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# Borger Building added to Leicester High School campus

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Thanks to a series of milestone projects completed in recent years at the new Leicester High School campus, students are getting plenty of practice at ribbon cutting ceremonies.

In September 2022, school officials and municipal leaders celebrated the opening of the Fuller Campus Center on the grounds of the former Becker College. One year later, following a busy summer of prep work, officials gathered a short distance away from the Fuller Campus Center to cut the ceremonial ribbon at the Borger Building.

The program officially launched Borger's next chapter as a high school facility. With its opening, the entire LHS student body has now transitioned to the campus, attending classes at both the Borger Building and the Fuller Campus Center.

"This is our third ribbon cutting ceremony since the town purchased the Becker campus. The first was to celebrate the opening of the new high school location for our juniors and seniors last year, and our second was to celebrate the opening of the gym, with a beautiful new floor. Great things are happening for our students in Leicester," said School Committee Chair Donna McCance.

Featuring an auditorium, multiple science labs, and ample classroom space, the Borger Building will facilitate innovative learning that prepares students for the next level.

Officials thank all school leaders, town departments, and community volunteers who came together to get the Borger Building ready for the start of school. The School Committee, Select Board, Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian, Town Administrator David



Leicester school officials, municipal leaders, and students celebrate the opening of the Borger Building as part of the new high school campus.

Genereux, and DPW Director/Facilities Director Kristopher Lauzon played integral roles in the project.

"We are proud that the Borger Building has now been reopened and

again found its purpose as a place of education," Genereux said. "This represents a major step in the evolution of the property from a closed college campus to a major educational and cultural

institution in our town center." Currently, the Borger Building is limited to first-floor usage. Officials are hoping to secure a

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## Hundreds gather to explore Native history

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

BROOKFIELD — As almost everyone knows, New England's woods are crisscrossed with Colonial era rock walls and piles of what look like discarded rocks. In some cases, they are, but a growing body of science is showing some are actually Native American sacred sites that date back thousands of years.

It's "not an oh-wow type of stone monument," Ted

Timreck's film "Hidden Landscape" states. "This is prayer, a series of prayers in stone."

Timreck showed part of that film, one of a series looking at Native archaeological discoveries, to a standing-room only "Honoring Brookfield's First Inhabitants" event at Brookfield Congregational Church last week. While he was specifically referring to a site near Turners Falls Airport, they've

been found all over the continent. Until fairly recently, many scientists have tended to downplay Native origin for those in the Northeast, in part because of this region's heavy Puritan history.

"We don't know enough about Native American history, and what we thought we knew isn't as accurate as we imagined," Ted Timreck said.

Over time, archaeology has gradually found older and older evidence of human occupation of this continent. A century ago, all but the Natives themselves believed it was just 3,000-4,000 years, but today's evidence is pushing that date beyond 20,000 years. Old scholars tried to attribute Native stoneworks (some of them more complex than the prayer mounds, includ-

ing underground stone construction) to ancient Israelites, Vikings, Celts and other non-Natives.

There has always been a thread of European thought that saw they were Native. Timreck cites Ezra Stiles in the 1720s as dubbing them "stone idols," and believing they "were placed in locations that were culturally and environmentally significant." But that view was drowned out by the belief that northeastern Natives were not capable of such things.

Evidence that our region housed "a very complicated and sophisticated culture" 4000 years ago was largely ignored until recently. So were Native memories that suggest even

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## Meet local first responders at Leicester's Public Safety Day

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Residents are invited to meet their first responders and several other town officials this month at Leicester Public Safety Day.

Set for Tuesday, Sept. 19, the free event will take place from 4-7 p.m. on the Town Common. The Leicester Police and Fire Departments will be well-represented, including visits from K-9 Cooney; the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council SWAT team; a drone unit; a crash reconstruction unit; and an ambulance run by the EMS team.

"This is a great opportunity to meet members of your municipal departments and to see some of the tools of their trades. This will be a terrific family event for all," said Leicester Police Chief Ken Antanavica.

Additional municipal departments and officials scheduled to attend the event include the Senior Center; Leicester Public Library; the School Department; the Board of Health; Leicester Emergency Management; and the Leicester DPW.

While attending the event, guests will also learn about many lesser known public safety initiatives conducted by local departments.

"Kae Hart, our Children's Librarian, will have a table at the event. She will have information about the library, including our programs and resources," said Leicester Public Library Director Suzanne Hall. "The library has lots of fun things, like Story Time and Book Club, but we also have important resources that contribute to public safety. We offer a safe, comfortable, cool, or warm place to hang out for users of all ages, with 24/7 wi-fi that works both inside and outside the building."

Added Hall, "The library is a safe, neutral place to meet in person for online sales transactions, tutoring, or other collaborative projects. We also provide research and reference help and resources, to help residents avoid scams and find accurate, reliable infor-

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**WEST BROOKFIELD LIONS AWARD SCHOLARSHIP**

The West Brookfield Lions Club would like to congratulate the winner of the 2023 College Scholarship, Brandon Allen. Allen plans to attend Western New England College. Pictured with him are his parents, Dawn and Greg Allen.

## Massasoit Art Guild prepares for 20th annual art show

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Continuing a beloved celebration of local artists and creativity, the Massasoit Art Guild will hold its 20th annual art show and sale next month.

The two-day weekend event will take place on Oct. 14-15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Spencer Town Hall.

"The art show is free to the public, featuring the art and photography of our talented members," read a statement released by the guild.

Each year, local art enthusiasts, families, seniors, and aspiring artists check out a show full of talent and inspiration. This year, the show's reception is set for Saturday, Oct. 14, from 1-3 p.m. The awards ceremony will take place at 2 p.m.

In addition to the opportunity to view artwork and meet local artists, guests will also enjoy plenty of other activities at the program.

"Our raffle table will be full of great prizes from local businesses. Raffle winners will be announced on Sunday at 2:30," the guild's statement read.

Guests are also encouraged to visit the guild's sales table, where fine art prints and cards can be purchased. Additionally, live music will be provided by P.E. James on Saturday from noon-4 p.m.

Meanwhile, the guild is excited to announce this year's judges for the show: Jen Swan (artist) and Bob Evans (photographer).

Swan is a teaching artist and mural painter. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, she currently teaches classes for the Worcester Art Museum, Worcester Center for Crafts, and the Listening Wellness Center. Her recent paintings explore art and ecology. "Through plein air landscapes and wild-life studies, she wishes to creatively propose new possibilities for coexistence, sustainability and healing," the guild's statement read. Evans serves as Vice President of the Blackstone Valley Art Association. An NYIP graduate and FAA licensed drone pilot, he has received numerous awards and accolades in national newspapers over the course of his career.

Originally based in Liverpool U.K., Evans now resides in Northbridge. He is an active photographer who uses a wide variety of equipment and techniques, although black and white photography is his usual medium, officials said.

"Currently, his work is a fifty-fifty split between digital and film, which he develops and scans himself. One driving force for Bob is cataloguing mankind's interaction with the environment, especially with documenting abandoned places," the guild's statement read.

The deadline for entry in the upcoming art show is Sept. 30.

The program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

For complete details and show guidelines, visit the guild's Web site at [www.massasoitartguild.com](http://www.massasoitartguild.com).

If you have further questions, please contact the guild by email at [massasoitartguild@gmail.com](mailto:massasoitartguild@gmail.com).





Courtesy  
Local seniors enjoy food and entertainment at a recent event held at the Spencer Senior Center.



# Senior Center cookout celebrates end of summer



SPENCER — Local seniors celebrated the end of summer with a cookout at the Senior Center.

Held on Aug. 31, the cookout drew a large crowd of more than 200 guests. The cookout included chicken and beef kabobs, macaroni salad, summer veggies, and corn on the cob.

Polar Beverages donated 15 cases of soda for the event, and Table Talk Pies supplied desserts for guests.

The event also featured musical entertainment from Steve Harnois and the Trio. Officials thank all guests, staff members, and volunteers who came together to create an unforgettable final celebration of summer.

“It was such an awesome turnout. I am blessed beyond measure to have so many wonderful seniors in Spencer. They all work very hard planning and hosting these big events with me,” said Senior Center Director April Caruso.

# Golf tournament honors legacy of Alex Cordy

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — Knights of Columbus Council 11080 invites local residents to support the sixth annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament this month.

Set for Saturday, Sept. 16, the tournament will take place at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club (1822 Old Turnpike Rd. in Oakham).

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 8 a.m.

“Alex was an integral part of our West Brookfield community for many years. In memory of his outstanding service to his community, his church, and being a founding member of our Knights of Columbus Council 11080, this tournament will once again benefit our Youth Activities Fund to support the youth in our local community, a cause that was very important to Alex,” read a statement released by Wally Connor, the tournament chairman.

This past year, tournament officials used proceeds from the event to award two \$1,000 scholarships to local high school seniors. Funds were also used to support a number of other youth activities.

“We ask that you please consider supporting our event by sponsoring or participating in the tournament individually, or with a foursome,” the promotional statement read.

The tournament cost is \$120 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, usage of a cart, and a meal. A team of four will pay a total of \$480 for the tournament (with a cap of 24 foursomes eligible to participate).

Prizes will be awarded to the teams finishing in first and second place, as well as individuals achieving accomplishments like longest drive.

New this year, a putting contest will offer cash prizes. Golfers will also receive special gifts.

The meal is an Italian buffet, and the event will also include raffles.

Final registration for the tournament is requested by Saturday, Sept. 9.

Tournament raffle items and general donations to the event are requested. Additionally, non-golfers are welcome to join participants for the meal at a reduced cost from the general tournament fee.

If you would like to support the event or simply lend a hand with the tournament, contact Connor at 413-813-8100. You can also send an email to wally@supportingorphan.org for more information, or if you have any questions about the tournament.

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Sept. 20

LEICESTER — The Leicester Women’s Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. at Pine Ridge Country Club.

The program will feature Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian.

The cost of the meal is \$25 per person. To reserve your spot, call Linda at 508-330-9250 by Friday, Sept. 8. New members are always welcome.

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# Harvest Fair to highlight fall events in Leicester

LEICESTER — With summer in the books and children back in school, it’s time to get ready for favorite fall-time festivities, highlighted by the Harvest Fair on the Town Common.

This year’s event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16. The celebration will feature dozens of local crafters, live music, appearances from area organizations, educational exhibits, seasonal activities for children, food and refreshments, and plenty of fun programs for the entire family.

Event hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will be held rain or shine.

Event organizers thank everyone who comes together each year to make the event a success.

“Thank you to those who have supported us in the past, and we hope you can support this important event to benefit the youth in our community,” the promotional statement read.

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# Capstone Planning Group, located at Cornerstone Bank, welcomes Brookfield resident Kevin Outland



Kevin Outland

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has announced the addition of Kevin Outland to its team as a financial consultant for the Capstone Planning Group.

"We're thrilled to welcome Kevin to our team," said Capstone Planning Group Senior Vice President Christopher Mallon. "The work he's done over the past decade to help his clients pursue their financial goals is commendable, and we can't wait for our clients to get to know him."

Outland comes to Capstone from Citizen's Securities, Inc., where he spent 14 years helping clients pursue their financial goals through individually tailored planning and disciplined results tracking. He also holds various licenses through LPL Financial, including the Series 6 and Series 7 Securities Licenses; the Series 66 Investment Advisor License; the Series 63 State License; and Life, Accident and Health

Licenses.

"I am passionate about helping clients develop and implement financial plans to pursue their goals," said Outland. "Whether they want to receive personalized investment guidance, retirement advice, protect assets or leave a legacy to loved ones in a tax-efficient manner, it brings me joy to work with people and earn their trust."

A native of Sturbridge and current resident of Brookfield, Outland is actively involved with the Sturbridge BNI Chapter and is a volunteer for the Salvation Army.

The Capstone Planning Group is a wealth management team conveniently located at Cornerstone Bank that provides recommendations based on each client's specific needs. Services include comprehensive financial planning, investment advice, retirement income planning, legacy and estate planning, insurance and more.

About The Capstone Planning Group The Capstone Planning Group is a wealth management team conveniently located at Cornerstone Bank. We have a presence in Sturbridge, Charlton, Southbridge, Spencer, Leicester, Webster, Rutland, Holden and Worcester. Our group has over 49 years of collective experience assisting a wide range of clients pursue their goals. Because we do not offer proprietary investment products, we are able to provide objective recommendations based on each client's specific needs. Our mission is simple: to put our client's best interests first and earn your trust.

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## North Brookfield Cultural Council seeks funding proposals [www.StonebridgePress.com](http://www.StonebridgePress.com)

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield Cultural Council is seeking funding proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs. Organizations, schools and individuals are invited to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

Grants are available online Sept. 1 through Oct. 17.

The North Brookfield Cultural Council supports 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.

The North Brookfield Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) 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 Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the North Brookfield Cultural Council will distribute about \$6900 in grants. Previously funded projects include: Uniquely Quabbin Magazine, Stone Church concerts, Theater Guild of North Brookfield, Pumpernickel Puppets, Storytelling, Celtic Music, "Jumping" Juba senior concert, to name a few.

Local guidelines, application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available

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# Bolandrina celebrates 10-year work anniversary at Bay Path

CHARLTON — Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Douglas celebrates her 10-year work anniversary at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. She joined Bay Path as full-time faculty in August 2013 and was promoted to Academy Director in 2015. Prior to joining Bay Path, Bolandrina was with Massachusetts Bay Community College.

Originally from Isabela, Philippines, Bolandrina had an interesting path that eventually led her to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. She attended high school in Novaliches, Quezon City, and obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) College of Nursing. UST, officially the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, is a pri-

vate, Catholic research university in Manila, Philippines. Founded in 1611, UST has an autonomous status with Centres of Excellence in the fields of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Medical Technology, Biology, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Teacher Education, Philosophy, Psychology, Tourism & Hospitality Management and Music.

She worked at the Philippine General Hospital for a year prior to moving to Boston. The move to the US was prompted by Bolandrina's mother and father who knew she needed a safer environment. Bolandrina stated, "My father has been a big influence in my life. He would tell me, become a nurse and go to America. Never forget the Philippines. He always offered great advice, having traveled the world as a journalist."

At 22, Bolandrina was an entry level nurse at St. John of God Hospital in Boston with a specialty in rehabilitation nursing. She became a CRRN (Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse) in 1994.

After moving to Boston, Bolandrina became more focused on her nursing career. That focus led her to nursing educa-

tion. Bolandrina stated, "I believe in serendipity as well as God's plan to bring me where I am today. As I have worked to care for patients and influence lives, nursing education changed me for the better. I see myself in many of the nursing students. I am able to share my experience and nursing journey with the students I mentor. I enjoy seeing them succeed."

Bolandrina obtained her Master of Science in Nursing education in 2013 at University of Phoenix and her Doctor of Health Administration degree also from University of Phoenix in 2021. She was inducted to the Iota Phi-at-Large Chapter; Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau (STTT), the Upsilon Phi Delta Society University of Phoenix-Phoenix Chapter Sigma Alpha Pi, and The National Society of Leadership and Success.

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path offers a 40-week, (10 month), full time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. For more information, visit [www.bay-path.net](http://www.bay-path.net).



Gretheline Bolandrina

## Writers' group meeting at Richard Sugden Library

SPENCER — Writers Unite is a writers' group that meets the third Monday of each month. (If there is a holiday on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the group will meet on the second Monday.) We meet from 5:30—7 p.m. at the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer. Signup at [www.spencerpubliclibrary.org/adults](http://www.spencerpubliclibrary.org/adults) or call the library at 508-885-7513, ext. 1 to sign up for email reminders and correspondence.

Meetings consist of writing prompts, sharing individual work and inspiring writing. Please bring some of your current writing, a pencil and paper. Facilitator: Sharon Legasey.

The Richard Sugden Library invites you to join us in Book Bites! This is a Book Discussion that will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26. It is Hybrid (Zoom/In-person at Library). We will discuss the book "Lillian Boxfish Takes A Walk" by Kathleen Rooney, from 11 a.m.-noon. The book is "Extraordinary... hilarious... Elegantly written, Rooney creates a glorious paean to a distant literary life and time and an unabashed celebration of human connections that bridge past and future," raves Publishers Weekly. Register for Zoom link on the Library Web site, [www.spencerpubliclibrary.org/Adults](http://www.spencerpubliclibrary.org/Adults).

## Spencer police hosting third annual golf tournament

SPENCER — The Spencer Police Department will host its third annual fundraising golf tournament on Sept. 23.

"This is one of our major fundraising events that gives us the ability to give back to our community," read a statement released by the SPD. "If you would like to help us create another successful tournament, we are looking for sponsorships, teams, or raffles prizes."

To learn more about how you can get involved, send an email to [SpencerPoliceGolf@gmail.com](mailto:SpencerPoliceGolf@gmail.com). You can also stop at the station (9 West Main St.).

Funds raised at the event will support a number of community assistance projects and initiatives.

"We want to thank our past individual and business sponsors for two successful tournaments. We can't wait to see you on Sept. 23," the SPD statement read.

## Friends of Leicester Library hosting book sales

LEICESTER — The Friends of Leicester Public Library invite residents to take part in a pair of book sales next month.

The first event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The second book sale is set for Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Every item featured at the sales will cost either 50 cents or \$1. Buyers who spend over \$10 will receive a free reusable bag. Payment will only be accepted through cash or checks.

Donations of books, magazines, board games, and comic books are encouraged in the coming weeks. Donated items can be dropped off any time the library is open.

For those who are unable to attend a book sale this year, the Friends manage a small ongoing sale in the Reading Room at the library.

"The Friends of the Library is a group of volunteers who raise money to support the Leicester Public Library. They fund programs and other enhancements at the library not covered by the municipal budget," read a statement released by the library.

### Town of Brookfield Board of Health Clerk

The Brookfield Board of Health is seeking a qualified candidate to work in a part-time position as a clerk. Some of the job responsibilities include:

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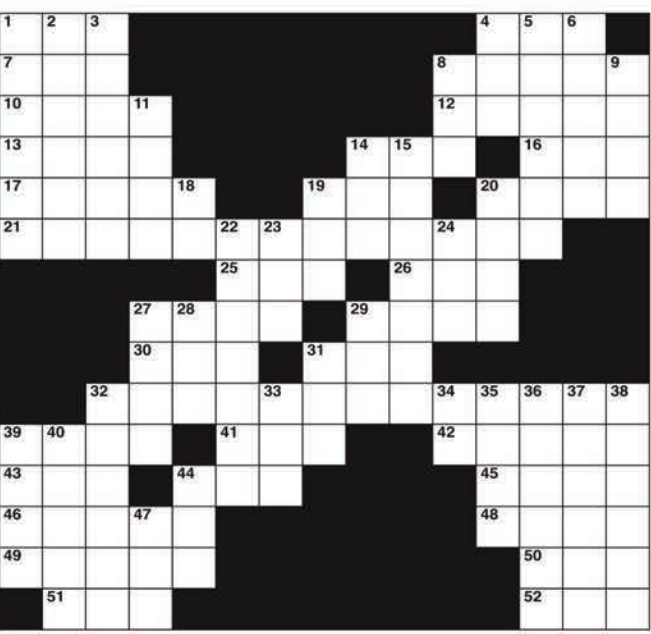
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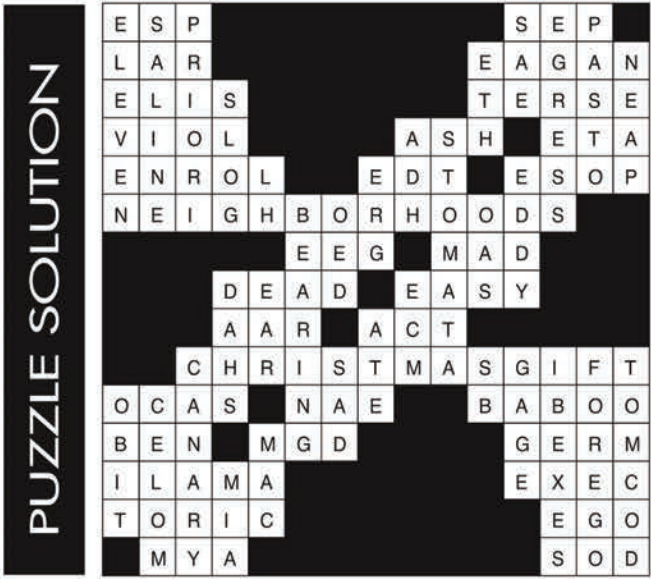


### CLUES ACROSS

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|---|---|
| 1. Second sight                             | 29. Simple                                  |
| 4. Standard electrode potential             | 30. Swiss river                             |
| 7. Type of gibbon                           | 31. Portion of a play                       |
| 8. John Joseph ____: American industrialist | 32. It's under the tree                     |
| 10. Manning and Whitney are two             | 39. Wood sorrels                            |
| 12. Abrupt                                  | 41. No (Scottish)                           |
| 13. Baroque musical instrument              | 42. Dialect of English                      |
| 14. Post-burning residue                    | 43. Former Steelers' QB                     |
| 16. When you hope to arrive                 | 44. Popular beer                            |
| 17. Sign up (Brit. Eng.)                    | 45. It can make you sick                    |
| 19. Sun up in New York                      | 46. Tropical tree and fruit                 |
| 20. Employee stock ownership plan           | 48. Company officer                         |
| 21. Where people live                       | 49. Contact lens term                       |
| 25. Method to record an electrogram         | 50. Your consciousness of your own identity |
| 26. Angry                                   | 51. "Ghetto Superstar" singer               |
| 27. No longer living                        | 52. Piece of turf                           |

### CLUES DOWN

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|--|---|
| 1. Number of players on each side in a football game | 24. States' group                       |
| 2. Containing salt                                   | 27. Dashes                              |
| 3. Reasoning or knowledge: a ____                    | 28. Body part                           |
| 4. Car mechanics group                               | 29. Electronic countermeasures          |
| 5. Leave a place                                     | 31. Consumed                            |
| 6. Southern Colombian capital                        | 32. Small bird                          |
| 8. Old English letter                                | 33. Unhappy                             |
| 9. Tide  | 34. Football's big game (abbr.)         |
| 11. Walk heavily                                     | 35. Valued object offered in good faith |
| 14. Chemical compound (abbr.)                        | 36. Wild goats                          |
| 15. Artificial openings                              | 37. Precede in place                    |
| 18. Luteinizing hormone                              | 38. Small edible fish                   |
| 19. Unit of energy                                   | 39. Notice of death                     |
| 20. Circular movement of water                       | 40. Body cavity of a metazoan           |
| 22. A way of holding                                 | 44. Partner to cheese                   |
| 23. Popular book of words (abbr.)                    | 47. Not around                          |



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None



# Country Bank’s Executive VP, Mary C. McGovern, graduates from American Bankers Association Wharton Leadership Lab

REGION — Country Bank announced that Mary C. McGovern, executive vice president, chief financial and operating officer, successfully completed the inaugural American Bankers Association (ABA) Wharton Leadership Lab at the University of Pennsylvania last week. She earned an ABA Wharton Executive Leadership Certificate, a prestigious credential that demonstrates her excellence in leadership and strategic planning.

The ABA Wharton Leadership Lab is a rigorous, immersive program that challenges executive bankers on the reality of leadership in today’s world at an Ivy League level. The program, which included 42 students, covers topics such as creating and sharing a vision, goal setting, managing talent, driving innovation, and sustaining meaningful relationships.

McGovern is an influential executive leader with more than 30 years’ experience in the financial services industry. Her leadership has contributed to the bank’s continued success for the past



Mary McGovern

12 years. Her participation in the ABA Wharton Leadership Lab reflects her commitment to continuous learning and professional development at a crit-

ical time in the industry as regulations, technologies and the work force continues to rapidly evolve.

“Mary’s commitment to Country Bank is admirable, with oversight of operations, finance, facilities, retail banking delivery and technology, she has continued to drive strategic change throughout the Bank,” said Paul Scully, President and CEO. “On behalf of the entire team and the Board of Directors, we would like to congratulate Mary for this achievement and look forward to her continued leadership as we navigate the next few years in a challenging economy.”

About Country Bank  
Country Bank is a full-service \$1.7B with 17.0 percent Tier 1 Capital mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

# The Leicester Arts Council invites funding proposals

LEICESTER — The Leicester Arts Council invites interested organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support community-based projects in the arts, humanities and sciences. The Leicester Arts Council is a local agency funded by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

To be eligible, applications must be submitted online between Friday, Sept. 1 and Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Application forms, complete information on the online grant application process, and specific guidelines for Leicester applicants are available at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/>.

In addition, there is an online information session on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m.

To register click here <https://massculturalcouncil.org/event/how-to-apply-for-a-local-cultural-council-grant/>.

Grants can support a variety of projects and activities in Leicester- including exhibits, performances, festivals, workshops and lectures, as well as school field trips and short-term artist residencies or performances in schools.

Previously funded projects have included: Leicester Concerts on the Common, art classes at the Leicester Public Library, visiting artists and field trips to cultural events for Leicester school children and the McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, music and drama performances for the Leicester Senior Center, historical programs at the Swan Tavern, and grants to local artists.

The Leicester Arts 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, humanities and sciences every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. Each council awards money based on individual community cultural needs, assessed and set by local council members.

Find us on FaceBook at #LeicesterArtsCouncil.

# Harrington Auxiliary holds annual Car and Motorcycle Show



Jason Bleau

A line of cars from both today and yesterday during the Harrington Auxiliary Car and Motorcycle Show.

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

THOMPSON, Conn. — Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park once again played host to the annual Harrington Hospital Auxiliary Classic Car and Motorcycle Show on Aug. 27, raising money to help support healthcare workers of the future.

The yearly event, always held on the last Sunday in August, celebrated its 14th year welcoming classic and modern cars as well as motorcycles of all makes and years to the green at Thompson Speedway to show off their piece of automotive history and vie for one of numerous prizes throughout the day. Kelly and Daniel Hibbard served as co-coordinators of the event as volunteers of the UMass Memorial-Harrington Hospital Auxiliary who have long supported Harrington Hospital and its many programs.

According to Daniel Hibbard, the cruise has not only become a valuable fundraiser, but also an annual tradition for car enthusiasts to come together to embrace their united hobby.

“We have trophies for first and second place in Chevrolet, Ford, Mopar, and what we call an open division which

would be cars that aren’t the normal cars. We have a people’s choice award, a motorcycle award, and this year we have a trophy for pickup trucks, and we also do a trophy for cars that are newer, anything from 2000 to today. We do twelve trophies overall. It’s a good event raising money for a good cause. Probably 75 percent of the cars here today follow us every year,” he said.

Kelly Hibbard explained how these funds help support the medical workers of the future.

“The Auxiliary is all volunteers, and the money goes towards scholarships for students going into the healthcare division. We also raise money to go towards equipment for things that aren’t covered by the annual capital campaign,” she said. “The hospital’s community outreach also takes part. We do blood pressure screenings here. We have raffles and vendors here from different organizations. We get a lot of donations from auto parts stores to help us out.”

The show usually brings in between 170 and 190 vehicles for an average event. Exact counts were not available for this story. Funds are raised through raffles, registration fees, vendor fees and other offerings. A final cash total was also not available.

## Friday’s Child



Kailyn  
Age 15

Hi! My name is Kailyn and I love sports, art, and animals!

Kailyn is an easygoing and lovely teenage girl. She is described as athletic and enjoys being active and participating in sports. She especially loves to swim. Kailyn recently expressed an interest in cheerleading and wants to join her school’s squad. She loves animals and aspires to be a veterinarian and wants to be an artist as well.

Kailyn attends a school based on a structured learning program for children with emotional needs does well with the support of an IEP. She

attends school regularly and has positive connections with staff and caretakers.

Kailyn would do best with in a two-parent family with a father and mother or two mothers. A single mother could also be considered if she has considerable support in his extended family and community. Although it is preferable for the pre-adoptive family to have parenting experience, first time parents could also be considered if they have had appropriate life preparation for meeting the needs of older children. Kailyn’s social worker recommends that she begin as the only child in the home. She would however do great with pets. Brothers Damien and Faysal were both previously adopted. Interested families must be open to maintaining and supporting Kailyn’s relationship with her two (2) brothers through contact and visits.

<https://adopt.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/7296>

### Can I Adopt?

If you’re at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won’t have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

To learn more about adoption from foster care visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.



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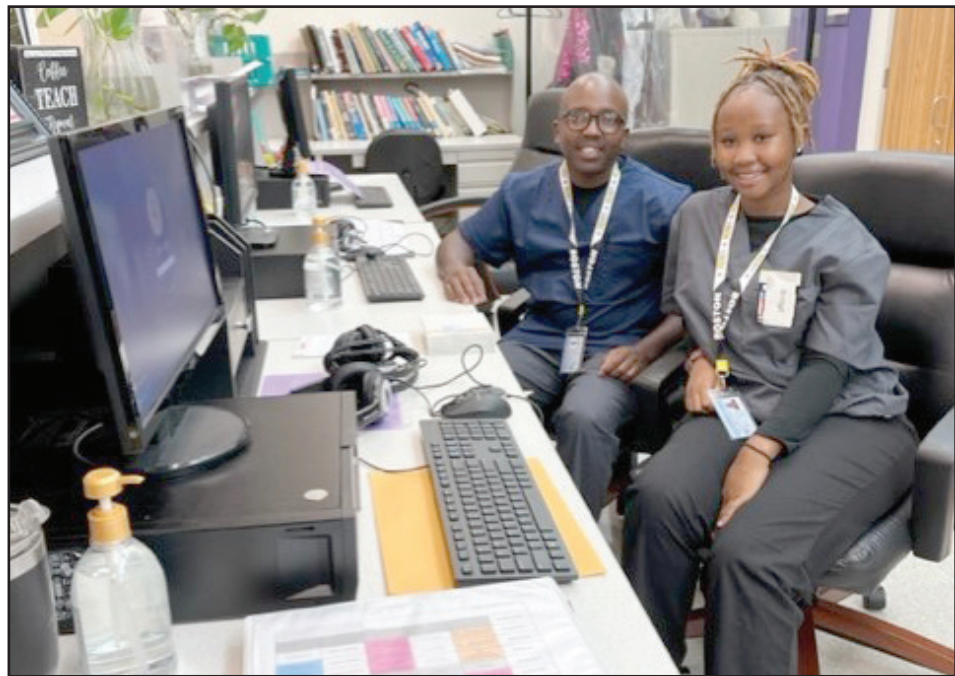
Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., congratulates his team of summer interns from throughout the area.

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# DA congratulates local interns

REGION – Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., and his team wish their local interns well in their next educational journeys. “We hope our interns had a summer filled with great experiences while learning new skills and building connections that will last a lifetime,” read a statement released by DA Early’s Office. This summer’s interns represented several local high schools, including Auburn High School, Quaboag Regional High School, and Bay Path Regional Technical Vocational High School.

# Nursing students complete dementia training



CHARLTON — Njunge is an ENFN, USN and a direct support professional for BAMSII, Inc. (since 2021), responsible for supervision of client medication administration, personal hygiene, and other activities of daily living. He is a Certified Nursing Assistant, MAP certified, CPR & First Aid certified, and holds a CDL driver’s license. He is a native Swahili speaker. Waweru is a waitstaff at Elsenberg Assisted Living (since 2019) and a behavioral technician at the Autism Therapeutic Services (since 2021), responsible for serving the elderly breakfast, lunch & dinner, follow behavior intervention plan, run one-to-one therapy sessions, and observe/document daily sessions. She is fluent in Swahili and Kikuyu. Academy Director, “At Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy we always believed that preparation is the key to success. Success is intentional. We make sure that all our PN students are Dementia Care certified as well as have complete training in Domestic Violence.” In the past years, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy ensured that nursing students all receive Dementia Care Training and Domestic Violence Training prior to their first clinical rotation.



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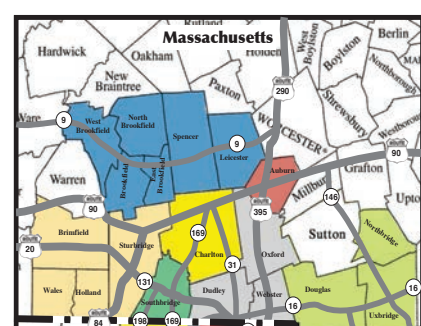
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## EDITORIAL

# Recognizing the past, present, and future of Labor Day

As the summer sun begins to wane and the autumn breeze starts to whisper its arrival, the first Monday of September marks a significant day on the calendar — Labor Day. Beyond the long weekend and the final hurrah of summer, Labor Day is a time to reflect upon the essence of work, the progress made by labor movements, and the ongoing struggles and triumphs of workers around the world.

Originating in the late 19th century, Labor Day emerged as a response to the deplorable working conditions that prevailed during the Industrial Revolution. The rise of factories and mass production led to exploitative labor practices, often forcing workers to endure extensive hours, inadequate pay, and hazardous environments. In this backdrop of inequality, labor activists and unions began advocating for reforms, ultimately leading to the recognition of Labor Day as a federal holiday in the United States in 1894.

Over the years, Labor Day has transcended its roots as a day of protest to evolve into a celebration of the contributions workers make to the prosperity of societies. It's a moment to honor the sweat, toil, and determination that go into building the foundations of economies. As we pause to enjoy a respite from work on this day, let's remember that the rights and benefits workers enjoy today are a result of the hard-fought battles waged by those who came before us.

In the present day, the landscape of work continues to evolve. Technological advancements have reshaped industries, offering both opportunities and challenges. Automation, artificial intelligence, and remote work have altered the way we perceive labor, prompting us to reconsider traditional notions of employment. The gig economy has introduced new modes of working, blurring the lines between full-time jobs and freelance arrangements. As we celebrate Labor Day in the 21st century, it's crucial to reflect on how these changes impact the well-being and rights of workers.

Moreover, Labor Day presents an opportunity to address persistent issues in the labor market. Income inequality, workplace safety, fair wages, and access to quality healthcare and education are matters that require our ongoing attention. The struggle for workers' rights is far from over, and the spirit of unity that brought about the first Labor Day should inspire us to address these challenges collectively.

Looking ahead, the future of American labor holds both promise and uncertainty. As technology advances, it has the potential to create new job opportunities, improve work conditions, and enhance productivity. However, it is essential to ensure that these advancements are harnessed for the benefit of all workers, rather than exacerbating existing inequalities. Labor Day reminds us that the principles of fairness, respect, and dignity should be at the forefront of any changes we embrace in the world of work.

Labor Day is a day to celebrate the achievements of workers throughout history, acknowledge the struggles they've overcome, and commit to addressing the challenges they still face. It is a time to recognize the value of human effort and the contributions that labor makes to society's progress.

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# VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Please support maintenance of Pine Grove Cemetery

To the Editor:

Residents of Spencer, please attend the Special Town Election on Sept. 12 and vote Yes in favor of the Pine Grove Cemetery. The town is asking voters to help with the cemetery's maintenance expenses. Without a Yes vote, the cemetery will no longer be able to maintain the grounds and upkeep.

Our parents and great grandparents are buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, and it's heartbreaking to hear that the cemetery is not being properly maintained. When our parents purchased four plots at Pine Grove Cemetery in 1999, we all assumed, as most people would, that it would receive perpetual

care for years to come. Although we have donated money to help the cemetery with its maintenance, there are many people buried at the cemetery who have no living family members to donate. Many of Spencer's past residents who supported the town for years are buried at this cemetery, along with veterans like our dad, who served his country during WWII, and they should be honored with perpetual care at their final resting place. Please vote Yes on Sept. 12! Respectfully,

DONNA DAVIS ZALAUSKAS  
JOAN BINFORD  
SPENCER

### Let's show respect for Spencer's heritage

To the Editor:

Our Pine Grove Cemetery is of great historical significance. The people who shaped our town so many years ago are buried here. One evening at a dramatic town meeting April 2, 1888, three men "competed" to out-give each other: Richard Sugden gave the Library and the Sugden block to sustain the library. Luther Hill gave the park and swimming area that bears his name. David Prouty gave the high school. Later that winter, Nathaniel Myrick gave the funding for the operation of the fairground. They are all buried in this cemetery.

These gifts are now a part of our everyday lives here in town, and we tend to take them for granted. How about our impressionistic artist Joseph H. Greenwood and Wm. Otis Bemis, who painted so many farm scenes, both famous in the art world. They are buried here. Take a walk in the old section. Veterans

from the Civil War (Medal of Honor winner Charles Hunter), Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War to the present have graves scattered throughout the cemetery, marked by fluttering flags. A walk down the gravel roads reveals generations of familiar family names. How many of our own families, town leaders, businesspeople, farmers, neighbors and friends are presently interred here in the newer section? Perhaps you visit the grave of your loved one, planting flowers in the sunshine.

Would we want to see the grass and weeds grow tall here? Let us be respectful and thankful for our heritage and take care of this beautiful place. Please vote Yes on Sept. 12 to allow the town to help with the upkeep of this special cemetery. Thank you.

SUSAN JORRITSMA  
SPENCER

### The worst of times

To the Editor:

To start with, what would it take for people to actually confirm facts and actively disavow untruths? I have just finished reading the published letter from Ms. Jackson. The one thing that I would add to her contempt for Donald Trump is my total agreement with Asa Hutchinson and virtually all legal scholars, that his support of the insurrection that happened with his blessing on Jan. 6, 2021 totally disqualifies him from any holding any federal office under the clear definition of the 14th Amendment. He does like to advocate setting our Constitution aside, but what will be of greater import is what his packed and conflicted Supreme Court might do. One can only hope that the various court cases, which are, or should be, of interest to voters, will be televised. I promise you that the postings and commentary made in a variety of media, will not stand up well under oath and in full view.

I believe much of Trump's popularity with Republicans is his formation of their platform, which is that only elections in which we win are legitimate. All others will be challenged and declared as cheating, despite no supporting evidence. I saw a poll last night stating that over 60 percent of Republicans think Trump won, despite the fact that the states that he won in '16 but lost in '20 are all run by Republicans, one of whom would not find the 11,780 votes he called and asked for. The GOP has embarked on a new more foolproof method to overturn democracy. Red states are passing legislation allowing their legislatures to fire any Dems elected, overrule voters and declare results they choose. This more closely resembles totalitarianism, than communism..

Our GOP dominated congress, clearly is just an appendage of the Trump campaign and the party, because, except for attacking the DEMs, they serve virtually no purpose. Hunter Biden is no prize and made millions leveraging his connections, but Jared Kushner made hundreds of millions. Gym Jordan dragged

the house justice committee to New York City to highlight their crime rate, but Columbus, Ohio back home, has a higher rate. He is now trying to defund enough of the DOJ to stop Trump conviction. I assume he also requested a pardon. A reckoning is coming.

An ex-girlfriend of mine lives in Arizona and says climate change is just weather. I think that also the GOP position. So, while you continue to ignore that most of the southern crops burned in the fields and those in the northeast washed away, be sure to find a way to blame the current administration for skyrocketing food prices. While you are at it, the over 110 degree weather shut down the gasoline refineries, jacking already high prices higher — also Biden's fault.

You will likely discern that I have no love for the GOP that I grew up in liking Ike. If that would lead you to think I am an advocate for the far left, not so much either. I do believe funding Ukraine will destroy Putin and save us bigly in both talent and treasure, even Nikki Haley pointed out that the Dems 2.7 billion in earmarks was way less than the GOP's \$7.2 billion, I would sure like to know why Richie Neal having enough influence to fund spending a half million a unit on housing for the homeless is logical. Follow that money.

While I do think Biden a better option than Trump (the criminal) or DeSantis (who signed the abortion plan he says he is proud of at midnight), or RF Kennedy, who is a crackpot who his family won't even support, we are assuredly living the Chinese curse "May you live in interesting times."

Speaking of China, I used to work for a shoe company who made Fruit of the Loom and Looney Tunes branded product in Taiwan. I understand they are now the major American flag maker. It is called capitalism folks.

KEN KIMBALL  
BROOKFIELD

### Kudos to Patricia Jackman

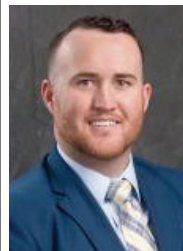
To the Editor:

Regarding the Sept. 1 letter by Patricia Jackman, kudos to her for describing so well the way that many of us feel about the twice impeached, disgraced, four times indicted ex-president.

Good job, Patricia.

SUE FOLEY  
SPENCER

## Own a business? Consider these retirement plans



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If you own a small business or are self-employed, you've always got plenty to do, but you can't forget about the days when you'll be less busy — that is, when you're retired. How can you prepare for that time of your life?

One key step is establishing a retirement plan for your business or yourself. And thanks to the 2022 SECURE 2.0 Act, you can now receive tax credits for opening and administering a 401(k), SEP-IRA or SIMPLE IRA. These aren't the only plans available for small businesses or sole proprietors, but they are among the most popular. Let's look at each of them:

401(k) – A 401(k) offers several key benefits: First, any earnings growth is tax deferred, and your contributions can be tax deductible. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10 percent penalty.)

If you choose a Roth 401(k), your contributions aren't deductible, but your earnings and withdrawals will be tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. And a 401(k) offers a variety of investment options. If you have workers, you'll need to consider whether to offer matching contributions, which are tax deductible to you, up to the limit of 25 percent of compensation paid to eligible employees.

But even if you're self-employed, with no employees other than your spouse, you can establish what's known as a "solo" or "owner-only" 401(k). In 2023, you can put in up to \$22,500 as an employee, plus a catch-up contribution of \$7,500 if you're 50 or older, for a total of \$30,000. Plus, you can contribute an additional 25% of earned income as an employer, up to an overall employee and employer maximum of \$66,000 (or \$73,500 if you're 50 or older).

SEP-IRA – An SEP-IRA may be attractive to you if you're self-employed or if you own a business but have few or no employees. That's because you must contribute an equal percentage of your own compensation to every eligible employee. In 2023, you can contribute up to \$66,000 or 25 percent of your income, whichever is less.

SIMPLE IRA – A SIMPLE IRA is easy to establish and administer. As with an SEP-IRA, earnings in a SIMPLE IRA can grow on a tax-deferred basis. If you have employees, they aren't required to contribute to this plan — but you are. You must match up to 3 percent of employees' contributions or provide 2 percent of their annual salaries, although you do have some flexibility. If your business goes through a rough patch, you can temporarily decrease SIMPLE IRA contributions to 1 percent for up to two years out of the previous five. Your contributions to your employees' accounts are tax deductible, but in terms of building resources for your own retirement, a SIMPLE IRA may be less appealing because of its contribution limits, which are relatively low compared to a 401(k) or SEP IRA. In 2023, you can put in up to \$15,500, or \$19,000 if you're 50 or older.

You should consult with your tax advisor to determine which retirement plan is right for you. Your financial advisor can also help you explore your options. And the sooner you put a plan to work, the better.

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# Fishing the Quabbin Res

Freshwater fishing is heating up in many ponds and lakes, & the Quabbin Res is one of them. My brother Ken and his son Mark enjoyed a day of fishing together this past Thursday, catching numerous species of fish while fishing out of gate 8. Leaving Whitinsville in the early morning hours, they arrived at gate 8 just in time for the opening of fishing. They rented a boat for \$25, which included a tank of gas, and admission. They decided to start the day off by trolling streamer flies, using their fishing rods with carbide eyes to protect their copper line and leader material. They are rods he had built years ago, purchasing tie copper lines and carbide guides from the late Paul Kukone's shop in Worcester. Now most new rods come equipped with ceramic guides, which were unavailable back in the '60's.

After packing the boat with their fishing gear and lunch, they shoved off from the dock at 7 a.m., and were soon fishing, trolling Ken's home-

made streamer flies. The copper line helps bring the flies down to the proper depth. They count their pulls, as they feed the line through the guides, which determines the depth the fly will be at. It is a method that we used for many years of fishing in our younger years. Today's reels are equipped with counters that keep the angler aware of the depth they are fishing, or the amount of line they are trolling in the back of the boat.

Trying different speeds of the motor can also give the angler an approximate speed as to how fast the boat is moving, or you can also use a more modern approach, by using a fish finder and depth finder that also records the speed. Unfortunately, the rental boats do not have the latter equipment on board. Purchasing a portable GPS and fishfinder to bring along can solve the problem and enhance your fishing success. Unfortunately, only boats that have gone through the boat washing and cleaning are



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allowed on the reservoir. Not many anglers are willing to spend the cost of washing the boat every time they want to fish the Quabbin. Some anglers own a couple of boats, one for the Quabbin Res and one for saltwater.

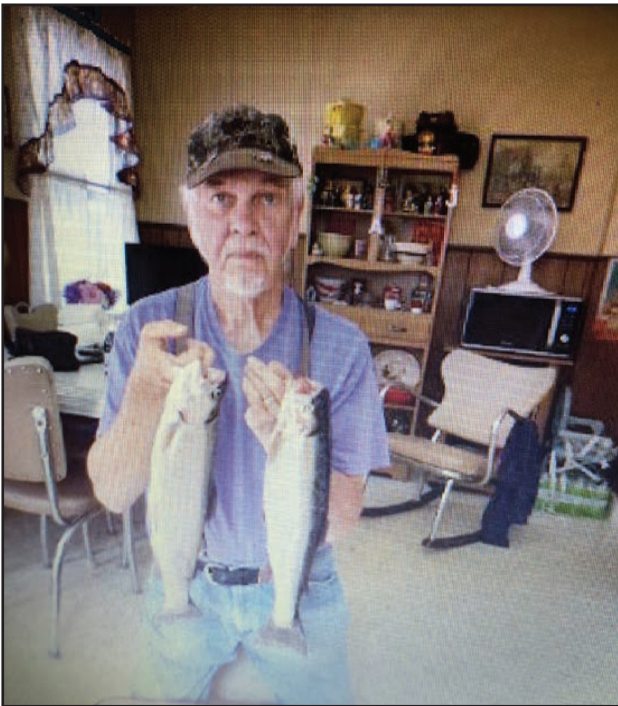
It was a picture perfect day for fishing, and the pair managed to catch a couple of 18 inch rainbow trout, one salmon and a few smallmouth bass and lakers usein shiners. The highlight of the day was watching a bald eagle swoop down and catch a fish on the surface of the water. It had no problem flying away with his dinner! All in all it was a great day on the water!

Some local boys headed up to Maine to do a bit of bear hunting. The last

I heard was that three out of five harvested a bear! More on their success and a picture or two of successful hunters next week! Bear meat is very good eating, and skinning out the hide to make a bear rug is a bit expensive, but when it is completed, it sure will look good as a rug or a wall hanger for that man's cave.

Coyote attacks are in the news almost weekly with a couple being rabid. The loss of a family pet is horrific, but when the public is involved in a coyote encounter, it is time to open Mass. to year round hunting of the critters. Coyote hunting season in Mass. has two seasons Jan. 2-March 8 and Oct. 14 to March 8. There are just too many coyotes in Mass.! They are here to stay, but weeding a few out when the opportunity arises can stop a vicious attack and save someone's pet or injury to the general public.

Do not forget to go online to purchase an antlerless deer permit in zones that have more available in Zones



Courtesy  
This week's picture shows Ken True with a couple of nice rainbow trout he caught last week at the Quabbin Res.

10, 11, 13, 14 go on sale on Sept. 26, and a limited amount of permits are available in zones 3, 7, 9, & 12, and will be sold on a first come first serve basis Sept. 27, starting at 9 a.m. sharp! The deer herd this year is in great shape, and the

chances of harvesting a deer this year are very high. Early goose season opened last week, with a 15 bird daily limit! Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Vick's VapoRub Uses

I was inspired to write this column after reading claims that Vick's VapoRub deters wrinkles. According to a slew of aging users, the smelly, gooey salve your mom

rubbed on your chest during cold season is gaining popularity as an anti-aging cream! While the jury is out on this claim and the softening of wrinkles is likely

due to the moisturizing aspects of the petroleum jelly, looking up the many uses of Vick's VapoRub revealed an interesting array of uses. Read on for some uncon-

ventional ways Vick's VapoRub can make your life a little easier!

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**\*\* Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The Bidens are not above the law

To the Editor:

The Biden organization and DOJ is framing the former president as nothing more than President Joe Biden's "weaponizing" his Justice Department against his political opponent. This is the only way Joe Biden could win. They want to put Trump in Jail and have court cases that would go from September to May to keep him out of the limelight.

For years, Democrats had a hearing on the Russia hoax and waisted our tax dollars. Democrats lied about the Russia Hoax. The Democrats knew it was Clinton who planted that lie, not Trump. He was innocent.

Trump was the best president ever; he had a great economy, never had wars. He cut taxes, and gas and food were less expensive, and we had many jobs.

Biden, on the other hand, killed a lot of people because of his open border policy. Seven million illegals are here in America, bringing drugs that affect our kids. They are still coming in every day. Child trafficking, death to Americans with poison of Fentanyl. The American people are required to pay for illegals' taxes, health, and schooling and all their needs. The middle class is disappearing and hurting because of Biden. He is driving the middle-class to losing

everything. The middle class is struggling with food, gas, and everything else is so high.

House Committee on Oversight and Accountability Chairman James Comer (R-Kentucky) released a bank records memorandum detailing new information obtained in the committee's investigation into the Biden family's influence peddling and business schemes. Money Laundering.

Biden and his weaponized government want to control all of us and control our children in school, and parents do not have any say. Biden's government will control us so we cannot have free speech. So, I say to you, we are now a socialist country. I believe all those indictments are phony about Trump. This scam is all about Biden's political opponent to bring Trump down. If you can't beat Trump, indict him, as Biden did. Mainstream media will only talk about Trump and not the Bidens' scams. Same with CNN and MSNBC. Fox and Newsmax explain everything, and how Biden and his DOJ planned all these court dates, especially around Super Tuesday. Good will prevail. I am tired about the liberal paper badmouthing Trump. Trump made America safe.

JOAN LACROIX  
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### Don't let Pine Grove Cemetery be closed

To the Editor:

As a lot owner at Pine Grove Cemetery, I am writing this letter to ask the Spencer residents for help.

This cemetery has been a huge part of the town for years. We have Civil War veterans buried there, plus veterans from World War I, World War II and the Vietnam war.

Many of Spencer's deceased were a large financially active support group of Spencer and responsible for the growth of this town. When they bought their lots in good faith, they were promised perpetual care for this lovely area. Now the cemetery needs your help.

My grandparents, parents, aunt, uncle and cousin are all buried there. These people deserve more than the

idea that the place could be closed and forgotten. My grandparents bought this plot in 1955, and would be saddened to see what is happening. If you have not visited here, you should take a walk or a drive through to see how lovely it is — very peaceful up on the hill — and see how people take care of it and the pride they have. This is a place they truly love, and show this with the plantings and upkeep of their loved one's plot — it's a place for them to visit their families. We just cannot let this beauty be overgrown and closed. Please help us; we truly appreciate it. The voting is Sept. 12.

Sincerely,

BETH ANNE MURRAY  
SPENCER

### Pine Grove Cemetery needs your support

To the Editor:

Pine Grove Cemetery came into being on May 20, 1845, when my great, great grandfather, Benjamin Harris Kinney, purchased the original parcel of land, naming it Mount Olive. In the ensuing years, through several owners, additional parcels of land were added and the whole became known as Pine Grove Cemetery.

Virtually all of my family members who have passed, including B.H. Kinney, are buried in Pince Grove. They share this sanctuary with members of generations of Spencer families who have chosen Pine Grove to keep their loved ones close to home.

After over a century of self-sustained

care, the cemetery is in need of help to fund continued care and maintenance to remain open. I don't think anyone wants to see the gates closed permanently and this sanctuary become overgrown with weeds and host to illicit activities by those seeking privacy from people driving past.

It is vitally important that as many voters as possible come out to vote and check the "Yes" box on the Special Ballot on Sept. 12 for the town of Spencer to grant Pine Grove \$40,000 a year for upkeep to this historical part of the town.

STEPHEN DURELL  
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# Plant trees this fall for decades of benefits

Fall is a great time to plant trees in the landscape. The soil is warm and air temperatures are generally cooler, creating a better environment for the tree and the gardener doing the planting. The cooler temperatures promote root growth which helps the tree establish a more robust root system before new growth begins the following spring.

Proper planting as well as timing is important for growing healthy long-lived trees that provide shade, reduce energy costs, help manage storm water and so much more. Reduce the risk of injury, inconvenience, and expense by calling 811 at least three business days before putting the first shovel in the ground. This free service contacts all the utility companies who will mark the location of the underground utilities in your work area. Look up and avoid planting trees under overhead utilities.

Select trees suited to the growing conditions and those that will fit the available space once they reach full size. Trying to keep a 40-foot-tall tree at 15 feet negatively impacts



the tree's natural beauty and requires lots of work on your part.

Once you select the right tree for the location, make sure to give it a safe ride home. Transporting the tree in a pickup truck or trailer is easier for you and better for the tree. If this is not an option, consider spending a bit more money to have the nursery safely deliver your tree.

When transporting your tree, use a tarp to cover the top of the tree to prevent wind damage to its leaves. Protect the trunk by wrapping it with a towel where it will rest on the vehicle. Always move the tree by the root ball, not the trunk, to prevent damage to the roots.

Keep your tree in a cool, shaded location until planting. Mulch balled-and-burlapped trees with wood chips to

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help keep their roots moist. Water these and container-grown trees daily or as often as needed to keep the roots slightly moist.

Locate the tree's root flare, also called the trunk flare. This is where the main roots angle away from the trunk. Dig the planting hole to the same depth as the distance between the root flare and the bottom of the root ball so the root flare is at or slightly above the soil surface. Digging deeper can result in the soil settling and water collecting in the depression around your tree. Make the hole at least three to five times wider than the root ball.

Roughen the sides of the planting hole to avoid glazed soil that can prevent the roots from growing into the surrounding soil. Carefully remove container-grown trees from the pot and loosen or slice pot bound and girdling roots circling the trunk and root ball before planting.

Place the tree in the planting hole so the trunk is straight and the tree is facing the desired direction. Remove the tags and

twine and cut away any wire baskets and burlap on balled-and-burlapped trees.

Fill the planting hole with existing soil so the roots adjust to their new environment. Avoid amending the soil as this encourages the roots to stay in the planting hole instead of moving out into the surrounding soil.

Water thoroughly to settle the soil and moisten the root ball and surrounding soil. Spread a two- to three-inch layer of wood chips or shredded bark over the soil surface surrounding the tree. Pull the mulch back several inches from the trunk. Mulching helps conserve moisture, moderate soil temperature, reduce competition from grass, and prevent weeds. It also keeps tree-damaging mowers and weed whips away from the tree trunk while eliminating the need for you to hand trim.

Only remove broken, damaged, and rubbing branches at the time of planting. Research shows that the more leaves a tree has, the more energy it can produce, and the quicker it develops



A tree's root flare, the place where the main roots angle away from the trunk, should be at or slightly above the soil surface when planting.

new roots and recovers from transplant shock. Begin structural pruning in a few years once the tree has adjusted to its new home.

Continue watering as needed. It takes several years for trees to develop a robust root system that is better able to access water from a larger area. Water thoroughly when the top four to six inches of soil is crumbly and moist. Apply enough water to wet the top twelve inches of soil.

The time you invest in proper planting and care will pay off in years of enjoying the shade, beau-

ty, and other benefits your tree provides.

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

# You hold the secrets to your own success

The adage "No one is an island" reminds us that we are social creatures, usually with the need to collaborate and thrive in community. We often lean on others for emotional, physical, or logistical support to achieve anything significant.

Sometimes, this help is minimal: a kind word, a small favor, or a pat on the back. At other times, achieving our goals demands a collective effort, like assembling a team of experts for a business venture or a passion project.

But here's the thing: While walking your path in life, especially when chasing a dream, you may often feel like

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you're on a solitary journey, and that's because, in many ways, you are.

Although there are shared dreams, usually, your dream is your unique vision, and even with a team behind you, the weight of the endeavor can still feel entirely your own. Especially when taking on the financial risks, pouring all of your time into it, working without pay, and facing the ramifications of each decision head-on.

In these moments, you must cultivate the inner voice that tells you, "You're more than enough; you have what it takes."

Think of an aspiring author. Having a suc-

cessful book will involve feedback from friends, family, an agent, an editor, and a publisher, but putting words on a page is solitary, and the chances are that the book will likely never see the light of day.

My dad was an author and published three books. His choice to become a writer at 50 didn't feel natural initially. He was an entrepreneur, and writing was new to him.

When he started to write his first book, "Playing with the Enemy," he'd write about 30 pages at a time, then have me read through it and give him notes. I knew nothing about writing a book, but he needed someone to bounce ideas off of, so I did what I could.

As I read each draft, I could hear him muttering at times, "How on earth will this get published?" or, "I've never done this before—what's next after I finish writing?" His doubts were audible yet charming.

As I heard my dad muttering doubts, I reminded him of a quote by Napoleon Hill that he had repeated to me hundreds of times since I was a child: "Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve."

Although he was no stranger to this belief, it was an Aha moment for him.

And sure enough, as he continued to work on his drafts, his tone started to change. The man who had instilled this mantra in me was now living it

in real time, conceiving and believing his path to publication.

His enthusiasm was contagious; during a chat about an unrelated topic, he'd excitedly exclaim, "I've got it! I'll send the manuscript to every publisher in America!" It was like a light bulb moment; the gears had finally clicked into place, illuminating the pathway ahead.

So, he implemented his plan and started sending the manuscript to publishers. Some publishers took months to reply, while others didn't bother responding at all. He didn't allow discouragement to set in.

Though he had yet to secure a publisher, he had already succeeded in his heart. He knew it was

only a matter of time and used it wisely.

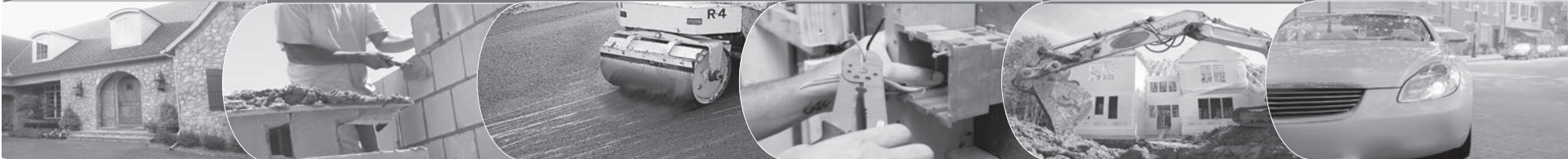
He consistently refined each draft, honed each word, and polished each paragraph. In his mind, he was not just waiting for a publisher; he was preparing for one.

After months of effort, a publisher finally bit. They struck a deal; the book saw multiple printings and enjoyed success.

My dad's journey is a testament to the universal principle of 'conceive, believe, achieve.'

His story points to the idea that no matter the dream or the challenges ahead, the most critical resources—faith, vision, and perseverance—are already inside us, ready to be tapped into to achieve success.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Leicester Police Log

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

3:36 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), gone on arrival; 7:14 a.m.: investigation (White Birch Street), report taken; 7:29 a.m.: welfare check (Franklin Street), report taken; 8:55 a.m.: hit/run accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:47 a.m.: investigation (Homestead Lane), report taken; 9:51 a.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 9:57 a.m.: ambulance (Washburn Square), services rendered; 11:21 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), assisted; 11:49 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 1:37 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 1:51 p.m.: debris in road (Henshaw Street), removed; 2:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Reservoir Street); 2:54 p.m.: wires down (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:06 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Parker Street), spoken to; 5:53 p.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 7:55 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 8:37 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 8:55 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 11:14 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:44 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25  
12:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:14 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), resolved; 8:34 a.m.: harassment (Main Street), services rendered; 10:02 a.m.: ambulance (Salem Square, Worcester), transported; 11:43 a.m.: family problem (Autumn Lane), spoken to; 11:48 a.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 12:52 p.m.: harassment (Main Street), spoken to; 7:13 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 7:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:46 p.m.: commercial alarm (Parker Street), false alarm; 8:01 p.m.: mv stop (Charles Street), verbal warning; 9:41 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Circle), transported; 9:44 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:46 p.m.: suspicious activity (Sargent Street), resolved; 10:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:30 p.m.: disturbance (Denny Place), resolved.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26  
12:07 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:26 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:14 a.m.: ambulance (Elmwood Avenue), transported; 8:11 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:22 a.m.: transported (Wachusett Street, Worcester), transported; 10:50 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred to ACO; 11:21 a.m.: welfare check (Pine Street), resolved; 11:28 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 12:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Dale Street), referred to ACO; 3:55 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), spoken to; 4:37 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), mv towed; 4:52 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:37 p.m.: ambulance (Point Eastalee Drive, Spencer), transported; 9:10 p.m.: disturbance (Marshall

Street), resolved; 9:31 p.m.: mv stop (Mulberry Street Runway), verbal warning.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27  
1:11 a.m.: accident (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 1:24 p.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 5:40 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 5:58 p.m.: trespassing (Chapel Street), resolved; 6:21 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 6:57 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street, Worcester), transported; 7:21 p.m.: ambulance (Parker Street), transported; 7:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Burncoat Street), referred to ACO; 8:07 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:02 p.m.: disturbance (Whittemore Street), services rendered.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28  
7:03 a.m.: commercial alarm (Mannville Street), resolved; 8:11 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), report taken; 8:30 a.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), referred; 8:37 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 9:04 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 9:25 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 9:51 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 9:54 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 9:58 a.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 11:34 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), report taken; 11:53 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Burncoat Street), referred to ACO; 12:53 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:58 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), assisted; 1:37 p.m.: fraud (Henshaw Street), report taken; 3:56 p.m.: family problem (Lexington Avenue), spoken to; 5:13 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:20 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), John Leo Harding IV, 37, 68 Jacques Avenue, 5th Floor, Worcester, shoplifting by asportation/2nd offense, arrest; 8:47 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 8:47 p.m.: suspicious person (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29  
5:55 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 8:51 a.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 12:09 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), Thais deSouza Machado, 40, 502 Stafford Street, #6, Cherry Valley, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, arrest; 12:12 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), report taken; 2:13 p.m.: assist other PD (Soojians Drive), unfounded; 4:05 p.m.: fraud (Reservoir Street), report taken; 4:16 p.m.: ambulance (Fairview Drive), transported; 4:30 p.m.: restraining order service (Reservoir Street), unable to serve; 4:58 p.m.: threats (Maighan's Way), report taken; 8:18 p.m.: property found (Rawson Street), resolved; 10:19 p.m.: assist citizen (Greenville Street); 10:31 p.m.: ambulance (Town Beach Road), transported.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30  
12:56 a.m.: welfare check (Monterey Street), resolved; 5:20 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 6:05 a.m.: debris in road (Marshall Street), referred; 6:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:16 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 7:23 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 7:26 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 7:31 a.m.: malicious mischief (Hyland Avenue), services rendered; 7:39 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 7:48 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 9:02 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), spoken to; 12:23 p.m.: threats (Henshaw Street), peace restored; 12:53 p.m.: disabled mv (Peter Salem Road), assisted; 1:01 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 1:33 p.m.: debris in road (Huntoon Memorial Highway), removed; 1:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:10 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 2:19 p.m.: mv stop Paxton Street), verbal warning; 3:25 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 4:02 p.m.: assist citizen (Paxton Street); 4:21 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), unfounded; 4:26 p.m.: harassment (Tobin Road), Kelly Ann Ross, 58, 75 Tobin Road, Cherry Valley, violation of harassment prevention order, arrest; 4:31 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 5:59 p.m.: commercial alarm (Washburn Square), false alarm; 6:20 p.m.: assist other PD (Walker Road, Charlton), resolved; 8:14 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 11:35 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Road), Trisha Anne Hubbard, 32, 10 Fruit Street, #C, Holden, OUI liquor, negligent operation, arrest.

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## Spencer Police Log

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23  
12:10-12:17 a.m.: intelligence/parole/2 (West Main Street), info taken; 1:01 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), bolo/issuing department not noted on police log; 1:38-2:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:00 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), tx lights malfunctioning; 11:31 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:06 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:27 p.m.: illegal dumping (Main Street), tires dumped in yard; 1:33 p.m.: medical/general (Lloyd Dyer Drive); 1:34 p.m.: assault (Hastings Road), report taken; 2:16 p.m.: 911 call (Alta Crest Road), open line; 4:11 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 4:25 p.m.: suspicious persons (Chestnut Street), investigated; 4:47 p.m.: mv theft (Lake Street), rep. trailer stolen; 5:21 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), man accosting

customers; 5:26 p.m.: medical/general (High Street); 5:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Avenue), restraining order inquiry; 6:08 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 6:35 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 6:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), req. for assistance; 9:02 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 10:03 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 10:17 p.m.: mvs repossessed/2 (Main Street), invo taken; 11:25 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), motorist rep. being followed; (total daily mv stops – 2).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24  
12:13-2:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:24 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:52 a.m.: larceny (West Main Street), report taken; 9:09 a.m.: officer wanted (Route 49), ofc. assisting TT unit; 9:39 a.m.: 911 call (Muzzy Street), status not recorded in police log; 10:49 p.m.: mv repossessed (West Main Street), info taken; 12:21 p.m.: 911 call (South Spencer Road), status not recorded in police log; 12:52 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 3:59 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:04 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 5:31 p.m.: disturbance (Cottage Street), issue w/neighbor; 6:02 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 7:40 p.m.: mutual aid (Pleasant Street), State Police req. assistance w/stop; 8:24 p.m.: 911 call (Pleasant Street), accidental; 11:00 p.m.: medical/general (High Street); 11:23 p.m.: medical/general (Pearl Street); (total daily mv stops – 1).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25  
12:03 a.m.: mv lockout (Lloyd Dyer Drive), assisted; 12:19-1:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:31 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 12:58 a.m.: officer wanted (Chickering Road), boat/side of road; 1:35 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 5:09-5:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:42 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Brown Street), accidental; 8:15 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:46 a.m.: medical/general (Wilson Avenue); 9:21 a.m.: fraud (Chickering Road), re: use of debit card; 10:17 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), req. property checks; 10:28 a.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 10:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 11:41 a.m.: medical/general (Cottage Street); 1:33 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), State Police bolo; 1:34 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:40 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), male bothering customers; 2:46 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:56 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 3:22 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 3:58 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Hardwick PD bolo; 6:14 p.m.: 911 calls (West Main Street), truck ladder cracking utility pole; 6:19 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog in truck/alarm sounding; 11:36 p.m.:

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intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 11:38 p.m.: medical/general (Deer Run Road); (total daily mv stops – 0).  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26  
12:26-3:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:52 a.m.: residential alarm (Sherwood Drive), services rendered; 1:00 a.m.: disturbance (Pearl Street), family issue; 1:19 a.m.: commercial alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 5:55-6:01 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Church Street), tickets issued; 8:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 9:11 a.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), rep. emergency; 10:05 a.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 10:36 a.m.: lost/found (Grove Street), iPad found; 10:52 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 11:33 a.m.: officer wanted (High Street), warning sign taken from yard; 12:18 p.m.: 911 call (High Ridge Road), accidental; 1:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), metal plate in road;

1:45 p.m.: disabled mv (Donnelly Cross Road), assisted; 3:19 p.m.: medical/general (Browning Pond Road); 4:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 4:38 p.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 5:25 p.m.: parking violation (High Street), ticket issued; 5:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), issues w/ex-wife; 5:45 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 6:35 p.m.: medical/general (Point Eastalee Road); 7:11 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), rep. damage to mv in yard; 8:41 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Chestnut Street), referred; 8:44 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 8:52 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), tenant/tenant issues; 9:13 p.m.: disturbance (Kingsbury Road), neighbor issue; 10:40 p.m.: medical/general (Laurel Lane), lift assist; 11:04-11:49 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (total daily mv stops – 1).  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27  
12:30-1:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:02 a.m.: parking violation (Elm Street), ticket

issued; 1:38 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), investigated; 1:55 a.m.: parking violation (Deer Run Road), ticket issued; 1:56 a.m.: suspicious persons (Maple Street), investigated; 2:24-2:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:30 a.m.: illegal dumping (Temple Street), car bumper in lot; 11:16 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 11:27 a.m.: officer wanted (Ashview Drive), spoken to; 11:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 1:20 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 1:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), paint scratches on mv; 1:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), issue w/portable toilet; 2:53 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 3:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), baby bear in area; 3:25 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 3:49 p.m.: 911 call (Smithville Road), open line; 4:57 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), re: incident at yard sale; 5:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Howe Village), dog having seizures; 7:13 p.m.: medical/general

(Howe Village); 7:20 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 8:45-8:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:16 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 10:01 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), question re: retrieving belongings; (total daily mv stops – 3).  
MONDAY, AUGUST 28  
12:07-2:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:29 a.m.: DPW call (Route 49), median needs mowing; 4:31 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 4:47 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:10 a.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 8:54 a.m.: fire alarm (Lincoln Street), referred; 11:05 a.m.: restraining order service (Ash Street); 11:22 a.m.: restraining order service (Cherry Street); 11:32 a.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), re: driver w/suspended license; 11:33 a.m.: mv theft (Bixby Road), investigated; 12:04 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Pleasant Street), illegal burn; 1:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), cat/kittens found in shed; 2:16 p.m.: medical/general

(Bixby Road); 2:22 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 2:47 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), overgrown vegetation at intersection; 2:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), req. welfare check; 3:27 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 3:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), re: missing pkg.; 3:58 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), re: kids on basketball court; 4:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), loose puppy; 4:40 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), ATVs/gunshot heard; 6:39 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 6:53 p.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 7:50 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 8:11-8:23 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:45 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), male can't find belongings; 8:50 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 9:32 p.m.: mutual aid (North Spencer Road), accident/Paxton side Route 31; (total daily mv stops – 1).  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29  
1:39-3:23 a.m.: build-

ings checked, secure; 4:32 a.m.: fire alarm (Bixby Road), referred; 7:29 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), school zone lights malfunctioning; 8:53 a.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), tow truck blocking line of sight; 11:40 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 11:49 a.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 12:07 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:32 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 12:49 p.m.: restraining order service (Hastings Road); 3:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), neighbor issues; 4:00 p.m.: disabled mv (Chestnut Street), assisted; 6:59 p.m.: medical/general (Lyford Road); 10:46 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 11:16 p.m.: suspicious persons (School Street), investigated; 11:42 p.m.: suspicious persons (School Street), person on bench/poss. deceased; (total daily mv stops – 2)  
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# LEGALS

**Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals**  
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit, for Robert & Meredith Laughlin for the property located at 129 Lake Shore Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a new garage, master bedroom and a porch at a dwelling in Neighborhood Residential District. This requires a Special Permit as per section(s) -1.5 Nonconformity, § 1.52 (a) (et al)  
September 1, 2023  
September 8 , 2023

**Notice of Public Hearing-- Planning Board**  
**The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday September 19, 2023 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, , 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, and the hearing will be conducted in person and remotely on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:**  
**Public Hearing: Major Site Plan Review/ Stormwater Permit – Applicant/Owners: Jaime Scarff/ Spencer Solar Farm LLC. Location: North Brookfield Road, Spencer, MA; Assessor's Map R39-14. The applicant is requesting a Major Site Plan Review and Stormwater Permit under sections 7.4, 7.4.5, and 4.8.9 of The Spencer Zoning Bylaw and Stormwater Regulations to develop a large-scale solar PV facility. The property is located within the Rural Residential (RR) zoning district. (Resubmission of plans and documents for reconsideration of decision from the 6/06/2023 Planning Board Meeting.)**  
September 1, 2023  
September 8 , 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER, SS. PROBATE COURT DOCKET NO. WO23E0059PP To Sharon Jarvis of Warren in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Roger Gagnon of Warren, MA, Marc Richard of Warren, MA, Suzanne Paris of South Hadley, MA, and Kristine Booden of FL representing that they hold as Tenants in Common certain land lying in Warren in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows: EXHIBIT A, 1710 Main Street, Warren, MA. A certain tract of with the buildings thereon situated in No. 4 Village, so-called, in the Village of West Warren, Town of Warren, County of Worcester, Massachusetts, on the northerly side of the state high-

way-leading from said West Warren to the Village of Warren, bounded and described as follows, viz: BEGINNING at a cement bound on the northerly Bide of said state road at the southeasterly of lot being described and at the southwesterly corner of land formerly of one Baker; Thence by land formerly of said Baker, North 5° 50' East one hundred ninety-seven and 5/10 (197.5) feet; Thence North 74° 30' West one hundred fifty-seven (157) feet to center of brook; Thence by center of brook South 16° 40' West one hundred forty and 5/10 (140.5) feet; Thence by center of brook South 44° West fifty-eight (58) feet plus to the northerly line of said state road; Thence easterly along the northerly line of said state road two hundred eighteen (218) feet to the place of beginning, containing approximately 39, 690 square feet. SUBJECT TO restrictions of record. Being the same premises conveyed to Catherine H. Mack and Pauline S. Gagnon by deed of Robert .T. Fijol, individually and as Executor of the Estate of Sophie Fijol dated December 27, 1989, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 12542, Page 150. Setting forth that they desire that - all - the aforesaid described part - of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$300,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid, according to law, and to that end that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private-sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twelfth day of September 2023, the return day of this citation. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court, this fifteenth day of August 2023. Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, 2023  
September 1, 2023  
September 8, 2023  
September 15, 2023

**Notice of Public Hearing for a Zoning Amendments – Planning Board**  
The Spencer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday September 19, 2023**, in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562 and the hearing will be conducted in-person and remotely on the following items starting at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard.

**Discussion & Proposed Recommendations for Zoning Amendments: One Year Moratorium on Large Scale Ground-mounted Solar Arrays & One Year Moratorium on Energy Storage Systems**  
Please check the Town of Spencer's Planning Board Page for additional information  
September 1, 2023  
September 8 , 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT DOCKET NO. 23 SM 003134 ORDER OF NOTICE  
TO: The Heirs, Devises and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Rhea Leahy a/k/a Rhea A. Leahy; Doreen M. Brooks, Susan J. Mallette, Coleen R. May; The Heirs, Devises and Legal Representatives of the Estate of John F. Leahy, Jr., Samantha J. Leahy-Burgess and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee, for ABS Loan Trust V claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 11 Dale Street, given by Daniel F. Leahy, Sr. and Rhea Leahy to Fleet National Bank, dated April 4, 2003, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 30287, Page 212, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated December 27, 2006, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 40664, Page 323, and further affected by Judgment dated February 29, 2020, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 63013, Page 308, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 10/2/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 8/15/2023. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

September 8, 2023  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO23P3028EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Sylvia A. Varney Date of Death: 08/03/2023**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Richard W. Varney of Spencer MA** and **Pamela J LeBeau of East Bookfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Richard W. Varney of Spencer MA** and **Pamela J LeBeau of East Bookfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration  
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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 09/26/2023.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
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**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: August 30, 2023  
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate  
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longer presence here, such as Narragansett oral history of massive flooding in ancient times that could reflect post-Ice Age sea level rise, Timreck’s film said.

“We’re on a steady trajectory to crack the glass basement of history,” he added in person. “... These discoveries of early dates should be just the beginning” of dispelling errors and stereotypes.

Nipmuc spiritual leader Tom Silver Fox Morse has seen those stereotypes in action. He said he grew up in Worcester and was raised to keep his Native ancestry “a secret because it could lead to fighting. ... That happened even in grade school.” When his father was dying, he started learning tribal medicine, which included sacred ceremonies and “being a friend to non-Natives and Natives alike,” he said. That’s represented in his garb – besides the medicine pouch all Natives receive at birth, he also wears a Christian cross and a Wiccan pentacle, and his shoulders are covered in the US flag.

Silver Fox also plays a leadership role in the project to protect an ancient burial ground near Quaboag and Quacumquasit Ponds. There, the tribe is working with the state Historical

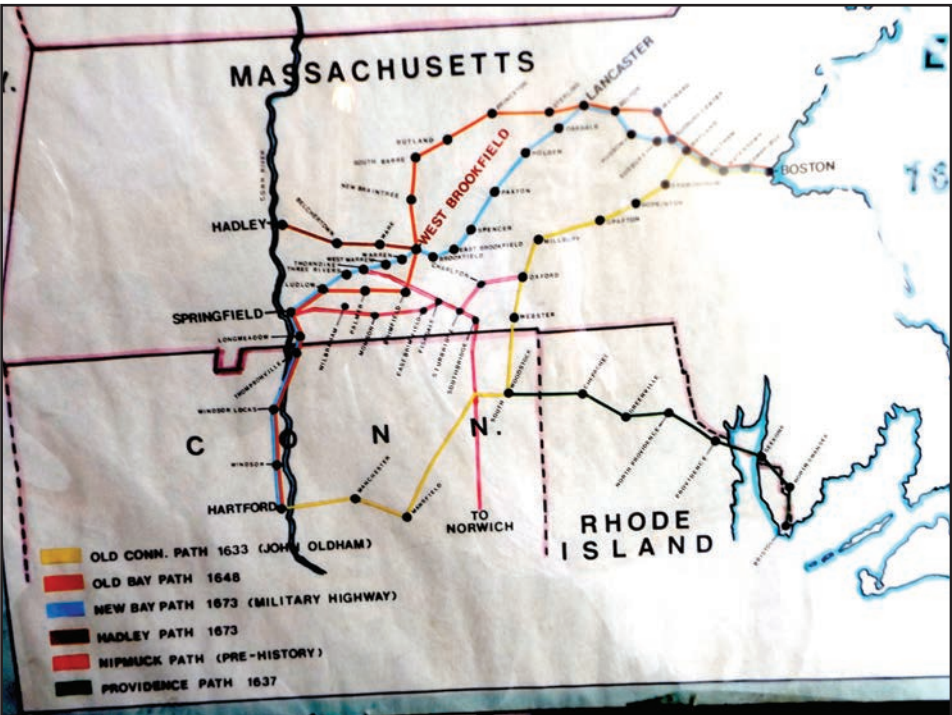


Nipmuc spiritual leader Tom Silver Fox Morse answers questions.

Commission and local selectmen to designate it as a Native campground and rename it the Adena Project. He noted Nipmucs were originally Adena – a Native culture centered in the mid-Ohio Valley between 500 BCE and 100 CE.

Evidence shows their influence reached this far northeast, and they probably gave birth to the more famous Hopewell culture of later centuries. Both are well known for their ceremonial mounds, some of them in the forms of animals and mythical creatures, although archaeologists have not yet found such designs in our area.

“There’s no question the Native population lived around both lakes for



One of the maps on display shows Native paths of the Colonial era.

thousands of years,” local Historical Commissioner Dan Hamilton said. “There’s a lot that’s still there, worth remembering, honoring and protecting.”

Other speakers talked about Native-colonial interactions, how Brookfield actually became a colonial community, the Native trails and other factors of the area’s history.

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SAFETY DAY

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mation. We look forward to being part of this fun, informative event.”

The Worcester County Sheriff’s Office will also be represented at the event, and guests are invited to learn more about the nearby Swan Tavern Historical Museum.

Business attendees will include Walmart; Country Bank; and Cornerstone Bank. The Lions Club will also be in attendance, offering food and refreshments for sale at their table.

Meanwhile, a student band is scheduled to perform on the Town Common bandstand, so be sure to come out and support Leicester music.

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BORGER

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grant to fund an elevator that would open the second floor for learning.

For now, school leaders are thrilled to see LHS students attending full-time classes at their new home well ahead of schedule.

“It’s been a team effort to get the Borger Building open. Thank you to our countless volunteers for coming together in our community to support our students,” Kustigian said.

Last year, LHS seniors and juniors made the initial transition to the new campus following the opening of the Fuller Campus Center. School officials promised that freshmen and sophomores would join them on campus this academic year, and contributions from several town departments and volunteers helped ensure that the mission was completed earlier than anticipated.

“It was a great honor for me to cut the ribbon at our ceremony welcoming our freshmen and sophomores to their new campus location,” McCance added. “This successful opening was due to the efforts of many people coming together to make it happen. The students painted a sign on the window that states, ‘better together,’ and the opening of this school exemplifies their message.”

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Clue: Look for

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