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“Reality Fair” offers DPHS students a taste of life after high school



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Howie Letendre, of FLEXcon, and Lynne Esposito, of Cornerstone Bank, are ready to meet David Prouty High School students at the first ever Reality Fair.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Students often hear about what life is like after graduation, but community members recently teamed up to show David Prouty High

School upperclassmen exactly what to expect when they begin their careers.

On Oct. 3, DPHS juniors and seniors received plenty of helpful insights during a financial literacy event called “Reality Fair.” Hosted by the Exchange

Club of Spencer, the interactive program enabled students to role-play the life of a 25-year-old new to the workforce.

Several local businesses participated in the event by hosting booths that simulated financial decisions facing young adults. These included booths focused on such areas as housing, transportation, furniture, clothing, self-care, and entertainment, among others.

Student participants were each able to choose a career of interest for the event. Upon arrival at the Reality Fair, students were given a personalized folder with their career choice, a “paycheck,” and a mock budget.

“It was a great event. I’m pleased to see the students taking this hands-on financial literacy experience seriously, but also really enjoying themselves,” said Exchange Club member Jennifer Hitchner,

who served as the chair of the club’s Reality Fair organizing team. “We would not have been able to make the event what it was without the generous support of our sponsors: FLEXcon, Cornerstone Bank, and Arsenault & Sons Landscaping.”

The Exchange Club worked extensively with school administrators and guidance counselors to plan the event. Organizers were thrilled to see everything run smoothly, and they hope the event will become a yearly tradition.

“Hands down one of the best turnouts I’ve seen at a reality fair. It was an amazing experience, and I’m thankful to have been able to assist,” said Exchange Club member and Reality Fair volunteer Angela Rowell.

Especially in today’s climate of elevated costs and steep competition for top jobs, it’s particularly valuable for students to

know what they’ll be facing when they begin their careers, officials said. Learning how to manage money responsibly and make pragmatic decisions can greatly help students as they build their foundations.

“It’s important for us to help students prepare for what they will need to do as they get ready for their careers,” said Howie Letendre, who represented FLEXcon at the event.

Student career choices at the Reality Fair included animal scientist; firefighter/EMT; lawyer; athletic trainer; chef; auto technician; pilot; marketing; graphic design; accountant; real estate; construction; massage therapist; U.S. Armed Forces; healthcare; education; and technology.

The final booth of the event was the “Banking Booth”, which all students visited to discuss their budgets and

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Voters give the go ahead to DPHS reovations

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – After years of planning and decades of patiently waiting, the school community will finally receive an overhaul of David Prouty High School.

At separate elections held on Oct. 4, voters in Spencer and East Brookfield authorized a debt exclusion to fund the DPHS addition-renovation project.

In Spencer, residents voted in favor of the project by a count of 1,456-1,052. East Brookfield voters supported the debt exclusion 298-179.

Before the \$111.6 million addition-renovation project could appear as an election ballot question, successful votes were secured last month at special town meetings in both towns.

School leaders thank community members for their support of the project, especially considering the many economic challenges impacting families since the pandemic began.

“On behalf of the entire Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, its staff and students, thank you one and all for your continued support and partnership,” SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey wrote in a message to the community.

Now that the project has been approved by voters, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) will cover \$46.8 million of the project costs, while the towns will be responsible for the remaining \$64.8 million.

Built in the 1960s, DPHS suffers from numerous problems, including issues with mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems; roof and accessibility issues; and outdated classrooms and equipment. In early March, the school was closed for several days following a burst heating pipe that caused steam and water damage.

Looking ahead, students and school officials alike are looking forward to a modern learning facility.

“I am very happy for the kids. They will finally be able to go to a school that’s ready for the twenty-first century,” said Spencer Selectman Ralph Hicks, who served as a liaison to the district’s DPHS Building Committee.

The next step in the school district’s

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Deja New launches new free ride program

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Deja New Leicester is partnering with Bethel Medical Transportation, a Worcester-based company, to provide Leicester residents with free rides to non-emergency medical appointments within Worcester County.

Known as Deja New Rides, the program was scheduled to begin on Oct. 1. Prior to offering the program, Deja New reached out to the Leicester Council on Aging, the Leicester Housing Authority, the School Department, and the town’s Emergency Management Department.

“Everyone we talked to identified a need for a program that would provide rides to non-emergency medical appointments for Leicester residents, especially seniors and individuals with disabilities,” said Cheryl Cooney, a member of Deja New’s Board of Directors, in advance of the program launch. “Currently, Leicester does not have such a program, and the public options are just not feasible for many people. Lack of transportation is a big reason why people miss appointments, and that can have a negative effect on health outcomes.”

After becoming aware of Leicester’s transportation needs, the Deja New team began to search for a partner and secure funding to kick off the program. The organization wrote several successful grant applications and received \$25,000 in funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The funding was made possible through the efforts of State Representative David LeBoeuf.

“Deja New chose Bethel Transportation because both of their missions are aligned,” read a statement released by the organization. “Deja New supports local families in need, and Bethel is helping them do just that by providing



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State Representative David LeBoeuf (front) celebrates the launch of Deja New Rides with a group of Deja New volunteers.

transportation services built on quality, reliability, and safety.”

Bethel Transportation offers both wheelchair-accessible and ambulatory vehicles that are fully licensed. The company’s drivers are professionally trained, licensed, drug-tested, and background-checked through the state, officials said.

Additionally, the company maintains automobile and liability insurance to cover any issues that may arise.

In order to qualify for this program, riders must live in Leicester and register for the program. You can obtain registration forms at Deja New, the Leicester Town Clerk’s

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Monthly Tea and Talk program helps seniors connect

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – After dealing with long stretches of isolation during the pandemic, guests are grateful for the joys of socialization provided by the monthly Tea and Talk with Dianna program at the Senior Center.

Held on the last Monday of each month, the event is made possible by Select Board member Dianna Provencher and community volunteer Marilyn Hyland.

The program was launched after Hyland donated a book titled “If Teacups Could Talk,” along with several English teacups. The author of the book, Emilie Barnes, served as the

inspiration for the new program, officials said.

“After a long absence from socializing with families, friends, and neighbors, this wonderful book has served us well at a much-needed time,” read a statement released by Senior Center Director Rachelle Cloutier. “The chapters are filled with ideas of gracious living where the author encourages her readers to embrace various gifts of friendship, tradition, comfort, celebration, and imagination while sipping on a hot cup of tea.”

The first meeting of the Tea and Talk with Dianna group took place on June 27. In the months since, the program has added new members.

“When Dianna first heard about the possibility of this new program, she offered her time. In addition to the already donated items by Marilyn, Dianna eagerly brought in several exquisite pieces of beautiful silver teapots, servers, and other items,” read the statement issued by Cloutier.

Each month, a member reads from the book and chooses a topic for the group to discuss at their round table exchange. Those who attend are encouraged to also share their thoughts and experiences.

“It is something we look forward to each month,” said Ruth Dowgielewicz.

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Bay Path Practical Nursing team participates in Walk to End Alzheimer's



CHARLTON — Getheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Douglas, Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy was joined by her husband Joseph and son Max, along with alumni and current students as the Bay Path Practical Nursing Team

in the Oct. 2, Walk to End Alzheimer's at the Hanover Insurance Office Park, 100 North Parkway in Worcester. The fourteen-plus strong Bay Path Practical Nursing Team helped raise funds and awareness for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Professor Lindsay Guertin, MSN Ed, RN, CNE of Spencer, is passionate about Dementia and Alzheimer's care.

She reiterates, "It's important to learn as much as we can, especially our practical nursing students. The more awareness we can bring leads to someday have a cure."

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Team members attended the Promise Garden Ceremony at 10 a.m. Bay Path Alumni who participated were Evalyne Njoroge of Southbridge and Jane Miru of Worcester. Practical Nursing students in attendance were Melanie Pariseau of Ware, Gearlyn Wetherbee of Charlton, Emily Rossignol, Patrick Ndegwa both of Dudley, Ana Hilner of Oxford, Laurie Barkoskie of Brimfield, Kristel Achamfour of Southbridge, Paulina Asante, Nancy Kamicha, Fatu Kanneh, Alice Maina, and Carmen Villanueva all of Worcester.

"Participating is fun and a memorable service-learning activity for everyone," said Bolandrina.

She added, "It's a chance to make an impact in the mission to end Alzheimer's."

Bolandrina stated, "I am grateful for Professor Lindsay Guertin's leadership and passion. We look forward to the day when the goal is reached of finding a cure for Alzheimer's."

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, the program is 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. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing (www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn) and is accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education (www.council.org). For more information, visit www.baypath.net.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Please see some important info below.

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Many women are concerned about the potential for developing breast cancer in their lifetimes. Breast cancer is the second-most common cancer among women in the United States and Canada. Despite that prevalence, there are ways for women to reduce their risk for breast cancer.

While it is impossible to change family history or genetic markers like gene mutations that increase breast cancer risk, the following are seven ways women can lower their risk.

1. Exercise regularly and maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity and

7 ways to reduce breast cancer risk

monitoring calories can keep weight in check. The Mayo Clinic recommends at least 150 minutes per week of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes per week of vigorous aerobic activity. Strength training at least twice a week also is recommended. Being overweight or obese increases a woman's risk for breast cancer.

2. Consume a healthy diet. The link between diet and breast cancer risk is still being studied. However, research suggests that a diet high in vegetables and fruit, and calcium-rich dairy products, but low in red and processed meats may lower breast cancer risk.

3. Avoid or limit alcohol consumption. Alcohol increases risk of breast cancer, even in small amounts. For those who drink, no more than one alcoholic drink a day should be the limit. The more a woman drinks, the greater

her risk of developing breast cancer, states the Mayo Clinic.

4. Undergo genetic counseling and testing. Women concerned about a genetic connection or family history of breast cancer can speak to their doctor about testing and counseling that could help them reduce their risk. Preventive medicines and surgeries might help those at elevated risk for breast cancer.

5. Limit hormone therapy. Combination hormone replacement therapy for post-menopausal women may increase risk of breast cancer, indicates the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Similarly, taking oral contraceptives during reproductive years may increase risk. Women can speak with their physicians to weigh the pros and cons of taking such hormones.

6. Breastfeed children, if possible. Breastfeeding has been linked to reducing a woman's risk of developing breast cancer.

7. Learn to detect breast cancer. Women should get to know their bodies so they can determine if something is awry as early as possible. Early detection of breast cancer increases the chances that treatment will prove successful.

Women can embrace various strategies to reduce their risk of developing breast cancer:

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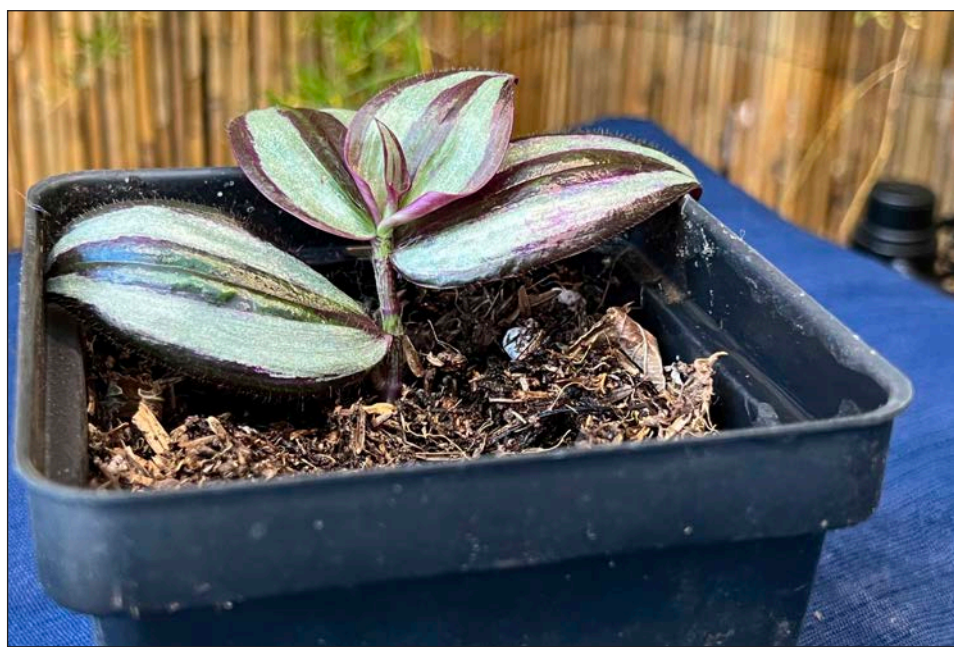


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Tradescantia plant being started from a leaf stem cutting.

Whether your indoor garden has outgrown its location or you are looking to expand your garden, a bit of pinching, pruning or propagating may be the answer. Grooming houseplants keeps your indoor garden looking its best and plants contained to the available space. You can use some of the trimmings to start new plants.

Give plants with long, leggy stems a pinch. Removing a small or large portion of the growing tip encourages the plant to form more branches and compact growth. Pinching removes a growth hormone produced in the stem tip called auxin. This hormone encourages upward growth of the stem. Removing the stem tip reduces the auxin and allows more branches to develop along the stem.

A soft pinch removes just the uppermost portion of the stem with developing leaves and the stem tip. A hard pinch, more like pruning, removes the tip and several inches of the leafy stem. These stem pieces can be used to start new plants.

Some gardeners pinch with their fingers, but I prefer using sharp snips like Corona Tools ComfortGEL® micro snips with stainless steel blades that resist the buildup of plant residue or Corona bypass pruners that make a clean cut that closes quickly and looks better.

When pinching and pruning your houseplants make the cuts just above a set of leaves. The plant remains relatively attractive while you wait for new leaves and stems to grow. Avoid leaving stubs by making cuts elsewhere as these

detract from the plant's appearance and can create entryways for insects and disease.

Houseplants can be propagated in several different ways. Avoid propagating patented plants protected by patent laws. These laws are designed to protect the investment of the plant breeder. Respecting patent laws allows companies to continue breeding improvements into plants for all of us to enjoy in the future.

Use leaf stem cuttings to start a variety of houseplants like inch plants, philodendron, pothos, dieffenbachias, dracaenas, jade plants and many more. Use a sharp knife, snips or bypass pruner to cut three- to six-inch-long pieces from

firm, mature, non-woody stems. Remove the lowest leaf or two that will be buried in the potting mix. This is where new roots will form. If you have had trouble rooting cuttings in the past, try using rooting hormone labeled for use on houseplants. It contains fungicides to fight disease and hormones to encourage root development.

Root cuttings in a small container filled with vermiculite or a well-drained potting mix. Make a hole in the mix, insert the cut end, and gently push the potting mix around the stem. Loosely

cover the potted cutting with a plastic bag left open at the top. This increases the humidity around the cutting to compensate for the lack of roots. Set the container in a bright location out of direct sun for several weeks as roots develop. Give the stem a gentle tug to see if roots have formed. Move the rooted cutting into a container filled with well-drained potting mix, place it in a location with the proper amount of sunlight and water as needed.

You'll be amazed at how a bit of grooming and propagating can perk up a tired indoor garden. Share or trade extra rooted cuttings with family and friends so each of you can grow your indoor garden and memories.

For more ways to start new plants and answers to your indoor gardening questions, join Melinda for her Webinar on Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. Central Time. The Webinar is free, but registration is required. Register at <https://bit.ly/3vD-VRr5> or www.MelindaMyers.com.

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 series* and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Camp Marshall prepares for third annual Halloween Weekend

SPENCER – Guests are invited to check out Camp Marshall's third annual Halloween Weekend, which has quickly become one of its most popular events.

This year's festivities will take place at Camp Marshall from Friday, Oct. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 30. Families will be able to enjoy plenty of Halloween thrills while helping to raise funds to support the camp.

Spook walks are slated for all three nights (7-10 p.m.). The cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

A trunk-or-treat activity will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 3-5 p.m. Additional activities for children and families are scheduled on the same day from 2-7 p.m.

A food booth will be open on all three nights of the event.

If you are interested in supporting the trunk-or-treat program, guests can distribute candy and dress up their vehicles with Halloween themes. Please provide your own decorations, costumes, and candy. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated vehicle, runner-up, and people's choice.

Please RSVP online for this activity for planning purposes. Registrations must be received by Oct. 25.

For more information about the event and how you can get involved, visit www.CampMarshall.net. You can also call 508-885-4891.

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process with the MSBA is the detailed design work phase, which is expected to take about a year to complete. School officials are hopeful that construction will begin in the fall of 2023.

Supporters of the project said it will draw more families to the district and create an economic boost for both towns. It will also help reduce the number of students choosing to leave the district, proponents told the New Leader.

Among other features, the project will include new science labs, modern classrooms, and a gymnasium on par with high schools throughout the county and state.

"We want to thank the voters from Spencer and East Brookfield for coming out and voting. Prouty Pride was alive and well over the past few months," said Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee member Jason Monette. "I also want to thank all the elected officials and committees that

have put in hours of their time to get to this point. I ask that people remain engaged throughout the design phase over the next year. Everyone's thoughts and ideas are welcome."

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16th Annual Apple Run/Walk for Diabetes set for Oct. 29

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The 16th annual Apple Run/Walk for Diabetes will be held later this month.

The five-mile run/walk is set for Saturday, Oct. 29, at Brookfield Orchards (12 Lincoln Rd. in North Brookfield). The event is hosted by the Lions Club of the Brookfields.

All proceeds will benefit the Clara Barton Diabetes Camp in Oxford and the Diabetes Research Team at UMass.

In prior years, the event has raised over \$31,000 in donations for these two

organizations.

"The race is professionally timed, and cash prizes will be awarded to the men's and women's first and second place finishers," read a statement promoting the event.

Registration will take place from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with walkers beginning the course at 10:30 a.m. and runners at 11.

The entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 17 and under.

Oakhelm Brewery, of Brookfield, will return as a sponsor this year, and will be on site with a complimentary beer for each registered runner and walker upon completion of the course.

For more information about the event, visit www.BrookfieldsLionsClub.org.

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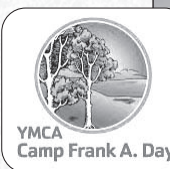
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From homeless to LPN to RN: Danielle's journey in nursing

CHARLTON — It is no secret that becoming a nurse is difficult. It is a journey for the strong and determined. From Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) to Registered Nurses (RNs), the academic journey is a challenge, one that may seem insurmountable. For Danielle Scotto, RN of Brooklyn Conn., it seemed more than insurmountable- it seemed impossible!

The former Southbridge resident knew that becoming an LPN, then an RN, would give her the best of both worlds as a nurse. So, with her grit, knowledge, skills, gratitude and kindness, she embarked on a journey full of challenging experiences and opportunities that shaped her into the nurse she is today.

The past and the future that led her to nursing

Scotto cites a memory with her best friend Erin as the catalyst to her desire to become a nurse. "I was from a working-class family, so I was at Erin's house on many weekends, eventually becoming like a second home to me. When we were about 10 years old, we rode our bikes. Erin did a few bike-riding tricks like feet off the pedals, hands off the handlebars, and feet on the handlebars," she recollects. Scotto attempted all the tricks, however during the process, she lost control and fell hard onto the ground.

She explains, "when Erin saw how much I was bleeding she ran into her house and told her mom immediately. Her mom came out, swooped me up in her arms, carried me to her downstairs bathtub, cleaned my wounds and calmed me down. Erin's mom was an experienced pediatric ER nurse. She was so calm and had so much compas-

sion, it amazed me. Erin's mom knew what to say to calm me. To this day, I remember that experience and have the scar on my knee from this incident."

From then on Scotto knew she wanted to be a nurse.

Plus, Scotto points out that, "I went to Bay Path in high school and studied Health Technology knowing that my end goal was to go to college and become a nurse. I graduated in 2007, received many commendations, including the student of the year twice, during my freshman and senior year. In the fall of 2007, I started at then Worcester State College (now University)."

Twists and turns

Scotto stated that while in college full-time, "I became an average student, not really applying myself. I was working two jobs and living on my own. I was exhausted. I was skating by. I would weigh daily if I wanted to go to class or catch up on sleep. I would often sleep in my car between classes on campus." On her senior year, Scotto met a 21-year-old male and made several decisions that would change her path entirely.

Scotto shared that, "This boy lived in Maine so every weekend I would go up on Friday and stay until Sunday or even Monday morning and drive back and go to class. This affected my academic standing."

One fateful weekend in October in Maine, Scotto allowed the boy to drive her vehicle. He drove erratically on a back road and ended up totaling Scotto's brand-new car.

"I didn't have insurance yet so when the accident happened, I did not have money for a new one," Scotto said.

Scraping together what she could, Scotto bought a vehicle that ended up

being unreliable.

Looking back, Scotto said, "I was in a rut, depressed, exhausted, and just wanting a break. I skipped three clinicals that semester. I was then visited by the director of my nursing program who told me not to return to class because I had missed too much, that I was unable to pass at this point! I was devastated but was trying to find the will to pull myself together to go back in the fall and try again."

Bad to worse

Going back to school in the fall did not happen. Scotto soon found out she was pregnant. She delivered her son Damien that fall instead.

"I continued in an unhealthy relationship for four years. I would always put him first and not care about my own feelings, careful not to upset him and never thinking about my needs or wants," she said.

Mistakenly, Scotto figured that if she made him happy it would enable him to fix himself and then she could work on herself.

"We moved to Florida for him to get to school, and eventually, since he was not able to take care of himself, never mind a family, we became homeless! We stayed at a house with another family with five kids. We were sleeping on a pull-out couch (him, Damien, and I). Neither of us had a job, and there was no hope," Scotto said.

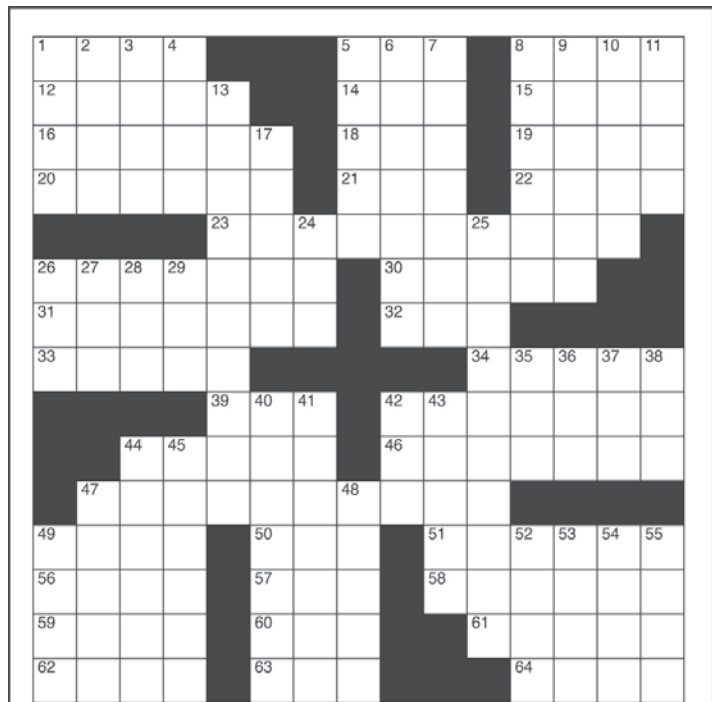
Scotto did not know how but one night she decided enough was enough. She reached out to her father who bought plane tickets for her and Damien to come home.

She said, "I had to hide this from my boyfriend. He would never be ok with



Danielle Scotto

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 5. A way to season
- 8. North-central Indian city
- 12. Emaciation
- 14. Actress de Armas
- 15. A way to score in basketball
- 16. Odd
- 18. Scripting languages on IBM machines
- 19. A right of local jurisdiction
- 20. Hard, colorless compound
- 21. Diving seabird
- 22. Wild goat of the mountains
- 23. Not shortened
- 26. Someone who learns from a teacher
- 30. Is inclined
- 31. Still asleep
- 32. Antidepressants (abbr.)
- 33. Town in Surrey, England
- 34. Indian music patterns
- 39. Birth control means
- 42. People tend to be on one
- 44. A way to keep meat moist
- 46. Home of the Crimson Tide
- 47. Pasta type
- 49. Late 1990s rapper
- 50. One circuit of a track
- 51. Surrounded by water
- 56. Late "Growing Pains" actor
- 57. Married couples say it
- 58. Drool
- 59. Sicilian city
- 60. Airline worker perk (abbr.)
- 61. Grayish-black mixture
- 62. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 63. Midway between east and southeast
- 64. Athletes who get paid

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- 1. Genus of owls
- 2. Hindu queen
- 3. Cain and
- 4. Hindu female deity
- 5. Islamic calendar month
- 6. Changes posture
- 7. More stubborn
- 8. Give work to
- 9. Round maps of the Earth
- 10. Gathered fallen leaves
- 11. Popular credit card
- 13. Separation of church and state
- 17. Founder of Sikhism
- 24. They
- 25. Where you find the milk
- 26. Institute legal proceedings against
- 27. The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord
- 28. Expresses surprise
- 29. Have a debt to
- 35. Businessman
- 36. State on India's western coast
- 37. Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
- 38. Patty Hearst's captors
- 40. Put into service
- 41. 10-year periods
- 42. Crony
- 43. Surgical clamp
- 44. Leave unable to move due to lack of wind
- 45. Where rockers work
- 47. Valleys
- 48. Ancient lyric poem
- 49. Wise men
- 52. It lights a room
- 53. Assert
- 54. Fifth Roman Emperor
- 55. Ancient Greek city in Thrace

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Saint Joseph School dedicates reading bench in memory of Jacqueline Skrocki

WEBSTER — On Sunday, Oct. 2, the Saint Joseph School community gathered in the school's playground to dedicate a new reading bench and outdoor library in memory of Mrs. Jacqueline Skrocki. For many years, Mrs. Skrocki provided reading support to Saint Joseph School students through the Title I Program. She was also the Chairperson of the Saint Joseph School Consultative Education Board and a committed volunteer at Friday night bingo events and many Polish Festivals. In addition to supporting the school, Mrs. Skrocki was a parishioner at Saint Joseph Basilica and a woman of great faith. As the Saint Joseph First Communion Class co-instructor, she guided many children to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In addition, she served others as an officer of the Saint Joseph Women's Club and a member of the Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart Sodality.

Pastor and Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski blessed the new reading bench, and Mrs. Skrocki's husband, Mr. Richard Skrocki, said a few words, reminding everyone of Jacqueline's hard work and dedication to her stu-

Photo Courtesy
Members of the Skrocki Family sit on the new reading bench at Saint Joseph School dedicated to the memory of Jacqueline Skrocki. (Left to Right) Jacqueline's niece Julie Zalewski, son Andrew Skrocki, husband Richard Skrocki, niece Piper Zalewski, granddaughter Olivia Skrocki, son Brian Skrocki, and granddaughter Vivienne Skrocki.



dents. In addition, Mrs. Skrocki's sons Brian and Andrew Skrocki, granddaughters Olivia and Vivienne Skrocki, nieces Piper and Julie Zalewski, brother Robert Zalewski, nephew Mark Zalewski, Aunt Sylvia Kozlowski, Saint Joseph School Principal Beth Boudreau, members of the school's faculty and staff, parishioners, and friends attended the dedication.

Principal Boudreau is proud to have Saint Joseph School's new outdoor reading area. Included with the beautiful teak bench is an outdoor library box where books can be stored and shared. In addition, the bench was lovingly detailed in memory of Mrs. Skrocki by local artist and Saint Joseph School graduate David Laabs of the Airbrush Shack.

Mrs. Boudreau stated, "This will keep the memory of our wonderful friend and her love of reading alive with our students and faculty. Mrs. Skrocki was

a kind, loving, and patient individual who touched the lives of many. She is missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her."

Friends of Spencer Seniors hosting Halloween party

SPENCER — The Friends of the Spencer Seniors are looking forward to hosting their second annual Halloween Party on Oct. 28.

Open to all seniors and their guests, the party will take place at the Senior Center from 6-9:30 p.m. The event will include raffles, light refreshments, and plenty of dancing to the oldies. Guests who wear a Halloween

costume to the event will be eligible to participate in the "Best Costume" contest.

Tickets to the party cost \$5 per person and can be purchased from Senior Center Director April Caruso during regular business hours. The Senior Center is open Monday through Wednesday (8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.), as well as Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information about the program, call the Senior Center at 508-885-7546.

Additionally, the Senior Center will host its second annual craft fair on Nov. 12. More than 20 local vendors will provide plenty of opportunities for holiday shopping. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The craft fair is free to the public. Refreshments and lunch

will be available for purchase.

The Friends of the Spencer Seniors is a group that raises money for the Senior Center. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center's upstairs meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

Reading the morning newspaper is the realist's morning prayer.

George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel



TEA

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Some members have even brought in items from their family collections for the group to enjoy.

"It is not restricted to the chapters of the book, but instead to what individuals feel they can share with others," read the

statement issued by Cloutier. "It is a time for those in attendance to develop and create friendships. We are coming out of a long period of time when COVID was the talk and fear of the day. As the group continues to grow and those in the group learn about each other, they begin to open up more and to share more."

Senior Center officials thank Provencher and other

town leaders, including Town Administrator David Genereux, for their continued support of programs and activities. In addition to attending Council on Aging board meetings, officials also help cook the Senior Center's monthly breakfast and the annual veterans' breakfast.

This year, the veterans' breakfast will be held on Nov. 17 at 9 a.m.



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Khary is able to communicate easily his wants and needs. He loves to read and do puzzles. He thrives in his foster home where he receives structure and positive attention. His foster home provides openness so that Khary can talk about his family as the need arises. Khary needs time with transitions and building trusting relationships. He is very patient and understanding.

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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.

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PERSON of the WEEK

Jennifer Wysocki, Spencer, MA

The "Reality Fair," an interactive program for juniors and seniors at David Prouty High School, was hosted by the Spencer Exchange Club on October 3. Students had the chance to role play the life of a 25-year-old, making stimulated financial decisions based on their chosen career and housing situations. Jenn Wysocki has done an amazing job working with the Spencer Exchange Club and Principal Nathaniel Malone, to help bring this event to DPHS. Thank you to all the local businesses who hosted booths at this Fair.

— Sheena Toscano

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The department assistant will be required to successfully complete DCJIS, CPR, First Aid, suicide prevention, and matron training (if applicable). The employee will also be responsible for monitoring prisoners after they have been placed in a holding cell to ensure their safety while they are in police custody.

“The ideal candidate is a self-motivated, detail oriented professional with the understanding of the high level of con-

fidentiality maintained,” read a statement released by the department.

The Leicester Police Department is operational 24/7. Work hours for the assistant position may vary.

The starting hourly rate for the position is \$18.55-\$19.59.

Interested candidates must submit their completed forms in one packet to: Sgt. Craig Guertin, Leicester Police Department, 90 South Main St., Leicester, MA 01524.

For more information about the position, visit www.leicesterma.org.

Meanwhile, the Leicester Highway Department is looking for part-time employees to plow snow this upcoming winter season. These are temporary, non-benefited, on-call positions. The town is also looking for plow contractors with their own equipment.

For more information about these positions, call the Highway Department at 508-892-7021.

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Office, the Leicester Housing Authority, and the Leicester Senior Center.

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“The Deja New Board of Directors believes that this program is vital to the community. It has the potential to improve health outcomes for people who miss medical appointments due to lack of transportation or the high cost of private carriers,” the organization's statement read.

For more information about the program, visit [Deja New Leicester's website](http://www.DejaNewLeicester.com).

SCOTTO

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this. I lied and told him that I needed to go home and get started on my school so when he graduated, we could be together; and I would be a nurse and we could have a good life.”

Scotto added, “I had to ask my dad to wire me money for gas so that we could get to the airport. This was the absolute lowest point of my life.”

Nursing care, no matter where Scotto and her son Damien got off the plane in Worcester November of 2014 in flip flops, no coats for either of them.

“I never looked back. I never saw that boyfriend again,” she said.

For Scotto, the evolution of her nursing career from health technology and nursing school to a pause is serendipitous.

She said, “I was still not sure how to get my life together. I had a minimum wage job and was living with my mom. I applied and got hired as an activities' assistant at a nursing home through a lead from my sister.”

Healthcare is constantly improving and evolving and nursing is no different. The tenets of prudent nursing care- from critical thinking to practical skills and compassion remained in Scotto, no matter where she delivered care. She points out, “as an activities' assistant I attended care plan meetings with the healthcare team. The Director of Nursing (DON) noticed and liked my input and feedback for the nurses' goals and outcomes. The DON was amazed that an activities' assistant can critique care plans and comment on which ones

are not measurable or realistic!” Scotto made the decision to try nursing school again. She thought, “maybe I would be good at this, maybe this was my calling, but how would I survive as a single mom, who was barely making rent, not childcare, make it through a nursing school?”

Fresh start and back to school Scotto loves learning. There will always be new and better techniques. Everyone's needs and expectations are different. Not every situation may be approached with the same steps each time. Scotto met Dan, started dating and eventually married.

“He actually worked at the same facility I worked at, so I decided to switch buildings and reactivate my CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) license and told everyone (though not fully believing it myself) that I was going back to school,” said Scotto.

She applied to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

“I had known of the program since I went to high school. Dan and I had no idea what the program really entailed, but it was short enough that we could suffer through it and then have a good life. I got my acceptance and had a plan,” she said.

Great news travels fast

Scotto's friend Erin heard of her acceptance to the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and reached out to tell her that her mom, Mrs. Cahill worked for Bay Path. Scotto saw Professor Cahill at orientation, who pulled her aside to say, “you know this program is tough, and I will not be easy on you.” Scotto told her that she understood. Professor Cahill was perceived

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as a tough teacher. Though other students did not know what to think of her, Scotto would tell them, “She is trying to prepare us for the real world and see if we will crack. She wants us to be resilient.” Because of Scotto's background in nursing, she excelled. Knowing her abilities and appropriately adjusting was vital in her success. She succeeded.

For individuals looking to follow in her footsteps, Scotto encourages awareness, being proactive, good work ethic, engagement, and getting the proper mentorship and guidance.

“Mrs. Cahill told me that when a student would say- wow Danielle knows her stuff, she would tell them she better, she has done these enough times,” recounts Scotto. “I thought that was such a Mrs. Cahill answer. She was still trying, in her own way, to be compassionate and help others to push through to the end.”

Sweet rewards

Scotto graduated from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in 2017, received the Academic Excellence Award for the highest GPA. She was a SkillsUSA District and State champion sweeping gold medals in Medical Math and won a Silver Medal at national competition for the same category in Louisville, Kentucky. Within a month after graduation, she took the NCLEX-PN and passed the first try.

She laments, “I knew this was not my ultimate goal. I started working as an LPN and planned on going back to school to obtain my RN.”

Scotto went to Excelsior College and graduated in 2021 with her Associates degree and took the NCLEX-RN, take one!

The world of nursing can be competitive, so it is important to have a clear path for goals and build nursing skills. In the end, however, finding one's way, the work-life balance and gratitude is key.

Concluding, Scotto said, “Dr. Bolandrina has always helped me. Every time I have reached out, she has tried her best to help. She even helped to get me a refresher course for my RN with a discount.”

Looking pensive, Scotto adds, “I always tell people who ask about becoming a nurse or try to tell me that it is impossible to go look at the program at Bay Path. If someone had told me when I had just returned home from Florida after being homeless that I would be a nurse in less than three years' time, I would have thought it was impossible, even beyond crazy. But it is possible, Bay Path makes it possible. If you need help, they will help you. They want people to succeed and be successful. They will provide tutors; they will try and work with you each step of the way to become a nurse. You must want it and advocate for yourself if you need the help. Currently I am an RN at Harrington Hospital. I work the night shift and I am now fully trained as a resource (charge nurse). None of this would be possible if I had not gone to Bay Path. This program is intense and overwhelming. You are with the same people for five nights a week, people will drive you crazy. You will think you do not know the answers. But one day you will be working in the field, and it will click. I owe everything to Bay Path's program.”

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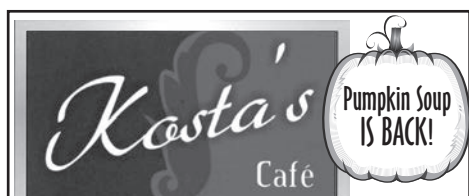


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EDITORIAL

A problematic legacy

No one here wants to rewrite history or change long standing traditions; however, with Columbus Day, the chatter about coffee shops and around the workplace has been regarding why we in fact, celebrate the life of a man who many consider to be one of the great villains of history. We all know at this point that Columbus did not discover America, never set foot on North American soil, and did not set out to prove that the world was round. According to history, Leif Ericson discovered Newfoundland roughly 500 years prior to Columbus' voyage. In addition, DNA has proven that Polynesian adventurers landed in South America prior to the Vikings, and certainly prior to Columbus. On his various journeys, Columbus brought technology and trade from the Old World to the New; however, the spread of diseases such as smallpox was devastating to those already living on the islands Columbus claimed to have "discovered." Regarding discovering that the earth is a sphere, that knowledge was already widely known to the people of Columbus' time long before his excursions at sea. In fact, the first globes appeared in 1492, the year he set sail to find what he hoped would be a shorter route to Asia and its riches.

The myth that his intention was to disprove the folk belief that the earth was flat was born in the mind of American writer Washington Irving (of "Sleepy Hollow" fame), who penned a highly fictionalized biography of Columbus in the early 19th Century that became the nation's first literary blockbuster. Columbus' reign over the Caribbean islands resulted in brutal deaths and gross mistreatment of their native peoples. In 1492, Columbus was marked on the Bahamas where a people known as the Arawaks, Tainos and Lucayans lived. Columbus described these people in his diary as handsome, smart and kind. His diary also revealed that these people had no weapons, nor did they have any criminals amongst them. In return for their graciousness in welcoming his expedition, Columbus seized land from the indigenous people and forced them to mine for gold to make his venture profitable for the Spanish monarchy which financed it. In just two years, Columbus killed off half of the original indigenous population. He sold young girls as young as nine into slavery. In his diary, he wrote, "A hundred castellanos are as easily obtained for a woman as for a farm, and it is very general and there are plenty of dealers who go about looking for girls; those from nine to ten are now in demand." The punishment for failing to meet the arbitrary daily quotas of gold imposed by Columbus and his administrators was the loss of a hand, which the victim was then forced to wear around their neck as a warning to their fellow laborers. The treatment of these peaceful people was so brutal that a group of 100 men performed a mass suicide. The torture continued with Columbus at the helm. Men that resisted slavery would lose a nose or an ear or were burned alive. Attack dogs were also used on the men if they did not follow suit. Some of the torture is too gruesome to be mentioned in print. Bartolome De Las Casas, a Spanish friar who accompanied Columbus on one of his voyages to the New World and was

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do not be fooled

To the Editor:
I think it is fair to say that climate change is a reality. While some may say it is just a weather cycle, the pictures of melting glaciers, the warmer oceans, droughts, more severe and frequency of storms, is about as good an indicator as we should need. One of my former teachers made a big impression on me, when he pointed out that doing nothing, can be both a decision and the chosen action. If we accept that premise, we should look at the green new deal and see if it even makes sense.

For my money, only conservation really makes any sense. I have upgraded windows and installed new more efficient heating plant. My 18 mpg Chrysler van only runs when its hauling capacity needed, choosing efficient use of my 40 mpg Hyundai as best/cheapest decision.

My vehicles are a 2014 and a 2010, and well maintained. Investing the price I have paid for houses, in an EV, seems counter productive to me. The monies I do not spend will pay for several vacations and heating my home.

California, which has found it necessary to shut down much infrastructure, because it cannot generate

enough power, has taken the strange step of mandating that only new EVs can be sold there. If the cannot generate enough power to keep the lights and A/C on, how much sense does it make to use what they can generate to charge vehicles? Unless they are generating all power from hydro or nuclear sources, how much more fossil fuels must they use to keep these EVs functional, even discounting the amounts expending to create EVs and charging stations? Follow the money, because this is a boondoggle and a nonsensical, ill advised one.

If they were really looking to address the climate, the big push should be to reduce consumption- like incentives, not just for EVs, but, appliances, heating and cooling efficiencies and actual reductions, not credits sales.

I realize that we are just 4 percent of world population, but gross polluters at 16 percent of the problem, but, if we do not lead and address the problem seriously, there is almost know chance that China or India will take serious steps, which will spell doom for all of us.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Assessing America, Part 4

How Spencer and East Brookfield voters help America provide "strong and effective global leadership"

To the Editor:
Do not think for a minute that global powers – both allies and adversaries – do not watch what American's say and even more, what American's do to or for one another.

Spencer and East Brookfield voters, by approving provide finance for improving education and the towns, sent a very clear, valuable and old fashioned American message; "Even with limited resources, we can do good things together."

For far too long, our communities and the country, have had MAGA fanatics and those seeking self-advantage trying to make us hate one another or "others" by trumpeting things like :

"Democrats are Radical Socialists,"
"We don't need or greatly benefit from the many contributions of today's immigrants," and

Probably the worst of all, "We need to be a 'Republic' run by mainly White Christian Reactionaries (as in living in an imagined past) and our wealthy 'Dark Money' backers."

Winston Churchill was the great British conservative leader who, with US help, early took on Hitler and his the Fascist fanatics. (as do we and Zelensky do to Putin in Ukraine). Churchill is often reported to have said: "Americans will do the right

thing, only after they have tried everything else." - meaning often we stumble around but typically we have finally gotten to the right place.

During the Trump and MAGAs "Iron Fist," "America First" times, we have stumbled around a lot. Trump and MAGAs have attacked allies like The European Union and NATO, while crawling as if servants to Putin, They have abandoned an economic and political alliance with in Asian and Pacific rim countries who sought to contain China dictator's XI Jinping's expansion and domination plans. Likewise, Trump and MAGAs have gone out their way to insult many other leaders and countries, not to mention badly injuring our once great centuries old Republican party.

In terms of "Strong and Effective Global Leadership," I often find myself in agreement with the American globalist conservative, Ann Applebaum She, among others, think we should be strong, active, and positive leaders who take on our small, troubled planet's needs and opportunities. This includes – as Presidents Truman (Democrat) and Eisenhower (Republican), did in Europe and Japan - helping those in need , in the U.S. and beyond, to lift themselves up to a better life.

Just like the Spencer an East Brookfield voters have done.

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

God is not a religion

To the Editor:
I apologize to Mr. Allan Johannesen and anyone who read the article what does the Republic Constitution represent and may have felt misinformed. I did not insinuate and/or was misleading the readers that God was in the Constitution. God's name is not mentioned; however, the Founding Father did establish the Constitution using God's moral laws they were convicted to enter through God's Holy Spirit. God's moral laws became part of the Constitution under the guidance and inspiration of God's Holy Spirit through the Founding Father.

Also! I did not in any way insinuate that my religion, my church, was the only thorough religion. First of all, I do not have a religion because God is not a religion. God is a pure spirit, and anyone who comes to God must come in spirit. Christianity is believing that Jesus is the Savior the only way to God, and I attend a church that sincerely believes in Jesus the only way to God. [John 14: 6]

God is pure Spirit, God is a Triune God, God the Father, Son [Jesus] God the Holy Spirit and whoever accepts Jesus are not religious they are Christians, and if anyone asks you what is your religion, you tell them if you are born again in Jesus, you are a Christian.

The Constitution was established by the Founding Fathers maintaining God's moral laws. This means they were convicted by God's Holy Spirit to maintain God's moral laws.

Mr. Johannesen commented that I suggested my religion was best for all

and for this country. Again, I apologize for not being more specific. I do not have a religion. God is not a religion, God is a pure spirit, and to worship God, we must worship God in spirit. God's moral laws are spiritual. God is a Triune God, God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) God the Holy Spirit, and the name Jesus means Savior. Jesus is the Savior of our soul; apart from Jesus, we can do nothing [John 15: 5] and apart from Jesus, we won't get to heaven. Jesus is the only way to God [John 14: 6]

So! I sincerely hope I have corrected any misconception! Yes! Religion can be very concerning because God is not a religion, God is a pure spirit and we must worship God in spirit and we can only worship in spirit when we are born again Christians in Jesus because Jesus is the only way to God and the Holy Spirit helps lead us to God through Jesus, they work as one because they are a Triune God.

So, I sincerely hope I have explained, corrected any miss conception about God being in the Constitution, it is God's moral law that is applied by the convictions of the Founding Father and we the people need to be loyal to God through His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit who keeps us, those who profess to be Christians accountable to God's moral laws. The choice is yours — eternal life, Jesus, or eternal hell, Satan.

Dwell in peace!

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

How should you pay for short-term financial goals?

As you go through life, you will likely have long- and short-term financial goals. But how will your strategies for meeting your long-term goals differ from those needed for your short-term ones?

If you're like most people, your biggest long-term goal is achieving a comfortable retirement. And for this goal, a common strategy is putting away money in tax-advantaged retirement vehicles, such as your 401(k) and IRA.

So, how should you go about preparing for shorter-term goals, such as a family vacation, home renovation, wedding or major purchase?



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For starters, determine what your goal is, how much you can spend on it and when you'll need the money. Even if you can't pinpoint a precise amount, you can develop a good estimate. Of course, the sooner you start this process, the better off you'll be, because you'll have more time to save.

Your next decision involves the manner in which you save for your short-term goal. Specifically, what savings or investment vehicles should you use? The answer will be different for everyone, but you need to make sure that your investments align with your risk tolerance and time horizon. And you'll want to ensure, as much as possible, that a certain amount of money is available for you at the specific time you'll need it.

If you aren't able to save enough to reach a short-term goal, you have other options — you can borrow what you need, or you can potentially sell investments to cover the cost. How can you decide which choice is best?

To help make up your mind, you'll first want to consider some of the most common borrowing options: credit cards, home equity loans, personal loans and margin loans. (A margin loan lets you borrow against the value of investments you already own). How might each of these loans fit into your overall financial strategy? Will the repayment schedule work with your cash flow and budget?

You'll then want to compare the costs and benefits of borrowing, in whatever form, against selling investments. For example, if you can borrow at a lower interest rate compared to the return you think you can get from your investments, borrowing might be a reasonable choice. You'll also need to consider other factors, such as your credit score, taxes, fees associated with selling investments and time needed to repay debts. If, for instance, selling investments will trigger a large amount of taxes, borrowing might be preferable. You'll also want to consider whether there's a penalty or high costs associated with selling investments. In addition, if you have a longtime horizon for a loan, you may want to sell investments to avoid paying interest for a longer period of time, and thus driving up the overall cost of borrowing. Finally, keep in mind that you may have built an investment mix designed to align with your goals and risk tolerance. If you were to sell any of these investments to meet short-term needs, you would want to consider the need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain your desired asset allocation.

As you can see, there's a lot to think about when it comes to paying for short-term goals. But by carefully evaluating your options, you can make the choices that are right for your needs.

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Changing of the seasons



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Mother nature sure made some changes in our weather this weekend. There was a heavy frost on my car windows this past Sunday morning. The change in weather has all outdoor enthusiasts enjoying it to the fullest. With Mass. Fish & Wildlife stocking trucks still rolling, anglers should have a lot of good fishing for this fall, and even into ice fishing season, if we can have Mother Nature cooperate. The last few years provided very little ice for anglers to fish on, but this year will be different.

As of this writing, Wallum Lake had not been stocked with the fall allotment of trout. It is my understanding that the lake only received a stocking of trout from Mass. this spring. I have been told that Rhode Island did not stock this pristine body of water in the spring this year. I will be calling both Mass. and Rhode Island agencies of fish & wildlife this week, to find out the

problem, if there is one! Both agencies have had problems in the past, working together, but they should have been resolved by now.

Striper fishing on the Canal and other areas has been great this past week with reports of 40-to-50-inch fish being caught and released daily. Tautog and seabass fishing is red hot in Rhode Island and Mass.! The time to go is now!

Salmon River fishing is also hot, and the water flow in about medium, but that can change from day to day.

My brother Ken and his son Mark made a trip to the Quabbin last week, and caught numerous lake trout, while fishing out of gate eight. They were all released. They also caught a 21-inch salmon which was retained for supper a few days later. The Quabbin Reservoir will close to all fishing on the third Saturday in October, as well as the Wachusett Reservoir!

Mass. bow hunting season opens in zones 1-9 on Oct. 17 this year. Unfortunately, a cross bow bill was not passed for sportsmen in Mass. again, this year, despite a large show of sportsmen support. A large drive by sportsmen asking their legislators to pass the bill failed again this year. Sportsmen

spent a large sum of monies trying to get the bill passed for a number of years. A good number of legislators supported the bill, but many did not. It is almost election time!

The paraplegic hunt is scheduled for Nov. 3-5 this year. If you know someone that is a paraplegic and he or she loves to hunt, make the effort to help them, get out into the woods for a day or two of deer hunting. I have known a few sportsmen, that have literally carrot.s ced a couple paraplegics into the woods to hunt deer; and they managed to harvest a deer. It was great to see that big smile on their face after the hunt, and it was rewarding for those that set up the hunt. You need to start now to get all of the paper work and land owner permission done. Do it today! Shotgun season opens Nov. 28 this year.

Pheasant season opens this Saturday, Oct. 15, statewide this year with a limit two birds daily. The season limit of six pheasant has been dropped, allowing a hunter to harvest an unlimited number of birds annually. It was a ridiculous regulation and sportsmen have asked the MF&W to change the regulation for years.

Duck & Goose season opened Oct. 11 this year. The Mass. Fish & Wildlife air boat has



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Morgan Dziczek striper fishing in Boston Harbor this summer.

been out catching ducks and banding them in the last few weeks. It was no surprise that more than 70 ducks were banded in Lacky Pond alone. With the somewhat earlier season this year duck hunters may get

some fast shooting on green winged teal! These fast-flying birds can provide a lot of fun for the waterfowl hunter.

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This time of year few simple pleasures compare to biting into a crisp, red native apple! In fact Autumn in New England is celebrated as much for its bountiful apple harvest as its spectacular foliage.

As noted last week, the apple harvest is in, and this column will continue to celebrate this season's crop. Read on for apple tips, nostalgia, and recipes.

When buying or picking apples, choose ones that are firm and bruise free. Typically the smaller the apple, the stronger the taste, as large apples have more water content. To retain their flavor and crispness, apples should be chilled if not eaten right away.

Did you know apples that are refrigerated can last up to ten times longer than those at room temperature? (Yes, almost every year this column repeats this fact, because it so important to remember!)

For best taste, store apples away from strong odors, which can be absorbed.

FYI: To make a nine inch apple pie, use 6-8 medium apples; two pounds of apples make three cups of applesauce; one bushel of apples makes 16-20 quarts of applesauce.

Apples: Nature's Healing Fruit While the average American eats about between 15 to 19 pounds of fresh apples a year, that factors out to just about one apple per week per person. Dietary recommendations come back to the old adage "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," and dietitians now recommend eating at least one fresh apple (skin on) daily to reap optimum health advantages.

It seems that every day research reveals new health benefits of apples. Read on

for some eye opening apple facts:

** A popular study by the Experimental Biology in Washington D.C. suggests eating apples every day may boost your cardiovascular health. In the study, women who ate dried apples daily for a year lowered their total cholesterol by 14 percent and their levels of bad LDL cholesterol by 23 percent.

** Apples, rich in phytonutrient (plant-based) antioxidants, have also been attributed to helping lower blood cholesterol, improving bowel function, reducing risk of stroke, prostate cancer, type II diabetes and asthma.

** The disease-fighting profile of apples provides a multitude of health benefits, including a potential decreased risk of cancer and heart disease. And several studies have indicated that eating apples can improve lung health. Among research findings is that those who ate five apples per week also had a lower risk for respiratory disease.

** Did you know? The apple peel contains certain antioxidants that aren't present in the apple's flesh. Multiple studies have shown that the antioxidant capacity of apple peel is up to four times higher than apple flesh.

** A raw apple with skin contains up to 332% more vitamin K, 142% more vitamin A, 115% more vitamin C, 20% more calcium, and up to 19% more potassium than a peeled apple.

** Need another reason to treat yourself to an apple a day? Apples are a delicious, fat free, portable snack, and an average apple contains just 90 calories!

** Local Folk Hero New England boasts the birth of Johnny Appleseed, who was born in 1774 at Leominster, MA.* Legend has it since a young man, John Chapman, a.k.a Johnny

Appleseed, planted apple seeds all along his walking journeys, eventually establishing orchards from Virginia to Indiana. Dressed in simple garb and toting a sack of seeds, Chapman's appearance throughout the countryside garnered attention which eventually earned him a role in folklore history. Chapman's roots in Massachusetts are deep. The legendary Johnny Appleseed also lived in Longmeadow, located in the westerly end of the state before embarking on his prolific journey in 1797. While legend portrays him as an eccentric nomad, he was also a methodical farmer, conscientious nurseryman and peace keeping preacher. Today, Johnny Appleseed is honored in song, poetry and folklore. The humble preacher who practiced peace and passed out apple seeds is an important part of American history. Honored with monuments throughout the east and midwest, John Chapman will forever be known as the father of the apple industry. *Information from Leominster Historical Commission.

Apple Recipes

Old Fashioned Apple Cookies

Betty Crocker sparked an apple cookie craze when the cookbook bearing her name published this old fashioned recipe years ago. Want to highlight apples beyond baking apple crisps, cakes, and pies? This classic recipe serves as a quick and easy way for busy families to bake up a mouth-watering apple treat.

Ingredients: 1 cup packed brown sugar; 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened; 1 egg; 1 1/2

cups all-purpose flour; 1teaspoon ground nutmeg; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon baking soda; 1 medium apple, chopped

Directions: Heat oven to 375°. Grease cookie sheet with shortening. Beat brown sugar, butter and egg in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Stir in flour, nutmeg, salt and baking soda. Stir in apple. Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls about 2

inches apart onto cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light brown. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack; cool. Store loosely covered.

** **Apple Cider Crock Pot Stew** Hunting season in New England means plenty of venison meat and the promise of slow cooked stews. Add apples and cider from local farms, and the mix is the ultimate New England comfort food.

Ingredients: One to two pounds beef or venison stew meat; eight carrots, sliced thin; six potatoes, sliced thin; two apples, cored; two teaspoons salt; one half teaspoon thyme, two tablespoons minced onion; two cups fresh apple cider. Directions: Place carrots, potatoes, and apples in crock pot. Add meat and sprinkle with salt, thyme, and onion. Pour cider over meat and cover. Cook on low heat 10-12 hours. Thicken gravy.

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selections with local banking professionals.

Current DPHS juniors will have the opportunity to participate in the event again during their senior year.

School officials thank Exchange Club members for their hard work in making the event a reality.

"Providing students with this event gives them a glimpse of what is to come in their financial futures," said DPHS Principal Nathaniel Malone in a previous interview. "The Exchange Club has always been supportive of David Prouty, whether it be through scholarships, donations, or sponsoring events for our students, but this Reality Fair marks a collaboration above and beyond what we've done in the past."



Rejection is a fact of life

er and didn't book an audition I worked hard on, I'd fall into depression, letting my insecurities run wild in my mind, inhibiting my ability to focus on the next opportunity.

Once a girl broke my heart, and my response was to convince myself that I would never find love and wasn't cut out for relationships.

In retrospect, this thinking led me into a downward spiral of despair, grief, and rage that only worsened as I focused on the rejection.

Dealing with rejection negatively can cause you to believe in a false narrative and interpret events through the lens of a lie.

For example: When I was unlucky in love and had my heart broken, I told myself that I would never find true love. Why would I tell myself that? First, it wasn't true, and second, it was more a statement of faith rather than a fact. I was choosing to believe I would never find love.

Dealing with rejection negatively can also cause you to put up walls. It makes sense to protect yourself and put up barriers to a degree. It's wise to ensure it's the right thing before

becoming vulnerable again, but the walls can easily make you behave in a manner inconsistent with what you want. You may be blocking the other person from getting in, but you're also keeping yourself from getting out. The walls can become a prison.

We will never be able to take away the sting of rejection. It's always going to be painful to some extent. Maybe if we deal with enough rejection, the pain begins to dull, but if you ever get to where you have concluded that rejection is all you will ever face, you're no longer open to the possibilities.

How should we respond to rejection?

Allow yourself to grieve, give yourself time, and let it go.

When someone leaves you: Don't blame yourself; it could be true that you made many mistakes, said the wrong things, and did the wrong things; it's also helpful to realize:

"You cannot say anything right to the wrong person, and you cannot say anything wrong to the right person."

Some people will never accept you, some will always accept

you, and some need to be convinced. Don't beat yourself up. Often, rejection is a blessing in disguise.

Acknowledge your mistakes, learn from them, view them as necessary steps on the road to success, have a sense of humor, and return stronger than ever! Focus on resiliency; you do have the ability to bounce back.

Successful people usually see rejection as a minor road bump. They typically see success as inevitable and don't think about rejection; sometimes, they see rejection as a numbers game.

For the salesman who cannot seem to get a sale, you can make a lot more sales by increasing the number of people you see.

If you're not getting the job you want, apply at as many places as possible. If you don't get the job, no big deal cause you'll have another interview right around the corner!

Lastly, don't become a hermit. Put yourself back out there. It doesn't matter who you are or what you're trying to do; if you keep trying with an open mind and heart, you will get to where you need to be and have the life you truly want.



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Some rejections cause us to feel temporary feelings of worthlessness, self-consciousness, and doubt; other times, the rejection we suffer is so severe that we carry those feelings around for decades.

If you were adopted, it's possible you felt the pain of rejection when you found out; perhaps someone you loved broke your heart or ghosted you; maybe you interviewed for a job and didn't get hired.

Sometimes our ideas and visions are rejected; maybe you were told you aren't talented and should give up on your dreams, or perhaps someone is ignoring you or treating you disrespectfully.

Everyone processes rejection differently, yet, you ultimately get to choose how you respond, and your response is a significant factor that will shape your future.

Unfortunately, I am familiar with self-destructive responses to rejection. When I was young-

W. Brookfield residents demand official response to rodent problem

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – Residents are calling on officials to be more responsive to concerns over increased rat sightings in town.

Rebecca Gelineau told the New Leader she has experienced continued problems with rats at her Winter Street residence. She first noticed evidence of rodents in her home this past July, and the problem quickly ballooned into an infestation throughout the summer.

“I have lived in my house for 21 years, and I’ve never had a rat in my home before this year,” Gelineau said. “Around the Fourth of July, I began noticing droppings in my house, and it has gotten a lot worse. I would wake up in the morning and everything would be covered.”

After her furniture was infested with rodents—including her mattress and a new couch—Gelineau has paid thousands for an exterminator to provide recurring services at her home. Despite these visits, the persistent intruders keep returning a few weeks later.

“The rats burrowed into my furniture, and it all had to go. I even found a dead rat under the couch,” said Gelineau, who has also tried several do-it-yourself methods in addition to paying for extermination services.

Even more frustrating for Gelineau than dealing with the relentless rodents has been attempting to communicate with town officials about the situation. She said her appearance before the Board of Health at an Aug. 23 meeting was unproductive, with members speculating as to the source of the issue but never scheduling a visit to the property.

As of press time, Gelineau said town health officials still had not visited her

property.

“When the Board of Health answers the phone in West Brookfield and you report rats, they just say there’s nothing they can do about it,” Gelineau added.

Additional residents have reported increased rat sightings on their properties since the summer, as well as in town businesses and on streets and sidewalks. West Brookfield officials have failed to acknowledge the severity of the issue and its associated health hazards, residents told the New Leader.

The West Brookfield Board of Health and Select Board did not respond to multiple requests for comment from the New Leader regarding the situation.

Residents are also seeking to understand the level of severity needed to warrant town action or potential state resources to help mitigate the problem.

“Someone needs to do something before this gets even worse. I would hate for it to spread to the school,” said Gelineau, who lives less than half a mile from West Brookfield Elementary School.

West Brookfield residents aren’t alone in their difficulties with containing rats. Homeowners in Warren and Ware have also reported problems with rats, and Auburn has dealt with multiple sightings since the summer.

Officials in surrounding communities ascribe the heightened rodent numbers to the recent drought, overall climate change, and pandemic closures that left buildings empty for long stretches.

“Auburn has experienced an increase in reported rat sightings over the past few months,” said Auburn Town Manager Julie Jacobson. “The increased rat activity is not unique to Auburn or other central Massachusetts communities. There is an increase in

the rodent population across the U.S. and in Europe, particularly in the northeast U.S. as warmer winters result in increased rodent populations.”

Added Jacobson, “Auburn’s Board of Health and Public Health Division are focused on community education and outreach to guide residents in reducing rodent food, water, and shelter—the three things they need to survive. When we receive a complaint, our public health inspectors visit the property and look to see where the problem may be originating and make suggestions for eliminating the problem.”

While health officials in Auburn and other surrounding towns have been praised for their communications, transparency, and quick responses to residents with concerns, West Brookfield leaders are facing mounting

criticism for their handling of the situation.

Gelineau said West Brookfield officials declined to send out community notifications alerting residents to the increased rat activity in town.

Moving forward, Gelineau plans to discuss the situation with local legislators in an attempt to seek the guidance she says the town has failed to deliver.

Meanwhile, state health officials have announced several recommendations for reducing rat populations at your home or business. These include closing any structural gaps or holes; removing bird seed from outdoor locations; removing open containers of water outside; storing pet food in tightly sealed containers; keeping livestock feed in sealed containers; and properly storing trash.

Senior Living at Prouty presents program on Quabbin Reservoir

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OBITUARIES

Margaret "Midge" Munns, 100

North Brookfield – Margaret (Midge) M. (Sausville) Munns of North Brookfield, lived a long, remarkable and blessed life. She passed on October 7, 2022 surrounded by light and love. She was born in the family home in Bennington, VT., the youngest of eight children, to Charles A. and Delia (Boutin) Sausville on April 12, 1922, her own mother's birthday.

Midge received her early education at French-speaking Sacred Heart School. She would later continue the Catholic education tradition at Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, Mass. and at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. Her love of French culture and language led her to a long and successful career as a high school foreign language teacher, first at Classical High School then as part of the opening staff at the newly-built Doherty Memorial High School, both in Worcester. Mme. Munns remained in contact with many former students until the time of her passing.

After her retirement, Midge enjoyed many activities including gardening, golf, travel, completing crossword puzzles (in ink) and her all-time favorite, reading, anything, in either French or English. She was truly a life-long learner; becoming adept with cell phones, tablets and social media. Of the many activities that she enjoyed, Midge's greatest pleasure was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Always the teacher, she was a wonderful storyteller who shared her knowledge of previous generations, thereby allowing their wisdom and traditions to become our own, always emphasizing the importance of family.

Midge will forever be missed by her

children: M. Shelley Finn of Sandgate, Vt. Moira Anne Munns (Fred Garafalo) of Natick, Mass. Henry M. Munns, II of Harwich, and Leslie R. Munns of Worcester. She is also survived by grandchildren: Megan M. Halloran (Rob), Zachary Garafalo, Kirsi Hilton (James), Henry M. (Micky) Munns, III; great-grandchildren: Mikayla, Fiona and Brendan Halloran; and Oliver Hilton. She is also survived by her brother Robert Sausville and her sisters-in-law Kate Murphy and Patricia Pooley. Additionally, she leaves many nieces and nephews and friends including her housemate, Maggie Smith. In addition to Midge's parents, she is also predeceased by her loving husband of 63 years, Henry M. Munns. Her brothers Charles, Clarence and Roland Sausville, her sisters Irene Herrick, Leona Sausville and Rita Kearns and her beloved granddaughter Shannon Finn.

The family would like to thank her physicians Richard A. Palken, Jose Mercado Matos and the entire staff of the SICU at Memorial Hospital.

Mum, Mom, Mum Plum, we leave you in God's hands.

Calling hours will be held at Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield on October 12, from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. A funeral mass will be held October 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in North Brookfield. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of, or in addition to, flowers, memorial donations may be made to the North Brookfield Historical Society, Friends of the North Brookfield Town House or a charity of your choice.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Nancy M. Rand, 89

LEICESTER- Nancy M. (McKeon) Rand, 89, died peacefully Thursday, October 6 at The Meadows of Leicester.

She was the wife of Marwood E. Rand who died in 2015. She leaves three daughters and a son: Debra L. Friedman and her husband Kenneth of Rochdale, Marcy B. McNaboe and her husband John of Leicester, Bradford E. Rand and his wife Jennifer of Goshen, N.H., Meaghan Smith and her husband Scott of Harwich; eight grandchildren: Shannon Warren, Kara Anderson, Emily London, Liam McNaboe, Kelsey Rand, Sinead Parker, Lindsay Smith, Andrew Smith; 4 great-grandchildren: Fiona Warren, Elliotte Anderson, Nicholas London, Paxton Anderson and a very close friend Kathleen Harris. She was predeceased by her broth-

er Charles R. McKeon in 2018 and her sister Ann Curtin in 2002. Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Charles R. and Mary (Fitzgibbons) McKeon. Mrs. Rand was a nutrition site director at the Paxton Senior Center for eight years, retiring in 1991. She was a member of the Leicester Women's Club, a Girl Scout Leader and a founding member of the Newcomers Club at St. Pius X Church in Leicester. Above all she loved spending time with her family. At the family's request, burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Leicester is private and at the convenience of the family. There are no other services planned. Donations in Nancy's name may be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, P.O. Box 49104, Baltimore, MD., 21297. The MORIN FUNERAL, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements.

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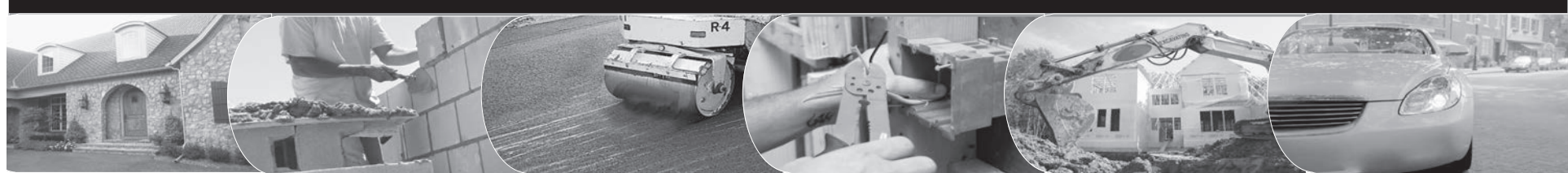
age. In 1937, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, after persuasion from the Knights of Columbus, proclaimed Oct. 12, be a national holiday. The date was switched to the second Monday in October in 1971. In recent years, there have been protests at Columbus Day festivities. In 1992, in Berkeley, Calif., Columbus Day was renamed Indigenous Peoples Day. The state of Alabama celebrates a combination of Columbus Day and American Indian Heritage Day. In South Dakota, Columbus Day has been replaced by Native American Day, and in the Bahamas and Hawaii, it is called Discovery Day. Re-christening Columbus Day does not erase the fact that it was adopted in the first place as a celebration of a legacy that we now know to be a dark and troubling one, and there are many who continue to wonder whether it should remain a part of our yearly calendar at all.

EDITORIAL

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appalled at the barbarity he witnessed, "Such inhumanities and barbarisms were committed in my sight as no age can parallel, my eyes have seen these acts so foreign to human nature that now I tremble as I write." Fifty years later, not one native was left on the island. So, why do we celebrate Columbus even considering the atrocities committed under his administration? In 1792, in New York, Columbus was adopted by Italian emigrants as an example of their contribution to American history, and Oct. 12, the day that Columbus and his crew landed in the Caribbean, was selected as a day to honor his legacy. President Benjamin Harrison, in 1892, sought to have Americans celebrate the 400-year anniversary of the voy-

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Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for NewRez LLC, its successors and assigns to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on February 16, 2022, in Book No. 67129, at Page 34

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To the owners of the
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2022 Tax \$32.67

Assessed To 190 LYNDE BROOK REALTY LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 20.1 Acres located and known as 190 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23B-A5 and being part of the premises recorded in book 58612 on page 370 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$2,190.53

Assessed To 82 PLEASANT LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.832 Acres located and known as 82 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 20D-F2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56631 on page 97 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$1,036.56

Assessed To AGUIAR GABRIELLE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.255 Acres located and known as 192 CHAPEL ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 15A-B5 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56823 on page 370 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$455.05

Assessed to ARELLO ROBERT And ARELLO PHILIP

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.689 Acres located and known as BURNCOAT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 26A-A18 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5080 on page 374 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$212.56

Assessed To BERGIN STEVEN V

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.8 Acres located and known as 155 HENSHAW ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24-C2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 58103 on page 225 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$1,301.43

Assessed To BROWN DUSTIN A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.128 Acres located and known as WILDWOOD LN shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-B7 and being part of the premises recorded in book 55901 on page 383 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$110.52

Assessed to CAMPION CHAD M And CAMPION JANE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3.76 Acres located and known as 550 PINE ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 41-A9 and being part of the premises recorded in book 59296 on page 363 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$3,656.99

Assessed To CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.4 Acres located and known as 6 KING CT shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 26B-B9 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67062 on page 260 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
Supposed Present Owner ALVES FLAVIO ALEXANDRE
2022 Tax \$2,697.47

Assessed to CGT REALTY TRUST And SIMON GABRIEL N TRUSTEE

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.618 Acres located and known as 1081 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 20D-C4 and being part of the premises recorded in book 37591 on page 134 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$2,102.49

Assessed To CHARLES MARIE G

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.123 Acres located and known as 113 MCCARTHY AV shown on the Town of Leicester

Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 33A-K12 and being part of the premises recorded in book 35950 on page 43 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$2,045.39

Assessed To CYR CHRISTOPHER

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.136 Acres located and known as MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23D-B8 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66575 on page 1777 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$59.61

Assessed to DAWN ACRES IMPRVMT ASSN INC And C/O HAGGLUND NATHAN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.43 Acres located and known as KING STREET EX shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 38A-A24 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3853 on page 38 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$121.77

Assessed to DESCHENES MICHAEL J & SUSAN And MAIN ST REALTY TRUST

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.218 Acres located and known as 565 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24A-A56.1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11433 on page 269 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$4,486.59

Assessed To DURKAN JOHN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 6.51 Acres located and known as MULBERRY ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 6-C5.5 and being part of the premises recorded in book 38410 on page 194 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$48.83

Assessed to ELITE FINANCIAL GROUP INC And TRAVELIN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.75 Acres located and known as 610 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43-A5 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66234 on page 78 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
Supposed Present Owner COHOFF FOODS LLC
2022 Tax \$583.11

Assessed To ERICKSON OLIVINE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.116 Acres located and known as 17 LAKE AV shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19A-A16 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16601 on page 156 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$0.03

Assessed To FARROW JAMES J

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.25 Acres located and known as PAXTON ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 12-C2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5821 on page 78 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$35.66

Assessed to FITZGERALD TIMOTHY P And FITZGERALD THERESA A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.1 Acres located and known as 1106 STAFFORD ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 47B-B15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 26812 on page 122 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$513.07

Assessed to FLORES SERGIO A And FLORES TARIN G ZENTENO DE

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.55 Acres located and known as 640 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43A-A5 and being part of the premises recorded in book 38463 on page 59 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$601.32

Assessed To FOX HILL BUILDERS INC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0 Acres located and known as 390 AUBURN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 35A-A3.4 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67520 on page 110 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
Supposed Present Owner MARIA D. GALVIS
2022 Tax \$1,224.91

Assessed to GERMAINE FRANK J

And C/O ELDER SERVICES

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2 Acres located and known as BURNCOAT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 18B-B12 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4662 on page 109 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$362.35

Assessed To GRAHN MICHELLE

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.26 Acres located and known as 1019 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 20C-A6 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66064 on page 379 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$3,407.26

Assessed To HARMON DORIS M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.27 Acres located and known as CEMETERY RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34B-F19 and being part of the premises recorded in book 14397 on page 376 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$1,035.26

Assessed To HARMON DORIS M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.275 Acres located and known as 12 CEMETERY RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34B-F17 and being part of the premises recorded in book 14397 on page 376 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$947.12

Assessed To HEAVY WORK LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.12 Acres located and known as 1078 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19B-B19 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60288 on page 102 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$1,045.71

Assessed To HONEYMAN ALEXANDER T.

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.093 Acres located and known as 57 BURNCOAT LN shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27A-E29 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66497 on page 19 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Burncoat Pond \$223.77
2022 Tax \$755.48

Assessed To HONEYMAN ALEXANDER T.

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.107 Acres located and known as BURNCOAT LN shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27A-F18 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66497 on page 19 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Burncoat Pond \$13.98
2022 Tax \$46.18

Assessed To HOURGLASS PROPERTY SOLUTIONS

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.4 Acres located and known as 398 STAFFORD ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34-A5 and being part of the premises recorded in book 65443 on page 319 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$1,379.36

Assessed To HUNTOON HIGHWAY LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.07 Acres located and known as 110 HUNTOON MEMORIAL HW shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 44-A10 and being part of the premises recorded in book 64563 on page 143 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$1,204.54

Assessed to LACROIX RACHEL M And LACROIX PAUL D JR

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.761 Acres located and known as 494 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 38A-D31 and being part of the premises recorded in book 59386 on page 95 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$720.49
Assessed to LAHAI AUGUSTINE And LAHAI ETNA Z
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.346 Acres located and known as 4 BIRCHWOOD DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29A-D2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 62496 on page 394 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax \$585.38

Assessed to LINDQUIST MAE And

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
 12:13-3:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:19 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:18 a.m.: mv lockout (Borkum Road), assisted; 9:40 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 9:41 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), re: sick coyote; 11:40 a.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), rep. scam call; 11:55 a.m.: (West Main Street), details of incident redacted from police log; 1:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), re: theft of jewelry; 1:52 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), airpods taken; 2:06 p.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 2:53 p.m.: medical/general (Linden Street); 3:05 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:16 p.m.: mv repossessed (Maple Street), info taken; 4:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), req. welfare check; 5:22 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), hay bale in road; 5:43 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 6:50 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), kids on bikes harassing public/throwing fireworks; 6:58 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), issues w/someone in neighborhood; 8:11 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 8:46 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Main Street), referred; (total daily mv stops - 2).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
 1:00-2:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:50 a.m.: accident (Main Street), re: acc. on 09/09; 7:13 a.m.: disabled mv (Maple Street), services rendered; 8:26 a.m.: animal complaint (Terkanian Drive), neighbor's dog in distress; 8:39 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 9:53 a.m.: vandalism (Main Street), sink damaged; 10:07 a.m.: fire (Main Street), referred; 10:34 a.m.: medical/general (Pearl Street); 10:55 a.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 11:05 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), re: stray cat w/wound; 11:10 a.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), unwanted party; 1:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 2:32 p.m.: mv complaint (Wire Village Road), mc speeding; 3:12 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 3:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Fourth Avenue), loose dog; 4:16 p.m.: residential fire (East Charlton Road), referred; 5:41 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road), lift assist; 5:43 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (G.H. Wilson Road), referred; 5:45 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:45 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Wall Street), resolved; 7:27 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic truck/per Rutland PD; 9:14 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), can smell neighbor perming hair; (total daily mv stops - 0).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
 12:26 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Hubbardston PD bolo; 1:59 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:54 a.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 5:39 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 8:44 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 9:53 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:35 a.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 11:57 a.m.: restraining order service (Maple Street); 12:14 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 1:14 p.m.: accident (Wilson Street), report taken; 1:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Parent Street), fox family nearby; 1:39 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 2:18 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), juveniles assaulting individual; 2:38 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (North Spencer Road), referred; 2:41 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 3:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Wall Street), re: injured animal; 5:01 p.m.: medical/general (Old East Charlton Road); 6:54-7:35 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:19 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), resolved; 7:26 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued;

7:46 p.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 8:17 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 9:57-10:13 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:53 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), bolo (originating PD not noted in police log)/re: restraining order violation; (total daily mv stops - 5).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
 12:26-2:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:55 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 11:56 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), re: cat food for ACO; 11:56 a.m.: officer wanted (R. Jones Road), re: sale of mv; 12:07 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 1:00 p.m.: building checked, secure; 1:52 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), investigated; 2:06 p.m.: residential alarm (Nottingham Circle), services rendered; 2:17 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 5:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), mv w/no plates; 5:19 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 5:25 p.m.: residential alarm (Greenville Street), services rendered; 5:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), rep. dog bite; 7:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), issue w/apt. lease; 7:26 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 7:33 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), req. welfare check; 7:42-7:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:11 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), stop sign hit; 8:23 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:03 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), investigated; 11:15 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Brookfield PD bolo/missing elderly male; 11:32 p.m.: medical/general (Holmes Street); (total daily mv stops - 3).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
 1:07-3:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:17 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), attempted mv break-in; 7:31 a.m.: 911 call (South Spencer Road), misdial; 10:04 a.m.: commercial alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 11:09 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:14 a.m.: disabled mv (Brooks Pond Road), services rendered; 11:19 a.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), re: issues w/neighbor; 12:06 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:36 p.m.: odor of gas (Brown Street), referred; 2:01 p.m.: medical/general (Lakeshore Drive); 2:09 p.m.: medical/general (Sullivan Street); 3:24 p.m.: medical/general (Sullivan Street); 3:48 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 4:32 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 4:40 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 5:04 p.m.: parking violation (Grove Street), ticket issued; 5:45 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), referred; 5:45 p.m.: illegal dumping (South Street), trash in front or residence; 7:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: man on bike; 8:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 10:29 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; (total daily mv stops - 2).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3
 12:10 a.m.: mv repossessed (Valley Street), info taken; 1:06-2:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:45 a.m.: medical/general (Irving Street); 7:36 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 8:08 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:02 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), caught stray cat; 9:51 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 9:59 a.m.: fire alarm (Highland Street), referred; 10:41 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 10:46 a.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 11:23 a.m.: animal complaint (Rene Drive), big animal in yard o/night; 11:39 a.m.: fire alarm (Bixby Road), referred; 12:36 p.m.: sex offender registration/annual (West Main Street), assisted; 1:22 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: review of paperwork; 1:29 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 3:15 a.m.: suspicious persons (Chickering Road), investigated; 3:24 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), re: people moving in; 3:29 p.m.: residential alarm (Northwest

Road), services rendered; 4:24 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), Becky S. Kiefer, 43, 866 Main Street, Worcester, warrant, shoplifting by concealment, arrest; 4:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Woodside Road), concerned re: comment made; 5:19 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), clothing/items missing; 8:11 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: substance found in restroom; 8:25 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:35 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; (total daily mv stops - 1).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
 1:57-3:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. welfare check; 7:01 a.m.: animal complaint (North Brookfield Road), loose dog; 9:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Adams Street), re: test results; 10:00 a.m.: mv repossessed (Bixby Road), info taken; 10:15 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 11:45 a.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), investigated; 12:01 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), re: dueling political signs; 12:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Wire Village Road), welfare check; 12:32 p.m.: 911 call (Browning Pond Road), open line; 12:54 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:02 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), checking on elderly female; 1:18 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), referred; 1:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: VISA card; 1:45 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 1:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), re: problem w/neighbors; 2:02 p.m.: medical/general (Briarcliff Lane); 2:21 p.m.: harassment prevention order (West Main Street); 3:24 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:48 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Norcross Road), re: suspicious activity; 4:03 p.m.: mv complaint (Bay Path Road), erratic operator; 5:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Helen K. Hunde, 28, 10 Chestnut Street, Spencer, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, arrest; 6:00 p.m.: larceny (Greenville Street), mv window smashed/items missing; 8:38 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 9:18 p.m.: parking complaint (Lloyd Dyer Drive), mv on sidewalk; 9:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), check on ankle; 11:11 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo/catalytic converter theft; (total daily mv stops - 3).

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
 12:02 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 12:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, unregistered mv, mv towed; 5:13 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 6:22 a.m.: accident (River Street), report taken; 8:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Bunker Hill Road), referred to ACO; 10:12 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:44 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Hospital), transported; 11:02 a.m.: ambulance (Siani Road), transported; 1:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Sandy Circle), referred to ACO; 1:21 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), peace restored; 2:25 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 2:50 p.m.: assist citizen (Pine Street); 3:11 p.m.: disturbance (Anna Circle), peace restored; 3:30 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 4:35 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:27 p.m.: family problem (Market Street), peace restored; 9:44 p.m.: erratic operator

(Main Street), unable to locate.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
 12:51 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 1:41 a.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), citation issued; 4:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:42 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 8:42 a.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 3:37 p.m.: commercial alarm (Memorial School Drive), report taken; 4:58 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Boyd Street), report taken.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
 12:04 a.m.: ambulance (McCarthy Avenue), transported; 1:18 p.m.: ambulance (Franklin Street), transported; 1:22 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), gone on arrival; 4:41 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 5:20 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), spoken to; 6:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:42 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 6:53 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 6:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 7:07 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 7:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 7:18 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 7:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 7:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:26 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), no action required; 8:56 p.m.: ambulance (West Main Street, Spencer), transported; 9:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, number plate violation to conceal ID, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 9:30 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Winslow Avenue), Shane J. Stanikmas, 22, 25 Winslow Avenue, Leicester, warrant arrest; 11:53 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
 12:23 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Jordon Gomes, 32, 128 1/2 Mechanic Street, Spencer, unlicensed operation/2 counts, no inspection sticker, arrest; 1:19 a.m.: disturbance (Paxton Street), unable to locate; 5:44 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 7:20 a.m.: assist other agency (Chapel Street), resolved; 7:24 a.m.: ambulance (May Street, Worcester), transported; 8:15 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:09 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 12:42 a.m.: ambulance (Belmont Street, Worcester), transported; 12:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:09 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive); 5:20 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive); 5:52 p.m.: ambulance (Pocasset Street, Worcester), transported.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3
 7:29 a.m.: assist citizen (Anna Circle); 12:22 p.m.: investigation (Redfield Road), report taken; 4:28 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Ridge Road), unfounded; 6:52 p.m.: search warrant service (Chapel Street), Jonathan Abel Sanchez, 32, 116 Chapel Street, basement, Leicester, possession Class C drug, arrest; 7:37 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:03 p.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 11:12 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Circle), transported.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4
 6:03 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 7:19 a.m.: 7:40 a.m.: erratic operator (Craig Street), services rendered; 12:36 p.m.: ambulance (Camelot Drive, Paxton), transported; 12:55 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), report taken; 2:17 p.m.: threats (Victor Avenue), services rendered; 2:45 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 4:00 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:25 p.m.: investigation (Redfield Road), report taken; 4:44 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Chapel Street), Lysa Marie Graves, 52, 116 Chapel Street, Cherry Street, default warrant, arrest; 5:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 5:46 p.m.: restraining order service (Chapel Street), served; 7:48 p.m.: investigation

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LEGALS

JOANN SHEPARD NIKOSEY KAREN
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.133 Acres located and known as LAKE DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27A-E2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 45913 on page 223 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 Supposed Present Owner BARBARA OCNOS DEBORAH CACCI
 2022 Burncoat Pond \$50.56
 2022 Tax \$165.89

Assessed to LINDQUIST MAE And JOANN SHEPARD NIKOSEY KAREN
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.129 Acres located and known as LAKE DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27A-E1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 45913 on page 222 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 Supposed Present Owner BARBARA OCNOS DEBORAH CACCI
 2022 Burncoat Pond \$49.59
 2022 Tax \$229.64

Assessed To LOUGEE WAYNE
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.169 Acres located and known as 240 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 30A-C3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 23963 on page 54 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2022 Tax \$2,130.79

Assessed to LOVERME JUSTIN C And LOVERME JASON
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.38 Acres located and known as 9 SABINA CR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 48-C3.25 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66761 on page 363 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2022 Tax \$2,200.88

Assessed To MAPES JANET M
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.518 Acres located and known as WATCH ST shown on the Town of Leicester

Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46B-G10 and being part of the premises recorded in book 37173 on page 273 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2022 Tax \$81.39

Assessed To MAPES JANET M
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.318 Acres located and known as WATCH ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46B-H15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 37173 on page 273 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2022 Tax \$343.47

Assessed to MCCORMICK MELISSA I And MCCORMICK
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.972 Acres located and known as 11 CARLETON RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46D-C11 and being part of the premises recorded in book 65118 on page 299 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$606.73

Assessed to MCMANUS-HAZZARD LEE And HAZZARD MIKE
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.115 Acres located and known as 42 LAKE VIEW DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-D20 and being part of the premises recorded in book 65767 on page 100 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2022 Tax \$50.15

Assessed to MCMANUS-HAZZARD LEE And HAZZARD MIKE
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.175 Acres located and known as MAPLE LN shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-D18 and being part of the premises recorded in book 65767 on page 100 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2022 Tax \$94.62

Assessed to METCALF ROBERT C And METCALF KERRY L

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LEGALS

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.52 Acres located and known as 22 FRANKLIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 20D-C22 and being part of the premises recorded in book 43799 on page 227 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$1,403.30

Assessed to MORSE LEE And JOHNSON TIMOTHY THOMAS

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.517 Acres located and known as 210 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23B-A3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 51878 on page 25 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$1,137.19

Assessed To ONEIL PATRICK

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.173 Acres located and known as 177 WHITE BIRCH ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 2-D3.3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 38503 on page 271 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$1,505.97

Assessed to ORSI PAUL A And ORSI ROSEMARY P

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.156 Acres located and known as BOTTOMLY AV shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23A-C29 and being part of the premises recorded in book 43247 on page 211 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$80.86

Assessed to PABARROO CANDICE A And MARVEL A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.356 Acres located and known as 879 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 20C-A21 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60442 on page 253 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$1,631.76

Assessed to PRITHYANI CHANDRON And BYLER HANNAH

A condominium located and known as 1026 STAFFORD ST U1 shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46D-A1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60098 on page 265 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$1,274.52

Assessed To PUALWAN BETTY G

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.115 Acres located and known as LAKE VIEW DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-A32 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16780 on page 82 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$25.07

Assessed To PUALWAN BETTY G

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.115 Acres located and known as LAKE VIEW DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-A33 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16780 on page 82 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$25.15

Assessed To PUALWAN BETTY G

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.154 Acres located and known as LAKE VIEW DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-A28 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16780 on page 82 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$93.21

Assessed To REINOSO LUIS M F JR

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.138 Acres located and known as 111 MCCARTHY AV shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 33A-K1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 61010 on page 254 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$2,353.53

Assessed To RIJO HERLIN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.345 Acres located and known as 12 WEST ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 22B-C8 and being part of the premises recorded in book 64972 on page 244 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$3,192.52

Assessed to RING RAEBURN L MADELINE I And C/O MARK

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 7.01 Acres located and known as 76 SOUTH MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier

21-A1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9456 on page 353 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$853.44

Assessed to RING RAEBURN L MADELINE I And C/O MARK

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 7.51 Acres located and known as SOUTH MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 21-A2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9456 on page 353 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$124.79

Assessed To SCHNEIDER PAUL

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.658 Acres located and known as 31 SIANI RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 47B-C2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 64202 on page 233 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$2,614.73

Assessed To SPYROPOULOS SPIRO

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.223 Acres located and known as 38 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23C-G3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 19937 on page 235 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Cvrwdu \$1,663.51

2022 Cvsdsb \$397.05

2022 Cvsdsb CI \$198.52

2022 Cvsdu \$7,591.89

2022 Tax \$2,635.72

Assessed To SPYROPOULOS SPIRO

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5 Acres located and known as 11 BROOK ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 33A-H1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 15115 on page 77 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$628.33

Assessed To STAFFORD STREET PROPERTIES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 37.22 Acres located and known as STAFFORD ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 35-D1.2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 58651 on page 294 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$2,160.06

Assessed To SUPRENANT JAYNE E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.69 Acres located and known as 580 HENSHAW ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 44-B4 and being part of the premises recorded in book 44089 on page 48 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$1,258.92

Assessed To THIBAUD SANDRA M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.325 Acres located and known as 69 LAKE AV shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19A-D27 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6657 on page 226 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$0.03

Assessed To TRAINOR JEFFREY

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.186 Acres located and known as 65 UPTON ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 33A-E11 and being part of the premises recorded in book 44544 on page 389 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$824.36

Assessed To URATO KRISTINA

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.337 Acres located and known as 3 SUNSET DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 38A-B8 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66530 on page 232 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$161.94

Assessed to US BANK And C/O HUDSON HOMES MGMT LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.578 Acres located and known as MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19A-A9 and being part of the premises recorded in book 61215 on page 274 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$20.99

Assessed To WENNERS DANIEL

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.808 Acres located and known as CLARK ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43A-B12 and being part of the premises recorded in book 44922 on page 300 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$195.56

Assessed to WINSLOW RYAN And WINSLOW MEGAN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 19.85 Acres located and known as BRICKYARD RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 38-A7.12 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67853 on page 330 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner MENDES BELMIRA NUAMAH SUSAN
2022 Tax \$98.85

Assessed to WORCESTER TOOL+STAMPING CO INC And 11 HANKEY STREET SUN LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 8 Acres located and known as HANKEY ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43-C8 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67121 on page 254 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$76.57
October 14, 2022

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Barbara Bell has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to remodel an existing deck located at **30 Point Eastalee Drive**, Spencer, MA.

Kathleen Bryan has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install granite stairs located at **25 Delude Avenue**, Spencer, MA.

Cathy Weikel has filed an **NOI** with the Spencer Conservation Commission for a proposed septic system and deck located at **18 Laurel Lane**, Spencer, MA Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at which time all persons having an interest may be present or call in remotely to participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 6:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
October 14, 2022

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. WO22P3372EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Sheldon W. Burnham
Date of Death: 08/14/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Patricia A. Burnham of Warren MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Patricia A. Burnham of Warren MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/01/2022**.

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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 29, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 14, 2022

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. WO22P3362EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Willa L Davis
Date of Death: 01/28/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Elaine M Davis of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Elaine M Davis of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/25/2022**.

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

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 30, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 14, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

East Brookfield Board of Health

The East Brookfield Board of Health will hold a public hearing on November 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Board of Health office in the Town Hall, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield, MA 01515. This hearing will concern the adoption of proposed regulations to permit, inspect, and regulate Body Art Establishments in the Town of East Brookfield. This hearing on the proposed regulations will be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and the Bylaws of the Town of East Brookfield. A copy of the regulations is available for public view at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of East Brookfield at the Town Hall and on the EBOH page on the Town of East Brookfield website. Per Section 2 of Chapter 30A, a small business impact statement is required with this notice. That small business follows: (1) an estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation; at present there is one applicant for a Body Art Establishment considering opening in the Town of East Brookfield. Others may follow.

(2) projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation; These are minimal, include reasonable permitting fees for both Body Art Establishment and Body Art Practitioners and are standard for any Body Art Establishment in Massachusetts.

(3) the appropriateness of performance standards versus design standards; the proposed regulations are similar to other previously-approved Body Art Establishment Regulations in Massachusetts.

(4) an identification of regulations of the promulgating agency, or of another agency or department of the commonwealth, which may duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation; These proposed regulations do not duplicate or conflict with any other known regulations.

(5) an analysis of whether the proposed regulation is likely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the commonwealth; As these proposed regulations enable the establishment of Body Art Establishments in the Town of East Brookfield, this is likely to make it more likely for Body Art Establishments to be able to open in the Town of East Brookfield.

October 14, 2022
October 21, 2022

SPORTS

Panthers persevere past Bartlett for season's first victory

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WEBSTER — When David Prouty Regional varsity football head coach Pat Rossi mentioned that his 0-4 Panthers had faced a tough schedule to open the season, he wasn't kidding. Prouty lost to Brighton High, Oxford High, Narragansett Regional and Millis High, all fellow Division 8 teams ranked 16th, 4th, 17th and 18th in the Power Rankings, respectively, before games were played over the Oct. 7-8 weekend. With the top 16 at the end of the regular season reaching the State Tournament, the Panthers had squared off

with four legitimate play-off threats.

As the losses mounted, Rossi mentioned that it "hurt," especially because his squad was throwing too many interceptions and fumbling the ball away, losing the chance to stay in games.

"Turning the ball over three to seven times a game and losing by 14, it does hurt," he noted.

But Prouty was able to leave Memorial Athletic Field on Friday, Oct. 7 happy, as the Panthers held off Bartlett High for their first victory of the season, 28-12.

"We had six possessions and scored four times, which was nice," said

Rossi, whose squad didn't turn the ball over in second half action.

Prouty held a 12-6 half-time lead and extended it to 20-6 late in the third quarter when Cameron Goodrich plowed into the end zone from a yard out and quarterback Logan Josti hit Julian Kondratowicz on the two-point conversion.

The Indians weren't going away quietly, though, and scored in the final minute of the third quarter. NayJean Holley had a 1-yard TD plunge of his own and following a failed two-point conversion, it was a one possession game at 20-12.

But the Panthers scored

the final points with 11:45 remaining when Josti threw a screen pass to Jameson Kondratowicz. From there, Jameson Kondratowicz took off and found the end zone from 38 yards away. He also converted the ensuing two-point run to account for the 28-12 final score.

The loss put Bartlett's record to the same as Prouty's at 1-4.

"We've been talking about progress a lot with our kids. We've got kids coming off of a year when they went 0-10. Prouty beat them 34-0 last year and it was over by the half. We want them to make plays and believe they can go out there and



Nick Ethier photos

David Prouty's Julian Kondratowicz crosses the goal line with possession of the football on a successful two-point conversion play.

get the job done, and for a lot of the game, they did," said head coach Dane Laboissonniere. "We'll get there, we've just got to keep growing."

Bay Path's offense can't keep up with Beavers

UPTON — Unfortunately for the Bay Path Regional varsity football team, they couldn't follow up a big win against Monty Tech with another victory when they played at Blackstone Valley Tech on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8.

The Beavers scored five touchdowns on the offensive side of the ball and pitched a

shutout, as they defeated the Minutemen 33-0.

"They're a really good team," Bay Path head coach Cody Giampa said of BVT. "Their record is deceptive because they play really good teams to start."

Valley Tech is now 2-3 — the same record as the Minutemen — after beginning the year

with losses against strong opponents in St. Bernard's High, Uxbridge High and West Boylston High. The Beavers then defeated Worcester Tech before beating Bay Path.

"I don't think offensively we did a very good job, so we've got to coach better and play up bet-



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path quarterback Anthony Catino looks downfield before firing off a pass.

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Haston Library offers thrills and chills this Halloween season

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A packed month of thrills and chills is in store for guests at Haston Free Public Library.

On Friday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m., guests are invited to participate in a séance led by psychic advisor Dina LeDuke.

“She comes from a family background of folk magic and psychic ability, knowing from childhood that she had special gifts,” a library-issued statement read.

To participate in the séance,

you must be over 18 and register in advance. Space is limited to 20 participants. If you would like to have LeDuke perform an individual tarot reading for you after the séance, you must make an appointment in advance. There are only six appointment times available.

Please call the library at 508-867-0208 to register. This presentation is made possible through a grant awarded by the North Brookfield Cultural Council, funded by the Mass Cultural Council.

Guests are also invited to check out the library’s trunk-

or-treat location at the Oct. 23 Family Fun Spookfest at the schools. The event will take place from 3-6 p.m.

This month, the Haston Library Book Group is reading “The Sun Also Rises” by Ernest Hemingway. Providing a glimpse into the post-World War I generation, the novel focuses mainly on characters Jake Barnes and Lady Brett Ashley as they navigate an age of adversity.

The book group will discuss “The Sun Also Rises” on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the library and via Zoom. Copies of the book are

available in the library.

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

Meanwhile, a Halloween party for kids will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room. The event will feature games, spooky displays, and ghostly goodies. This is also the perfect time to show off your costumes.

Please RSVP to blamb@cwmars.org.

As part of the library’s “Artober” program, artists of all ages are encouraged to use

their imaginations in creative ways. Get a daily prompt at the library, or use some of your own ideas. And don’t forget to share your masterpieces.

Finally, on Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m., Lou Meierdierks will return to the library to teach guests how to create covered boxes. The vintage-style fabrics and primitive designs are glued and hand-sewn over oval cardboard boxes. The finished results are great for holiday gifts or containers for special items.

Please call the library at 508-867-0208 for more information about this program.

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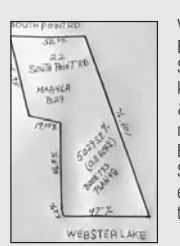


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SPORTS

Important game goes Auburn's way as Rockets edge David Prouty

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

SPENCER — With the Auburn High girls' varsity soccer team set to take on David Prouty Regional on Monday, Oct. 3, it was an important contest for both clubs. The Rockets were 4-5 and seeded 33rd in the latest Division 3 Power Rankings. The Panthers, meanwhile, were 4-6 and seeded 16th in Division 5. A .500 or better record or a top 32 ranking at the end of the season are the ways to inclusion for the State Tournament.

"This was a must win for both teams, I think," said David Prouty head coach Derek Blodgett. "Our main goal is to make it to States again."

It was Auburn who gained the all-important victory, though, edging the Panthers 3-2.

"It was important for our team's mental state," said Rockets' head coach Emily Burokas. "I'm on them because I know we can be better, but I'm happy with the 'W.'"

Burokas was "on" her team postgame

because Auburn held a 2-0 lead before having it slip away when Prouty tied the score in the second half. The Rockets then won it in the game's final stages.

"I'm frustrated that A., we're not putting away chances that we should be putting away, and then I'm also frustrated at our intensity and speed of play," said Burokas.

But Auburn was able to breathe a sigh of relief when, in the 77th minute, Katherine DeFosse broke the 2-2 deadlock with her second goal of the game. DeFosse won a 50/50 battle at midfield and was then off to the races, taking three touches before slipping a shot past Panthers' hard-charging keeper Jocelyn LaMonda (eight saves).

"We're blessed to have her because she's a phenomenal track athlete," Burokas said of DeFosse and her hurdling prowess. "She's so fast that the ball often gets away from her, so I was pleased that she was able to get those two goals because we've been working on it. She's smart and knows her speed

can win the back and then get to goal, and she's been good about placing it."

DeFosse gave Auburn a 2-0 lead in the 44th minute when she won a footrace and kicked the ball away from a sliding LaMonda. DeFosse's shot then hit the left post and deflected off a retreating LaMonda, the ball then finding the back of the net.

From there, the Panthers scored in the 46th and 53rd minutes to tie the score. First, Olivia Pepin sent a through-ball down the left wing to Eliana Barnett, who shot past Auburn keeper Katie Valentine (eight saves). Then, Barnett took a corner kick from the left side. The referees deemed the goal to be scored by Emilee Larson, her head just grazing the ball on the service.

"Moving forward, I said if we play like this and believe in ourselves and trust each other and push for one another, I know we can make it," Blodgett said of the strong second half surge and ability to win games down the stretch and qualify for the playoffs.



Nick Ethier photos

David Prouty's Olivia Pepin wins possession of the ball against Auburn's Zhunay Moulton.

Auburn also has State Tournament aspirations.

"We made playoffs, but just barely," Burokas said of the 2021 season. "Games that we need to be winning, we need to be winning. This was one of those."

The Rockets' Morganne Lucier scored the game's first goal in the 34th minute.



Eliana Barnett of David Prouty kicks the ball away from a hard-charging Julia Rocheford of Auburn.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Tantasqua 173, Auburn 178 — Thanks to stellar play from the Warriors' Sam Pieczynski — who was medalist after carding a 2-over par 38 at cold and windy Pakachoag Golf Course — Tantasqua was able to hand the now 13-1 Rockets their first loss of the season. The Warriors are 11-3.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Leicester 23, Oxford 34; Uxbridge 20, Leicester 35 — Uxbridge hosted the Wolverines in cross-country action, and Leicester's girls' team was able to defeat the Pirates while falling to the Spartans. The Wolverines' top finishers on the 5K course were Grace Dias, Ava Petrucci and Ayva Connor.

Leicester 23, Oxford 33; Uxbridge 17, Leicester 46 — With the boys' cross-country team also running the 5K course at Uxbridge, the Wolverines beat the Pirates while losing to the Spartans. Leicester's Jason Fournier finished as his team's top runner, followed by Gio Ortiz and Tyler Herron.

Thursday, Oct. 6

Tantasqua 177, Quabog 187 — The Warriors' golf team improved to 12-3 on the season after defeating the Cougars at Quail Hollow. Medalist honors went to Sam Pieczynski, who shot a 38 on the par 36 layout.

Friday, Oct. 7

Minnechaug 159, Tantasqua 177 — Despite Sam Pieczynski being the medalist for the Warriors' golf team — shooting a 2-over par 38 at Hemlock Ridge — the Falcons were victorious thanks to the next two best scores. Tantasqua is now 12-4.

South 25, Tantasqua 10 — Thanks to a three-touchdown performance from Angelo Larose, the Colonels' football team upended the Warriors (2-3). Tantasqua quarterback Adam Howe threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Liam Hubacz, and Luke Marvin made an extra point kick and a 22-yard field goal.

SPORTS

Premier nonleague matchup has Tantasqua top Beavers

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

UPTON — A new and top-notch non-league girls' soccer contest took place on Friday, Oct. 7 when Tantasqua Regional traveled to Blackstone Valley Tech. The teams each had one loss to their credit and were both ranked No. 10 in the Power Rankings for their respective Divisions in the State Tournament (the Warriors in Division 3, the Beavers in Division 4).

And the game was a good one. Tantasqua scored first, Valley Tech then tied it and the Warriors won it late, 2-1. Tantasqua is now 10-1-2, while the Beavers dropped to 7-2-1.

"It was a good match — they're big, they're strong, they're fast. This is a good matchup for both teams," said Warriors' head coach Matthew Rickson. "For me, it's about competition. I want a game that's going to entertain the fans and keep everyone playing."

"These are the teams I'd like to be playing every game," added Valley Tech head coach Jay Porter. "I think we came out and played with them, which is what we wanted to do."

In the game's eighth minute, Tantasqua got on the scoreboard when the Warriors turned defense into offense.

"It was a counterattack. They had a corner kick and we cleared it to about the 30," explained Rickson. [Olivia Magierowski] pushed it through and [Lilina Shiers] took off. She's fast. She got a good four or five steps and they couldn't catch her."

Magierowski's through-ball hopped past a Valley Tech defender, and once it did and Shiers took off, there was no stopping her.



Nick Ethier photos

Possessing the ball in open space, Tantasqua's Kaydie O'Neil launches a kick to move it further down the field.

The Beavers didn't mount much first half offense, and they trailed 1-0 at intermission.

"They're a higher division than us, they typically play much stronger schools than we do, so unfortunately I think us talking and focusing on that hurt us in the first half," explained Porter. "I think we came out and played scared. We played off the ball and let them win every ball instead of challenging for every ball."

But BVT rebounded in the second half, tying the score in the first minute of action. Laney Beahn executed a perfect shot that was lobbed high enough to sail over the reach of the keeper but stay under the crossbar.

"It was a bouncing ball and like Laney always does, she's never afraid to take a shot. She tried to do a chip shot and it

went perfectly over the goalie's head," explained Porter.

But Tantasqua took advantage of a defensive breakdown to win the game in the 64th minute. There, Ava Chevalier sent a crossing pass into the box and freshman Kina Demears scored her first high school goal when she was left unattended.

"She was down in deep," Rickson said of Chevalier. "We had two people in the box and one on top of the box, so she sent it in."

"I just subbed her in, too," Rickson added of the recently inserted Demears. "She was excited, she was pumped."

Rickson is pleased with his team's performance so far this season.

"They're playing real well. They're 100 percent a team," he concluded.

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SPORTS

Oxford tops young Wolverines, continues strong season

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — In the not too distant past, the Oxford High boys' varsity soccer team looked similarly to the current rendition of Leicester High's squad. Their roster was young and wins were hard to come by.

But the Pirates turned into a winning club in 2021, compiling a regular season record of 8-5-3 before embarking on the Division 5 State Tournament, where they reached the Round of 16 before falling to Sutton High, 3-1. And this year's Oxford team is now 6-2-2 after defeating the Wolverines, 7-0, back on Monday, Oct. 3.

"Seeing a team like this, Leicester, is what we were literally two or three years ago," explained Pirates' head coach Paul Frykberg. "It's the small school mentality. It comes in waves."

And Leicester is hoping to work its way back to the winning tradition that head coach Anthony Notaro experienced when playing for the Wolverines.

"I'm just hoping to see progressions game in and game out. From the first game, it's there. The bones are there, the structure is there, it's just a matter of them believing in themselves and each other to play at this level," said Notaro, a four-year varsity member of the Wolverines before graduating in 2016.

Leicester's roster includes just one senior and three juniors, although one of the juniors is currently out with an injury. The Wolverines also have four sophomores and a staggering 11 freshmen.

"We were young last year. We had six freshmen and four sophomores and a few more seniors, a couple bigger kids which helped with the size, with the physicality of the league, but this year it's a huge rebuild compared to that,"



Nick Ethier photos
Leicester's Ryan Delage hustles after a loose ball.

said Notaro. "We lost our six seniors and a couple of the sophomores that would be juniors and the freshmen that would be sophomores. And we lost our junior keeper that would be a senior, he ended up changing schools."

With no true keeper in net, Cooper White (first half) and David Marsh (second half) split the duties for Leicester. White finished with eight saves, Marsh with four.

Oxford scored three times in the first half and four more times in the second to put away the now 0-6-2 Wolverines. Edwin Flores had five of the of the Pirates' goals, with Kofi Owusu and Aidan Diamond also scoring. Nathan



Brandon Escobar of Leicester stretches out his right leg to gather in possession of the ball.

Davis and Cole Finizza had two assists each, with Edwin Flores also assisting. Keeper Sam Paradise picked up a five-save shutout.

The Flores twins have been a big reason behind Oxford's success, with Edward being called "super creative, fastest feet I've ever seen in a midfielder/striker," by Frykberg, and Edwin being touted by Frykberg as "a big, strong defender, ball winner."

The Pirates' signature win thus far was a 3-2 decision over Tantasqua Regional on Sept. 12.

"Individually, that's the first time as a coach I've beaten Tantasqua, so I was happy with that," said Frykberg with over 10 years of coaching experience. "It definitely means something, but

then you've got to keep them grounded at the same time. We got a little humble pie and it helps us work a little bit harder."

The humble pie was a 1-1 tie with Quaboag Regional two days later, but Oxford exacted revenge on the Cougars on Oct. 1, as the Pirates came away with a 1-0 victory.

With the playoffs set to commence at the turn of the month, Frykberg is hoping for a nice run in the Division 5 State Tournament.

"We set that goal before the season even started to make it further than we did last year," he said of envisioning a run into the Round of Eight and beyond.

Pirates hold off Quaboag in battle of 'gritty' teams



Nick Ethier photos
Quaboag quarterback Zach Russell keeps the ball and rushes down the field.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Led by senior quarterback Lucas Lambert, Oxford High's offense lined up one last time and kneeled the ball to run out the last few seconds left on the game clock to secure a hard fought 26-7 win over Division 8 rival Quaboag High School on Friday, October 8th.

Both varsity football teams came into the contest undefeated, and it was a treat for everyone there to watch. It was a battle of inches until the now 5-0 Pirates gained separation late in the fourth quarter.

Entering the final frame the score was 14-0 in favor of Oxford, and Quaboag (4-1) was held to a punt just seconds into it. All momentum was leaning toward the Pirates, but the Cougars being a gritty team did not lay down.

Oxford received the punt and started the drive at their own 26 yard-line. On the first play of the drive Lambert handed the ball off to running back Jaden Morales. Morales sprinted through an open hole and evaded a few arm tackles until a Quaboag defender got a hand

on the ball and poked it loose for a fumble that Cougar captain Drew Martinez quickly jumped on. Possession was back with Quaboag.

"Our kids are tough and battle," praised Quaboag head coach David Shepherd. "We are a little undersized in comparison to them. They got some big kids up front. We are giving away probably 30-40 pounds of man up front. My guys are hitters, and they play with a lot of heart. That is how we stayed in it."

After the fumble, Quaboag started their drive with great field position and were able to capitalize. Three plays later the Cougars found pay dirt. Martinez powered in for a 5-yard touchdown run to cut the lead in half, 14-7 with 9:51 left in the fourth. The touchdown was set up by a beautiful 30-yard catch and run by running back Dylan Cummings on the play prior. Cummings secured a screen pass from quarterback Zach Russell, broke a few tackles near the line of scrimmage and took off down the sideline before being tripped up.

Despite still being in the lead, Oxford knew it was crucial to

trot back out and put together a bounce back drive against a good Quaboag team who was gaining momentum following the turnover and quick touchdown.

The Pirates did just that. In just over two minutes, Oxford found themselves back in the end zone for the third time on the night. Lambert connected with Brett Morgan on a short sideline route and Morgan did the rest, breaking it outside for a 33-yard touchdown. After missing the point-after attempt, Oxford found themselves back up two scores, 20-7.

"We have had a lot of close games this year," expressed Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson in regards to his team bouncing back after the turnover. "In the Uxbridge game we looked a little low for a minute, but we pulled them in at half-time and they know what they are capable of, so they just look at each other for support. We have senior leadership, I have 10 seniors, who play which is a rarity for Oxford High School. I think a couple times I have had that many, but we don't see that often at Oxford. They just look to each other for sup-



Nick Ethier photos
Drew Martinez of Quaboag hits Oxford ball carrier Robbie Fisher out of bounds.

port and they have each other's back. They are just a gritty football team, they are fighters. They fight for what they get and what they earn."

On the next offensive drive by Quaboag they were unable to get anything going. It forced them to punt the ball to a red-hot Pirate offense who sealed the win with a seven-play scoring drive that was capped by Lambert's fourth touchdown of the evening, three through the air and one on the ground. The senior signal-caller connected with Connor Fantasia on a skinny post in stride on fourth-and-6 with 2:31 left in regulation.

It is easy to praise the skilled position guys following touchdowns, but for Oxford a lot of their success stems from the impressive play of their linemen.

"The guys in the trenches are just phenomenal, this offensive line has been playing together since they were in the second grade," explained Clarkson. "Three out of five of them have been playing that long together so they know. They are on target, and they are on point together."

Clarkson also shouted out his freshman center and how

well he has played so far this season with the help of the experience around him.

"The linemen, they were bringing the house tonight and we have a freshman center, Tyler Blomquist, and thankfully he has Zak [Parmenter] right next to him because he keeps him level and right, but they were bringing the house tonight."

The outcome may have been in favor of Oxford, but Quaboag knows there may be another chance to come out on the winning side of this budding rivalry. Quaboag won the regular season meeting last season, and Oxford was able to win in the State playoffs. Shepherd expressed the goals Quaboag is shooting for and what is possibly ahead later in the season.

"We know we have a lot to shoot for. We are aiming for a playoff position. The next three opponents we feel good, with a good chance to win. If we finish the season 7-1 we will make the playoffs and then it is all matchups when it comes down to that. We are going to keep working and maybe we will see these guys like last year and flip the equation," said Shepherd.

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(Redfield Road), report taken; 11:38 p.m.: ambulance (Atwood Road), transported; 11:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 11:48 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), spoken to; 11:52 p.m.: larceny (Chapel Street), report taken.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
1:39 p.m.: ambulance (Hunton Memorial Highway), transported; 1:53 p.m.: accident (Pine Street), transported to hospital; 3:03 p.m.: ambulance

(Pleasant Street), transported; 3:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 4:20 p.m.: arrest warrant service (King Street), unfounded; 5:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 8:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:12 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 9:14 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 9:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to.

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ter," said Giampa, whose team racked up only 118 yards of total offense.

The game began with a glimmer of hope for the Minutemen, as Anthony Catino picked off Valley Tech quarterback Alexander Burgos on the game's opening possession. But following a Bay Path turnover on downs, the Beavers scored touchdowns on five of their next six possessions to put the game away.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Minutemen's Gabriel Espinosa had a fumble recovery late in the game, and teammate Dakota Ouellette intercepted a Valley Tech two-point try earlier in the contest.

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