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## North Brookfield celebrates the season of fright with Spookfest



Spook Fest: From left, Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield members Kaylee Kuhne, Katelinde Grenevich, Jillian Phillips, and Nancy Voutour-Waldron serve on the coalition's board of directors. Courtesy photo.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Halloween fun came a week early for local kids and families, who attended the first ever Family Fun Spookfest in big numbers.

Held on Oct. 23 at North Brookfield Schools, the event was sponsored by the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield. The free program was highlighted by an immensely popular trunk-or-treat activity, which saw treats handed out by local residents, officials, and members of organizations.

The Spookfest also featured wagon rides; games; a costume contest; several community resources and vendors; and free bike helmets handed out by members of the police

department.

"We are so excited to bring another family event to North Brookfield, where families can come out for an afternoon of fun and learn about the resources available to them at the same time," read a statement released ahead of the event by Jillian Phillips, a member of the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield Board of Directors.

Local kids enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their Halloween costumes early, and even the adults and pets joined in on the excitement.

Area businesses, agencies, departments, volunteers, and organizations are

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## Massasoit Art Guild show celebrates 20th anniversary



Photo Kevin Flanders

Wendy Fulginiti displays her digitally enhanced photos, including a second-place entry called "Frozen."

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – The Massasoit Art Guild's annual show is always a special occasion, but this year's program was a particularly meaningful celebration of the guild's 20th anniversary.

Held on Oct. 15 & 16 at Town Hall, the show featured artwork and photography from members across several categories. These included acrylics; drawings and prints; digitally enhanced photos; traditional photography; pastels; watercolors; and other media.

Memorial awards were also handed out to several artists.

"It's been a wonderful event. We have had a lot more involvement and pieces than last year, and it's nice to see people getting out again," said Sandra DeCoff, the president of the Massasoit Art Guild.

The two-day show also featured an exhibit displaying pieces from the guild's 20th Anniversary of Art and

Photography Challenge. Community members were able to attend the show on both days and experience the work of local artists in person.

For guild members, it's a thrill to celebrate 20 years of local artists and the art they create in multiple forms. Members always enjoy viewing each other's art and photography each year.

"We are a small guild, but it's amazing to see everyone's talents each year. We have such a supportive group," said Kathy Bowen, whose entry "Moonlight Magic" earned first-place honors in the digitally enhanced photos category.

Bowen's grandmother gave her a camera when she was 8 years old, and she has enjoyed photography ever since. Several members of the guild are also longtime artists or photographers, while others are relatively new to their passions. Regardless of experi-

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## Area fire departments promote fire safety

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Local fire departments recently held several events to promote fire safety and help ensure that residents are prepared.

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week earlier this month, fire officials throughout the area focused on the National Fire Protection Association's 2022 safety theme: "Fire won't wait, plan your escape."

In a recent statement issued

to the community, the North Brookfield Fire Department provided several tips to help your family prevent emergencies. These include designating the first Saturday of every month as "Smoke Alarm Saturday" by testing your smoke and CO alarms. Additionally, fire officials recommend developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year.

Meanwhile, the Spencer Fire Department was busy this month with several events and

educational programs. These included an Oct. 7 presentation at Knox Trail Middle School, with fire officials educating students about the importance of preparedness.

The Spencer Fire Department also hosted its annual open house this month on Oct. 16. Officials were thrilled with the turnout for the annual pancake breakfast, and guests were also able to tour the station and view fire-

Please Read **FIRE SAFETY**, page **A3**



Photo Courtesy

Fire officials present a safety lesson at Knox Trail Middle School in Spencer.

## Spencer K9 unit helps locate suspect

SPENCER – The police department's K9 unit recently teamed up with another local agency to locate a suspect.

On Oct. 15 at approximately 4 p.m., the Spencer Police Department was dispatched to an address on Paxton Road for a domestic disturbance report. Upon arrival, officers learned the suspect had fled on foot from the residence.

The SPD's K9, Curtis, was then requested at the scene. Upon arrival, Officer Brandon Fullam deployed Curtis in the back yard, where he quickly acquired a track. K9 Curtis then tracked through multiple back yards, a cul-de-sac, and into a wooded area, police said.

Later, Curtis tracked through a field and onto a roadway,

eventually leading officers to a home. It was later determined that the suspect had stopped at that particular house to make a phone call, police said.

"At that time, due to K9 Curtis tracking for over a mile, the decision was made to call for a second K9 to take over," read a statement released by the SPD. "Officer Gaylord and K9 Dozer, of the Charlton Police Department, were requested. Upon their arrival, Officer Gaylord deployed K9 Dozer in the back yard of this home where the suspect was last believed to have been."

Dozer also quickly acquired a track and led police through a large field and into a thickly wooded area, police said. The dog then tracked through

a swamp and started to enter thick vegetation, where he alerted that a suspect was nearby.

"Officer Gaylord then advanced forward with Dozer, where he located the suspect laying down in thick brush," the SPD statement read. "Commands were given to the suspect, who complied and was taken into custody without incident."

The suspect was charged with domestic assault and battery, as well as witness intimidation. As of press time, the suspect's name had not been released by authorities.

The suspect was arraigned at East Brookfield District Court.

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# Fall care of perennials

As you transition your gardens from fall to winter, you may be contemplating a bit of garden clean up. Before reaching for the pruners and rakes, consider all the benefits and beauty of leaving healthy perennials stand for winter.



**GARDEN MOMENTS**  
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Enjoy the winter foliage of evergreen and semi-evergreen perennials by leaving them intact in the garden. Watch for and avoid disturbing the green leaves at the base of perennials like yarrow, Shasta daisy, and globe thistle.

The seed heads of many perennials like coneflower, rudbeckias, liatris and bee balm attract seed-eating songbirds like finches, sparrow, chickadees, juncos, and jays to the winter garden. These winged visitors add motion and color to the winter garden. Best of all, you don't need to refill and clean this natural food source.

Many of these plants provide homes for beneficial insects, including native bees and other pollinators. A variety of these insects overwinter in or near the stems of perennials.

Native plants have evolved with many of these insects, birds and wildlife and most provide homes and food for native insects, songbirds, and wildlife. Purple coneflower, liatris, rudbeckias, sunflowers, asters, goldenrod, yucca, and Joe Pye weed are just a few of these native plants you might be growing.

hardy perennials intact to improve their chances of surviving a harsher-than-normal winter. The stems capture any snow and helps retain any additional winter mulch, both providing needed root insulation.

Remove any diseased or insect-pest-infested plants. Removing this from the garden in fall reduces the risk of these problems occurring next year. Discard do not compost this material as most compost piles do not heat up to high enough temperatures to kill them. Contact your local municipality for disposal options.

Remove hosta leaves once the fall color fades and leaves die to reduce the risk of leaf nematodes overwintering in the crown of the plants. It also eliminates a winter home for slugs and their eggs.

Wait for several hard frosts when cutting back perennials in the fall. In milder climates, wait for leaves to brown and

dry completely. This ensures the plant has stored all the energy it produced in the roots for healthy growth next spring.

Use sharp bypass pruners to make a clean cut through the stem. Disinfect tools by dipping in rubbing alcohol or spraying with a disinfect spray to prevent the spread of disease.

Rake leaves into the garden over the soil surface around the plants instead of to the curb. Fall leaves make great mulch that moderates soil temperature, suppresses weeds, conserves moisture, and improves the soil as they break down. Plus, they are free.

Wait to finish removing perennials until spring temperatures regularly hover in the 50's. This allows overwintering insects a chance to leave their winter homes. It also provides songbirds much needed food in spring before many of our plants begin producing seeds and berries.

Once the garden is set for winter, you can relax and make plans for the spring garden.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant



Photo Melinda Myers

The seed heads of rudbeckia attract seed-eating songbirds to the winter garden.

video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine, and her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## FIRE SAFETY

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fighting equipment.

"This year's event was really well-attended, and it was great to see everyone," said Spencer Fire Chief Robert Parsons.

Statewide, fire incidents overall have declined by more than 19 percent over the past 10 years, according to the Massachusetts Division of Fire Safety. Additionally, 2021 saw the third-lowest number of fire incidents in Massachusetts since 1986. There were no child fire deaths in either 2020 or 2021.

"Student awareness of fire safety is critical, and we also apply for a grant every year so we can run a program for seniors as well," Chief Parsons added.

In Leicester, the fire department hosted its open house on Oct. 22 at the fire headquarters. Meanwhile, instructors visited schools throughout the past week to lecture on fire safety.

For more information about fire safety and how you can help your family prevent emergency situations, visit [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org). Run by the National Fire Protection Association, the website includes everything from educational lessons to interactive games and programs.

## ART SHOW

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ence level, members can always find a supportive group of teammates at guild events.

"My favorite part of this event is seeing all of the beautiful art," said Wendy Fulginiti, who manages communications to help promote the event each year.

Fulginiti entered five pieces in the show, including submissions in traditional photography and digitally enhanced photos. Her entry, "Frozen," earned second place in the digitally enhanced photos category.

The event also inspired

founding members to reminisce about the origins of the guild. Others submitted statements ahead of the show.

"We had our first real meeting in 2002 at the Richard Sugden Library and were delighted with the response. Within a few meetings, we were too large a group to meet in the library and we moved to the Knights of Columbus," founding member Debbie Kirk recalled in a previous statement. "Our vision from the start was that the group would be supportive to anyone interested in creating art. It feels like that vision has held true through all our meetings

and art shows."

Additional founding members include Norman Cabana, Mary Kay Ebersold, Craig Lacaire, Vernon Graham, Ron Couture, and Emile Gaucher.

The event also included a raffle table with prizes from many local businesses. Event organizers thank everyone whose contributions made the show possible.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the guild, send an email to [massasoitartguild@gmail.com](mailto:massasoitartguild@gmail.com).

To learn more about the guild, visit [www.massasoitartguild.com](http://www.massasoitartguild.com).

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# Local Halloween events offer spooky family fun

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Trick-or-treaters and their families are reminded of Halloween hours in area communities, as well as fun events they can attend to celebrate the spookiest time of the year.

Trick-or-treating hours in both Spencer and Leicester will be held on Monday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m.

In Brookfield, trick-or-treating will take place from 5:30-7 p.m., followed by a parade from the fire station to the Town Common. A costume contest will be held, with first, second, and third place prizes awarded to youngsters in the following age groups: six and younger; 7-12

years old; 13-plus; and best group.

Residents are also invited to trunk-or-treat in front of Brookfield Town Hall. One prize will be awarded for this grouping.

Meanwhile, local residents and families are invited to check out Camp Marshall's third annual Halloween Weekend in Spencer.

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

Spook walks are slated for all three nights at Camp Marshall (7-10 p.m.). The

cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

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

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

Spencer officials remind residents that the Parks and Recreation Commission will not hold a Halloween party this year at Town Hall.

Local police departments remind drivers to use extra caution on Halloween, especially during the evening hours. Please reduce speeds in residential areas and take extra time to

look for children at intersections and crosswalks.

Youngsters and their families are encouraged to wear brightly colored clothing and use reflective tape, flashlights, or glowsticks to increase visibility while walking along roadways and sidewalks. Please adhere to trick-or-treating hours in your town and only visit lighted residences.

For more information about Halloween events and schedules in your community, check out your town's Web site. Area police departments have also posted information and safety tips on their social media pages.

## Leicester library offers exciting slate of events for November

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Guests of all ages are invited to check out an exciting schedule of upcoming events at Leicester Public Library.

"Ornament Painting with Genevieve" will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library. Join artist Genevieve Grenier in painting a winter scene on a disc-shaped ornament using acrylic paint. All supplies will be furnished to make a holiday keepsake

that you can hang on your tree or give as a gift.

This event is free to the public, but registration is required. Space is limited to 12 people. Registration opened on Oct. 24.

You can register for this program at [www.leicesterlibrary.org](http://www.leicesterlibrary.org). The event is intended for adults.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, guests will be able to visit Town Hall for a special program. Nile, a life-sized inflatable humpback whale, will be available for exploration.

Children ages five and older

will be able to go inside Nile for a fun learning opportunity. Guests will learn about how whales and humans are similar and different, and several special items will augment the program.

Additionally, parents will receive an email with access to the Whalemobile's resource guide.

This program is split into four 30-minute time slots. Please only register your child for one time slot.

Children ages five and older do not require an adult

to enter the whale with them, so please register accordingly. Registration opened on Oct. 19.

Please register for this program through the library calendar available at [www.leicesterlibrary.org](http://www.leicesterlibrary.org).

This program is cosponsored by the Leicester PTO.

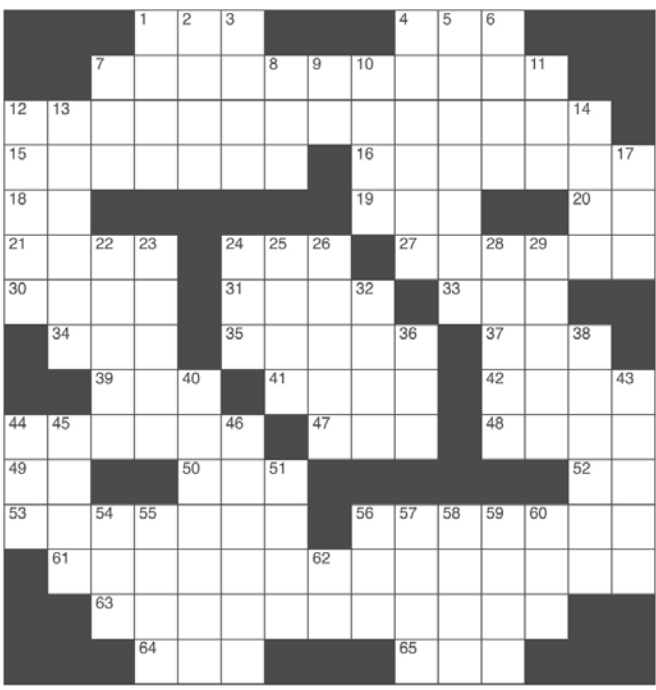
If you're looking for a fun way to celebrate the creepiest time of the year, check out the library's Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 29. Drop in at any time during the day for fun games, books, craft activities, and other exciting programs

for the entire family. No registration is required for this event.

Most of the library's programs this fall are sponsored by the Friends of the Leicester Public Library.

For more information about any program, visit the library's website. You can also call the library at 508-892-7020 to learn more about event schedules and registration requirements.

The library is located at 1136 Main St. (Route 9).



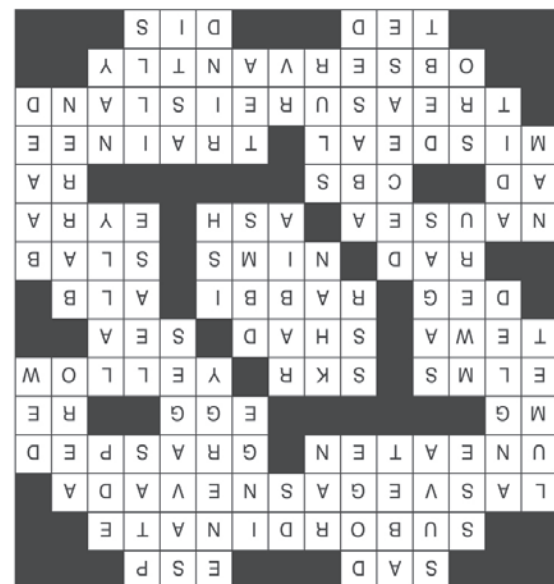
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Unhappy
- 4. Clairvoyance
- 7. One who works under you
- 12. What happens there stays there
- 15. Not ingested
- 16. Got the picture
- 18. One thousandth of a gram
- 19. Breakfast item
- 20. About
- 21. Tall deciduous trees
- 24. Safe keeping receipt
- 27. Cowardly
- 30. Pueblo people of New Mexico
- 31. Herring-like fish
- 33. A very large body of water
- 34. Angle (abbr.)
- 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 37. White clerical vestment
- 39. Cool!
- 41. Matchstick games
- 42. Thick piece of something
- 44. A state that precedes vomiting
- 47. Burned item residue
- 48. Jaguarundi
- 49. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- 50. The home of "60 Minutes"
- 52. Dorm official
- 53. Give cards incorrectly
- 56. One who is learning the job
- 61. Popular R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. Attentively
- 64. CNN's founder
- 65. Criticize

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Fijian capital
- 2. Assist
- 3. Elected lord in Venice
- 4. The capacity of a physical system to do work
- 5. People of the wild
- 6. Parent-teacher groups
- 7. Midway between south and southeast
- 8. Moved quickly on foot
- 9. Handheld Nintendo console
- 10. "Top of the Stairs" playwright
- 11. Electronic data processing
- 12. "Dog Day Afternoon" director
- 13. Leaned
- 14. About aviation
- 17. Mountain is a popular type
- 22. Lake along Zambia and Congo border
- 23. Heroic tales
- 24. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 25. "Star Trek" villain
- 26. Hand gesture popular on social media
- 28. Renters have one
- 29. Tubular steel column
- 32. Database management system
- 36. Similar
- 38. Providing no shelter/sustenance
- 40. Death
- 43. What a sheep did
- 44. Midcentury Asian battleground
- 45. Horizontal passage into a mine
- 46. Mortified
- 51. Improper word
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Financial obligation
- 56. It can be hot or iced
- 57. Tough outer skin of a fruit
- 58. Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Misfortunes
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper

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# Ceremony of Affirmation held for P.E.O.

PAXTON — P.E.O. Chapter R of Worcester held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Pam Thomas-Nielsen on October 17. President Jackie Mole of Holden officiated over the Ceremony of Affirmation for Pepi Upton of Charlton and Gretheline Bolandrina of Douglas.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood was organized on Jan. 21, 1869. The P.E.O. is celebrating years of meaningful service by making life-changing educational assistance for women available. The six projects that are available are The Program for Continuing Education, the Educational Load Fund, the International Peace Scholarship, the Scholars Award and the STAR Award (Scholastic

Talent Accomplishment Recognition Scholarship). The Sisterhood also owns Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri. Cottey College is a fully accredited four-year liberal arts and sciences college for women.

Photo shows seated from left: Pepi Upton of Charlton and Gretheline Bolandrina of Douglas. Standing from left: Pam Thomas-Nielsen of Paxton, Katy Todd of North Andover, Sheila Ansley of Charlton, Elizabeth Davis of Holden, Beth Clay of Holden, Barbara Smith of Uxbridge and Jackie Mole of Holden.

About P.E.O. Membership is by invitation only. Philanthropy is the goal of P.E.O. how-



ever, friendship is its cornerstone. The P.E.O. has a long legacy of sisterhood. P.E.O. is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa. P.E.O.'s mission is to

celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarship. For more about P.E.O. visit [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org).

## Cornerstone Bank donates \$5,000 to 2022 Fall Food Comedy Festival

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$5,000 to the Spencer Exchange Club to help support their 2022 Fall Food Comedy Festival, which will take place November 5 at the Spencer County Inn. Proceeds from the event will go towards improving the parks and recreation areas in the town of Spencer. The event is

back in 2022 after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

"We have previously supported this event, which was a roaring success," said Tallman. "Back in 2019, our donation supported Spencer Exchange Club's renovation of the age six and under area at Powder Mill Park in Spencer, making it a safer place for children to play. It brings us great joy to know we will again be helping create

improved places for people of all ages to enjoy the beautiful outdoor spaces in our region."

Throughout the years, the Exchange Club of Spencer has been responsible for community improvements of all types, such as the beautification of town parks, the Town Hall clock restoration, Memorial Day flags, and the Spencer Little League Association refreshment booth.

## Local students named to Dean's List at MCPHS University

BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Summer 2022 semester:

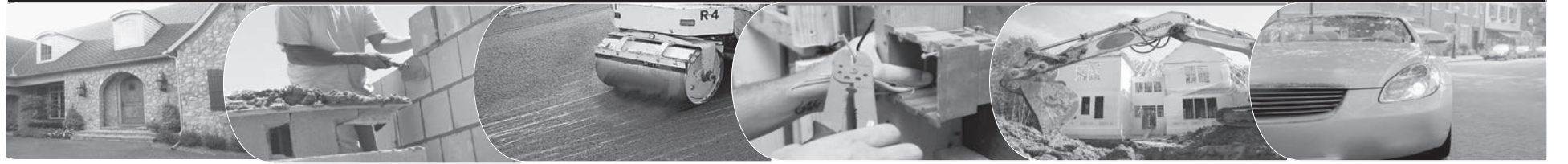
\* Kayla Garvey is a native of Barre, and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Kayla will graduate from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus in 2023.

\* Brittany Gregoire is a native of Spencer, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Brittany will graduate from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus in 2023.

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

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There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



Answers: 1. Boy's shirt is darker 2. Crayons on table 3. Item missing in background 4. Bracelet on wrist on the right

### THIS DAY IN...



## HISTORY

- 1760: KING GEORGE III SUCCEEDS TO THE BRITISH THRONE.
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## Kids' corner

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ANSWER: DOWN SYNDROME

### How they SAY that in...

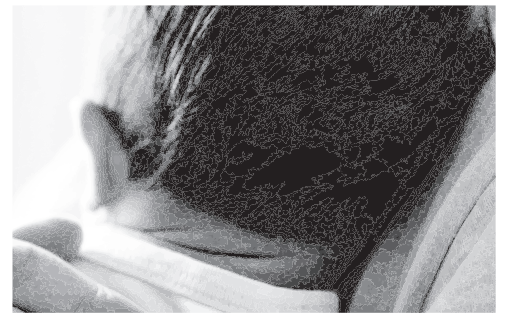
- ENGLISH:** Baby
- SPANISH:** Bebé
- ITALIAN:** Bambino
- FRENCH:** Bébé
- GERMAN:** Baby

### Did you know?

EVERY OCTOBER PEOPLE CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT DOWN SYNDROME, HOW SERIOUS SYMPTOMS CAN BE AND HOW MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TO HELP THOSE DIAGNOSED.



### GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: INFANT

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### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to being vegetarian. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = A)

**A. 20 16 6 16 13 3 15 23 16**

Clue: Plant-based food

**B. 9 16 3 23 13 9**

Clue: Well-being

**C. 3 21 2 4 3 23**

Clue: Living organism

**D. 3 20 8 2 19**

Clue: Steer clear of

Answers: A. vegetable B. health C. animal D. avoid

### SUDOKU

			1			5		
		3					1	4
		9	3		2	8		
			6		3	5		
		7		5	4			
			8					
1	2							7
9		8				2		
4								

Level: Intermediate

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	3	5	2	6	7	1	8	9
9	7	8	4	3	1	2	6	5
1	2	6	5	9	8	4	3	7
6	5	1	8	2	9	7	4	3
3	9	7	1	5	4	6	2	8
8	4	2	6	7	3	5	9	1
5	1	9	3	4	2	8	7	6
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ANSWER:



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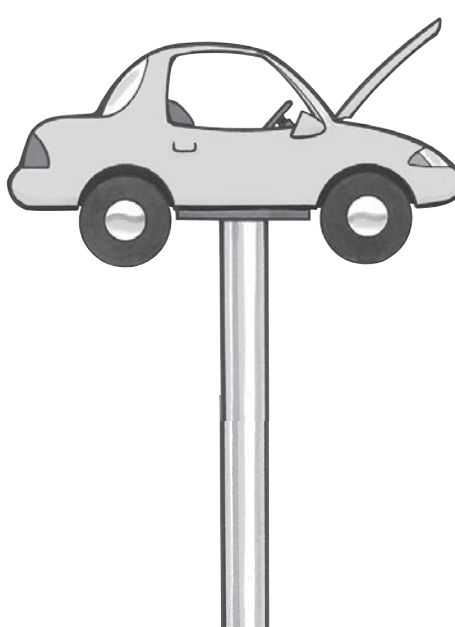
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EDITORIAL

# The head-spinning pace of modern technology

We remember the “good old days” when the thought of a video phone conversation would be epic. We thought the best we might get is something along the lines of Max Hedroom, who was introduced in 1984. What we ended up with is substantially better. What a great way to keep in touch with family members and friends across a far distance.

That being said, the rate at which technology is advancing is moving a bit too fast. It seems as though once an item has been unveiled, it becomes obsolete in a nanosecond, paving the way for something better, faster and with more bells and whistles.

As time moves forward, how can we maintain a solid grip on our past? The destruction of old buildings is becoming more and more common, and we wonder how that will affect future generations. It is one thing to look at old photographs of old schools, buildings, churches and other landmarks, however the history becomes more alive when you have something you can stand next to, observe with your own eyes in person, touch it, walk around and get a feel for how things once were. There really is a magic to it.

History is fascinating. The way things once were, the way human beings have evolved over the years and how things have changed are some of the best stories one can hear. History keeps us grounded and in tune with who we are, especially family history dating back as far as you can go. You could find out that your great grandfather was an Editor of a newspaper in Philadelphia and have an ‘a-ha’ moment, that perhaps that is why you’re sitting in front of a newfangled typewriter, writing, which is the case for this Editor. DNA is a pretty neat thing.

History is what has shaped us into who we are as a society. Preserving history is crucial in that it, if it can be done, represents different aspects of our culture, politics and economy. Being able to walk through Paul Revere’s house in Boston, gives us a direct connection to that specific time and place, often representing major milestones. The ability for those sites to connect the dots to where you’re standing over the years is something that should never be taken for granted.

If old buildings and structures continually are demolished, what will be left of our past? While we do understand that sometimes this is a necessity due to safety or financial reasons, we also have the motto, ‘If they can put a man on the moon, they can save a building.’

Preserving history is a way to appreciate our local and national heritage. Some buildings, may be the only iconic ones left in a small New England town. Those are the places that give these small towns and big cities character. Often, even just one old building is

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## Letter submission policy

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# VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Operation Undercover still going strong after 32 years

To the Editor:  
Once again, Laura Torti and I will be collecting new men’s and women’s underwear and delivering to Jeremiah’s Inn, Abby’s House and the Mass Veteran’s Shelter. Due to Covid-19, we will not be wrapping them in Christmas wrap. They have asked us to leave them in the original packaging. From Nov. 1 until Dec. 17, you

can drop off the unwrapped packages in the hamper on the front step at 125 Pleasant St., and the box in the rotunda in the Town Hall. Thank you for your generous donations all these years. We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

BETH MCPHERSON  
SPENCER

### Vote yes on Carbon Cash-Back, Question 5 on November ballot

To the Editor:  
A ballot question proposes a fee on the carbon content of fossil fuels, with the proceeds to be returned equitably (equally) to all individuals in Massachusetts. It will appear as Question 5 (back side) on Nov. 8 election ballots in the Brookfields, Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, and most of Spencer. It will be Question 6 in part of Ware.

This non-binding public policy question asks voters to tell their state representative to take this action to counter the effects of global heating. A fee on the carbon content of fossil fuels is the cheapest, simplest, fastest,

fairest, and most thorough policy to reduce CO2 pollution, the chief cause of global heating to date, to almost zero.

The proceeds returned from the fee will more than offset the fossil fuel price increases for more than two thirds of Massachusetts residents.

The fee would also save people money by giving them incentives to install heat pumps, insulate homes, buy electric vehicles, go solar, and so forth. These are generally cheaper than heating and driving using fossil fuels.

GENE FRY  
BROOKFIELD

### Don’t be a victim or a victimizer

To the Editor:  
In recent letters, I mentioned that I was recently released from prison after serving more than 45 years, exonerated through DNA test results and sworn recantations.

In those letters, I mentioned that I was one of the founders of American Veterans In Prison, holding the President’s position for over 40 years, and becoming a chartered member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapters 314 in Norfolk and 294 in Gardner.

I was also the Chairman of Project Youth for 12 years.

In those letters, I mentioned the hardship/heartaches of prison life due to drug and alcohol abuse.

You are not the only “victim” of drug and alcohol abuse, or the person

you may have directly harmed, your family, friends and loved ones, are also “victims” of your drug and alcohol abuse, and are in prison with you.

Look them in the face and ask yourself, do I want to make them a victim too?

If you have these problems and are heading in the wrong direction and need/want to talk, or the loved ones of someone headed in the wrong direction, please do not hesitate to call me; my number is as follows: (508) 340-3135. I’m Hank.

Let’s “Recover Together” and keep from being a victim or victimizer. Call me; don’t let foolish pride be your destroyer.

Have hope, not dope!

HANK HOUGHTON  
WEST BROOKFIELD

### Civil war

To the Editor:  
While I am not sure how civil, and the shooting really has not started in earnest, it is clear that the population has already chosen sides, and irreconcilable differences are clear and fixed like bayonets. If publications are accurate, 80 percent of voters will support the same party they voted for last time. Unlike the way that the electoral college lets a half dozen swing states decide the presidency, that 20 percent will make the choices in a couple weeks.

Regardless of the outcome, there will be great angst with the results. One GOP pundit, while acknowledging the poor quality of their candidates, acknowledged that even if they were killing bald eagles, control of the senate is all they care about. Most of these have the support of Trump, which, like killing eagles, should not be a virtue.

As the Jan. 6 committee wraps up, I hope, but doubt that everyone followed it, to make their own conclusions

instead of just accepting those of Fox. In my view, they definitively proved, treason, insurrection, conspiracy and complete disregard for the constitution. That said, I am baffled as to why the AG has filed no indictments of POTUS #45. Many have stated that actually enforcing our laws will result in armed rioting. What will failure to enforce the laws produce? Virtually all of the testimony to the committee, was from GOP insiders. What was suspected and alleged at Trumps last impeachment, has now been well confirmed and more. Stand back and stand by.

The cult will, no doubt, have no problem with the pilferage of our tax dollars paying for rooms at Trump resorts for housing secret service protection for he and his family. They will certainly be rushing to take advantage of his people newest offer of a free mug for every \$30 contribution. Still can’t fix it.

KEN KIMBALL  
BROOKFIELD

### 2022 ballot questions

To the Editor:  
This November’s election ballot, in addition to voting for candidates, contains four ballot questions. Information on these ballot questions can be found on line on the “2022 Information for Voters” released by the Mass. Secretary of State. Likewise, briefs and opinions on the questions can be found at WGBH, The Boston Globe and other reliable sources.

What follows here is a shortened summary of the “2022 Information for Voters” and my personal opinions.

Question 1 Proposed Amendment to the Continuation

Additional Tax on Income Over One Million Dollars

Summary

This proposed (Massachusetts) constitutional amendment would establish an additional 4 percent state income tax on that portion of annual taxable income in excess \$1 million. Revenues from this tax would be used, subject to appropriation...for public education, public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.

The proposal increases the marginal tax rate on certain individual (income millionaires from 5 percent of annual income to 9 percent of income over \$1 million). The change would increase annual state revenue by (about) \$1.2 Billion in the near term.

My personal opinion: I will vote Yes. While only slightly affecting the income of the very wealthy, approval would assist educating all our children and repairing and improving our shared roads bridges and other infrastructure

Question 2: Regulation of Dental Insurance

Summary:

The proposed law...would require that a dental insurance carrier meet an annual...(insurance payment) ratio for its’ covered dental plans to 83 percent. If ( dental insurance payments) If payments are) less than 83 percent, the (dental insurance company) would be required to refund excess payments (to those who have paid insurance).

My personal opinion: I will vote yes. A Yes vote would regulate insurance rates by requiring companies

## Don’t overlook the importance of cash

If you’re an investor, you no doubt pay a great deal of attention to your stocks, bonds and mutual funds. But you shouldn’t forget another key element of your financial strategy: cash.

Cash is part of any financial strategy and investment portfolio, but how much have you thought about the different uses of cash, and how much you really need? Consider these four key purposes:



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Unexpected expenses and emergencies – If you face an interruption in employment, you need an extensive home repair or you encounter an unplanned medical expense, you may need access to cash. If you’re not retired, it’s a good idea to have three to six months of living expenses in cash, possibly supplemented by access to a line of credit. If you’re already retired, keeping up to three months of living expenses in cash, possibly supplemented by a credit line, is a good rule of thumb.

Specific short-term savings goals – You may have some goals you want to meet within the next year or two, such as a wedding, a vacation or the purchase of a new car. And since you have a little more time to meet these needs than you would for an emergency, you might consider using a money market account or a short-term certificate of deposit (CD), in addition to your other savings vehicles.

Everyday spending – You’ll always need cash to provide for your day-to-day spending needs, such as your mortgage, other debts, groceries, utilities, entertainment and so on. If you haven’t already done so, you might want to create a budget, which could help highlight areas in which you can reduce spending to free up funds for investing in long-term goals. If you’re still working, keeping one to two months’ worth of living expenses in a liquid account may be sufficient, but if you’re retired, you may need up to 12 months of living expenses, which you can adjust to accommodate outside sources, such as Social Security or a pension.

Source of investment – You can look at cash as an investment source in two different ways. First, cash can be considered its own distinct asset class, and because it typically behaves differently from other asset classes, it can provide some diversification to a portfolio containing stocks and bonds. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can’t guarantee profits or protect against all losses.) And second, the cash in your portfolio could be used as part of a systematic investing strategy in which you put set amounts of money at regular intervals into investment vehicles that are appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance.

Clearly, cash is an important part of planning for the future, but there can be too much of a good thing. While cash may seem like a perpetual safe harbor from the stormy investment seas, it is not without risk. If you hold too much cash, you could underfund your longer-term investments — the ones with the growth potential you need to reach some of your most important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Put your cash to work. By using it wisely, you can add a valuable element to your financial picture.

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to spend at least 83 percent on dental expenses. (This ratio is similar to Medicare’s.)

Question 3: Expanded Availability of Licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages

Summary: The proposed law would increase the statewide limits of the combined number of licenses for off premises consumption all alcoholic beverages ant one retailer could own or control.

My personal opinion: It seems to me that either a yes of no vote has more or less equal plusses and minuses

Question 4: Eligibility for Driver’s licenses

Summary: This approved law allows Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in

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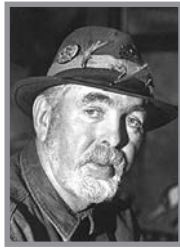
# Pheasant hunting with Twig

Last weekend provided some great fall weather, and great outdoor activities like hunting and fishing. Numerous big bucks were harvested in the valley last week that weighed 200 pounds or more during the start of the bow hunting season.

Pheasant hunting was also great for sportsmen that have a good hunting dog alongside of them. All of the training that was done during the off season sure paid off when bird hunting season opened.

This writer had a great time hunting pheasant last weekend at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club, with a couple of members that do not own dogs for hunting. I gladly invited them to hunt with me for the morning hunt. The weather was perfect for hunting, with clear skies and cool temperatures. I released my Yellow Lab, Twig, from her leash, who is 11 years old this year but, but still loves to hunt birds. As soon as she was released, she quickly headed for the open field that often holds birds. Chris crossing from side to side, she continued to hunt without finding a single bird. As we neared the end of the field, she started to show signs of a bird nearby. Suddenly, the crackling of a rooster pheasant was heard as the bird took flight, and Twig in pursuit. As the bird cleared the trees one of my hunting partners fired a single shot, but I observed the bird continue his flight until it disappeared into the trees, a long distance from where it was shot.

The hunter that made the shot



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insured me that he had hit the bird, but I was not sure that was true. After 10 minutes or so, I was surprised to observe Twig with the deceased pheasant in her mouth, as she proudly brought it back to me. I congratulated my buddy on a great shot. As Twig released the pheasant to my hand, she quickly headed back into the brush to find another bird. We managed to harvest two more pheasants in a very short time, with the help of Twig's keen sense of smell, and years of experience retrieving them.

Fishing on the saltwater is still hot for numerous species. The picture last week of a couple of anglers with a huge tuna landed another one this week, using a live bluefish for bait. Nice job. This writer and my friend Matt managed to catch some more tautog and sea bass this past weekend also, with Matt catching a very impressive tautog, as this week's picture shows.

Rhode Island Fish & Wildlife is being contacted by numerous agencies of MFW to stock trout in Wallum Lake this fall. I have been in contact with many Fish & Wildlife personnel last week, and hopefully a fall stocking will happen. If it does not, my calls to both agencies will have them both talking again, which is a good thing. There were a lot of false rumors that Rhode Island were told, and they have been clarified. Many anglers from both Massachusetts and Rhode Island also made calls to both agencies asking for a fall stocking



Photo Courtesy

Matt Fontaine with monster tautog caught last week at Point Judith, R.I.

of trout this year. A new fish biologist, Rebecca Colby, called this writer, and assured me that both state Fish & Game Departments would work together on Wallum Lake stockings in the future.

Coyotes are a real problem in some areas of the state, and there is not too much that can be done to fix the problem. They are in every part of the state and their populations continue grow every year. One state tried to eliminate many of the coyotes in one area of

their state, only to have them reproduce within a couple of years, bringing the population back to where it was before their efforts to cut their populations. Being aware of their presence, and not keeping trash and other food outside, will help to keep your family and pets safe from any encounters with coyotes. They are here to stay!

*Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

## A Mix of Assorted Tips and Tricks

Sometimes it's fun to share a potpourri of tips and tricks that didn't fit into a themed hint column. With that in mind, this week's column will feature smorgasbord of (mostly unrelated) ideas that are sure to make your life a little easier!

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**Fresh Eggs:** Egg prices are up! Want to know if your eggs you are buying from the grocery store are really fresh? Did you know the exact day a dozen eggs were washed and packed is on its carton? The three digit consecutive calendar date code is often above the "sell by" date. A carton packed on January 1 would read 001 and one packed on December 31 would read 365.

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**Vinegar Aids:** Vinegar is a do it yourselfers best friend. Did you know washing cement floors down with white vinegar before painting them will prevent future paint peels? This trick also works to help paint adhere to galvanized metal finishes.

And you can soften hard

paintbrushes cheaply and easily simply by soaking them in warm vinegar for an hour.

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**Arthritis Aid:** Attention Baby boomers - if you're aching bones mean a touch of arthritis, try this pectin remedy. Mix two teaspoons of Certo liquid pectin found in the canning section of the market, in three ounces of grape juice and drink three times a day. Reduce to one teaspoon as the pain dissipates.

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**Cupcakes Take the Cake!** To frost a cupcake quickly without having it crumble, freeze the cooked batter in the pan for about 15 minutes before frosting. To keep the top of your cupcakes or cake from browning too fast, place a pan of warm water on the rack above the cake while it is baking in the oven. No cupcake papers? To keep a cupcake from sticking to the pan, grease the pan with one part shortening and two parts flour mixed until it has a sandy consistency.

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**Apple extender:** To make baked goods such as cakes and sweet breads last longer, cut an apple in half and place in the container with the leftover sweets to keep the goods fresh several more days.

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**Tips for Tools!** Did you know regular maintenance on tools with wooden handles should include treating the wood with linseed oil occasionally? It conditions the wood and helps prevent splinters. Here's a great tip: If the head of a favorite hammer gets loose, try soaking the hammer overnight in some engine oil. The wood will expand and the hammer will be nice and tight again.

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**Perfect Painting:** Spray painting is a quick and easy way to renew old surfaces, but it's a hassle when the spray can nozzle clogs! Try this trick. Remove the nozzle and put it on a can of WD 40 or other lubricating oil. Spray it until the clog clears. Be sure to spray out any oil before painting. And save that old wooden gravy stirrer! It is great for mixing paint in a bucket. The long handle and ample spool hole allows for even stirring.

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**Fabulous First Impression:** Want to make a perfect first impression? The trick is to be positive and make others feel comfortable. Lean into a greeting with a firm handshake and a smile. Avoid these red flags of anxiety: Frequently touching your mouth, a tight or forced smile, swinging your foot or leg, folding or crossing your arms, slouching and avoiding eye contact.

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**Quick Cleaning:** Cut cleaning time in half with these tips!

After cleaning grout and tile, rub liquid turtle wax car wax on, and polish when dry. It makes the tiles twice as easy to clean next time. When you clean your refrigerator or freezer, wipe the inside down with straight white vinegar and allow it to air dry. It will discourage future growth of mold and mildew and instantly deodorize your refrigerator.

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**Plants 'n Peanuts:** Styrofoam packing peanuts are not biodegradable so they're here to stay recycle them as drainage for house plants, add a few to the bottom of a pot. Or chop them up and add to potting soil to water less often.

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**Walking FYI:** If you're starting a walking routine, these tips are for you: To walk properly you should hit the ground heel first then roll on the ball of your foot to your toes. If you want to walk faster, don't lengthen your stride — this can injure

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Work out your salvation with fear and trembling

To the Editor:

Question! If we are saved by grace, why do we need to work out our salvation? God through Jesus on the cross shed His blood and died as a sacrifice to God for us humans, our sins, and saved all of the human race from eternal death (Hell). Jesus' death on the cross allowed us, the human race, who are born with a sin nature to be saved from Hell through the grace of God and the blood of Jesus.

What is God's grace? It is God's mercy that leads us to forgiveness, repentance and regeneration that leads us to salvation. What is not God's grace is a license for us to sin. God's grace gives us the authority to say no to sin, Satan, and yes to Jesus. It is the power and opportunity to accept Jesus in our heart and live by God's laws through the example and teachings of Jesus, who is our redeemer, Savior. Grace is love, power, and authority of God through Jesus to live by God's laws. That is the meaning of

Philippians 2:12-13.

Even though we are saved by the grace of God, we still have the responsibility with fear and trembling to remain obedient to God. God's fear and trembling warning is reminding us that apart from Jesus, we humans are vulnerable to the temptations of this world of sin, Satan, who is the prince of this world.

We are saved by grace when we remain in obedience and in harmony with Jesus. We must not take God's grace for granted; God's grace is not a license to sin. God's grace only serves us when we are obedient to God through Jesus. The following scriptures will show that God's grace is not a license to sin; it is the ability, help that we need to live obedient to God's laws.

In Matthew 5:45-48, Jesus is teaching and encouraging us we must love those who are our enemies. To love our enemies does not mean we have to like the way they live — absolutely not — we hate the way they live, and with the

help of God's Holy Spirit, we love them, and that is pleasing to God. It sets the example that Jesus is the Lord of our life. We need to daily remain focused on Jesus to be able to overcome Satan, who is the prince of this world.

Do you know what the name Jesus stands for? Jesus means "Savior," and Christ means "God's anointed."

Do not be deceived! We cannot be perfect in this world because we were born with a sinful nature because of Adam and Eve's disobedience; however, thank God for the sacrifice of our son, Jesus, on the cross. We have inherited the grace of God to daily grow in the wisdom, holiness and spiritual maturity through Jesus. The only way we can accomplish loving our enemy is through the grace of God in and through Jesus (Mark 12:30-31).

Ephesians 2:8. How many of us are grateful for the gift of Jesus' sacrificial pain on the cross for our salvation? Many take God's sacrifice of

His Son Jesus for our salvation for granted. Many believe once saved, always saved; that is not what God's Word teaches. Grace is unmerited mercy, favor when we live for Jesus. Faith is to believe in Jesus, to trust and follow Jesus as the Lord and Savior. To follow Jesus does not mean to live as we please; it means to live as Jesus lived — sacrificial, obedient to God the Father, not live as we please.

Ephesians 5:1: What God's Word is teaching me, us, is we must imitate Jesus. Jesus sacrificed Himself by the authority of God so that we might live eternally with God, and for that to happen, we must live in obedience to God's laws in this life so that we can live with my, your, our Triune God eternally in Heaven. I see nothing in the Bible that says, teaches we can live as we please because we are saved by grace.

2 Peter 2:1-2 is warning us that some of us will experience false teaching. They will try to encourage wrong and immoral choices in our life. They believe it is OK because we are saved by grace; wrong! Be very careful! I would suggest you read God's Word and test the spirit John is teaching us in 1 John 4:1. If what those teachers are teaching cannot be found in God's Word, the Bible, be careful; it is false, and God will not be mocked (Galatians 6:7). This is why God is warning us in Philippians 2:3, and that is why we must not take our salvation for granted. We must daily live God's Word with fear and trembling, and carefully submit to God's Holy Spirit or guidance through Jesus. Amen!

Dwell in peace!

ROLAND BLAIS  
BROOKFIELD

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the United States to obtain a standard driver's license or learners permit if the meet all the qualifications of a standard license or learner's permit, including a road test and insurance and provide identity, date of birth and residency.

My Personal Opinion. I will vote yes. Reasons include; (a) the law has already been approved, (b)

it is supported by most law enforcement agencies, (c) the law it makes road safer, (d) there is no significant evidence that it leads to illegal voting, and (e) the law helps such immigrants even better to contribute to our economy, too small labor force and our shared well-being.

However, whether you agree or disagree, please vote!

KEVIN KANE  
SPENCER

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enough to define a town. While new structures can draw investments into a town, it is the history of a place that lures people to it.

Every major city, and every town worth its salt has a historic village. We feel it is our duty as we move throughout our lives to do what we can to protect the past.

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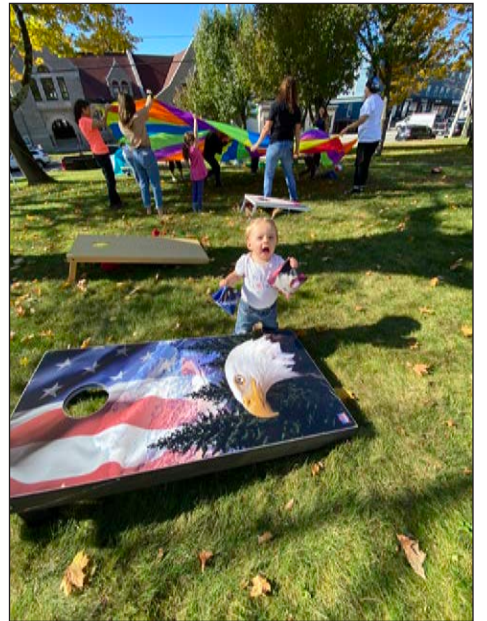
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# North Brookfield Congregational Church celebrates Fall Fest



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Zumba fun at the North Brookfield Congregational Church Fall Fest with instructor Melanie Silva.

Alanna Olson checks out a fire truck.

Hunter, Lilliana, firefighter Jackie Gerlowski, and Assistant Chief Keith Marshall handing out fire safety information and treats.

Hadley Martin plays cornhole.

## Postcard Show returns Nov. 5

BARRE — The Central MA Postcard Club and St. Joseph's Catholic Church will co-sponsor the club's 38th annual Postcard Show next month. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the church on Barre Common (Routes 32 and 122). The show admission is \$3 per person. Proceeds from

admission and food sales will benefit the church. The show will feature a dozen dealers from four states who sell old postcards of local scenes and numerous topics. For more information about the event, contact show manager J.R. Greene at jrg01331@webtv.net.

## Local students named to Dean's List at MCPHS University

BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Summer 2022 semester: \* Kayla Garvey is a native of Barre, and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Kayla will graduate from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus in 2023. \* Brittany Gregoire is a native of Spencer, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Brittany will graduate from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus in 2023.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term. The mission of MCPHS University is to prepare graduates to advance health and serve communities worldwide through excellence, innovation, and collaboration in teaching, practice, scholarship, and research. Founded in 1823, MCPHS University is the oldest

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



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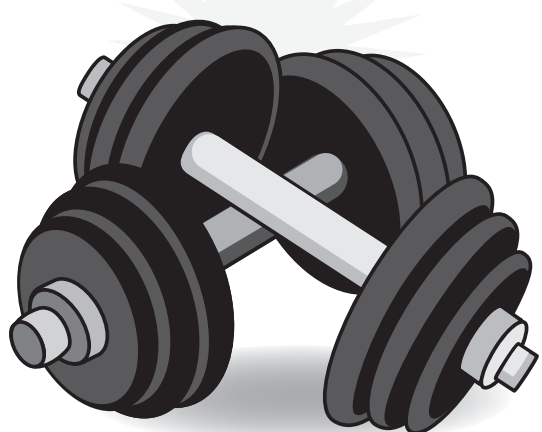
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# West Brookfield Farmers Market announces first ever Winter Market

WEST BROOKFIELD — The West Brookfield Farmers Market will be hosting its first annual Winter Market starting Nov. 2 through March 29. The market will be held at the First Congregational Church on Main Street in West Brookfield. Times are 3-6 p.m. every Wednesday.

There will be a wonderful selection of locally grown vegetables, wholesome homemade breads, savory pies, fresh roasted coffee, local sweet cider, farm

made ice cream and maple syrup and mushrooms. Meats will include pork, chicken, beef and eggs. There will be pre-made foods for and easy and delicious Wednesday dinner. We'll have a few artisan tables as well.

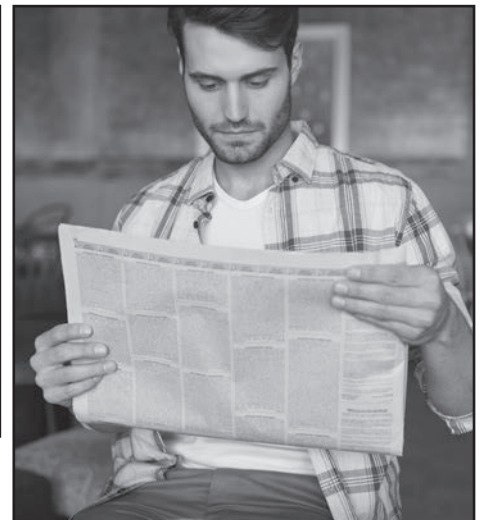
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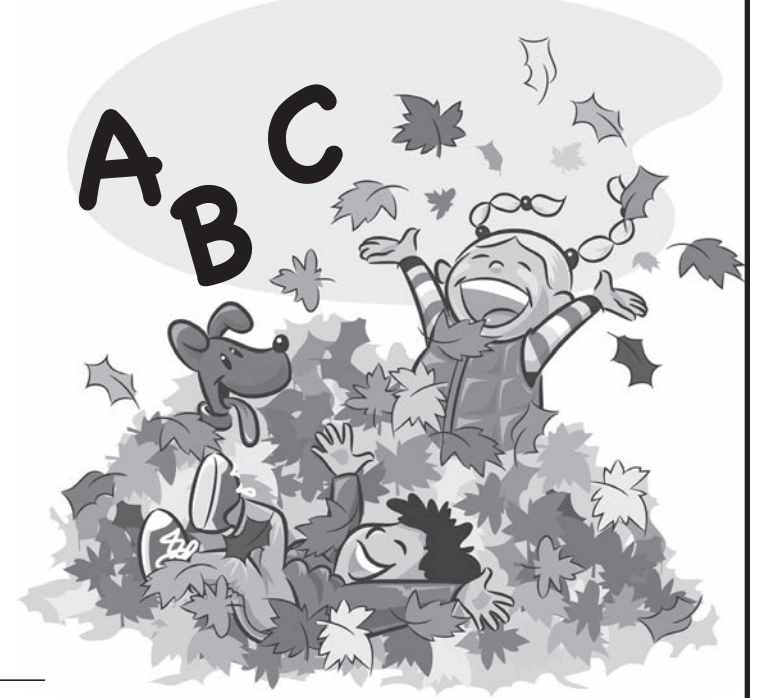
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**SPOOKFEST**

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thanked for their support of the event. Despite a chilly rain that began shortly after the event got underway, volunteers and community members once again joined forces to help local families enjoy a fun afternoon.

Special thanks goes to the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield. Members Kaylee Kuhne, Katelinde

Grenevich, Jillian Phillips, and Nancy Voutour-Waldron—who all serve on the coalition’s board of directors—played major roles in the success of the event.

To learn more about ways you can get involved in local programs and assist the community, send an email to [CoalitionForHealthyNB@gmail.com](mailto:CoalitionForHealthyNB@gmail.com). You can also check out the coalition’s social media presence on Facebook to find out about upcoming community events.



The Deschamps family, of North Brookfield, enjoys their afternoon.

*Kevin Flanders*



Representatives of The Wellstorm, Inc., of Southbridge, show off their Halloween spirit.



Susan Salisbury, left, and Kayla Marinelli represent Tri-Valley.



Beth Burdett, left, and Danielle Caouette-Parrettie hand out candy to local families.



Tashena Marie and local youngster Austin show off their costumes.



Wagon rides were offered throughout the event.



Sean Woodman spends the day with young Emmett Woodman.



Christine Walsh, of North Brookfield, spends the day with four-year-old Violet Walsh.



The Phillips family, of North Brookfield, shows off their creative costumes.



# LEGALS

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Town of Spencer**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on November 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Mccourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer on the Annual License Renewals for 2022, including Class II, Class III, and Gravel.  
Gary E. Woodbury Chairman  
October 28, 2022

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Town of Spencer  
Tax Classification**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on November 14, 2022 at 6:15 pm in the Mccourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, to discuss the percentage of the tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2023, pursuant to Chapter 369 of the Acts of the Massachusetts General Laws relating to classification and taxation of property according to use.

Interested taxpayers may present their views verbally or in writing to the Board of Selectmen at Memorial Town Hall prior to or during said hearing.  
October 28, 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE  
Towns of Leicester and Barre  
Community Development Block  
Grant (CDBG)**

**Public Performance Hearing**  
The town of Leicester will conduct a performance hearing regarding their ongoing FY20 and FY21 Community Development Block Grant Programs. The meeting will be held on **Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** as part of the Leicester Board of Selectmen’s meeting at the Leicester Town Hall, 3 Washburn Square. These programs are being managed with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC). Leicester’s FY20 program is providing funds for housing rehabilitation

services to qualified Leicester households. The grant is also providing funds for engineering design for architectural barrier removal at Russell Memorial Park to improve access for disabled persons. The FY21 program is a joint community program with the town of Barre. Activities include 1) housing rehabilitation services to qualified households in both towns; and 2) road and miscellaneous site improvements at the Leicester Housing Authority, and 3) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition planning for Barre; and 4) and infrastructure and public facility assessment and planning focused within South Barre. Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning Leicester’s CDBG programs and ongoing activities will have an opportunity to be heard. Written and verbal comments will be accepted one week preceding the hearing, at the hearing, and through one week following the

hearing. Comments are to be directed to CMRPC’s Christopher Dunphy [cdunphy@cmrpc.org](mailto:cdunphy@cmrpc.org), or (508) 459-3333. The Leicester Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Persons who require special accommodations to attend the public meeting should contact the Town Administrator’s office at (508) 892-7077 at least two business days prior to the hearing. Attendance of the meeting can also occur remotely through the following link or phone number. <https://meet.goto.com/leicesterselectboard>, (571) 317-3122; Access Code: 364-032-797 These activities and programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development, Massachusetts CDBG program. October 28, 2022

# OBITUARIES

## Alan C. Wennerlof, 86

LEICESTER- Alan C. Wennerlof, 86, of the Rochdale section of Leicester, passed away, Monday, Oct. 17th in Life Care Center of Auburn. Alan was the husband of Joyce E. (Anderson) Wennerlof who died in 2018. He leaves his daughter; Susan Davis and her husband Robert of Rochdale with whom he lived, two grandchildren; Jamie Davis of Taunton and Steven Davis of Ft. Eustis, VA, and a great grandson; Kayden.

Alan was born in Worcester, the son



of Chester and Helen (Stengard) Wennerlof, and was predeceased by his brother Rolly.

After serving his country with the US Navy during the Korean War, Alan started his family in the Cherry Valley section of Leicester.

He was a machinist at Reed & Prince Mfg., in Worcester for many years, prior to his retirement.

Alan retired to Spring Hill, Florida before coming back to Mass earlier this year. He leaves many friends and family in Florida.

At his request, no funeral services are planned. Private burial will be in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements.  
www.morinfuneralhomes.com

## Walter R. Thurlow, 78

SPENCER- Walter R. Thurlow, 78, of Spencer, died Tuesday, Oct. 18 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester after being stricken ill at home.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Jeanne S. (Gardner) Thurlow, his son; David Thurlow and his wife Lisa of Spencer, his daughters; Laurie Lapierre and her husband David Lapierre of W.Brookfield and Lynn Dreiholz and her husband David of Stafford Springs, CT, a sister; Dr. Charlene "Liz" Nims and her husband Douglas of Toledo, OH, 6 grandchildren; Jen Concapetit and her husband Jon, Melissa Thurlow, David Lapierre, Jr. (Victoria), Allan and Justin Lapierre and Jonah Dreiholz, and a great granddaughter; Maggie Concapetit, and two nieces. He is predeceased by granddaughters; Hannah & Emily Dreiholz.

Walter was an assembler at Flexcon



Co. in Spencer for 13 years before retiring in 2004. He previously worked at Norton Co. in Worcester for 20 years.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Charles and Lorraine (Price) Thurlow and later graduated from Wachusett High and Worcester Junior College.

He was a longtime H.A.M. radio operator. A genuine family man, he loved working in his yard, and loved his dog.

Walter's funeral was held on Monday, Oct. 24 from the JHENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Calling hours were held on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m.. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136, E.Brookfield, MA 01515.  
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## When life gets difficult

Doesn't it seem like everything is difficult? Even the most simple and mundane tasks can be such a chore.

I've learned that almost everything is a little more complex and complicated than I initially imagined.

Every year, I try to put the Christmas lights away so that they won't be tangled when I redecorate next year; somehow, the lights still manage to get tangled up. It seems simple enough, but what was supposed to be fun can turn into a frustrating experience.

Does anyone else have such a hard time getting the lawnmower started? Maybe I need to buy a new lawnmower, but it has been the same situation my whole life with several lawnmowers. I have to pull the string a dozen times, and then, maybe, just maybe, it will work.

Relationships are difficult! No matter how hard I try, it seems impossible to have relationships with certain people. I walk on eggshells and try to say the right thing, but they still end up angry



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and offended.

Losing weight and staying in shape, don't even get me started on this one. If I have even one bite of dessert, I'll gain it all back.

Why does it have to be like this? I have no idea, but it can help to put it all in perspective.

These little annoyances are nothing compared to the adversity and difficulty we will face when trying to master a particular skill, launch a successful business, or raise a happy family.

Adversity is something we all must learn to live with; even plants and animals must struggle to live.

One in a hundred baby spiders will survive into adulthood. Baby hyenas fight with their siblings to death, and only the strong survive. A fraction of baby turtles will survive until adulthood. From the moment they are born, baby giraffes must learn to walk and run in a matter of hours or be eaten by their many natural predators.

Life is a struggle. Many people worldwide deal with situations that make our

little annoyances seem silly.

I was talking to a filmmaker the other day. He made one very famous film with A-list talent. He was remarking about how he writes silly books and funny screenplays to make a living while his father and grandfather faced situations daily that were matters of life and death.

No doubt, compared to our ancestors, the struggle to survive has changed quite a bit. Most of the daily annoyances we face are not life-or-death situations like they faced. While all of this is true, it still is hard not to get annoyed and frustrated.

I used to get angry at every minor annoyance I had to deal with. Multiple times throughout the day, I'd find my blood boiling. Why though? Does that type of response make any logical sense?

For years I felt as if I was constantly banging my head against the wall. After a while, it becomes hard to blame the wall. While we cannot control all the circumstances that come our way, we can change how we respond to them.

Jim Rohn said, "Learn how to turn

frustration into fascination. You will learn more by being fascinated by life than you will by being frustrated by it." It's an interesting concept. Rather than raging at traffic, become fascinated! What's so fascinating? It doesn't have to be the traffic. What if you became fascinated by your response to the traffic? Why does it make you so angry? That's a fascinating question when you get down to it!

If I ask myself why I'm so frustrated with the traffic, I'll have a quick and easy answer: "I'm busy; I don't have time to deal with this." Is that the honest answer? As I become more fascinated with my response, I may ask more questions and become even more intrigued! I knew there would be bad traffic, and if I had just organized my day better, I would have left the house earlier, and traffic wouldn't be such a big problem; now that's fascinating! By being fascinated, I discovered the source of my frustration.

Next time you're feeling frustrated, take a breath, ask yourself why, and become fascinated instead!

## Toys for Kids

Monetary Donations may be sent to: Spencer Toys for Kids, P.O. Box 186, Spencer, MA 01562. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at: Spencer Fire Dept, Cornerstone Bank (Spencer office), ERA Key Realty Services (415B Main St). If you would like to sponsor a child please contact Donna at donnaflanery@erakey.com or call 508-885-6336. If you are in need of assistance, applications can be picked up at: Spencer Post Office, Mary Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry or ERA Key Realty Services (outside mailbox). You can see updates on Facebook at Spencer Toys for Kids.

## DONATIONS AS OF 10/20/2022

Date	Donor	Amount
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10/13/2022	Royal Crest Farm, LLC	\$150.00
10/13/2022	Spencer Agricultural Association	\$250.00
10/13/2022	Parker Electrical Contractors	\$50.00
10/14/2022	Sandra & Wallace Kittredge	\$200.00
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## Friday's Child



Hi! My name is Shawn and have many passions!

Shawn is an engaging young man of Caucasian descent. He is athletic and loves football, soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. Shawn has been able to go on special outings with his peers, including an annual camping trip. He goes to the library weekly with a mentor; as he truly enjoys reading.

Shawn aspires to go to the NFL. He also knows that education is important and wants to go to college or trade school. Shawn is a great student and loves school. Overall, he does well in the school setting and is an active participant in his education.

Legally freed, Shawn is open to a family of any constellation, including those with older children in the home. He does have contact with his biological family, which will need to be maintained, as he transitions into his new home. Shawn will thrive in a family setting and is hoping that all of the people in his life can be supportive and affirming of his journey towards adulthood.

Shawn  
Age 14

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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, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.



## Senior Living at Prouty hosting program on Quabbin Reservoir

SPENCER — The public is invited to a presentation about the Quabbin Reservoir and Watershed Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer. Parking is available at our only entrance on Pope Street.

This slideshow by Justin Gonsor of the Visitor Center will further inform us about the history of the Quabbin and its unique value far and wide. You must call (617) 431-4937 and leave your name and number and your call will be returned with parking and other details.

## In-person early voting underway in Spencer

SPENCER — In-person early voting for the Nov. 8 midterm election is under-

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# SPORTS

## Peterson celebrates birthday, helps lead Leicester past Knights with goal, three assists

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

WORCESTER — Happy birthday to you, Lily Peterson.

The Leicester High senior celebrated her 18th birthday in style, being a part of all the Wolverines' goals — scoring once and adding three assists — as the girls' varsity soccer team defeated Saint Paul, 4-2, on Friday, Oct. 21 at Glodis Field.

"Super teammate, fantastic player, high motor," were some of the superlatives that Leicester head coach Joe Mercier gave to Peterson, adding that she brings the energy from the opening kick until the final whistle.

And, after the Knights scored first in the second minute, Peterson's skills were on full display.

First, Peterson collected the ball on the right side and, from about 30 yards out, she had enough space to chip a high-arcing shot toward Saint Paul's net. The ball landed perfectly above the keeper's reach and under the crossbar, her strike tying the game in the fourth minute.

Then, in the 17th and 19th minutes, respectively, Peterson was involved in goals that were mirror images of one another from either side of the field.

Peterson took a corner kick from the right side, the ball sailing into the box, it eventually finding the head of Alexis Mercier, who directed her shot into the net. Two minutes later, Peterson sent another corner in — this one from the left side — and this time it found the head of Jordan Giggey, her goal giving the Wolverines a 3-1 lead.

"That's all practice. That's all we do in practice is finishing," said Peterson of the two corner kicks resulting in header goals.

Leicester took a 4-1 lead into the half-time break with a goal in the 36th minute. There, Peterson sent a left-to-right crossing pass over to Hannah Martin, her shot finding the back of the net.

The Wolverines' defense then held serve the rest of the way, only allowing a single goal midway through the second half. The duo of Sarah O'Connor (60 minutes, eight saves) and Annie Hunt (20 minutes, two saves) combined on the goaltending duties.

Following a pair of 1-0 defeats earlier in the week to Doherty High and Blackstone Valley Tech, both teams edging Leicester in the game's final

moments, Peterson was thankful for the victory over Saint Paul, who finished their season with a record of 3-11.

"I think we really deserved this one. It was just losses after losses," she said of the Wolverines breaking a skid of five setbacks in a six-game stretch.

The win was also important because it was Leicester's final regular season game before taking part in the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Class C Tournament and then eventually the Division 4 State Tournament.

"They've worked so hard all year and maybe haven't gotten all the results they deserved," said Mercier of his 6-9-1 squad. "For them to get the 'W' couldn't be any more deserved."

Leicester's record may be deceiving, as their biggest defeats all season were by three goals on three occasions.

"It's really about what we're building, it's brick-by-brick. Things aren't always going to go their way. Adversity through the season, but it's a tight group. We've been super competitive in every game," said Mercier.

And the upcoming tournament appearances reflect that. Of the 13

teams that opted into the CMass Class C Tourney, the Wolverines earned the No. 7 seed (only the top eight made the tournament while the other teams competed in non-playoff games) and will play at No. 2 Littleton High, after press time. And Leicester has firmly established itself into the State Tournament despite the sub-500 record. The top 32 teams in the Power Rankings earn automatic berths, and the latest poll had the Wolverines ranked 14th.

Peterson is ready for her team to compete in postseason play.

"We've been preparing since the beginning of summer, so I think we're



Nick Ethier photos

Leicester's Lily Peterson hunts down a loose ball as Saint Paul's Kate McGowan gives chase.



Leicester keeper Sarah O'Connor dives after a Saint Paul shot, which ultimately hit the post and stayed out of the net.

ready. We've played tough teams so we're definitely ready for the tougher teams," she said.

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# SPORTS

## Early scoring flurry boosts Warriors past never-quit North Brookfield

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

STURBRIDGE — After starting the season with a record of 1-5, the Tantasqua Regional varsity field hockey team has shown plenty of strides in improving. From there they won their next two games before a loss and a tie brought the Warriors' record to 3-6-1. Tantasqua then won two of its next three to get to 5-7-1 heading into its Senior Day game against North Brookfield High on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

"I think that all season they've been working really hard on improving. They just stepped it up and I think Senior Game had a little to do with it, too," explained head coach Shelby Green. "I think they had a little extra juice flowing."

That extra juice allowed the Warriors to jump out to a 4-0 lead before settling for a 4-1 halftime advantage. Tantasqua then held on for a 5-3 victory over the Indians.

"The girls came out with a lot of intensity, and I think that was the key to this game. They came out ready to play and working hard," said Green.

The Warriors earned their first penalty corner opportunity with about six minutes remaining in the opening quarter, and they took advantage of it. Senior Alivia Facticeu received a pass and sent the ball toward the cage, where fellow senior Sarah Drappuch tipped it in.

Tantasqua then scored three times in the second quarter to take the aforementioned 4-0 lead. Junior Sofia Fazzuoli poked in a rebound goal, senior Brooke Cadarette scored on a reverse sweep and senior Olivia Viapiano scored on a follow-up goal with junior Starr Cottone assisting.

"I thought we were kind of not ready to go in the first half," said North Brookfield head coach Shiela LeBlanc.



North Brookfield's Sophia Giangrande receives a pass and heads up the field with the ball.

But the Indians scored with a minute and a half remaining in the half to cut the deficit down to 4-1, sophomore Jeremiah Holmes getting a rebound goal.

North Brookfield then opened the second half on fire, as senior Ty Babineau scored less than a minute into the third quarter. Babineau then scored again about nine minutes later on a rebound following a stop from senior goalie Ella Grant (four saves), making it a one-goal game.

"We came back to get it to 4-3. We didn't quit, but we don't have any subs," LeBlanc said of her 11-player roster. "We've busted every game. The kids have put the time in. It's just really hard with low numbers."

The Warriors then scored the all-important next goal with just under three minutes remaining in the third. Cadarette was able to score on the rush past Indians' junior

goalie Shannon Toomey, who finished with 11 saves.

Tantasqua was then able to win the game by "digging deep and keeping that intensity" in the fourth quarter, according to Green.

Green was back on the sidelines after missing the Warriors' past two games after giving birth just five days prior.

"I care a lot about them. It's my favorite time of the year," said Green, now in her sixth year coaching Tantasqua, who improved to 6-7-1 and are looking to finish the season with a .500 or better record to qualify for the Division 3 State Tournament.

"That's definitely the goal. That's the goal every season," said Green.

North Brookfield dropped to 10-3-1 but is firmly in the Division 4 State Tournament. LeBlanc reiterated the fact that her team continued to battle in



North Brookfield's Jake Standrowicz possesses the ball with a Tantasqua defender giving chase.



Becca Smith of North Brookfield stick-handles the ball along the sideline.

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# SPORTS

## Back-and-forth game goes Quaboag's way, 3-2 over Rockets



Nick Ethier photos

Quaboag's Ryan Miner breaks free from an Auburn defender with the ball and an open field to attack.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

WARREN — Christopher Bailey, head coach of the Auburn High boys' varsity soccer team, speculated that if his Rockets played Quaboag Regional 10 times... "I think it's pretty close to 50/50, but that's not the way it's turned out so far this year."

That's because the Cougars defeated Auburn, 3-1, back on Sept. 22, and then when they matched up again on Tuesday, Oct. 18, the decision again went to Quaboag, this time 3-2.

The Rockets trailed 1-0 at halftime but took a 2-1 lead following a 57th minute strike from Caleb Iborra after following a rebound, and Auburn had its chance at redemption.

"We had the momentum. Our guys showed some character, they stayed with it and came back to take the lead, but we just can't let up — and we did," said Bailey.

Chase Potvin was the beneficiary of both of the ensuing Cougars' goals. First, in the 61st minute, he got behind Auburn's defense and took advantage of keeper Brody Lewos (10 saves) slipping on the wet grass. Then, in the 71st minute, Potvin stole the ball out of mid-

air during a Rockets' clearing attempt and he deposited his shot into the back of the net.

"In high school, it's all about that momentum. These guys have taken the reins the whole season. I don't have to say much to them, they get themselves psyched up," explained Quaboag head coach Steve Pultorak. "It works well and that's what a coach wants to see."

"Quaboag's got a good ball club. They play well and they play hard. Chase up top is one you've got to watch all the time...probably one of the best in the league and we tip our hat to him for sure," added Bailey.

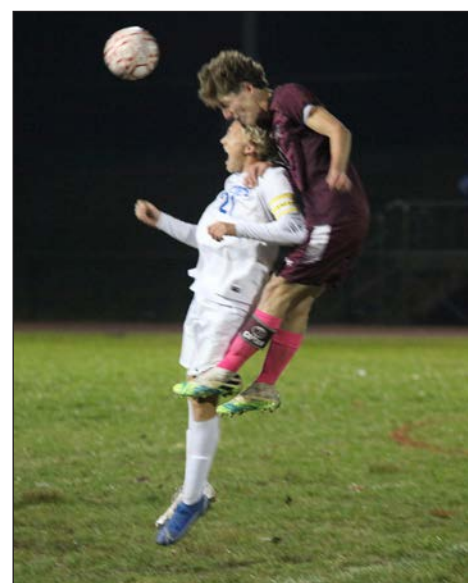
The Cougars got their first goal in the game's ninth minute when Gage Lane sent a shot in from 55 yards out. The ball was able to hop once and then managed to get through Quaboag attackers, Auburn defenders and Lewos.

Bailey believed that that particular goal made a huge result in the game's final outcome.

"The first goal was just a miscommunication between our center back and our goalie. That's probably the biggest difference right there," said Bailey. "That's a mistake on our part and when you play a good team like this they're



Gage Lane of Quaboag runs up to grab possession of a loose ball



Quaboag's Chase Potvin elevates to head the ball past Auburn's Aidan McGrail.



Auburn's Wyatt Diamond scans the field before throwing the ball back in play.

going to capitalize."

The Rockets then tied the contest in the 52nd minute when Omar Abu-Lail worked hard to get the ball through Quaboag's defense. It then found the foot of Bryan Cavanaugh, his shot beating keeper Gabe Paquette (eight saves).

"I like how our guys played, they played hard. And we've got to continue playing that hard moving forward," said Bailey, with Auburn now sporting a record of 7-6-1.

The Cougars are now 10-3-1.

"This is our year. We have a strong team. These guys want to win States," Pultorak said of the upcoming Division 5 State Tournament. "They're a tight group. Even when we had losses, we didn't divide. It was fine and we worked through it."



Aidan McGrail of Auburn looks up and sends the ball down the field.



Auburn's Omar Abu-Lail lifts the ball over the outstretched leg of Quaboag's Evan Long.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Warriors' Pieczynski qualifies for State Golf Tournament — The Tantasqua golf team tied for sixth place with a final score of 348 at the D2 West District tournament held at The Ranch. Freshman Sam Pieczynski led the Warriors with a 4-over par 76, which was good enough for sixth place in the individual competition. Because of that result, Pieczynski qualified for States, which was played at Maplegate Country Club in Bellingham after press time.

Friday, Oct. 21

Grafton 42, Tantasqua 7 — Abner Colon-Martinez had a 7-yard rushing touchdown, and Luke Marvin booted the extra point kick, which gave the Warriors' varsity football team life as they trailed the undefeated Gators at the time, 14-7, but Grafton scored the game's final 28 points to put it away. Colon-Martinez carried the ball 13 times for 64 yards, as Tantasqua dropped to 2-5, while the Gators are 7-0.

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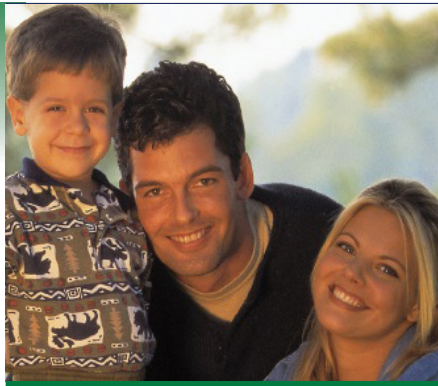
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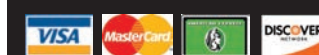
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