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Community vigil keeps hope alive for Brittany Tee



Courtesy

A candlelight vigil is held in Brookfield to mark the second anniversary of Brittany Tee's disappearance.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD — Two years since Brittany Tee was last seen in the area of Lewis Field before disappearing, the community kept hope alive during a candlelight vigil last week.

Gathering on the Town Common for the Jan. 10 ceremony, hundreds of guests showed support for Tee's family members and friends as they continue the quest to bring her home.

Prior to the vigil, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., joined guests as they assembled at Brookfield Congregational Church. Supporters from surrounding towns, communities across the state, and neighboring states filled the church,

strangers and friends alike joining in solidarity.

"We joined the Tee family and the residents of Brookfield at a vigil marking the second anniversary of the day Brittany Tee went missing," Early stated. "We reassure the family and the community that the search for Brittany continues and will not stop until her family has answers."

Vigil organizers are committed to uniting community members in support of Tee's loved ones. As long as she remains missing, residents plan to continue shining lights of hope and making sure her story isn't forgotten.

"No one should hold such tremen-

dous grief or carry the burden of searching alone," read a statement released by vigil organizers ahead of the event. "Brittany Tee was 35 years old when she disappeared on Jan. 10, 2023. Her family and friends have worked tirelessly to find answers; however, at this time, they still do not know where Brittany is or what happened to her. But someone does."

Three days after she was last seen, Tee, 35, was reported missing to Brookfield Police on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, by her family members.

Authorities launched a massive search for Tee that included multiple agencies scouring woodlands, water bodies, and outbuildings.

Additional searches over the next several weeks employed the use of helicopters, drones, K-9 units, and trained civilian search teams.

Responding agencies included the State Police Air Wing, State Police K-9 Unit, State Police Marine Unit, Massachusetts Environmental

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DPHS senior takes part in Rose Parade



Courtesy

David Prouty High School senior musician Zac Soulor recently took part in a major event.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — The new year got underway in unforgettable fashion for David Prouty High School senior musician Zac Soulor, who took part in the world-famous Rose Parade on New Year's Day.

Soulor was nominated and selected as a member of the

New England Honor Marching Band, which participates in the annual Rose Bowl Parade held in California.

"It means a lot to be chosen for this group and to represent my school and community," said Soulor, who has played trumpet since middle school.

A member of the DPHS Marching

Panther Band for seven years, Soulor has thrived under the leadership of Prouty Band Director, Kelsey Forfa.

"I have to thank Mrs. Forfa for where I am, not only musically, but as a person today. My experiences have been amazing, whether it's the people I met or have learned from, to just the fun of being with everyone involved," Soulor told the New Leader.

School officials congratulate Soulor for his hard work and many accomplishments, most recently as a representative of Prouty on the national stage.

"Zac has worked hard and earned this honor and opportunity, and was the choice of his Band Director, Kelsey Forfa," said Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Paul Haughey, who sent a congratulatory message to Soulor after learning of his achievement. "We are so proud of him and hope he had a fantastic time out in SoCal

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Leicester launches new Web site

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The community is celebrating the new year with a new-look Web site that will increase accessibility and efficiency for visitors.

The upgraded website was slated to launch on Jan. 16, with the same address as the previous site (www.leicesterma.org). The enhancement project received funding from a Community Compact program grant.

"For several months, C.A.R.E. (Community Advocates for Resource Engagement), a group of volunteers, has collaborated with town departments, boards, and committees to bring this project to life," read a statement released by project leaders.

Organizers' goals for the upgraded site include creating a modern, visually appealing interface; providing easier access to information across all devices; and regularly updating content to keep townspeople informed.

CivicPlus, a Web site development company specializing in municipalities, provided the town with a comprehensive web-site platform.

"New features on the web-site have been introduced to help users find the information they need more easily," read the statement released by organizers.

"One of these features is the new Agenda and Minutes Center, which allows users to access agendas and minutes in one convenient location. All previous agendas with original timestamps have been uploaded to the new system."

Following the Web site rollout, project leaders are now turning their attention to the ongoing mission of ensuring that information is regularly updated. Leaders within municipal departments will play key roles in posting timely information on their respective pages.

"New procedures have been enacted to decentralize content upkeep. Now, departments can maintain their own pages at no additional cost to the town, allowing the experts to take real ownership of their content," read the statement released by project leaders.

C.A.R.E. members are working with municipal departments and designated personnel to upload the minutes from past meetings.

"It is important to note that the Town Clerk is the official administrator for records retention," the informational statement read. "If agendas and minutes are not on the Web site, they can be found in the Town Clerk's office."

Another new Web site feature is the Online Payments Center. This centralized button allows users to pay for property and excise taxes, vital records requests, dog licenses, and more.

Other helpful resources on the site include permit applications, forms, and a property map section.

Additionally, two new global links—titled "Doing Business" and "How Do I"—have been added to the top of the page. While these links are available to users, they are still under development. C.A.R.E. members are currently working to gather useful information that visitors can access for assistance.

"The previous website allowed community members to sign up for notifications and alerts, and the new Web site offers the same feature. However, users who registered for notifications on the old website must re-register on the new site," the informational statement read. "More information about this service will be provided as it becomes available."

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Help keep your neighbors warm this winter

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Local residents are invited to help keep their neighbors warm this winter by attending the 16th annual North Brookfield Hearts for Heat spaghetti dinner.

This year's event is set for Saturday, Jan. 25, from 5-7 p.m. inside the North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria. Proceeds will assist the North Brookfield chapter of the local Hearts for Heat organization with providing fuel assistance to residents in need.

The dinner cost is \$12 per person, with a cap of \$36 for a family of four or more. Takeout meals will be available.

Tickets for this event will only be available at the door.

The dinner is sponsored by the Hayden Masonic Lodge and supported by Hannaford Supermarket.

Several raffle items will be offered at the event, including a Boston Celtics team-signed basketball and a pair of home game tickets; WooSox baseball tickets for four; a Boston Bruins signed puck; and Springfield Thunderbirds American Hockey League tickets.

Gift certificates were donated by the following local businesses and organizations: Angel Nails, Bemis Farms, Brookfield Orchards, City of Smoke, Connect Restaurant, Inishowen Farms, JARS Cafe, Jim's Pizza, Marks of Asgard, NB Liquors, Red Robin, Salem Cross Inn, Second Chance Animal Shelter, Shaman's Closet, Subway, and Whitco.

The event will also include musical entertainment provided by The Otters. Meanwhile, students from the North Brookfield High School National Honor Society and the Valley View School will assist guests.

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Bay Path Nursing student coordinates flower bulb distribution

Loise Ngigi

CHARLTON — Thirty-six members of the Practical Nursing Class of 2025 were recipients of premium flower bulbs from Achille Agway of Keene, New Hampshire. Hundreds of tulips and daffodil bulbs were donated to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and distributed to the Practical Nursing students as part of self-care efforts and in collaboration with the UNICEF Club. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy was one of many non-profit organizations chosen to receive bags of premium flower bulbs. The same bulbs are sold online and at the Keene, NH location of Achille Agway.

Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director, "Going to nursing school is a busy time. Like nursing, flower bulb planting is both an art and a science."

Bolandrina stated, "The care one takes in planting is both therapeutic and stress relieving. It is a beautiful form of self-care."

Loise Ngigi of South Grafton, a member of the PN Class of 2025 and UNICEF Club officer graciously coordinated the distribution of the flower bulbs.

"I like doing it," said Ngigi with a smile.

Ngigi is a compassionate Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and certified home health aide (HHA) whose knowledge is based on the accumu-

lation of seven years of direct experience as a certified HHA and CNA. She obtained her nursing assistant certification through the 3 Dimensions College (Worcester) in 2017. She obtained her high school diploma from Moi Girls Kamangu High School in Kenya (2012). As a practical nursing student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, she has completed her Dementia Care certification. She is certified in BLS/HCP/CPR (Basic Life Support, Health Care Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), Medical Administration Program (MAP), and Mental Health First Aid. She was a CNA at River Terrace Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center (Lancaster) and is currently a direct support professional at Venture Community Services (Sturbridge).



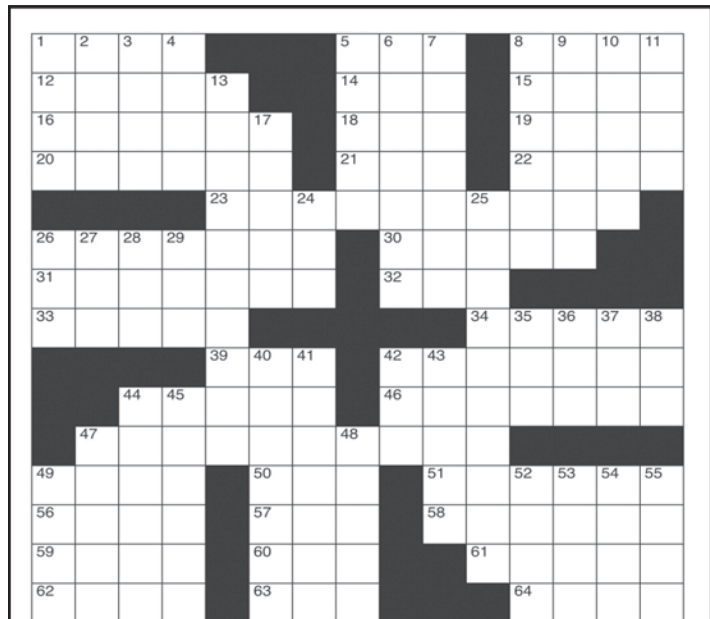
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. This regulates cortisol production (abbr.)
- 5. People of northern Vietnam
- 8. Employee stock ownership plan
- 12. Regions
- 14. The center of a city
- 15. Hindu serpentine deity
- 16. Roared
- 18. Sun up in New York
- 19. "Sir" in Malaysian
- 20. Shrimp dish
- 21. Muckraker Tarbell
- 22. Apex
- 23. Harmonic effects
- 26. One of Babe Ruth's nicknames
- 30. Groups in organic chemistry
- 31. More pleasant-tasting
- 32. Spring forward
- 33. Noted writer
- 34. Building occupied by monks
- 39. "The world's most famous arena"
- 42. Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
- 44. Long or fast speech
- 46. Things you can eat
- 47. Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
- 49. Actor Idris
- 50. I (German)
- 51. Taxes
- 56. Indonesian island
- 57. Nuisance (slang)
- 58. Shawl
- 59. Digits
- 60. Moved on foot quickly
- 61. "For goodness ___"
- 62. Facial body part
- 63. Russian river
- 64. Urinates

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Partner to "oohs"
- 2. Scaly water dweller
- 3. Pueblo people of New Mexico
- 4. Music producer Teo
- 5. Greek mythological goddess
- 6. Got together to discuss
- 7. Acquires
- 8. Involve
- 9. Some are tomato-based
- 10. Old Irish alphabets
- 11. A sheet of glass in a window or door
- 13. Blood poisoning
- 17. A moon of Saturn
- 24. Neither
- 25. Sums
- 26. They follow "A"
- 27. Satisfaction
- 28. People of southeastern Burma
- 29. Small amount
- 35. Guy (slang)
- 36. Sound unit
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 38. Affirmative
- 40. Almost at the top
- 41. Extremely slow
- 42. Pearl Jam's debut album
- 43. Influential mid-century playwright
- 44. Martens
- 45. Approval
- 47. Dallas-adjacent Texas city
- 48. African nation
- 49. Dark brown or black
- 52. A place to get caught
- 53. Large-headed, elongated fish
- 54. Type of sword
- 55. Scottish tax or levy

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Senior Center hosting 10th annual Sweetheart Dance

SPENCER — The Senior Center invites guests to attend its 10th annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance next month.

The program will take place on Friday, Feb. 14, at 5 p.m. The event is perfect for couples, friends, and singles looking to meet new friends and enjoy fun activities.

A catered meal will feature the following menu items: stuffed shells; meatballs; garlic bread; and a tossed salad. Dessert tables and beverages will also be available.

The event will also offer plenty of dancing for guests, as DJ Melissa Morin will provide entertainment.

In years past, the event has seen impressive attendances of guests from throughout the area. Guests are also able to learn about an array of other programming offered by the Center.

Tickets to the dance are \$10 per person. They will be available for sale beginning on Jan. 27.

"There are a limited number of tickets available; first come, first served," read a statement released by the Senior Center.

To learn more about the program, or to register for other upcoming events, contact the Senior Center.

Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, Vt. — The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2024 semester. Students who complete at least 12 credits of classes and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in a particular semester are cited on the Dean's List for that semester.

- Calum J. Reding of Brookfield
- Seth D. Larson of Leicester

About Saint Michael's College

Saint Michael's College, founded on principles of social justice and leading lives of purpose and consequence, is a selective, Catholic college just outside Burlington, Vermont, one of the country's best college towns. Located between the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain, our closely connected community guarantees housing all four years and delivers internationally respected liberal arts together with an innovative Purposeful Learning Program, preparing students for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives. Young adults here grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to be responsible for themselves, each other, and their world.

Cornerstone Bank honored by Newsweek as one of America's best regional banks

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has been named to Newsweek magazine's annual list of America's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions 2025.

"We are so proud to be recognized in this way," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "We strive to be more than just a financial institution; we want to be an actively supportive partner, strengthening our community and neighborhoods."

Newsweek and Plant-A Insights Group put out the list every year to recognize banks and credit unions positively impacting their communities, and help people identify the most trusted financial institutions. The methodology is based on the bank's credit quality, as well as profitability, net loans and leases, press coverage and a customer survey of more than 71,000 U.S. citizens, 1.9 million social media reviews and 129 million app store reviews. The list includes the top 500 regional banks and top 500 credit unions.

Cornerstone Bank is committed to uplifting communities throughout Central Massachusetts, regularly donating to charity organizations, contributing to fundraising events and granting scholarships to local students.

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Cindy Leinonen to serve on Community Action Council for REALTOR® Association of Central Massachusetts (RACM) 2025



Cindy Leinonen

EAST BROOKFIELD — Houseworks Realty is proud to announce that Cindy Leinonen, a seasoned REALTOR® and co-owner of Houseworks Realty, will be serving on the Community

Action Council for the REALTOR® Association of Central Massachusetts (RACM) in 2025.

Leinonen brings more than two decades of experience in the real estate industry and a deep commitment to community engagement to her new role on the council.

The Community Action Council plays a pivotal role in fostering community relationships, advocating for fair housing, and supporting local initiatives that enhance the quality of life in Central Massachusetts. Cindy's appointment to the council reflects her dedication to these values and her ongoing commitment to serving the community both as a REALTOR® and a local leader.

"I am honored to join the Community Action Council and to work alongside other committed professionals to make a positive impact in our community," said Leinonen. "Real estate is more than buying and selling homes; it's about building communities and supporting the people who live in them. I look forward to contributing to RACM's efforts in this important area."

Leinonen's extensive background includes serving clients in both Massachusetts and Vermont, with a focus on delivering exceptional service and fostering long-lasting relationships. Her passion for real estate and community development aligns perfectly with the mission of the Community Action Council.

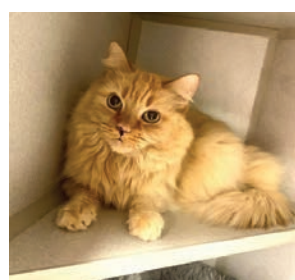
For more information about Cindy Leinonen and Houseworks Realty, please visit www.houseworksreality.com or contact Cindy directly at 508-450-4496.

About Houseworks Realty LLC: Houseworks Realty LLC is a full-service real estate firm based in East Brookfield, offering comprehensive real estate services in Massachusetts and Southern Vermont. Founded and operated by Cindy and Cliff Leinonen, the firm is dedicated to providing personalized service and expert guidance to buyers, sellers, and investors.

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Country Bank announces promotions in Customer Experience and Marketing

REGION — Mary McGovern, President and CEO of Country Bank, is delighted to announce Melissa Mann's promotion to Vice President of Customer Experience and Michael Dias to Product Marketing & Business Insights Officer.

Mann offers a unique blend of skills, including completing New England School for Financial Studies through Massachusetts Bankers in 2019. She is currently working on completing her Project Management Certification through the Project Management Institute which shows her ongoing commitment to professional development and has prepared her well for this role. She will continue to lead and manage the Bank's Sales and Customer Experience programs and strategies, showcasing her dedication and leadership.

Michael Dias has been promoted to Product Marketing & Business Insights Officer. Michael has been a driving force in integrating data analytics into the Bank's marketing strategies. With an MBA in Data Analytics from Western New England University and his recent certification as a Certified Financial Marketing Professional (CFMP) from the American Bankers Association, Michael's strategic mindset and forward-thinking approach have been key in integrating data analytics into the Bank's marketing strategies.

"We are excited to announce the well-deserved promotions of Melissa and Michael," said Miriam Siegel, Chief Culture and Development Officer at Country Bank. "Their hard work, dedication, and contributions have been instrumental to the Bank's success. We take great pride in supporting our team members' commitment to continuous professional and personal growth, empowering them to explore the many rewarding career paths in community banking."

These promotions are a testament to the dedication, innovation, and leadership that drive Country Bank forward. They underscore the significant impact that Melissa and Michael have had on their teams, colleagues, and the Bank, demonstrating their ability to inspire and lead.

Marlborough Fly Fishing Show offers \$100,000 in door prizes

MARLBOROUGH — Some \$100,000 in door prizes – a show record – will be up for grabs along with the year's first view of every fly-fishing tool from the newest rods and reels to boots, waders, clothing and accessories at the 2025 Marlborough Fly Fishing Show® this weekend (Jan. 17-19) in the Royal Plaza Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road West.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday; and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$18 for one day, \$28 for two days and \$38 for three days. Children under age five are free as are Boy and Girl Scouts under age 16 in uniform. Children 6-12 are \$5. Active military with an ID is \$10. Parking is free.

Trade Center exhibitor display booths are filled. There will be 26 classes with Experts, nine free seminars daily along with continuous Destination Theater presentations, authors, fly tying and fly casting.

The world premiere of the 2025 International Fly Fishing Film Festival is Fri. (1/17) at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

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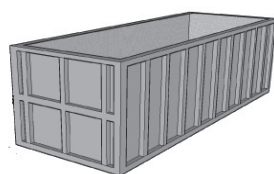


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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

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



Bay Path Nursing students train on use of Narcan



Courtesy Captain Sheehan with Emily Bamberger of Wales and Johanna Marrero of Southbridge.

ship offered training in the use of Narcan to the practical nursing students," stated Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director.

"Our nursing students are aware of the incidents across the state and around the country of healthcare workers who have come into contact with illicit drugs during the course of their duties," she said.

The Narcan training included information on exposure to opioids, including fentanyl and heroin in which usually occurs through ingestion but also can result from absorption through the skin and inhalation. If substance abuse disorder exists, the risk of encountering those substances will also exist. The purpose of the program is to equip the community with life-saving naloxone, also known as Narcan. Narcan is safe and reverses the effects of opioid overdoses so that

having it on scene is important and provides an extra layer of protection. Narcan saves lives but it can also be the bridge to recovery and treatment. Captain Sheehan emphasized how seconds matter in such incidents. The Narcan training is a training that everyone can use. Captain Sheehan allowed for hands-on participation from the class of 2025.

Dr. Bolandrina was attending an advisory meeting for the nursing programs at Anna Maria College when the subject of Narcan training was brought up.

"I immediately recognized the value that it presented for our practical nursing students. It is wonderful that Donna was able to coordinate the training with the Dudley Fire Department. We are grateful to have Captain Sheehan," she said.

Members of the PN Class of 2025 were grateful to have participated in the Narcan training.

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students through the collaboration of Donna Pope, LPN, executive assistant to the Academy Director and

Captain Daniel Sheehan of the Dudley Fire Department offered training to the PN Class of 2025 who may encounter opioids.

"The collaborative partner-

Retirees may face HELOC challenges

BY CHRISTOPHER MALLON
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAM MANAGER
LPL REGISTERED PRINCIPAL, THE CAPSTONE
PLANNING GROUP LOCATED AT CORNERSTONE BANK

As a financial planning firm that specializes in retirement income planning, we often get questions from retirees about how and when to use a Home Equity Line of Credit (also known as a HELOC). While many retirees may understand how a HELOC functions, some retirees could face unexpected challenges when applying for one.

According to research, among U.S. homeowners overall, home equity accounts for nearly 45% of individual net worth. As a result, it is not surprising that many Americans may need to tap into this source of wealth at some point in their lives.

A HELOC is essentially a line of credit secured by the equity in your home. It allows you to borrow against the difference between your home's market value and the amount owed on your mortgage. Repayment options are often flexible and can be spread out over time. When used prudently, a HELOC can be a powerful financial planning tool to help manage unexpected expenses.

Would it be prudent to use a HELOC to fund a luxury vacation? Not likely. But if you're facing a critical expense (i.e. home repair, medical issue, etc.) HELOCs can be a valuable last line of defense during a liquidity crunch.

At many banks, there is little to no cost to open this line of credit. In general, you will only incur fees and interest if/when you access funds (or close the HELOC). And because home values are still near record highs, your total approved line of credit may also be near record highs.

Perhaps you don't "need" a HELOC right now (and perhaps you never will). But is it not "better to have one and not need it -- than need one and not have it"? You don't want to be left scrambling should the need arise.

Pro tip: If you are looking to establish a HELOC, don't wait until you're retired. Once you no longer have regular earned income, it can be harder for banks to approve your request. Even if you have substantial cash, a large investment portfolio, and zero debt, all banks still have income requirements for HELOCs. We have seen retirees with \$1,000,000 of assets get surprised when their HELOC application was initially denied.

Fortunately, if you are retired and want to establish a HELOC, there are steps you can take to help meet eligibility requirements. For example, if you work with a financial planner, they might structure portfolio withdrawals in a manner that would satisfy the regular income requirements.

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Remember, everyone's financial circumstances are different and may change over time. Evaluating strategies such as a HELOC is just one aspect of financial planning. A comprehensive financial plan is not just about investment management -- it evaluates a variety of tools to help mitigate potential risks. As always, we recommend working closely with a qualified Financial Planner, Lender, and Tax Advisor to receive personalized retirement guidance.

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Officials offer ice safety tips

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Public safety officials remind outdoor enthusiasts of several tips for staying safe on the ice this winter.

In recent winter seasons, wildly fluctuating temperatures have made it a challenge to know which frozen bodies of water are safe for recreation. Depending on how high temperatures rise during a thaw, ice could thin to dangerous levels in a matter of days.

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

If ice thickness is two inches or less, you should stay off the ice, according to officials with the state's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Ice must be at least four inches thick to support ice fishing, skating, and other activities on foot.

Six-inch ice is required to

support snowmobiles, while cars and small pickup trucks need over a foot of ice thickness to safely cross, officials said.

"Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often more dangerous. Avoid traveling onto ice-bound rivers and streams, as the currents make ice thickness unpredictable," read a statement released by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Before stepping onto the ice, be prepared with the following items: a cell phone, rope, ice picks, warm clothing, and a life jacket. You should also tell someone about your travel plans and when you expect to return, experts recommend.

If you fall through the ice, place your hands and arms on an unbroken surface and kick your legs. Use ice picks to pull yourself up onto the ice while kicking.

"Once your torso is on firm ice, roll toward thicker ice to distribute your weight," read the statement released by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Public safety officials also

urge enthusiasts to frequently check ice conditions as they pass into new areas of a water body. Conditions can often vary as you progress from shallow coves or shorelines to ice covering deeper waters.

"You can't judge ice conditions by appearance or thickness alone. Many other factors like water depth, size of water body, water chemistry, currents, snow cover, age of ice, and local weather conditions impact ice strength,"

read a statement released by Mass Wildlife.

Residents should also be aware of changing conditions throughout the winter. In February and March, higher sun angles can impact ice thickness even on cloudy days. Also, a single day with temperatures surpassing 50 degrees can significantly weaken previously solid ice.

For additional tips to keep your group safe on the ice this winter, visit www.mass.gov.

Berg retires from Spencer PD

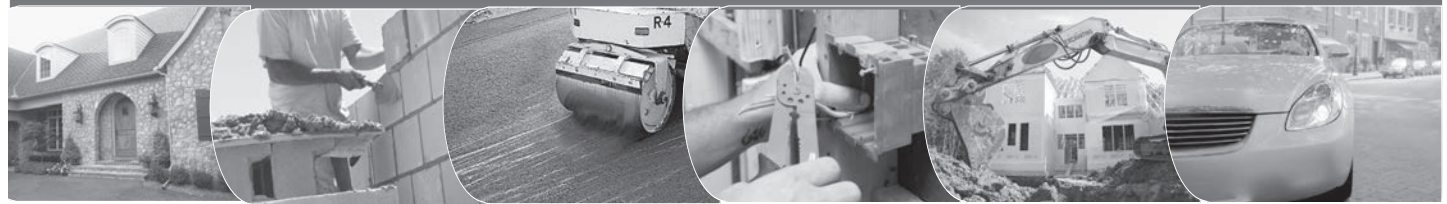
SPENCER — The Spencer Police Department congratulates Sgt. Randy Berg on his recent retirement.

Berg's law enforcement career, which began in 1986, included service at the Boylston, Sturbridge, and East Brookfield Police Departments, as well as the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

He returned to Spencer in 2012, where he spent the final 12 years of his career.

"The Spencer Police Department—and our entire community—are deeply grateful for his many years of service, leadership, and steadfast dedication," read a statement released by the SPD. "Sgt. Berg, you have left an indelible mark on our department, the Town of Spencer, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Thank you for your decades of commitment, and we wish you all the best as you embark on this well-deserved new chapter."

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Leicester officials hope to replenish local boards

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — After steering through a storm of staffing challenges, officials are eager to replenish their municipal ranks in 2025.

Over the past two years, Leicester was hit with a spate of resignations from municipal departments and committees. Officials attribute the departures to several sources, including low staff morale and an acrimonious environment at Town Hall.

Since the annual election in June, Select Board members and officials on other leadership boards have committed to improving morale by fostering a culture of respect and transparent communications.

"It is only natural for boards, committees, individuals, and departments to disagree at

times, but I've seen the temperatures lowered and a willingness to exercise that right without being so disagreeable," said Selectman Doug Belanger. "I truly believe our community has turned a page, and, although still facing many hurdles, the past training and experiences are starting to pay dividends with people realizing their main focus needs to be their own area of responsibility and their main obligation to the residents."

Thanks to a wave of new hires since the summer, most town departments are once again fully staffed. The major remaining staffing challenge is in the Fire/EMS department, officials said.

"The board recently approved the hiring of three new additional full-time paramedics," added Belanger, who cited an

increase in EMS employee pay rates and scales.

Selectman Kevin Menard added, "It would be inappropriate to be too specific, but I can assure the public that all parties involved are analyzing additional potential causes of short staffing. Actions necessary to ensure the health and wellbeing of our residents will be taken accordingly."

Recently appearing before the Select Board, Leicester's EMS Director Molly Dube and Fire Chief Michael Dupuis explained the challenges in hiring and retaining enough qualified personnel to maintain full coverage.

After a lengthy discussion, Belanger made a motion, seconded by Menard, directing the EMS and fire department leaders to reinstate the past practice of offering a

"stand-by" stipend when the schedule shows any shifts are not covered. The motion passed unanimously.

Officials are also excited about new opportunities anticipated this year at Leicester High School. The former Becker College campus, acquired by the town in 2021, has allowed students to benefit from expanded career training programs and other opportunities.

"The conversion of the previous college into the complete Leicester High School campus has been inspirational," said School Committee Chair Donna McCance. "We have the space and vision to offer an educational experience to our students that was previously unimaginable."

Currently, LHS offers three Career Technical Education (CTE) Chapter 74 programs: Health Assisting;

Early Education and Care; and Building and Property Maintenance. Additionally, three non-Chapter 74 CTE programs are also up and running. These include Fire Sciences, Advanced Manufacturing, and Business and Finance Innovation.

"The hiring of Dr. Brett Kustigian as School Superintendent was critical to the successful transition of the former college property into our unique Leicester school campuses," McCance added. "Dr. Kustigian's talent, leadership, and passion are unmatched. With the full support of the School Committee, he has pulled people together from all parts of the community to make this a complete town investment that is already paying dividends."

School officials thank community members for their continued support

of programs at all levels. "I am truly fortunate to have the faith and support of so many throughout the entire community," Kustigian said. "This is not just a school project but a town project."

The Superintendent anticipates additional CTE offerings being approved as Chapter 74 programs in 2025. These include culinary and electrical programming.

"Current and future CTE programs complementing our existing high-caliber educational opportunities are making the Leicester school system one of the most attractive and competitive systems in the region," Kustigian said. "Current and future CTE programs were selected with input from parents, students, and the community at large."

WPI students complete intensive research projects

WORCESTER — A total of 356 undergraduate students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) completed research-driven, professional-level projects that apply science and technology to address an important societal need or issue.

Known as the Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP), this project is a core part of the innovative undergrad-

uate experience at WPI. Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach offers students opportunities to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended problems. These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a difference in the world before they graduate. About two-thirds of

WPI students complete their IQPs at one of the university's more than 50 off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of International & Global Studies and associ-

ate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture—from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat, all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

The following students were part of a team that completed an intensive project:

Jacob Bergeron from Spencer, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Data Science, completed a project titled Assessing Simple AF's Position in the Circular Economy.

Grace McGovern from West Brookfield, class of 2026, majoring in Business, completed a project titled Observational Research for Drowning Prevention.

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI is a top-tier STEM-focused research university and a recognized pioneer and global leader in project-based learning. Founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems, WPI's continued mission is to transform lives,

turn knowledge into action to confront global challenges, and revolutionize STEM through distinctive and inclusive education, projects, and research. WPI's project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. Today WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, and the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. To help address ongoing challenges, improve lives, and help create a more sustainable world, WPI faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research in such areas as the life sciences, smart technologies, materials and manufacturing, and global initiatives.

Students named to President's List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) takes immense pride in recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of more than 640 students who have been named to the President's List for the Fall 2024 semester. The following local students were named to the President's List:

Ariana Masterjohn of W. Brookfield
Brandon Allen of W. Brookfield
Gabriel Paquette of W. Brookfield
Madeleine Johnson of Rochdale
Matthew Tiberii of W. Brookfield
Sydney Corfe of W. Brookfield
Thomas Robidoux of W. Brookfield

Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including more than 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its more than 90 undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30 percent remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Students named to Dean's List at Western New England University

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Alexis Kaloudis of Brookfield
Shyra McWhorter of N. Brookfield

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Lasell University students named to Dean's List

NEWTON — The following local students were named to Lasell University's Fall 2024 Dean's List:

Mikayla Bokis of Spencer
Dillon Winkelmann of Spencer
Alexandra Garrard of W. Brookfield

To be named to the Dean's List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Local student named to Dean's List at UConn

STORRS, Conn. — The University of Connecticut congratulates James McNicol of Spencer, who was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2024.

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EDITORIAL

The ties that really matter

You never really think about how much a good friend means until life throws you a curveball or a moment of joy, and you look around for someone to share it with. A true friend isn't just a person who's around when it's convenient; they're the ones who stick with you through life's messier moments, offering support when you need it and calling you out when you need that too. But as the years pass, it's easy to let these relationships fade into the background, overshadowed by work, family, and the endless demands of daily life.

Friendship isn't just a nice thing to have; it's a cornerstone of what makes life meaningful. Studies show that strong relationships can boost mental health, reduce stress, and even help us live longer. But this isn't about science. It's about the people who make you laugh until your ribs hurt, who know your embarrassing stories and love you anyway. These bonds are rare, and they deserve more care than we often give them.

Think about your own life, your moments of celebration, your hardest days. Who was there with you, either physically or in spirit? A good friend is the one who shows up, even when it's inconvenient, and listens without judgment. They're the person you call when you need advice but also when you just need someone to laugh with. That kind of bond doesn't come along every day, and when it does, it deserves to be nurtured.

But here's the thing: friendships don't maintain themselves. Life's busy pace often makes us assume that the people who matter will always be there, even if we don't put in the effort. Days turn into months, and before we know it, the people who once meant everything become distant memories. It's not intentional, it's just what happens when life gets in the way. Yet the cost of losing those connections can be profound, leaving us feeling isolated or unmoored when we need them most.

The good news? It doesn't take much to rebuild or maintain those bonds. A quick phone call, a handwritten note, or even a spontaneous "How are you?" text can remind someone they matter to you. Showing up doesn't always have to mean grand gestures; often, it's the little acts of consistency that count. It's not about having dozens of close friends; one or two truly meaningful relationships are enough to make a world of difference.

As life keeps moving forward, take a moment to think about the friends who've been there through thick and thin. Reach out to the ones you haven't spoken to in a while, even if it feels awkward at first. Friendship, like anything worth having, takes effort, but the rewards are immeasurable. A good friend isn't just someone who walks into your life, they're someone who stays. Make sure you do your part to keep them there.

In the end, life's most valuable currency isn't money or success; it's the people who stand by us through all of it. Good friends remind us of who we are when we forget, and they make even the hardest days a little easier to bear. Don't let the busyness of life rob you of one of its greatest gifts. Stay in touch. Stay connected. Because the best friendships are worth holding onto, no matter how far life pulls you apart.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wishing you all a healthy, blessed New Year!

To the Editor:
 My new year prayer is that you receive Jesus Christ in your hearts. No one comes to the Father (God) except through Jesus. This is one of the most basic and important Scripture.

The only way to God is only through Jesus; Jesus is the way because He (Jesus) and God the Father are one. Jesus is both God and man. We need

to trust, accept Jesus to take us to the Father, God. Jesus is the only way to God. The choice is yours, ours.

Happy New Year. John 14:6.
 Fall for Jesus. He will never leave you!
 Dwell in peace!

ROLAND BLAIS
 BROOKFIELD

The Twilight Zone returns

To the Editor:

Every time I think things cannot get worse, the joker we elected proves me wrong. Even if we set aside that his Cabinet will be mainly unqualified and inexperienced, considering that loyalty is the only qualification he sought, without the failsafe system of people who knew to push back on his craziest ideas, who served in his first administration, will we become Hitlers Germany, and invade and occupy Greenland? Panama? How about Mexico and Canada?

I doubt there is any danger of him attacking Russia, and defending Ukraine, or NATO, for that matter; but I am unclear as to how my two enlisted grandchildren, would react to being ordered to attack the Danish army in Greenland. My instinct, is that Trump is just following guidance from Elon, who wants a alternate source for pre-

cious metals, when Trumps tariffs devalue his Chinese sources for car batteries to run his Teslas.

I hope that gutless Merrick Garland is going to release Jack Smiths reports into all of the investigations he conducted and we paid for the events of Jan. 6, 2021, are as distressing to me as those of Sept. 11,2001. I will take him pardoning any of those convicted for their actions that day, very personally.

We have elected someone that following the constitution, would prohibit him holding any federal office under section #3 of the 14th amendment. Even the staunchest of MAGA supporters will arrive at buyers remorse. It is only a matter of time and tolerance for his mob boss and his illegal dictatorial actions.

KEN KIMBALL
 BROOKFIELD

Joe, thanks and farewell

To the Editor:

Joe Biden did not perfectly govern our country, the United States of America. Examples of these imperfections include the withdrawal from Afghanistan, and the massive Gazan civilian deaths in the Israel - Hamas conflict.

It also includes attempts to control immigration on our southern border. However Biden stood ready to sign a joint Republican and Democrat law that would have improved and controlled this and other immigration situations. Instead, Donald Trump forced the Republicans to withdraw the bill because he wanted the bad immigration situation to continue during the election for President.

Let us as the people of the United States now praise Joe Biden and his administration for the good they accomplished and assisted. Consider these.

The Covid epidemic and most of its effects ended.

Unemployment fell from 14 percent to 4 percent as more and more jobs were created - 2.4 million in 2023 alone.

While some prices remain high, the inflation rate went down to around 3

percent.
 investment on needed infrastructure repairs, development and improvements all in all states -"Red" and "Blue"- massively increased.

Investment to reduce Global Warming, its deadly effects and in industries addressing that change related and opportunities similarly increased.

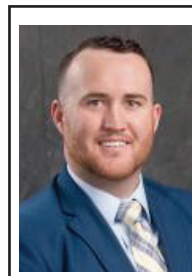
In the area of foreign policy, Biden not only kept us out of combat, he aided Ukraine when Putin invaded. He also expanded and strengthened our alliances with European and other countries - including those threatened by China.

Saving perhaps the most important achievement for last, Biden policies, practices, have led we, the people of the United States, (natives, and yes immigrants too), to rebuild and further build the American economy into the best in the world. No economy is perfect and we have our problems, billionaire inequality, and rising debt being just two. However, we rank as the best and "united" we now have so much more to build on.

So Joe, thank you.

KEVIN KANE
 SPENCER

When is a good time for Roth conversion?



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In life, you often get second chances — and the same is true with investing. To illustrate: You might not have been able to contribute to a Roth IRA during your working years due to your income level, but you may get that opportunity as you near retirement, or even when you are retired — through a Roth conversion.

Why is a Roth IRA desirable for some people? Here are the key benefits:

Tax-free withdrawals — You put in after-tax dollars to a Roth IRA, so you can withdraw your contributions at any time, free of taxes and penalties. And if you've had your account for at least five years and you're at least 59 and a half, you can also withdraw your earnings free of taxes.

No RMDs — With a traditional IRA, you'll have to start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — when you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later. But there's no RMD requirement with a Roth IRA — you can essentially leave the money intact as long as you like.

Tax-free legacy for your heirs — When your heirs inherit your Roth IRA, they can withdraw the contributions without paying taxes or penalties, and if the account has been open at least five years, they can also withdraw earnings tax free.

But even if you were aware of these advantages, you might not have been able to invest in a Roth IRA for much of your life. For one thing, you might have earned too much money — a Roth IRA, unlike a traditional IRA, has income limits. Also, a Roth IRA has only been around since 1998, so, in the previous years, you were limited to a traditional IRA.

As you approach retirement, though, you might start thinking of just how much you'd like to benefit from a Roth IRA. And you can do so by converting your traditional IRA to a Roth. While this sounds simple, there's a major caveat: taxes. You'll be taxed on the amount in pre-tax dollars you contributed to a traditional IRA and then converted to a Roth IRA. (If you have both pre- and after-tax dollars in your traditional IRA, the taxable amount is based on the percentage of pre-tax dollars.)

If you have large amounts in a traditional IRA, the tax bill on conversion can be significant. The key to potentially lowering this tax bill is timing. Generally speaking, the lower your income in a given year, the more favorable it is for you to convert to a Roth IRA. So, for example, if you have already retired, but have not started collecting RMDs, your income may be down.

Timing also comes into play with the financial markets. When the market is going through a decline, and the value of your traditional IRA drops, you could convert the same number of shares of the underlying investments and receive a lower tax bill or convert more shares of these investments for what would have been the same tax bill.

Finally, you could lower your tax bill in any given year by stretching out your Roth IRA conversions over several years, rather than doing it all at once.

You'll want to consult with your tax advisor before embarking on this conversion — but if it's appropriate for your situation, you could find that owning a Roth IRA can benefit you and your family for years to come.

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\$242,500, 3 Birch St, Edwards, Zachary, and Anderson, Shannon, to Patchen, Catherine A.

\$190,000, Mount Pleasant St, Roman Catholic Bishop Of, to Duhamel Jr, Richard A, and Duhamel, Roxanne M.

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\$750,000, 21 Castle Ln, Usher, Brenda A, to Putnam, Elizabeth C.

\$599,900, 5 Lambs Grv, Mts Realty & Dev LLC, to Usher, Brenda.

\$345,000, 21 Holmes St, Omara, Elizabeth, to Ceron, Sofia.

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\$317,500, 5 Charmil Dr, Khalili, Hossein, to Melanson, Kristy.

Reader's Share Favorite Tips and Tricks

It's time again to peek in to the email box and snail mail bag for another round of reader tips. From preventing waste to curing a common malady, the following tips and tricks are geared to make everyday life a little easier. Read on for the first Reader Hint column of 2025.

And remember readers, send in your tried and true tips and you too could win a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House!

** This frugal reader's tip is a twofor: It ensures every last drop of detergent is utilized, while self-cleaning the bottle for the recycling bin!

I would like to share a hint: I do not like to waste anything and try to recycle as much as I can so I find it frustrating at how difficult it is to get the last bit of soap/detergent out of bottles.

To solve this, I save the

almost empty bottles and use the residual soap to clean outdoor items like the furniture, gardening tools, trash bins etc. I just add water to the container, shake it up and use. It uses up the last of the soap and cleans the container for recycling.

Chris Manyak
Oxford, MA 01540
**

Did you know old time legend has it that when you hiccup, it means someone is thinking of you, or missing you? According to the lore, once your mind comes up with that person, the hiccups stop!

While you're mentally going through your list of friends and enemies, you might want to try this reader's roster of hiccup cures:

Here are some helpful hints for getting rid of hiccups.

One effective



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remedy for getting rid of hiccups is to swallow a heaping teaspoon of sugar, dry without water.

Many people cure hiccups by drinking 1 teaspoon of apple cider vinegar, stirred into 1 cup of warm water.

For many people, eating one heaping, spoonful of peanut butter is a definite cure for hiccups.

A little known cure for the hiccups is to quickly swallow, a jigger of lemon juice. The sour taste of lemon may shock the diaphragm's nerves out of spasm.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA
**

Cabbage lovers take heed: This reader has discovered a quick and easy way to core even the most stubborn cabbage:

This is my tip: When you have to core a cabbage to make stuffed rolls or whatever, use an apple corer. The kind that is a cylinder with serrated edges on a wooden handle works best.

Jackie Celko
Webster, MA
**

A hubby's out-of-the-box method to prevent stale donuts, puts them back in the box!

This tip was mostly my husband's idea. Donuts are usually sold in a box. Unfortunately when you open the box, the remaining donuts get stale.

My husband's idea is to put each donut into a lunch size zip-lock

bag then back in the box. They will stay fresh-er way longer this way.

Sharon Conlon
Whitinsville MA
**

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Chris Manyak of Oxford, MA, whose name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House. Chris shared the tip above to prevent detergent waste.

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Win a Three Course Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month (or whenever I receive enough tips for a column) will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on

Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Coral Castle

I've always been a person who loves to travel. Over the years, I've taken dozens of road trips, spanning almost every state. My dad used to take us on road trips in the motorhome, and he would stop for every historical marker, every boulder that seemed out of place, and every national park. If we saw a strange-looking animal, we'd stop to stare.

One place I learned about recently that I'd love to visit is the Coral Castle in Florida. The pictures are stunning, but what truly captivates me is the impossibility of how it was built.

Spanning over 1,100 square feet, the Coral Castle is made up of massive coral blocks, some weighing up to 30 tons—equivalent to the weight of six elephants. These stones form walls, furniture, and intricate carvings, all seamlessly aligned.

Altogether, the structure contains over 1,000 tons of coral rock—a feat so astonishing that it defies explanation.

What makes the Coral Castle even more incredible is that it was built entirely by one man, Edward Leedskalnin.

From 1923 to 1951, Edward quarried,

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transported, and positioned these enormous stones, often working at night to protect his methods from prying eyes. Using only rudimentary tools like pulleys, levers, and wedges, he accomplished what modern engineers with advanced machinery would find daunting.

To this day, experts are baffled by how Edward achieved such precision and scale without heavy equipment.

Perhaps what drove Edward to create the Coral Castle is even more remarkable than the structure itself. As the story goes, Edward was set to marry the love of his life, Agnes Scuffs, in his native Latvia. He called her his "Sweet Sixteen" because she was just 16 years old. On the eve of their wedding, however, she broke off the engagement, leaving Edward heartbroken.

Consumed by grief, he emigrated to America and began work on what many believe was a monument to his unfulfilled love. Each stone, carved and placed with meticulous care, seemed to carry the weight of his devotion, a tangible expression of the loss he could never overcome.

The Coral Castle isn't just a feat of engineering—it's a mystery. I often

write about how anything is possible, but have you ever considered that it might be possible for one man to move and position stones weighing 30 tons—all by himself? And not just move them, but do so in the dead of night, shrouded in secrecy?

Edward's work remains one of the most astonishing accomplishments in history.

Witnesses tell stories that only deepen the intrigue. Flatbed trucks loaded with enormous coral stones would arrive at Edward's property, yet no one ever saw how he got the stones onto the trucks or offloaded them once they arrived. Drivers would return in the morning to find their cargo unloaded and perfectly positioned, as if by magic.

One neighbor claimed to have seen Edward late one night, standing near an enormous stone that seemed to "float" into place. The neighbor described the block as if it defied gravity, though this account has often been dismissed as the product of awe and exaggeration.

Another story comes from a truck driver who left a delivery of coral stones overnight. By morning, the stones had been removed and arranged within the Coral Castle with no visible equipment or assistance.

Edward himself only added to the mystery with cryptic statements like, "I understand the secrets of weight and leverage," and, "I've discovered the secrets of the pyramids."

These remarks fueled speculation that Edward had tapped into lost knowledge or harnessed forces beyond modern understanding.

The Coral Castle features towering monoliths, a perfectly balanced gate that pivots with a finger's touch, and spiral staircases carved from single blocks of coral. Each piece showcases a level of craftsmanship and ingenuity that seems impossible for one man to achieve.

Edward's ability to transform raw coral into this intricate masterpiece leaves us marveling at both the structure and the enduring allure of mystery.

Edward Leedskalnin's methods may forever remain a secret, locked away with him, but his creation continues to captivate visitors and defy explanation.

So, the next time you laugh when someone says, "Anything is possible," remember the Coral Castle and the man who made the impossible real.

Maximize seed starting success with a seed starting chart



Melinda Myers

Save money on plants by starting seeds indoors with grow lights, containers, and seed starting mix.

Now is the time when many of us are busy ordering seeds. We often end up with many seeds, some new ones we needed or wanted and perhaps a few duplicates of those we have left from past seasons. It is easy to overlook some of these as the indoor and outdoor planting season begins.

Save money by inventorying your current seed collection, reducing the risk of ordering

seeds you don't need. Decide what seeds you want to keep and grow this season and those you want to pass along to or swap with gardening friends. You may choose to make seed art with older or improperly stored seeds and invest in fresh seeds that are sure to germinate.

If in doubt, check the seed viability of older stored seeds with a simple germination

test. Wrap ten seeds in a damp paper towel and place them inside a plastic bag. Check the seeds in a week or so to see how many sprout. If all the seeds sprout, follow the planting guidelines on the seed packets. When only half the seeds sprout, you will need to plant the seeds twice as thick and so on.

Check catalogs and your favorite garden center for any seeds you need to purchase. Place your order early for the best selection.

Once the seeds arrive, look at the back of the packet to determine when to start the seeds indoors or out. Many seed companies now provide this information on their website instead of the seed packet. Check with your local University Extension website for recommended planting dates in your area.

Record the start date on your calendar, garden chart, or spreadsheet to make the process easier. Consider organizing your seeds to make it easier to find and plant them at the proper time. You may want to organize the seeds in alphabetical order or by the month for planting. Design a system that works best for you.

You can create your own seed storage organizer or purchase one. Store the seeds in a cool dark location in an airtight container to help maintain their viability and keep them safe from mice.

Once your seed starting schedule is created and seeds



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are organized, prepare the space for starting seeds indoors if needed. Make sure your grow lights are in working

order and you

have sufficient containers, flats, and seed starting mix for planting.

Save money by repurposing yogurt, applesauce, and similar food containers into seed starting pots. Just clean and add drainage holes. Look for used cell packs, flats, and small pots that can be used again. Disinfect these by soaking them in a one-part bleach and nine-part water solution for ten minutes then rinse with clear water. Repurposing saves you money and helps reduce plastic waste and the risk of disease that could kill your seedlings.

Taking time to plan and organize now can save you money while helping you maximize the productivity and beauty of your gardens.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, *Revised Edition*, and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow

Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Police, the Brookfield Police and Fire Departments, and the Worcester Police Department, among several others. Despite the widely sweeping searches, many of the same unanswered questions remain two years later. No suspects have ever been announced in connection with Tee's disappearance.

Looking ahead, authorities urge residents to keep offering tips and information that could assist with the case,

however minor. Tip lines for phone and email contacts remain open.

Tee is five feet, six inches tall, weighing approximately 120 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. Investigators said she was last seen wearing a black winter coat, a hoodie, jeans, and work boots. Anyone with information on her disappearance is asked to call the DA's tip line at 508-453-7589. You may also send an email to: WorcesterDAUnresolved@mass.gov.

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Bay Path Academy Director recognized with two citations



Amanda Galonek Hellyar and Gretheline Bolandrina.

WORCESTER — Massachusetts State Sen. Ryan Fattman and State Rep. John J. Marsi, Jr., through Amanda Galonek Hellyar, MPA, Deputy District Director and Special Projects Coordinator from the Office of Senator Ryan Fattman, Worcester & Hampden presented a citation to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director,

Gretheline Bolandrina DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Athol, formerly of Dudley and Douglas. The citations were an acknowledgement for Bolandrina's accomplishments and award as a Champion of Health Care creating partnerships to enhance community health as recognized by the Worcester Business Journal. Citations are awarded to constituents who have reached a significant personal or professional milestone.

Ryan C. Fattman currently serves in the Massachusetts State Senate. Previously, he represented the 18th Worcester district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives as a Republican.

John J. Marsi, Jr. is currently serving as a Republican member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from the 6th Worcester district.

Originally from Isabela, Philippines, Bolandrina had an interesting path that eventually led her to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. She attended high school in Novaliches, Quezon City, and obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) College of Nursing. UST, officially the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, is a private, Catholic research university in Manila, Philippines. Founded in 1611, UST has an autonomous status with Centres of Excellence in the fields of

Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Medical Technology, Biology, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Teacher Education, Philosophy, Psychology, Tourism & Hospitality Management and Music.

She worked at the Philippine General Hospital for a year prior to moving to Boston. The move to the US was prompted by Bolandrina's mother and father who knew she needed a safer environment.

Bolandrina stated, "My father has been an enormous influence in my life. He would tell me, become a nurse, and go to America. Never forget the Philippines. He always offered great advice, having traveled the world as a journalist."

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

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

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

students I mentor. I enjoy seeing them succeed."

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

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E. Brookfield native named to dean's list at SRU

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. — Daniel Blazejewski from E. Brookfield has been named to the dean's list at Slippery Rock University for the Fall 2024 semester. The dean's list consists of SRU undergraduate students who earned an adjusted semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on a schedule of at least 12 newly attempted and earned credits.

Slippery Rock University is a four-year, public, coeducational, regional comprehensive university that offers a broad array of undergraduate and select graduate programs to more than

8,000 students. SRU is one of 10 institutions and 14 campuses that make up Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. SRU is fully accredited by the Middle State Commission on Higher Learning.

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Jordan Clark named to Husson University President's List

BANGOR, Maine — Congratulations to Jordan Clark of Brookfield, who has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Spring 2024 semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Clark is studying toward a degree in BS Criminal Justice with a Certificate in Forensics - MS Criminal Justice Administration with a Paralegal Certificate and a Paralegal Certificate - Advanced Criminal Practice at Husson.

Full-time students who earn President's List, Dean's List and Honors List recognition must be enrolled as an undergraduate, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours over the course of 21 weeks, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted, and achieve a designated semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
 12:57 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), call canceled; 4:05 a.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), services rendered; 5:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:56 a.m.: debris in road (Rawson Street), services rendered; 11:24 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 11:45 a.m.: debris in road (Rawson Street), resolved; 12:50 p.m.: debris in road (Winslow Avenue), resolved; 1:23 p.m.: debris in road (Henshaw Street), resolved; 5:10 p.m.: accident (Stafford Street), mv towed; 5:15 p.m.: family problem (Hemlock Street), advised civil action;

5:31 p.m.: welfare check (River Street), transported to hospital; 5:42 p.m.: disturbance (Craig Street), transported to hospital; 9:16 p.m.: threats (Craig Street), report taken; 9:22 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:44 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), call canceled.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
 2:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:27 a.m.: ambulance (Breezy Green Road), transported; 7:09 a.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), unfounded; 8:47 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:32 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), false alarm; 10:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 11:01

a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:09 a.m.: ambulance (Victoria Drive), transported; 11:50 a.m.: restraining order service (Henshaw Street), served; 12:49 p.m.: family problem (Dale Court), report taken; 12:52 p.m.: accident (South Main Street), report taken; 1:27 p.m.: suspicious mv (Cricklewood Drive), gone on arrival; 1:44 p.m.: ambulance (Denny Place), transported; 2:16 p.m.: suspicious mv (Towtaid Street), spoken to; 4:53 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 6:05 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), resolved; 6:06 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 6:38 p.m.: restraining order service (Verona Street), served; 7:52 p.m.: welfare check (River Street), assisted.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
 12:38 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 1:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:13 a.m.: ambulance (Park Lane), transported; 9:18 a.m.: debris in road (Colonial Drive), resolved; 11:27 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), gone on arrival; 12:06 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 1:08 p.m.: assault (Soojians Drive), report taken; 2:37 p.m.: ambulance (Crestwood Road), false alarm; 2:43 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwin Street), transported; 3:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:53 p.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:57 p.m.:

LEGALS

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 Stephanie Fattman,
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**Brookfield Planning Board
 Notice of Public Hearing**
 In accordance with M. G. L., Chapter 40A, and the provisions of the Brookfield Zoning Bylaws Section 4, Use Regulation Table, §3.f.1; Section 5, Accessory Uses, §D, Signs; Section 10, Sign Regulations; Section 8.C., Site Plan Approval; and Section 13.C., Special Permits; the Brookfield Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on an application from Jeffrey Wexler for a Special Permit and Site Plan Review for a professional office and associated signage located at the place of his residence, 34 Fiskdale Road (MA Route 148), Brookfield, Massachusetts, in a Rural Residential district.
 The hearing will take place on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, in the Banquet Hall of Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central St., Brookfield, MA, starting at 7:00 pm or as soon thereafter as can be heard. Meeting details and agenda will be posted at www.mytowngovernment.org/01506. A copy of the application

may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk at Brookfield Town Hall during normal business hours.
 Kevin Erkkila, Chair
 Brookfield Planning Board
 January 17, 2025
 January 24, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 9 Hebert Road, Spencer, Massachusetts
 By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Keith Scott to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper its successors and assigns and now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, said mortgage dated December 17, 2019, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61605, Page 268, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated July 5, 2023, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 69343, Page 170, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on February 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
 Land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, on the southerly side of Hebert Road being shown as Lot 9, on a plan of lot in Spencer, Mass. owned by James D. McGrath, dated July 26, 1973, plan and survey by Theodore P. Drazek, R.L.S. and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds on July 31, 1973, Plan Book 385, Plan 20, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
 Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Hebert Road said point being 242.72 feet from the southeastern corner of the intersection of Hebert Road and Jolicoeur Road, being the northwestern corner of the lot herein described;
 Thence S. 19° 31' 50" E. 267.70 feet along other land now or formerly of James D. McGrath to a point at other land now or formerly of McGrath;
 Thence N. 42° 33' 10" E. 78.70 feet along other land now or formerly of McGrath to a point;
 Thence S. 80° 59' 10" E. 69.93 feet along other land now or formerly of McGrath to a point;
 Thence N. 15° 30' 42" W. 270.34 feet along other land now or formerly of McGrath to a point in the southerly line of Hebert Road;
 Thence S. 68° 24' 40" W. 150 feet along the southerly line of Hebert Road to the point of beginning.
 Containing 35,300 sq. feet of land, more or less.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
 For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated December 17, 2019, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61605, Page 266.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TENT THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
 Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
 275 West Natick Road, Suite 500
 Warwick, RI 02886
 Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing,

LLC
 Present Holder of the Mortgage
 Telephone: (401) 234-9200
 MLG File No.: 23-05010
 January 17, 2025
 January 24, 2025
 January 31, 2025

**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. WO25P0019EA**
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate Of:
Edward Paul Beauchamp
**Also Known As:
 Edward P. Beauchamp**
Date of Death: November 17, 2024
 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of :
 Petitioner **Donald E. Beauchamp of Spencer MA**
Donald E. Beauchamp of Spencer MA
 has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve **without Surety** on the bond.
 The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
 January 16, 2025

**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. WO25P0011EA**
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 Estate Of:
Virginia T. Beaudry
Date of Death: 04/20/2023

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Gary E. Wheeler, Jr. of Auburn MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:
Gary E. Wheeler, Jr. of Auburn 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 02/04/2025.**

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: January 07, 2025
 Stephanie K. Fattman,
 Register of Probate
 January 17, 2025

Eric Couture, owner of a 2005, Harley Davison, 883 Custom Plate# XH9195 Vin# 1HD4CJM105K407084, has abandoned vehicle on **09/10/24** at Deer Pond Auto/ JR'S Towing LLC. Deer pond will seek ownership of vehicle after 21 days of first ad placement if vehicle is not reclaimed and all charges fully paid for.

Rebecca Ortiz, owner of a 2016, Honda, HRV Plate# 4DNY86 Vin# 3CZR06H3XGM747815, has abandoned vehicle on **10/26/24** at Deer Pond Auto/ JR'S Towing LLC. Deer pond will seek ownership of vehicle after 21 days of first ad placement if vehicle is not reclaimed and all charges fully paid for.
 January 3, 2025
 January 10, 2025
 January 17, 2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
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 Worcester Probate and Family Court
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 (508) 831-2200
 Docket No. WO24P4436EA**
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 Estate Of:
Meaghan Jean Fickett
Date of Death: 09/23/2024

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Colleen Palacios of Brookfield MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:
Colleen Palacios of Brookfield 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 01/28/2025.** 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: December 31, 2024
 Stephanie K. Fattman,
 Register of Probate
 January 17, 2025

POLICE REPORTS

mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:33 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 5:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:57 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), resolved; 7:00 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 8:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 9:08 p.m.: suspicious mv (Winslow Avenue), resolved; 9:49 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 10:13 p.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), resolved.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
 12:37 a.m.: ambulance (Maighan's Way), transported; 5:58 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 10:49 a.m.: ambulance (Lake Drive), transported; 11:37 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:44 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 12:36 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 3:00 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 4:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:42 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:40 p.m.: mv stop (Burncoat Street), verbal warning; 8:10 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), resolved.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
 12:19 a.m.: disturbance (Chapel

Street), spoken to; 5:18 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 7:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:45 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 8:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:34 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 9:23 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:46 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:47 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:00 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:24 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 11:33 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 1:06 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 1:08 p.m.: hit/run accident (Main Street), report taken; 1:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:27 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 2:42 p.m.: suspicious activity (Marlboro Drive), transported/destination not noted on police log; 3:51 p.m.: ambulance (Locust Street), transported; 3:52 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:54 p.m.: welfare check (McCarthy Avenue), services rendered; 6:03 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 6:23 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Marlboro Drive), Luis Daniel Burgos Cruz, 37, 12 Calle Parcela 602 San Isi, Canovanas, PR, trafficking cocaine/200 gm or more, conspiracy to violate drug law/felony, arrest; 7:55 p.m.: suspicious per-

son (Soojians Drive), unfounded; 8:43 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
 12:41 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Avenue), transported; 12:44 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 1:25 a.m.: ambulance (Whittemore Street), transported; 6:24 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 7:16 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 7:39 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:22 a.m.: ambulance (Glen Ellen Lane), transported; 8:39 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:20 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 2:36 p.m.: ambulance (Marble Street, Worcester), transported; 2:47 p.m.: accident (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:16 p.m.: ambulance (Cambridge Street, Worcester), transported; 7:14 p.m.: ambulance (Queen Street, Worcester), transported; 8:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
 2:46 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), call canceled; 5:57 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 8:01 a.m.: ambulance (Sunset Drive), transported; 8:38 a.m.: mv stop (Washburn Square), verbal warning; 9:27 a.m.: ambulance (Whittemore Street), transported; 11:43 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 12:37 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford

Street), verbal warning; 1:53 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), services rendered; 2:13 p.m.: ambulance (May Street, Worcester), transported; 2:30 p.m.: wires down (Franklin Street), services rendered; 3:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), referred; 4:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:39 p.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), transported; 4:54 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), report taken; 5:22 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 5:55 p.m.: ambulance (Foster Street, Worcester), call canceled; 6:12 p.m.: assist other agency (McNeil Highway), gone on arrival; 9:48 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), unable to locate; 11:24 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 11:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning.

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Spencer Police Log

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
 12:46-3:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:52 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), req. welfare check; 2:51 a.m.: fire alarm (Meadow Road), referred; 5:02 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 6:04 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 7:10 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:56 a.m.: medical/

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In the event of snow, the dinner will be postponed to the following Saturday, Feb. 1.

NB Hearts for Heat is a charitable organization dedicated to assisting North Brookfield residents with emergency home heating assistance.

Qualifying residents can receive assistance in securing oil, propane, natural gas, electric, pellets, or cord wood. One hundred percent of com-

munity donations are used for fuel purchases.

Since 2009, the North Brookfield chapter has helped 158 families stay warm during the winter months. With residents facing post-pandemic financial struggles since 2020, fuel assistance has been critical for seniors, families, and those living on fixed incomes.

If you are unable to attend the fundraiser but would still like to offer support, donations can be mailed to: NB Hearts for Heat, P.O. Box 44, North Brookfield, MA 01535.

To access a printable 2024-25 application for fuel assistance, visit <http://www.heartsforheat.org/NorthBrookfield/assistance.html>.

"Hearts for Heat is dedicated to providing winter heating fuels to families in need," read a statement released by the parent organization.

Hearts for Heat also has chapters in Leicester and Princeton.

To learn more about the organization, visit www.heartsforheat.org. You can also make donations through the Web site.

OBITUARY

William H. Jenkins, 87



West Brookfield – William H. Jenkins, 87 of West Brookfield passed away on January 4, 2025, at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester with his family by his side.

He leaves behind his sons, Steven Jenkins (Kerry); Michael Jenkins (Maureen); Brian Jenkins (Amy); proud grandfather of Tyler Jenkins, Tanner Jenkins (Olivia Schmidt), Cody Jenkins, Olivia Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins (Casey), Shelby Jenkins, Aby Jenkins, Lucas Jenkins, and Hannah Jenkins; great grandfather to Kani Schmidt and Lilo Schmidt. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 60 years, Louise D. Jenkins. He was predeceased by brothers Richard and George, and sisters Dorothy and Marjorie. He was born in Ware in 1937, son of the late George and Doris (Hackett) Jenkins.

Bill was raised in West Brookfield, and after briefly living in Atlanta and New Jersey, returned to West Brookfield in 1966 with his wife Louise to raise their family. He was the most devoted of fathers, loving to spend time with his children in many activities (hunting, fishing, sailing, water skiing, snowmobiling). He could always be found in the stands at high school and college sporting events with Louise always by his side, cheering on his children and grandchildren.

He had many interesting careers, including working for the American Cancer Society, and owning his own business (ITAC industries)- distribution center for Reader's Digest. His life included decades of service to the community, to organizations such as

the Volunteer Rescue Squad (EMT), Historical Society, Rotary Club (past president), Chairman of the Quaboag Plantation 350th Anniversary Committee, Lake Wickaboag Boat Club (past Commodore), School Committee, and Little League baseball.

He also had a passion for local history and has volumes of pictures, postcards, and artifacts documenting the past. These were shown in a book he authored, titled "West Brookfield", published in 2015, at age 78. He continued to share his knowledge and documents through his popular website "A Stroll through West Brookfield" and has prepared many presentations on Foster Hill, Lucy Stone, Lake Wickaboag, and Hitchcock Tavern.

Known and loved by many, and having touched the hearts and minds of West Brookfield, Bill will be missed dearly by all, especially his ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfast crew, and his companion Caroline Herrin.

Calling Hours for Bill were held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Varnum Funeral Home, 43 E Main Street in West Brookfield. A Funeral Mass was held the following morning, Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 11:00am in the Sacred Heart Church, 22 W Main Street in West Brookfield. Burial will be held in the Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to East Quabbin Land Trust, P.O. Box 5, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick, MA 01037-0005 (413-477-8229).

Varnum Funeral home is honored to serve the Jenkins family.

An online tribute book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news

SOULOR

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at the Rose Bowl Parade with other high performers."

This year marked the 136th Rose Parade held in Pasadena, Calif. The New England Honor Band leadership team was thrilled to assemble another group of talented young musicians.

"The New England Honor Band isn't just a band—it's a symphony of passion, talent, and camaraderie," read a statement released by band leaders. "Our ensemble comprises over 300 dedicated

marching band members, each bringing their unique musical voice to the grand stage."

All members of the band must be nominated by a music educator in order to be eligible for consideration.

"Zachary has worked hard over the last four years at David Prouty High School. He has always been one of those students who dedicates to everything he does," Forfa said. "Being part of this once in a lifetime opportunity, Zac made memories through the Rose Bowl Parade that will forever be a staple of his music career."

To learn

more about the band, visit www.newengland-honorband.com.

Looking ahead, Soulor hopes to continue his music career beyond school and eventually become a music educator. DPHS officials have been thrilled with his leadership and dedication to helping younger students.

"Over his years at Prouty, Zac has put in countless hours increasing his musical skills and knowledge with the education he has received from our dedicated music teacher and Band Director, Kelsey Forfa," said DPHS Principal Sara Kinnas.

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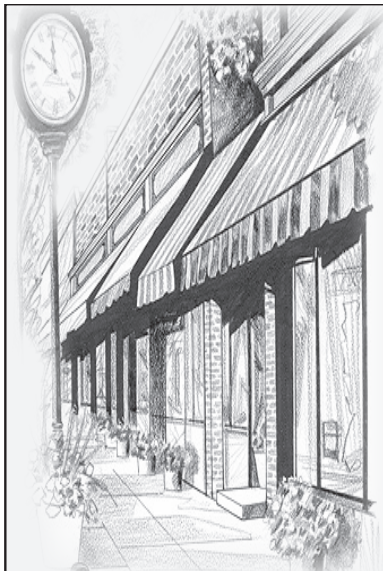
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WEB SITE

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The Web site update was scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16. Residents are looking forward to having a more convenient, frequently updated fount for municipal information.

"The town's updated website features a modern design that provides easy access across different devices. With new procedures implemented, the content will continue to evolve, making this a valuable resource for town residents," the informational statement read.



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general (North Spencer Road); 9:47 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:50 a.m.: DPW

call (Northwest Road), tree limb in road; 10:27 a.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 11:12 a.m.: animal complaint (Hastings Road), injured rabbit; 12:54 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), req. wel-

fare check; 1:04 p.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), 1:27 p.m.: illegal dumping (North Spencer Road), trash thrown on lawn; 3:24 p.m.: lost/found (Bixby Road), cable box/wires found; 3:30 p.m.: medical/gen-

eral (McDonald Street); 5:11 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:18 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); (total daily mv stops - 1).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

1:31 a.m.: medical/general (Grant Street); 2:10-2:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:12 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Brooks Pond Road), illegal burn; 9:29 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 10:28 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:52 a.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), shingles fell on mv; 11:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), rep. break-in; 11:10 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), Leicester PD bolo/road rage; 11:31 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 11:59 a.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), c/o Pine Street closed; 12:52 p.m.: DPW call (Gale Drive), sm. tree across road; 1:00 p.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), tree on wires; 1:56 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 2:06 p.m.: animal complaint (High Street), rep. sick cat; 2:33 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 2:38 p.m.: mutual aid (Route 49), Sturbridge PD bolo/car carrier; 2:49 p.m.: medical/general (School Street); 3:36 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 8:54 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), rep. earlier mv vs dog; 9:17 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), report taken; 10:14 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), erratic operator; (total daily mv stops - 1).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

12:44 a.m.: mv repossessed (West Main Street), info rec'd; 7:17 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:04 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:06 a.m.: mutual aid (Church Street), assist State Police; 10:32 a.m.: fraud (South Spencer Road), report taken; 11:15 a.m.: medical/general (School Street); 11:56 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 12:07 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Paxton Road), accidental; 12:39 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:55 p.m.: medical/general (Treadwell Drive); 2:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), aluminum hanging from bldg.; 4:15 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 4:39 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), DA referral; 5:02 p.m.: restraining order service (Maple Street); 6:01 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 7:57 p.m.: accident (South Spencer Road), report taken; 8:12 p.m.: suspicious persons (Howe Village), investigated; 10:25 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Streets), rep. being followed; (total daily mv stops - 1).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

12:30-1:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:12-2:20 a.m.: parking violations/3 (Mechanic, Chestnut, Elm streets), tickets issued; 4:28 a.m.: medical/general (Woodside Road); 7:20 a.m.: harassment (West Main Street), re: text msgs. rec'd; 8:38 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:16 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 10:31 a.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 11:10 a.m.: illegal dumping (Hastings Road), bags/side of road; 1:05 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:13 p.m.: 911 call (East Charlton Road), misdial; 1:45 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 2:38 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant View Road); 4:27 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 5:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Bisby Road), unwanted party; 6:10 p.m.: medical/general (Salem Street); 6:20 p.m.: mv theft (Church Street), spoken

to; 9:08 p.m.: mv complaint (Howe Road), c/o speeding/braking; 11:09 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), rep. road rage; 11:28 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Road); 11:32 p.m.: building checked, secure; (total daily mv stops - 7).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

12:13-2:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:53 a.m.: disturbance (Richland Avenue), rep. sons fighting; 1:31 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:44 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 2:13 a.m.: 911 call (Ethier Road), hang-up; 2:28 a.m.: parking violation (Walnut Street), ticket issued; 7:29 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 8:32 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:19 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Warren PD bolo/vandalism; 9:27 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Street); 11:19 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), resolved; 11:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Condon Drive), animal in ceiling; 11:49 a.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 12:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Pond Street), concerned for geese/not moving on pond; 1:16 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 1:23 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 4:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Pauls Drive), loose cows; 5:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), barking dogs; 5:11 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Avenue); 5:12 p.m.: juvenile matter (Condon Drive), services rendered; 5:54 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), accidental; 6:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), req. welfare check/son; 6:55 p.m.: residential alarm (G.H. Wilson Road), services rendered; 7:11 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant View Road); (total daily mv stops - 0).

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

12:01-1:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:04 a.m.: medical/general (North Brookfield Road); 5:31 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 5:53 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), accidental; 7:58 a.m.: DPW call (Hastings Road), trash/side of road; 9:38 a.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 10:05 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 10:13 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), report taken; 10:14 a.m.: 911 call (Elm Street), resolved; 2:04 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), DA referral; 5:37 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), assist Leicester PD; 5:56 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), malfunction; 6:59 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 9:18 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. drunk male; 10:21 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:35 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); (total daily mv stops - 0).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

12:11-1:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:27 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 7:18 a.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), rep. sale of multiple pistols/revolvers; 7:24 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:27 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:27 a.m.: fire alarm (West Main Street), station test; 10:44 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:55 a.m.: mutual aid (Lake Street), warrant of apprehension/East Brookfield District Court; 1:30 p.m.: fraud (Bixby Road), spoken to; 2:35 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 2:45 p.m.: medical/general (Sherwood Drive); 3:14 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), husband hasn't returned; 3:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), req. VIN verification; 8:13 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 8:56 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 9:34 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 10:54 p.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 11:05 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); (total daily mv stops - 2).

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A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven.
Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity.
Oh star of the sea, help me show herein, you are my Mother.
Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth!
I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity and restore my relationship with John to its full and complete love. Lead him away from another woman and me from anger and distrust. There are none that can withstand your power, Oh show me herein that you are my Mother.
Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.
Holy Mother, I place this course in your hands. (Say this portion of the prayer three times)
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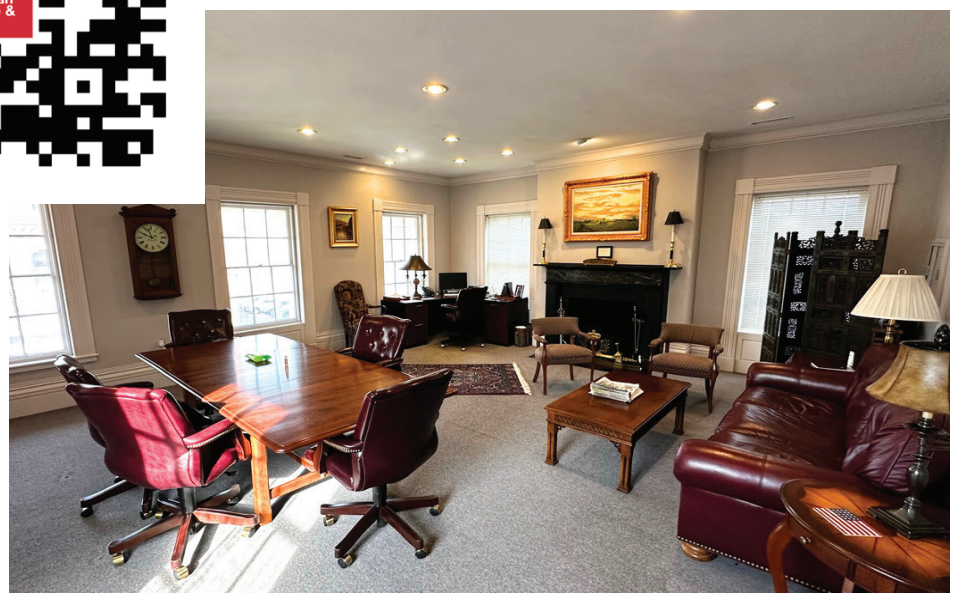
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