as possible. When cool, dab on sores. It relieves the itch too. This came from my mother-in-law who is 97 and a farm girl. It is an old Indian remedy and it works!

Linda Pratt
Rutland, MA

Soup season is officially upon us – and this reader found a way that even those who are lactose intolerant can enjoy a thick, rich bowl of chowder:

If you are using almond milk to make chowder because you are lactose intolerant, and find that the chowder is rather thin, try this. Add about 1/4 cup of lactose free Cremora after it is cooked. It will be rich and delicious. By the way, store the Cremora in the refrigerator in the summer. I found out the hard way that little red ants think it is delicious.

Carol McPherson
Spencer, MA

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Prize Winner
Congratulations to Linda Pratt of Rutland, who offered the home remedy to treat poison ivy above. Her name was drawn for a three course dinner for two at Publick House in Sturbridge.

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Fishing for tautog



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Saltwater fishing is starting to produce some nice fish on all fronts. This past week, this writer and Harry Salmon enjoyed a day on the water catching seabass & Tautog. The seabass bite was slow, but the tautog fishing was fantastic. Fishing about a mile off-shore from the Point Judith light house in 40 to 50 feet of water, we found some great tautog fishing. Using green crabs for bait that were cut in half before placing them on the No. 3 circle hooks, proved to be the correct bait & hook for the days fishing. The late Steve Mercure taught this writer how to fish for tautog, and I am sure he was watching us fishing. Because the tide was running very fast, a 10-ounce weight was required to hold the bait on the bottom. Lowering the bait to the bottom and slightly bouncing the bait off of the bottom, produced some fast fishing on freshwater rods.

The largest tautog was around seven pounds, as this week's picture shows, along with numerous fillets. The tautog fishing is only going to get better in the next few weeks. Green crabs now cost \$26 a gallon, which is enough for only a day of fishing for a couple of anglers if the action is good. There were a lot of shorts, but were still fun to catch. Tautog grow very slow and can live up to 40 years. This week's second picture shows Scott Lenox of Ocean City Maryland with his world record tautog. Seabass fishing around Block island on the South West ledge is still hot, but should improve closer to the Point Judith light house in the coming days & weeks.



Photos Courtesy

This week's picture shows a pile of fillets & a large tautog taken last week by this writer.

Salmon fishing on the Salmon River in Upstate New York was still slow last week but the big run of Salmon is expected any day now. For the latest information, it is best to call Fat Nancy's Bait and Tackle shop for honest up to date fishing reports before driving to the Salmon River.

Anglers continue to chase Bonito and False albacore, along the shores of Narragansett Bay. This past week, while fishing near the point Judith Light, we observed many boats trolling and casting small lures into schools of the above-mentioned fish. We did not see many anglers catching these hard fighting fish, but I am sure they caught a few. I was surprised that no Kayaks were being used by anglers that fly fish or spin cast. Even the larger boats that normally have anglers fly fishing, were nowhere to be seen. The bay is loaded with bait fish from small bunker, sil-



World record tautog caught in Maryland, 28.5 pounds, by Scott Lenox.

versides, and mummies, to mention a few. At the boat ramp, fish were breaking everywhere, chasing bait fish.

Climate change is for real and is affecting the way of life for the fishing industry. Reports of winter flounder being close to extinction in Rhode Island waters because of the warming waters may be somewhat to blame, but over fishing did not help the species. Lobsters are also heading out to cooler waters. With the loss of anglers catching flounder, they have been replaced by the seabass, which have exploded in population because of warming waters. The down side of the seabass explosion is that they are eating small lobsters, crabs, and other bait fish causing a big change to the ecosystem. Large commercial draggers fishing day and night in Narragansett Bay may need to be regulated a bit bet-

ter in the future if we want to see things improve.

The Quabbin Reservoir has been giving up some nice lake trout as my brother Ken and his son Mark found out a couple of weeks ago. They often rent one of the boats that are available for hire, but they observed numerous private boats being launched by anglers the day they were there. It is too bad boat restrictions are so strict. Washing boats by a certified company, and paying a big price to clean them every time you plan to fish the Quabbin, if you fished another body of water prior to your next visit is a big deterrent. The pair caught numerous lake trout and a couple of smallmouth bass that were impressive.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Fall landscape care to keep plants and pollinators healthy

As the weather and gardens transition from summer to fall, it is time to adjust your maintenance practices to ensure the health, longevity, and beauty of your landscape. Proper fall care will increase winter survival, support pollinators, and reduce your future workload.



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garden reduces the source of future infestations which means healthier plants with less pest management required. Contact your local municipality for guidance on disposing of pest infested plant debris.

This is also a good time to remove any small to medium sized dead or diseased branches from shrubs and small trees. A saw, like Corona's seven-inch RazorTooth folding saw is perfect for this size job. The blade tucks into the handle for safe transport and the smaller size makes it easy to tuck into your tool belt or bucket. Disinfect the blade with rubbing alcohol or a disinfectant spray between cuts when pruning diseased plant material.

Don't rake leaves to the curb this fall. Put them to use in the garden as mulch on the soil surface to help suppress weeds, conserve moisture, and improve the soil as they decompose. Leaves also provide insulation and winter protection for a variety of beneficial insects



Continue cutting the lawn as long as possible. Result in less replacement and pruning.
Photo Melinda Myers

A seven-inch RazorTooth folding saw is perfect for removing small or medium sized dead or diseased branches from shrubs and small trees in the fall.

it continues to grow. Leave clippings on the lawn to add nutrients, moisture, and organic matter to the soil. A season's worth of clippings is equal to one fertilizer application.

Don't rake fall leaves off the lawn. Just mow over them as you cut the grass and accomplish two tasks in one. As long as the leaf pieces are the size of a quarter or smaller, they'll break down, adding organic matter to the soil and not harm the grass. Make a second pass with the mower if needed to cut the leaves down in size.

After your last cut, clean and winter-

of winter damaged plants.

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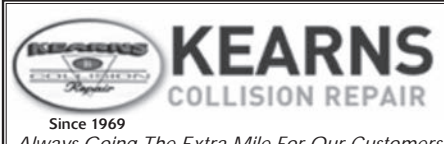
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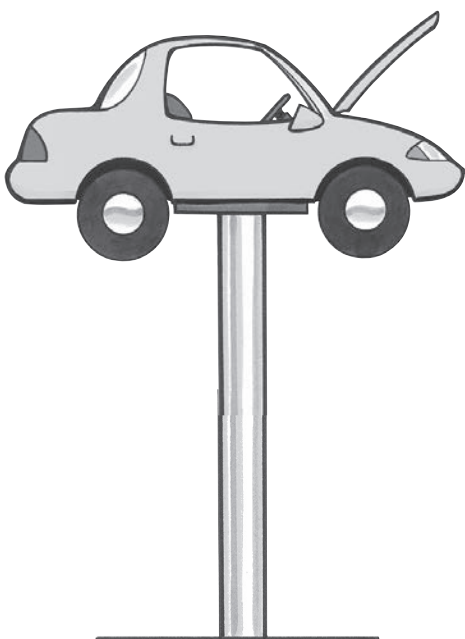


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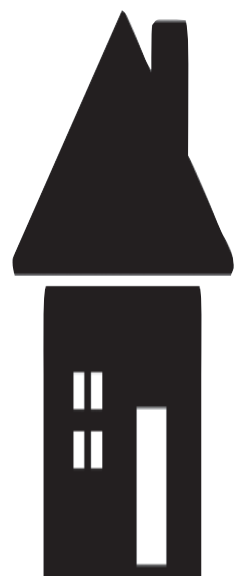


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thoughts of victory as you prepare yourself for the ultimate battle. This is a time to learn a lesson from George Washington’s experience in the American Revolutionary War. No doubt Washington wondered if victory against the British was possible. They had more financing, experience, and education. The American colonists were mainly poor farmers and many without shoes. Washington was facing near-impossible odds. Washington knew that it was of the highest priority to keep New York City from falling to the British. Washington spent much time preparing for a bloody battle in New York that he expected would come in the summer of 1776. Sure enough, in August of 1776, the British invaded the city, and it didn’t go well. Washington watched from a distance as a regiment from Maryland

repeatedly charged the British in a suicidal attempt to buy time for Washington’s escape. It was still a few weeks before Washington completely lost control of New York. He bitterly wept as he watched his last garrison burn to the ground. An average person would have given up and surrendered, but Washington wasn’t an average person. He found determination and prepared to persevere. “Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages,” said Washington. It was then that Washington began to plan what he called his “Grand Strategy” to retake New York in the hopes of defeating the British once and for all. In 1778, New York was still under British occupation, and taking it back had become Washington’s obsession. If you’re determined to accomplish your dream, you’ll need to become obsessed. Allow Nothing to get in your way as you wait patiently for your

decisive move. For five years, Washington waited to implement his “Grand Strategy.” In 1781, he was begrudgingly convinced to employ his strategy in Virginia instead of New York. For many reasons, his “Grand Strategy” wasn’t going to work in New York, but it could in Virginia. Although Washington badly wanted New York, he recognized that the ultimate goal was to win the war against the British rather than re-taking New York. Sometimes you’ll need to reassess your dream. Is it about taking back New York, or is it about winning the war? In October 1781, Washington employed his “Grand Strategy” and won a decisive victory over the British in Virginia, forcing British surrender. Many people in history have faced impossible odds and found the determination and perseverance to succeed; you can do the same! I believe you’re capable of great victories!

LEGALS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 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 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Notice of Public Hearing – Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals
Special Permit– Applicant/ Owner: Jeremy Feldman; Location: 10 Grove Street, Spencer Assessor's Map U14-62. The applicant is looking for a variance under section 4.3.3 (Conversion of a Single-Family Home to a Multi-Family Home) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to convert a pre-existing single-family home into a multi-family home. The property is in the Village Residential zoning district.
September 24, 2021
October 1, 2021

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Notice of Public Hearing – Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals
Major Site Plan Review – Applicant/ Owner: Town of Spencer; Location: 69 West Main Street, Spencer Assessor's Map R29-01. The applicant is looking for a Major Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to modernize, upgrade and improve the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The property is located in the Commercial zoning district.
September 24, 2021
October 1, 2021

Notice of Public Hearing
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

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Special Permit (Renewal) – Applicant/ Owner: Bond Construction Corp. Location: Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R09-1 & R09-2. The applicant is looking to renew their Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.
Special Permit (Renewal) - Applicant/ Owner: Leo Aucoin. Location: 89 Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R02-2-1. The applicant is looking to renew his Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.
September 24, 2021
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The Trial Court
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Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO21P3055EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Carol T Gilbert
Also known as:
Carol T Martin
Date of Death: 06/05/2021

To all interested persons:
Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Brian L Martin of Spencer MA** and **Coleen L Martin of Auburn MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other

relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Brian L Martin of Spencer MA** and **Coleen L Martin of Auburn MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/12/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 14, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 24, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. WO21P3054EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Priscilla A Hatch
Date of Death: 08/02/2021

To all interested persons:
Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Dorothy Metcalf of Auburn MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Dorothy Metcalf of Auburn MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Date: September 14, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 24, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Worcester Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. WO65P2233-11
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT
In the Matter of:
John R Sibley

To all interested persons:
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 01, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 24, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO21P3079EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Bertram A. Nicholas, Jr.
Also known as:
Bertram A. Nicholas
Date of Death: 07/02/2021

To all interested persons:
Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy** has been filed by **Jean A. Nicholas of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Jean A. Nicholas of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/12/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
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September 24, 2021

Notice of Public Hearing
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 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 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Variance – Applicant/ Owner: Christopher and Andrea Burke; Location: 6 Walnut Street, Spencer Assessor's Map U29-04. The applicant is looking for a variance under section 7.3 and Section 5.1 (Table of Area Requirements) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to construct a 31' wide x 24'deep addition to a pre-existing single-family home, the addition would be within the front and left side setback. The property is in the Village Residential zoning district.
September 24, 2021
October 1, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No.
Estate of:
Raymond A Lafaille
Date Of Death: May 27, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
G.L. C. 190B, § 3-306

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on that the Petitioner **August 24 2021**
Andrea Pope of Boco Raton FL intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of a Will Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve **without surety** on the bond
Andrea Pope of Boco Raton FL
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
September 24, 2021

FCC hosts flea market

WEST BROOKFIELD – Residents got an early start on their holiday shopping this month, attending a flea market hosted by First Congregational Church of West Brookfield.

Held on the Town Common, the Sept. 11 event featured multiple antiques dealers, local crafters, a food tent, and

live music. Guests enjoyed perfect fall weather, with plenty of sunshine and a cool breeze. Many guests brought their families along, others accompanied by four-legged friends for a day on the Common.

Photos Kevin Flanders



Plenty of seasonal scares are provided by Crafty Cousins, known for their decorative wreaths.



Julie Currie, left, and Virginia Salem get ready for the event



Shannon Tweraser runs a booth for First Congregational Church of West Brookfield.



Millbury's Matt Greenwich keeps guests entertained throughout the morning.



Donna and Joe Hopkins, of West Brookfield, enjoy their morning on the Common.



Melinda Czub, of West Brookfield, with her 10-year-old daughter Isla.



Monique Pappas, left, and Myriam Pappas, both of Leicester, enjoy their day at the market.



The Flebotte family, of Warren, takes a stroll around the Common.



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Disappointing loss for Leicester football to West Boylston

BY DEAN ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEST BOYLSTON — In recent years, the Leicester High varsity football team has prided itself on being the more physical team on Friday nights. It is something that longtime head coach Tim Griffiths expects from his squad, but on this Friday night, Sept. 17, they got a taste of what it is like to lose a game in the trenches.

“We played two very good football teams, Swampscott is really good and West Boylston is really good,” expressed Griffiths. “Tonight, we just got beat up physically. We had no chance, so we are going to have to work harder in practice. I don’t have an answer for this. We didn’t have a great offseason in the weight room and a team like this there you go, we used to be that team. Our offseason was quite disappointing and it showed up today.”

It was a tough night for the Wolverines trying to stop the ground and pound attack that the Lions came out with early and often. All of West Boylston’s touchdowns came on the ground and it led to a 28-7 victory over Leicester.

West Boylston started the scoring with 7:29 left in the first quarter when

an eight-play, 69-yard drive was capped by a rushing touchdown by junior back Bobby Humphrey from three yards out. This gave the Lions an early 7-0 lead.

Following West Boylston’s quick scoring drive to start the game, Leicester countered with one of its own.

The Wolverines took a different approach and stormed down the field through the air. The drive started with a senior-to-senior connection for a 10-yard completion.

Senior quarterback Michael Mero placed a beautifully thrown ball toward the Wolverine sideline and senior wide receiver Anthony Drenzo hauled it in inbounds before he was pushed out by a West Boylston defender. The 12-play drive concluded similarly when Mero connected with another fellow senior wide receiver Luke Clay in the flats for a one-yard score with 1:03 left in the opening quarter. This evened the score at 7-7 for a brief moment.

“We still moved the ball, explained Griffiths. “Not to make an excuse, but our two running backs were out today due to quarantine for COVID, we had a total of five seniors out today, but it didn’t matter. They were going to beat the tar out of us. So, it is what it is. If we made some plays in the first half maybe

we would’ve had some momentum in the second half. We had opportunities, we just didn’t make enough plays to stay in this ball game.”

Leicester had chances to change the course of the game early on, but they were unable to take advantage and capitalize.

On West Boylston’s second drive of the game with the score tied, the Wolverines had a perfect opportunity to gain momentum. After giving up a couple of big plays of 13 and 22 yards, Leicester stood their ground and stuffed two straight runs for no gain, and rallied to a short pass attempt that was completed for five yards. This set up a fourth and five for the Lions at the Wolverine 15-yard line, which was converted by West Boylston signal-caller Jackson Rice. Rice turned nothing into something and scrambled for five yards, falling just a foot over the first down marker.

If Leicester stopped them on fourth it would’ve given them the chance to go down and score following a scoring drive on their previous offensive possession. Instead, West Boylston went up 14-7 two plays later mid-way through the second quarter.

Leicester had two more offensive

drives following West Boylston’s second scoring drive. The first one came to a premature end due to a false start and a holding penalty. This killed the Wolverines’ momentum and it ended in a turnover-on-downs in the red zone. Following the turnover, Leicester was able to get the ball back just two plays into West Boylston’s drive when the Wolverines pounced on a fumble due to a miscue with the hand-off. The Wolverines took over at the Lion 40-yard line, but were unable to find a groove and went three-and-out.

“Penalties, dropped passes, they blitzed,” said Griffiths. “Not like we didn’t go over it all week, but just missed blocks, everything, and bad coaching. We have to coach better and the players have to play better.”

After an 0-2 start, something not usual for a Leicester team that has seen a lot of success over recent years, when asked what the main focus would be this week in practice to get back on track, Griffiths emphasized that they would go back to basics.

“Blocking and tackling; that is it because we didn’t do either tonight,” Griffiths said.

Halftime pep talk helps unbeaten Warriors win over Auburn

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — Through the first half of Tantasqua Regional’s and Auburn High’s boys’ varsity soccer game, played Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Memorial Field, the Warriors and Rockets — both undefeated entering the contest — had played to a scoreless draw.

Tantasqua head coach Matt Guertin thought that his team had a “good first half,” but he wanted more.

“I just tried to get the guys fired up in the second half,” explained Guertin. “We knew whoever scored the next goal was going to get the edge. We wanted to do that.”

Guertin’s halftime pep talk worked wonders as the Warriors put eight shots on goal to Auburn’s two and enjoyed five corner kicks to the Rockets’ zero. More importantly, Tantasqua scored twice in the second stanza en route to a 2-0 victory.

“In all honesty, they outplayed us,” said Auburn head coach Chris Bailey. “They’re a good team. We made two mistakes and both of those mistakes cost us. Good teams are going to do that. That really was the bottom line.”

The Warriors wasted little time capitalizing in the second half. During the fourth minute, Tantasqua’s Shawn Bradley won an individual battle against an Auburn defender from 20 yards out, turned his body toward the goal and fired off a high shot that got up and over keeper Brody Lewos for the first score.



Tantasqua’s Cole Casinghino watches the ball after heading it down the field.

Then, in the 11th minute of second half play, the Warriors doubled the lead to 2-0. Tantasqua earned a corner kick and Noah Genest serviced the ball into the box. After juggling around a few bodies, the ball found Devin Krochmalnyckyj. He had plenty of daylight to deposit a shot into the net.

“I like that we extended on the lead,”



Jack Leland of Tantasqua touches the ball ahead of his opposition from Auburn.

said Guertin. “We knew if we got on top of these guys because they hadn’t been in the hole yet, we wanted to put the pressure on them.”

Auburn then applied some offensive pressure, looking to cut into its deficit. In the game’s 64th minute the Rockets had their best chance, Omar Abu-Lail gaining a step on his defender and blasting a shot, which was saved by keeper Braylon Casinghino. The rebound found Abu-Lail, but he was unable to get the ball to settle and Tantasqua eventually cleared it out.

Guertin was pleased with the play of his defensive unit.

“The back line has been working hard in practice and getting better every day,” said Guertin of Krochmalnyckyj,

Cole Casinghino, Lucas Springer and Trey Cleary, plus Braylon Casinghino, who finished with six saves.

The defense has pitched four shutouts against the likes of Northbridge (3-0), Uxbridge (3-0), Oxford (3-0) and now Auburn.

The Rockets were 3-0 after beating Bartlett (3-0), Bay Path (2-0) and Quaboag (6-1) but now must regroup after suffering their first defeat.

Auburn’s Lewos finished with 12 saves as he and Michael Fortunato have split goaltending duties so far this season.

“We have two very adequate, good goalies. The goals [against Tantasqua] definitely were not on [Lewos],” said Bailey.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK



Tantasqua’s Aiden Filler busts off a big gain on a first quarter carry.

Sept. 10
Tantasqua 7, Uxbridge 1 — The JV Warriors’ boys’ soccer team improved to 2-0. Scoring for Tantasqua was Owen Stattenfield, Alex Kenney, Emile Escobar, Joey Chidester, Alexander Brunelle, Daelan Ahearn and a header goal by Luke Goodwin.

Sept. 13
Tantasqua 166, Oxford 228 — Heritage Country Club played host to the Warriors’ taking on the Pirates in a golf matchup. Medalist honors go to Tantasqua senior co-captain Nate Wright, who shot a 38 on the par-36 back nine layout. The Warriors are now 3-1.

Sept. 14
Bay Path 169, Assabet 194 — Playing on their home course of Heritage Country Club, the Bay Path golf team defeated the Aztecs. The Minutemen’s Evan O’Malley and Jason Kozlowski were medalists with matching 40s on the par-35 layout.

Tantasqua 176, Shepherd Hill 191 — Hemlock Ridge hosted the Warriors and Rams in a golf matchup. Shepherd Hill’s Will Reece (3-over par 39) was the medalist, but behind Tantasqua’s Nate Wright (41) the Warriors won and improved to 4-1.

Sept. 15
Bay Path 162, Keefe Tech 201 — Seniors Brandon Mertocci (37) and Evan O’Malley (39) were the golfers who most helped Bay Path to victory in a match played at Heritage Country Club.

Tantasqua 173, Auburn 180 — The Warriors’ golf team edged the Rockets at Hemlock Ridge. Medalist honors go to sophomore Patrick Dunn, who shot a 41 on the par-36 layout.

Tantasqua 2, Auburn 1 — In boys’ JV soccer action, the Warriors narrowly defeated the host Rockets. Ethan Parker and Levi Shepard were the goal scorers for Tantasqua (3-0). Owen Stattenfield pro-



Defenders Liam Hubacz, left, and Anthony Lataille (79) of Tantasqua combine to tackle Minnechaug’s ball carrier.

vided an assist, and Daelan Ahearn was the winning keeper for the Warriors.

Sept. 17
Tantasqua 174, Quaboag 194 — Warriors’ senior co-captain Nate Wright was the medalist in the golf match versus the Cougars at Quail Hollow Country Club, carding a 5-over par 41. Quaboag’s best was Matt Tiberii (44). Tantasqua improves to 5-1, while the Cougars slip to 2-4.

Minnechaug 34, Tantasqua

6 — All started well for the Warriors’ football team at the Reservation, as Aiden Filler (15 carries, 102 yards) scored the first quarter’s only touchdown on a seven-yard run as Tantasqua led 6-0. But Minnechaug rattled off the final 34 points as the Warriors dropped to 0-2. Tantasqua quarterback Caleb Thompson rushed for 39 yards and passed for 62 more.

Despite dominant second half, Bay Path can only tie Bulldogs

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLTON — By all accounts the Bay Path Regional varsity girls' soccer team dominated second half competition against Monty Tech on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at George L. Fowler Memorial Field. The first half was a bit more even, and both teams were tied 1-1 at the break.

What followed was a one-sided show-down. The Minutemen produced 11 shots on net to the Bulldogs' two and earned more corner kicks (4-1) in the final 40 minutes.

But all Bay Path could do was salvage a tie, as both teams scored once in the second half to produce a 2-2 final score.

"We dominated the second half," explained head coach Tammy Legere. "We just have to put it in the net, can't just shoot as hard as you want and think it's going to go in the net."

Legere noted that most of the Minutemen's shots were either high, wide or off posts.

It didn't help Bay Path's cause that Monty Tech keeper Abigail Kirrane was on top of her game in the second half. She made 10 saves in the half — 13 total — and some were of the spectacular variety.

"Definitely kept them in the game," Legere said of Kirrane's performance, before adding what type of strategy could have potentially worked better against the aggressive keeper, who routinely ran up to and slid into the ball before a Bay Path attacker could get to it. "I think our touches were just a little too hard. Take a little off of it, and you know..."

Bay Path took a 2-1 lead just two minutes into the second stanza. Following a corner kick, the ball caromed off multiple players before finding its way to



Bay Path's Madison Nolin settles the ball with a slightly elevated left foot.

Sophia Ballestracci. She was then able to head the ball through traffic, past Kirrane and into the net.

A few minutes later, a big Bay Path flurry nearly produced another goal or two. First, Kayla Nguyen targeted a shot into the upper left-hand corner of the goal, but Kirrane dove to her right for a sensational save. Then, Hailey Cournoyer clanged her shot off the post.

Unfortunately for the Minutemen, Monty Tech then tied the score with 15 minutes to go. Sophie Farr broke away from Bay Path's defense and went in alone on keeper Arianna Flores. Farr's



Ruby Pullen of Bay Path steps in between Monty Tech's Maryl Hooper and the ball to intercept a pass.

shot then got past Flores for the equalizer.

Then, with the game in its final minute, Flores needed to make her lone save — one of the punching variety on a strong line drive shot — to keep the game tied before the final whistle blew.

"I'm pretty happy. We just need to finish," Legere said of the many opportunities that couldn't translate into more goals. "Maybe feed the ball wider and then cross it, that way it's not so hard toward the net."

Bay Path opened the game's scoring in the 24th minute when Cournoyer sent a pass to Lillian Maglich via a nice through ball. Maglich ran up to the ball and one-touched it past Kirrane.

The Bulldogs found the equalizer in the 31st minute when Francesca Arsenault got to a loose ball first and looped one over goalie Olivia Bowes (six saves), who played in the first half for the Minutemen.

Legere wasn't thrilled with her team's first half of play.

"We're always sluggish in the first half of every game. That has to change," she said. "If they went out [and played like they did in] the second half in the first half, then it would have been a lot different game."

"It's not a loss. We'll take it for now," she added.

Both teams are now 1-1-1 following the result.

LOCAL GOLF RESULTS

Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club

Derby Results

First Flight
First place (120): Tom Staiti and Jim Wilson
Second place (130): Todd Allen and Dylan Allen
Third place tie (133): Mike Toomey and Dave Larson; Rick Lindsten and Pete O'Packi
Second Flight
First place (127): Benga Moreau and Mike Rigiero
Second place (133): Tony Woodman and Mike Valley
Third Flight
First place (128): Rich Ferguson and John Haverty
Second place tie (130): Dennis Rice and Mark LaPrad; Spencer Rice and Mike Amidio

Pit's Crew

First place (-9): Rick Nolin, Ron Jette, Jim Lamonda, Fran Elliott
Second place (-7): Dennis Trela, Dick Whipple, Ron Olson, Galen Johnson
Third place (-6): Ken Begin, Bob Demaio, Steve Crozier, Dave Walsh

Tour of Brookfields 308 Lakeside Open Nicklaus Division

First place (64): Mike Ellis, Ken Begin, Darryl Furtado, Dave Earl

Player Division

First place (61): JP LeBoeuf, Ken Burnham, Kevin Kokansky, Dick Whipple

Palmer Division

First place (65): Dave Daoust, Jim McKeon, Tom Foley, John Markey

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First place (28): Gary Soltys, Kathleen Soltys, Kim Mulligan, Diane King
Second place (29): Matt Lapointe, Sean Lapointe, Aiden Lapointe, Gigi Donahue

Low Back 9

First place (31): Ernie Warburton, Daryl Goundreau, Bob Leuko, Jason Toppin
Second place (32): Lisa Paakkonen, Mike Paakkonen, Sherry Burkle, Mike Duane

Kettle Brook Golf Club

Kettle	One	League	Week
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First Place:	Mike	Wong	
and	Craig	Nussey,	+6
Second Place:	Al	Morin	
and	Gene	Varney,	+4
High Individual:	Gene Varney,	+5	
Closest to the Pin on No. 8:	Todd Wozniak		



Hannah Cavan of Bay Path plays the ball with her right foot in an attempt to keep it away from an attacking Gabriella Henshaw of Monty Tech.

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Street), services rendered; 2:16 p.m.: juvenile matter (Lincoln Street), kids/bikes in traffic; 2:31 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), debit card found; 3:32 p.m.: 911 call (Town House Court), misdial; 3:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Chickering Road), parties tossing football in road; 5:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), re: neighbor's dog; 6:44 p.m.: juvenile matter (Maple Street), teens meddling w/drainage equip't; 7:02 p.m.: parking complaint (Bixby Road), neighbor blocking d/way; 7:45 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), West Brookfield PD bolo/welfare check; 8:31 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 9:56 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), misdial; (Total daily mv stops — 2).

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

12:58 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 1:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:48 a.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), noise complaint; 6:46 a.m.: commercial alarm (Donnelly Road), services rendered; 7:10 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:13 a.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), welfare check; 9:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive), missing cat; 9:41 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 11:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), spoken to; 11:58 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: property issue; 12:02 p.m.: juvenile matter (Kittredge Road), custody issue; 12:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: parking issue; 1:10 p.m.: medical/general (School Street); 1:51 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: fireworks disposal; 2:24 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), respond to school; 3:04 p.m.: 911 call (Bixby

Road), misdial; 3:37 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 4:21 p.m.: disturbance (Richland Avenue), investigated; 4:59 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 5:36 p.m.: RV complaint (Rustic Lane), bikes in road; 5:37 p.m.: mutual aid (Church Street), req. victim notification; 6:02 p.m.: suspicious persons (Brooks Pond Road), poss. attempted break-in; 6:38 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), stray kitten; 9:54 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; (Total daily mv stops — 5).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:27-1:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:18 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:48 a.m.: medical/general (McDonald Street); 5:45 a.m.: building checked, secure; 9:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), unauth. sale of mv; 10:11 a.m.: officer wanted (Chickering Road), re: strange call; 10:13 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), threatening texts; 10:39 a.m.: accident (Maple Street), report taken; 10:56 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rec'g threats from female; 11:42 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 11:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), req. contact RMV; 1:04 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), issue w/2 youths; 1:05 p.m.: animal complaint (Brooks Pond Road), loose/injure dog; 1:26 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 1:31 p.m.: DPW call (Pleasant Street), wire across road; 1:36 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 2:10 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), welfare check; 2:17 p.m.: parking complaint (Clark Street), sidewalk blocked; 5:30 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Smithville Road), Rebecca S. Eccleston, 32, 134 Smithville Road, Spencer, warrant/2, arrest; 6:04 p.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road),

missing cat; 6:54 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), speeding mc; 7:05 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 7:06 p.m.: suspicious persons (Maple Street), investigated; 7:06 p.m.: mv complaint (Brooks Pond Road), mv's from garage speeding; 7:11 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Main Street); 9:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. welfare check; 9:44 p.m.: mv lockout (Chestnut Street), assisted; 10:17 p.m.: suspicious persons (Delude Avenue), investigated; 10:27 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); (Total daily mv stops — 2).

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

12:23 a.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 2:46 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:58 a.m.: investigation (Green Street), no action required.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

12:25 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:39 a.m.: suspicious mv (Fernecroft Road), unable to locate; 8:36 a.m.: assist citizen (Newfield Street); 9:35 a.m.: assist other agency (Marshall Street), services rendered; 1:25 p.m.: erratic operator (Paxton Street), unable to locate; 2:49 p.m.: assist citizen (Pine Street); 6:05 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 6:35 p.m.: malicious mischief (Pine Street), report taken; 7:07 p.m.: assist citizen (Newfield Street).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:23 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:42 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and

address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, lights violation, no inspection sticker, mv towed; 2:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), John Henry Djamgmah, 28, homeless, Worcester, possession Class D drug w/intent to distribute, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, number plate violation to conceal ID, arrest; 7:19 a.m.: accident (Charles Street), mv towed; 12:45 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 1:04 p.m.: suspicious person (Mayflower Circle Drive), spoken to; 1:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 1:44 p.m.: parking complaint (Winslow Avenue), ticket issued; 2:18 p.m.: property found (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 5:55 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 7:41 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), verbal warning; 7:51 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Street), William L. Mosqueda, 39, 43 Olga Avenue, #3, Worcester, op w/suspended license, refusing to produce license/registration/plates, arrest; 8:04 p.m.: disturbance (White Birch Street), unfounded; 8:05 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 8:17 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, criminal application issued.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12


12:16 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 9:21 a.m.: mv stop (Whittemore Street), no action required; 9:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:47 a.m.: mv stop (Rawson Street), written warning; 10:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:14 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 10:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:25 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford

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LEICESTER – On Saturday, Oct. 9, Leicester Police Officer Mike Lombardozi and Auburn Police Officer Randy Hawley will take part in the ninth annual Ride to Remember.

The charity bicycle ride features a combination of residents, police officers, firefighters, EMT personnel, and corrections officers. The event traditionally runs from Springfield to Boston, but this year the route will pass through Worcester in honor of the nine Worcester firefighters who died in the line of duty over the past two decades.

On Dec. 9 1999, the WFD lost the following six firefighters in the Worcester Cold Storage fire: Lt. James Lyons, Lt. Timothy Jackson, Thomas Spencer, Paul Brotherton, Jeremiah Lucey, and Joseph McGuirk.

Ten years ago, the WFD lost Firefighter John Davies in a three-decker fire. Over the last three years, Firefighter Christopher Roy and Lt. Jason Menard lost their lives fighting house fires.

“No other fire department in New England has suffered such a loss, and the Ride to Remember wants to dedicate this year’s ride to the fallen heroes of

the Worcester Fire Department,” read a statement released by the LPD.

For this year only, the Ride to Remember will change the route so officials can spotlight the City of Worcester, the Worcester firefighters, and their families.

LPD leaders commend Officer Lombardozi for his efforts to honor heroes by taking part in the ride. He is no stranger to events that give back to the community while honoring heroes.

“Officer Lombardozi recently rode the 74-mile ride to remember Ron Tarentino and is ready for the Ride to Remember 2021,” said LPD Chief Ken Antanavica. “Officer Lombardozi is former military and he, along with many others, are always stepping up during our darkest times to support emergency responders – blue or red. The event on the ninth is a true tribute to remember all of the tough times all of these families and department have gone through.”

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Worcester Fire Department charities.

NORTH STURBRIDGE- Charles F. Hirbour, Jr., 80, passed away on Saturday, September 11, 2021.



He was born in Worcester, son of Charles F. Hirbour, Sr. and Gladys M. (Balcom) Hirbour and grew up in North Brookfield before moving to Sturbridge. Following graduation from North Brookfield High School, he spent 8 years in the United States Air Force as a Staff Sergeant serving three tours in Turkey and one in Taiwan. He retired as a Maintenance Manager with the United States Postal Service in 1996 after 30 years of service.

Charlie was the beloved and best friend to Mary and was the beloved and Very Special Dad to Jerry and his wife, Karen of Westborough and Cynthia (Cindy) of Auburn. He leaves a brother, Peter A. Hirbour and his wife, Sandy of Great Barrington; a niece, Julie; a nephew, Eric and his cousins, Mike, Nancy, Jane, Tom, Mary, and Dave.

Charlie was predeceased by his son, Mark K. Hirbour on October 15, 2007. He was a member of St. Joseph’s Church, North Brookfield and a past member and officer of American Legion Post #41, North Brookfield.

Charlie enjoyed fishing, gardening, 50’s music, winters in St. Petersburg, FL and was an avid fan of all sports. He was a Sports Reporter covering North Brookfield High School athletics for the Spencer New Leader in the early 70’s. But most of all, he loved his family with his whole heart and soul. Our family is so thankful to all of the staff at The Life Care Center of Auburn for the phenomenal care and kindness given to Charlie and his family during this traumatic time.

Honoring Charlie’s wishes, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to NATIONAL MS SOCIETY RESEARCH P.O. Box 91891 Washington, D.C. 20090. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Spencer Cultural Council accepting 2022 grant application

SPENCER — The Spencer Cultural Council invites interested organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support community based projects in the arts, humanities and sciences. The Spencer Cultural Council is a local agency funded by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. These grants can support a wide variety of artistic projects and activities in Spencer—including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in school, workshops and lectures. To be eligible, applications must be submitted online by Friday, Oct. 15 by 11:59 p.m. Applications and

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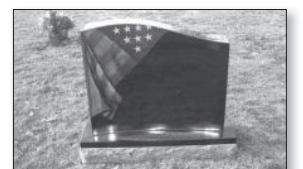
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DPHS football team finds new rival

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – David Prouty High School football players and coaches will miss the Battle of Breezy Bend, but they’re looking forward to a new rivalry beginning this fall.

Last year, Leicester school officials decided to end the high school’s decades-long Battle of Breezy Bend tradition with DPHS. For 50 years, the two squads have faced off each Thanksgiving Day, but Leicester officials cited a lack of competitiveness from the DPHS program as their primary reason for ending the rivalry.

Leicester won the final eight consecutive Thanksgiving Day battles with Prouty, the last three by lopsided margins. The game was canceled last year due to COVID-19, and Leicester

arranged a new Thanksgiving tradition with Auburn High School, beginning on Nov. 25.

After enduring the shock and disappointment of the Leicester decision, DPHS officials got to work in finding a new opponent. It was announced last month that Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School will replace Leicester on Prouty’s annual schedule. Due to travel considerations, the game will take place on the Saturday before Thanksgiving each year rather than the holiday itself.

The first rivalry matchup between the two squads, to be hosted by Prouty, is slated for Saturday, Nov. 20.

“I think DPHS and Martha’s Vineyard could be the start of something great for both communities,” said Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee Chairman Jason Monette. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our high school to continue such a special game in their high school football careers.

The Battle of Breezy Bend was great for years, but to be able to play one of the most popular island communities on the east coast is pretty cool.”

For Monette, who has experienced the Breezy Bend tradition as an athlete, an alumnus, and now a school official, it was a bittersweet experience to see a fresh tradition formed. He joins other school officials in their excitement for a new chapter between Prouty and Martha’s Vineyard.

Meanwhile, many former players, coaches, and officials from both DPHS and LHS are beginning to embrace the changes while also reminiscing on years of competition. For several local football families, the rivalry served as one of many beloved Thanksgiving Day traditions leading up to the big meal. Just a few recent unforgettable memories from the Battle of Breezy Bend include the “snow bowl” in 2014, as well as the 2016 matchup in which fallen Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr.,

a Leicester resident, was honored by athletes and fans alike. Signs and apparel supporting Tarentino’s family were displayed throughout the field on that crisp Thanksgiving morning when rivals came together for community healing.

“There have been so many exciting Prouty-Leicester games over the years, and each game is a special memory for the players and coaches who gave it everything they had with courage and honor,” said DPHS Principal Elizabeth York in a previous interview.

Moving forward, Prouty athletes look to make memories while pioneering their new rivalry. DPHS Athletic Director Charles Fahey said the game time against Martha’s Vineyard has not yet been announced. On both schools’ online schedules, the game is listed for 1 p.m. on Nov. 20.



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(Main Street), unable to locate.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:31 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:35 a.m.: investigation (Charles Street), services rendered; 10:40 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:49 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, criminal application issued; 3:57 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, unregistered mv, mv towed; 7:10 p.m.: harassment (Tobin Road), report taken; 7:28 p.m.: assist other agency (Marshall Street), transported; 8:02 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 10:01 p.m.: disturbance (Pine Street), unfounded.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:26 a.m.: mv stop (Whittemore Street), verbal warning; 2:28 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:39 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:45 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:58 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), mv towed; 10:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:27 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 11:42 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 12:33 p.m.: suspicious mv

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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