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## Bridge dedicated to local WWII hero

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The Church Street bridge was recently dedicated to U.S. Army Private First Class Eugene Joseph Parenteau, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country during a 1945 battle in the Philippines.

On Sept. 17, members of Cherry Valley American Legion Post 443 teamed up with the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary to lead the dedication ceremony. Officials unveiled the memorial sign honoring Pfc. Eugene "Gene" Parenteau, who was killed in action at age 20 on June 7, 1945, at Negros Island, Philippines.

Parenteau's body was never recovered. He remains Leicester's only serviceman officially listed as MIA.

"The naming of the Church Street bridge in honor of Pfc. Eugene Parenteau recognizes the sacrifice that he and his family made to ensure that we have the freedoms that we enjoy today," said Town Administrator David Genereux. "The Greatest Generation was willing to do whatever it took to preserve our liberties, and Private First Class Parenteau fought and died for them. It is our honor to recognize one of Leicester's bravest sons."

Parenteau belonged to the Army's 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 164th Infantry Regiment, Americal Division.

Parenteau attended grammar school at St. Joseph's Parochial School on Church Street, then moved on to study at St. Peter's High School in Worcester, graduating in the class of 1942.

During the summer of 1942, Parenteau turned 18 and was required to register for the draft. The following spring,



his number came up in the draft and he reported for duty at Ft. Devens in Ayer. Parenteau was later sent to Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri, where he was assigned to the 75th Infantry Division. He received his basic training, infantry training, and advanced weapons training as a member of the 75th Infantry Division. During the summer of 1943, Parenteau was promoted to Private First Class.

After reporting to Camp Stoneman in Pittsburg, Calif., Parenteau sailed from San Francisco Bay to Suva in the Fiji Islands in Nov. 1943. Here, he was transferred to the Americal Division, which had arrived months earlier from combat at Guadalcanal and was preparing for its next combat assignment.

Soon after, the Americal

Division was sent to Bougainville Island in the northern Solomon Islands to relieve the 3rd Marine Division. The Americal Division began landing on Bougainville from Dec. 1943 until Jan. 1944. The division commenced offensive operations in March 1944.

"The mission on Bougainville was to hold a large coastal area bordered by the sea and mountains where three airfields were built," read a biographical statement shared with guests during the bridge dedication. "Due to the aerial and sea blockade of Bougainville and the extremely mountainous terrain, the Japanese were not able to mount any overwhelming assaults on this perime-

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## New Budget and Finance Advisory group holds first meeting

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
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LEICESTER — The school department's newly created Budget and Finance Advisory Working Group held its first meeting earlier this month.

Featuring a combination of school leaders, town officials, and community volunteers, the group met for the first time on Sept. 14 at the new Leicester High School.

The group is the first of its kind for Leicester Public Schools. Members include School Committee representatives Donna McCance and Dylan Lambert; Robert Mercer (Finance Advisory Board liaison); David Mero; John Hopkins; and Bonita Layden.

Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian and recently hired Director of Finance and Operations, Beth Auger, will also attend the group's meet-

ings.

The advisory group will work closely with the School Committee and assist members in understanding several intricate items.

"I am so pleased to have this newly formed Budget and Finance Advisory Working Group to work with our School Committee. The strong financial backgrounds and expertise of our new members will help guide us with sound fiscal planning and practices," said McCance, who chairs the School Committee.

The advisory group will help augment several facets within the school district, including budgetary transparency and preparations.

"Transparency is the most important aspect of public school budgeting, and that is the primary goal of our new Budget/Finance Group."

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## First ever Family Fun Spookfest coming to North Brookfield

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD — Local kids, families, and community partners are looking forward to a "spook"-tacular program next month.

Sponsored by the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield, the first ever Family Fun Spookfest is set for Sunday, Oct. 23, from 3-6 p.m. at North Brookfield Schools.

The free event will include a trunk-or-treat activity; wagon rides; games; a costume contest; several community resources and vendors; and free bike helmets.

"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 resour-

ces available to them at the same time," read a promotional statement released by Jillian Phillips, a member of the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield Board of Directors.

Area businesses and organizations are welcome to get involved in this event and help local families enjoy a fun afternoon.

If you would like to take part in the program, you can host a decorated trunk from your vehicle and hand out non-food treats or candy. Participants may also set up a game or activity, or host a traditional space to share resources.

If you are hosting a traditional space, please be sure to bring a tent, as the parking lot receives plenty of sun exposure throughout the day.

To sign up for a trunk-or-treat space or a resource table, send an email to CoalitionForHealthyNB@gmail.com. Please make sure you sign up by Oct. 17.

For organizations or individuals operating a trunk-or-treat space or a resource table, please arrive for setup by 2 p.m. Your table or trunk must be ready for 2:45 p.m. Please remain at the event until the closure at 6 p.m.

Please only display family-friendly costumes and decorations at your setup.

If you are unable to attend the event but would still like to donate candy or treats, please let event organizers know so a pickup can be arranged.

In the event of rain, the program will be moved to Sunday, Oct. 30, from 3-6 p.m.



Photo Kevin Flanders

The Woodman family enjoys their night at the open house.

## Open house at North Brookfield schools unites communities

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Not only uniting the school community, but the community at large, last week's open house was a major success for the school department.

North Brookfield Public Schools Interim Superintendent Tim McCormick received the ultimate greeting, with hundreds of guests attending the Sept. 21 open house. These included students and their families, school staff members, and community organizations who were invited to attend.

"It was a great night. I was impressed with the amazing turnout by our families with their students," McCormick said. "We also worked hard this year to invite many community partners to showcase the family/health supports

and local services available to our families and the entire North Brookfield community."

With a new school year, new teachers and grade levels for students, new sports seasons, and a new interim school boss, there is plenty for local families to be excited about within the school district.

During the open house, families had a chance to connect directly with teachers and school personnel. They also met community leaders representing organizations and associations that provide assistance for students, families, and residents.

Among the community guests was Sue Lewandowski, who informed families about NBCares2Help.org, a community calendar and resource

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## Special election to decide fate of DPHS renovations

SPENCER — There will be a Special Town Election held on Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Memorial Town

Hall. This is a one question Ballot to decide on whether or not to Renovate/Build David Prouty

High School. Please come out to vote and let your voice be heard.



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Fishing was great on all fronts this past week. Matt Fontaine and this writer fished for tautog this past Wednesday in Rhode Island, and had little trouble catching our limit of three fish each, along with some impressive seabass. The parking lot was full of boats and trailers again when we arrived, but they all vanished when we got to our fishing spot. They were obviously chasing Albies and stripers, so we had the whole area to ourselves. We later found out that the striper fishing was red hot in front of Newport, and Albies were in front of Carpenters Beach.

Fortunately, Matt & I love catching bottom fish like Tautog and seabass, and this week's picture shows the results. They are excellent eating fish, and also provide us with some great fishing. Using light fishing rods, these hard fighting fish are fun to catch while using green crabs for bait. I always cut the crabs in half, and also remove the legs of the crab before placing them on a #3 circle hook. I seemed to be doing OK last week, until my fishing buddy Matt was catching all the big tautog.

He said that he was leaving the legs on the crabs after cutting them in half; I decided to give it a try. As soon as I hit bottom with the bait, I felt a sharp hit, and I found myself battling a large



Photo Courtesy

This week's picture shows Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge with a couple of nice tautog we caught last week in Rhode Island.

tautog. Bringing the fish to the surface took a while, and I was enjoying every minute. Matt quickly grabbed the net and scooped up the impressive fish. Just a simple change in presenting the bait made the difference, and it makes sense. Seabass were also hitting the crabs, and although we caught many of them, we

came up two short of our limit. Fishing for these two species is only going to get better in the next two or three weeks. If you have a youngster that you want to get hooked on fishing, now is the time to go, but you need to use a boat to get to the fishing grounds, that is only half a mile off shore.

# Time for tautog

Bird hunters are getting their gear and dogs ready for the upcoming pheasant season, which opens on Oct. 15, statewide for the first year. A reminder that anyone hunting pheasant in Mass. need to acquire a pheasant stamp, at a cost of \$10, along with a 2022 hunting license. Numerous youth pheasant hunting opportunities are available this year. Check them out in the 2022 abstracts. The daily bag limits for pheasant hunters are two birds, but new this year, there is no limit on annual pheasant bag limits.

Waterfowl season in Mass. opens on Oct. 10 this year, with a six-bird daily bag limit. The recent heavy rain should make hunting local streams and rivers, a lot better, as most areas had dried up due to the lack of rain this year. Hunting rivers and streams from a boat or Kayak, should provide some great shooting opportunities for duck hunters this year. Geese also open on Oct. 10, and with most corn fields cut, hunting should provide plenty of action, even though there numbers have dropped off significantly. Migrating geese should change all of that, as they stop off in cornfields to feed and rest a day or two before moving on during their annual migration. Note: A state and federal waterfowl stamp is needed to hunt ducks and geese, and non-toxic shot is also required. Your firearm cannot hold more than three shells total!

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

# It's Apple Season!

Nothing quite captures the senses of the autumn season as the native apple, and for many area families the New England apple harvest is celebrated with an annual drive to a country orchard. A "a day on the farm" is not only an opportunity to stock up on fresh fruit, but a chance to take stock of good old fashioned New England values. A short hike or hayride to trees laden with crisp, red apples promises an abundance of both fruit and family fun. With several orchards within the Stonebridge Press region, pick-your-own apples, freshly pressed cider, hot apple treats and a variety of seasonal farm goods are just a short drive away.

**New England Apples:** New England is known for its distinct variety of apples. The area's hot summers, cool fall days, and rocky soil are credited with the production of big, red apples with a unique mix of sweet and tart flavors.

McIntosh leads the pack in production of New England apples, accounting for two-thirds of the region's crop. Other classic regional varieties are Cortland, Empire, Macoun, Red Delicious, and Rome. Additional favored New England varieties include Mutsu, Gala, Golden Delicious, IdaRed, Jersey Mac, and Paula Red.

The apple's rich New England history is evident in the many heirloom varieties of apples that were discovered here and are still grown at a sprinkling of established apple farms. Among them are Early Mac, Lodi, Baldwin, Northern Spy, Roxbury, Russet, Pippin, and Red Gravenstein.

Sharing shelf space with the classics and heirlooms (and often a top pick today) are a breed of apples, dubbed the "hybrids." Since the late 1980s area orchards have introduced newer hybrid varieties grown to hold up better in storage and look more attractive to the con-

sumer. Braeburn, Honey Crisp, Gala and Ginger Gold, Jonagold, Crispin, Fuji, Pink and Lady are some top selling hybrids. I recently discovered the RubyMac variety, and as a loyal Macoun fan, I have to admit the RubyMac rivals my all time favorite!



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**Old Fashioned Apple Recipes:** Read on for some tried and true apple recipes that spotlight the area's harvest:

### Ann Tuttle's Apple Pie (from Breezeland Orchards)

Baked each autumn and during holiday time, the homemade pie, made from fresh orchard apples, is a Tuttle tradition. Once again, this column shares her family recipe:

**Ingredients:** apples; 3/4 cup sugar; 1 tsp. cinnamon; 1 tbsp. minute tapioca; 1 tbsp. water; 1 tbsp. butter

**Preparation:** Roll out dough for bottom of pie plate. Peel and slice apples to generously fill pie plate. Mix and sprinkle the sugar, cinnamon and tapioca on top of apples as you put in the slices. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of water and 1 tablespoon of butter (in little dabs) on top. Cover with top crust. Cut 3 or 4 slices in top crust. Bake at 425° for 20 minutes and then 375° for 25 minutes.

### Classic Baked Apples

Sugar, nuts and spices transform ordinary apples into a comfort food dessert, thanks to this classic mid century baked apple recipe.

**Ingredients:** Six apples, peeled, cored and sliced; 1/2 cup white sugar; 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour; 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg; 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves; 1/2 cup raisins; 1/2 cup chopped

walnuts; 1/2 cup whole milk

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 2 quart casserole dish, or coat with non-stick cooking spray. Place apples in a large bowl. In a small bowl, mix together sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Stir spice mixture into apples until evenly distributed. Fold in raisins and walnuts. Spoon into prepared dish. Pour milk evenly over apple mixture. Bake in preheated oven for 45 to 60 minutes, or until soft and bubbly. Allow to cool slightly before serving.

### Baking Powder Biscuit Apple Dumplings

Old fashioned apple dumplings made with baking powder biscuits have been a favorite fall treat for generations.

**Biscuit Ingredients:** 3 cups flour; 4 teaspoons baking powder; 2/3 teaspoon salt; 1/4 cup shortening; 3/4 to 7/8 cup water or milk

**Filling Ingredients:** apple; 2 tablespoons butter; one cup sugar; one tablespoon flour; 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

**Directions:** Sift dry biscuit ingredients, cut in shortening, then liquid and knead lightly. Toss on floured board and pat, roll lightly to 3/4 to 1 inch thick and cut as for biscuits.

Put a quarter of a raw apple in each biscuit and fold in carefully. Place in baking pan (rough side down) and pour sauce over them with is made from 2 tablespoons butter, one cup sugar, one tablespoon flour, one pint boiling water and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until apples are done when tested with a fork.

### Slow Cooker Apple Butter

What's better than delicious homemade apple butter? How about a recipe that is nearly effortless and fills the house with the scent of steaming apples and cinnamon?

**Ingredients:** 15 medium or ten large apples, cut into chunks; one cup brown sugar; one teaspoon cinnamon; one teaspoon vanilla extract; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon ginger; 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg.

**Directions:** Mix apples, sugar and spices. Place into crockpot and cook on low for 8 hours. Puree to desired consistency using an immersion blender, food mill or food processor.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great three course 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 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!

*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 email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.*

## OPEN HOUSE

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website. "As founder, I am building www.NBCares2Help.org, so that residents

can find all local events, meetings, organizations, businesses, and services in one place," Lewandowski said.

Lewandowski also served as a representative at the open house for the North Brookfield chapter of Hearts for Heat, as well as the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency.

Hearts for Heat provides fuel assistance to qualified North Brookfield families; applications will be reviewed starting on Nov. 1. Applicants must first apply for fed-

eral fuel assistance through WCAC.

The North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency is a group of volunteers who prepare for and respond to local emergencies. Several first responders and local leaders were also in attendance at the open house, including fire department personnel.

The open house also included games, activities, and literacy programs. Meanwhile, teachers like Louis Martinez—who provides K-12 instruction in visual arts—discussed educational opportunities with students and families.

School officials thank everyone who came together to make the open house a fun, informative community program for guests of all ages.

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**Breed:** DSH  
**Sex:** Neutered Males  
**Age:** 6 Mos.

Dawson & Milo are super friendly boys who loves to play (with toys or people). Their charming personalities matches their good looks. They would love to be adopted together. They participate in daily wrestling matches but then curl up and take naps together. They have never lived with a dog but may adapt. They should be inside pets.

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The North Brookfield Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout town beginning Monday, September 26 through October 7, 2022.

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

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

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# Learning to lead

Lately, I have been trying to read more. I bought a book I have been told to read many times, but I have never been interested enough till now. Reading it has caused me to have significant reflections on the last few years.



POSITIVELY SPEAKING  
**TOBY MOORE**

Do you have a dream you want to accomplish? Does it seem too big? Does it seem like maybe if you tried to accomplish it, you would be biting off more than you can chew?

It would be wise for you to examine the conditions before you commit. Look at the market you are trying to enter, give yourself and your abilities an honest assessment, read the necessary materials, and listen to the experts. These will serve as your roadmap that you can navigate to success should you decide to commit.

I never thought the dream I was trying to accomplish was too big, but I heard from my business partner that my dad confessed to him early on that he thought what we were trying to accomplish may not be possible!

One of the chapters in the book discusses that to navigate successfully to your dream, you will need to find a balance between faith with facts! Some people have their heads up in the clouds so high that they never bother to look at the facts. It is essential to assess the situation and strike a balance. Also,

you do not want to be so fact-oriented that you cannot dream and have faith, but knowing the facts of the situation will keep you grounded and let you know if you need to scale it back.

Once you find the balance between faith and facts and decide to keep moving forward, it is important to realize something. It was the biggest realization I have had in a long time; a reality check.

For the last few years, I have worked with a team of people who are all experts in their field to accomplish a big vision. I believe in the dream and what we are doing; I have balanced the faith with the facts, and I was naive enough to think that is all I needed: a great team and a grand vision.

I learned something while reading this book that I should have known, and maybe subconsciously, always have known. Just because you have an excellent vision for the future, a great team, have balanced faith with facts, and are willing to work hard to make your dream a reality does not mean you will get there.

The book I am talking about is "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" by John C Maxwell.

In it, I discovered something quite profound. No matter how positive you are, how beautiful your vision is, or how hard of a worker you are. You will never

rise higher than your leadership ability.

If your vision is a 10, but your leadership is only a 5, you will only accomplish half of your vision. Wow! If you have a big dream, you would like to accomplish, that should send shivers down your spine.

It is not the size of the vision and the execution of it that will ensure success. It is not your work ethic; it is not your positive attitude. All of these are essential, and combined, these qualities will take you a long way, but one of the determining factors in how far you can advance your vision is your ability to lead!

According to Maxwell, your success will never surpass your leadership abil-

ity. Your leadership level is the cap on how high you can take your vision.

That made me nervous to read that; I have never thought of myself as much of a leader.

book was worrisome in many ways but also provided strong reassu-

Maxwell says, "Champions don't become champions in the ring- they are merely recognized there...if you want to see where someone develops into a champion, look at their daily routine."

In the same way that investing in the stock market will not make you instantly rich, you can never become a leader in a day. It only happens through consistency, regular learning, practice, and focus. You can learn to lead!

## BUDGET

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Kustigian said.

The formation of the group represents the latest positive step taken by the district since Kustigian inherited a challenging climate this past summer. With the full support of a School Committee that saw two new members added at the spring election, Kustigian and his team continue to make progress. Not only have operational improvements taken place at the administrative level, but the school department has taken major strides toward readying the new high school at the former Becker College campus.

"Three months—it's really been three months already. In that short time, a tremendous amount of progress has

been made to help rebuild our district," Lambert said. "While we still have a long way to go, it's truly staggering what has been accomplished."

School officials said the newly formed group is an important mechanism for achieving the level of financial transparency voters demanded at the polls in June.

"The Finance and Budget Group is an important step to help rebuild the trust that has been eroded and abused over the last few years," Lambert added. "The people of Leicester have the right to know that we are not squandering resources like has been done in recent history. Being able to properly articulate what we are using our resources for; correcting financial issues, and fine-tuning our financial processes are going to help us greatly going forward."



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ter. However, the Japanese did from time to time gather a large enough force to launch large attacks.”

In October 1944, Parenteau was manning a roadblock during an attack. Heavy fighting lasted from dawn to dusk, and Parenteau was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor for his actions in this engagement.

Parenteau came down with malaria during his stay on Bougainville and spent time in a field hospital. In Nov. 1944,

the Americal Division was relieved by the Australian 3rd Division on Bougainville and moved to Guadalcanal.

Meanwhile, the liberation of the Philippines had begun in Oct. 1944 with American forces landing on Leyte Island. On Jan. 8, 1945, the first units of the Americal Division began transferring to the islands of Leyte and Samar in the central Philippines to assist with clearing the remaining Japanese forces from those islands. The Americal Division relieved the 77th Infantry Division in the middle of Leyte Island and

fought westward, helping to destroy the Japanese forces left on Leyte.

In March 1945, the Americal Division was tasked with helping to eliminate Japanese garrisons, first on Cebu Island and then Negros Island.

“Gene Parenteau’s 164th Infantry was held in reserve on Leyte while the rest of the division went to Cebu,” the informational statement read. “The 164th Infantry rejoined the Americal Division on Cebu on April 10, 1945, and was given the task of clearing out a Japanese garrison of 1,300 men on the southern end of nearby Negros Island.”

On April 26, 1945, Parenteau’s 1st Battalion was among the first wave to go ashore at the village of Looc on the southeast corner of Negros Island, five miles north of the city of Dumaguete. The 1st Battalion was then ordered to advance west into the hills, where troops encountered the first stiff resistance.

On May 1, the battalion was pulled back and Company B—Parenteau’s company—was trucked north to Looc where it had landed days before. Troops were then redirected southwest to advance on the Japanese forces from a different angle.

“They soon came up against stiff Japanese resistance but continually reduced these positions and advanced farther up the mountain, where the terrain was very steep with narrow ridge lines and the vegetation became rainforest at the 2,000-foot level,” the informational statement read.

By May 17, the U.S. force had advanced to within 800 yards of the village of Ticala, high in the mountains. After being sent to a field hospital with a recurring bout of malaria, Parenteau returned to his company at the end of the month. By this time, the majority of the Japanese forces had been killed but several scattered pockets of resistance remained.

On June 7, 1945, Parenteau’s

2nd Platoon was divided into two groups and began to slowly advance up two parallel ridges.

“Gene was walking scout, known in today’s terminology as walking point. This was out about 30-50 yards in front of the main body of the unit, scanning for the enemy,” the biographical statement read. “A rifle shot rang out and Gene Parenteau fell. His fellow soldiers began to lay down, covering fire as four men rushed forward, finding Gene dead. Two of them began to drag him back when a Japanese soldier threw a hand grenade, which wounded one of the four. Gene’s body was left behind as the wounded soldier was dragged back to safety.”

Fighting raged for five days along this line until June 12, when the hill was overrun by Company G, which had moved up to reinforce Company B. Scattered fighting continued in the area until June 17, when the 164th Infantry was relieved and returned to Cebu Island. The 164th Infantry suffered 35 deaths and 180 personnel wounded on Negros Island.

Back home in Cherry Valley, during the second week of July 1945, Parenteau’s parents were notified that their son had been killed in action. That Sunday, July 15, a solemn high mass was held at St. Joseph’s Church for Parenteau.

In Aug. 1945, the 164th Infantry sent a detail back to Negros Island to search for Parenteau’s body, but they were unsuccessful.

In Dec. 1947, a team went to Negros Island and searched the area again, talking with residents in an attempt to ascertain whether anyone had found the body of an American soldier. Again, the effort was unavailing.

On May 13, 1949, the American Graves Registration Service of the Army’s Quartermaster Corps recommended that the remains of Pfc. Eugene Parenteau be considered unrecoverable.

In April 2007, the Joint POW/

MIA Accounting Command at Hickam AFB, HI, opened Parenteau’s case file and began gathering information on where he was lost. Later that year, the U.S. government entered negotiations with the Philippine government to arrange for the deployment of a research team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command to the Philippines.

“Unfortunately, Muslim extremists in the southern Philippines prevented the deployment of any teams to the Philippines,” the informational statement read.

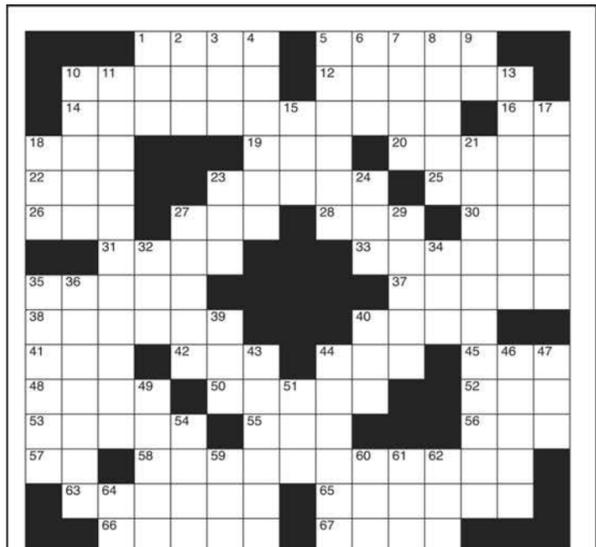
Today, there is an ongoing search for Parenteau’s remains by a private group of civilians in the Philippines belonging to the Philippine-American POW/MIA Research Group.

“Hopefully, with the work that is being done in the Philippines, someday we can see a rosette placed next to Eugene Parenteau’s name on the Tablets of the Missing or Buried at Sea at the Manila American Cemetery and here at this bridge,” the statement read. “The rosette is used to signify that the missing serviceman has been recovered and identified.”

Leicester currently has 19 veteran squares named for individual servicemen who gave their lives for their country.

For local residents and officials, it was a high honor to recognize and remember Parenteau’s sacrifice. The bridge dedication will ensure that his legacy continues to inspire the community, officials said.

“The Cherry Valley Legion members and Auxiliary continue to honor and serve our veterans,” said Senator Anne Gobi, who attended the dedication along with several other officials. “The moving ceremony for the dedication is a poignant symbol that Private Parenteau will not be forgotten. It was an honor to attend.”

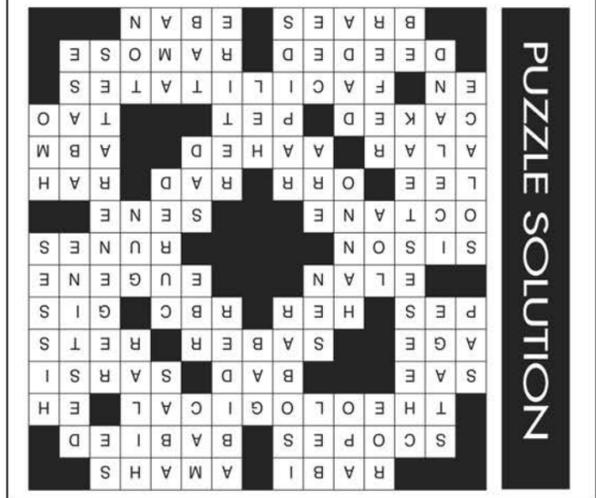


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Crops sown in winter in India
- 5. Nursemaids in East Asia
- 10. Investigates
- 12. Treated like a child
- 14. About religious belief
- 16. Widely used exclamation
- 18. Car mechanics group
- 19. Not good
- 20. Indigenous people of Alberta
- 22. Everyone has one
- 23. Fencing sword
- 25. Soaks
- 26. The human foot
- 27. Of she
- 28. Erythrocyte (abbr.)
- 30. Soldiers
- 31. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 33. Playwright O’Neill
- 35. Stone parsley
- 37. Small stones
- 38. Gas descriptor
- 40. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 41. Jeans manufacturer
- 42. NHL great Bobby
- 44. Cool!
- 45. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 48. Winged
- 50. Partner to “oohed”
- 52. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 53. Coated
- 55. Furry household friend
- 56. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 57. Prefix meaning “within”
- 58. Makes easier
- 63. Transferred property
- 65. Branched
- 66. Hillsides
- 67. Abba \_\_, Israeli diplomat

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Eggs in a female fish
- 2. Military mailbox
- 3. Unit to compare power levels
- 4. Line on a map connecting similar points
- 5. One who accepts
- 6. Partner to cheese
- 7. Ancient Greek sophist
- 8. About hilus
- 9. Southeast
- 10. Where actors ply their trade
- 11. Beloved Philly sandwich
- 13. Intend
- 15. Talk excessively
- 17. Bronx cheers
- 18. Drain
- 21. Renews
- 23. Monetary unit in Asia
- 24. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 27. Carthaginian statesman
- 29. Aged
- 32. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
- 34. Firearm
- 35. Consolation
- 36. An island in the north Atlantic
- 39. Pitching statistic
- 40. Disconsolate
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Call it a career
- 46. Behave in a way that degrades someone
- 47. Health insurance
- 49. Recommend
- 51. Baltic peninsula
- 54. Father
- 59. After B
- 60. Bar bill
- 61. Doctors’ group
- 62. 2,000 lbs.
- 64. Equal to one quintillion bytes.



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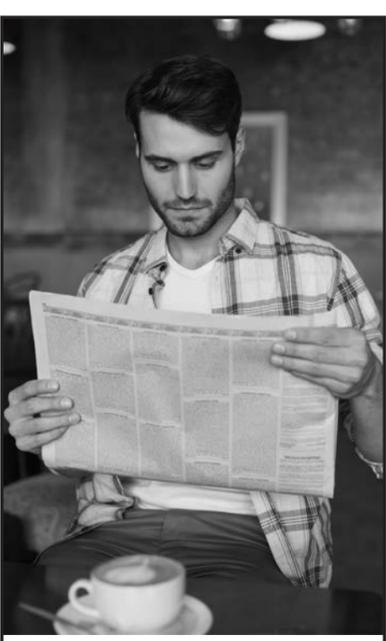
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# Backroads Studio Tour returns this weekend

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REGION – The Backroads Studio Tour is back for another year to help showcase local artists and their works.

The 2022 tour will feature artists located in Spencer, North Brookfield, Petersham, Barre, and New Braintree. The two-day tour will take place on Oct. 1 & 2.

If you enjoy meeting local artists and viewing their works, check out this free, self-guided tour that will bring you through the studios of 11 artists. The tour will take place on each day between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Specific arts and crafts represented on tour include wood engraving, painting, leather handbags, stained glass, jewelry, baskets, furniture, paper works, ironworks, hooked rugs, and needlework, among others.

There will also be artwork for sale and demonstrations held at the tour sites.

“This year, the tour welcomes two new members: Sylvia Brown and Abigail Rorer, both from Petersham,” read a statement promoting the tour. “Sylvia will showcase her line of contemporary classic leather handbags, garments, belts, briefcases, and luggage. Abigail is primarily a wood engraver and silversmith artist, but also works in pen and ink, watercolor, etching, and pencil drawing. She will demonstrate her many skills and have books, prints, and drawings for sale.”

In Barre, you will find three more studios, including Deer Run Studio, where metalsmith Bonnie Waterhouse works with sterling silver, semiprecious stones, fused glass, and crystals to create rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings,

and ornaments.

Across the street from Waterhouse’s studio is Sue Morello, of Sheldon Farm Baskets. She creates baskets in a variety of shapes and sizes, many of which are hand-painted.

Also located in Barre is Robert Hill, who enjoys creating artwork from glass that has texture and character. His favorite pieces are those designed for gardens.

A short drive to New Braintree will bring you to David Thompson’s woodshop studio. There, you will find a collection of handcrafted spoons, bowls, and kitchenware.

Also in New Braintree is Hillside Ironworks, where Jeremy Kokocinski can be found working on custom, ornamental ironwork and sculptures, as well as indoor and outdoor furniture. Self-taught in traditional blacksmithing,

Kokocinski built his own barn for his work studio.

In North Brookfield, there are two more studios to visit. At Palmer Design Group, you will find Jefferey Palmer, who handcrafts furniture.

Nearby, Elisabeth Hyder will welcome guests to Brookfield Paperworks to view her boxes, journals, cards, framed art, and collages.

Finally, in Spencer, guests will find Lou Meyerdiereks creating table runners, penny rugs, and holiday pieces using the techniques of wool applique, rug hooking, needle punch, and counted cross stitch. She will also host Karen Healey, of The Dappled Ewe, who will display her hand-dyed wool, rugs, and original rug hooking patterns, among other items.

For more information about the tour, visit [www.backroadsstudiotour.org](http://www.backroadsstudiotour.org).

## Climate change book donations update library collections

REGION — Six area libraries so far have purchased relevant, up-to-date books on climate change over the past three months with donations from Grassroots Central Mass, an all-volunteer organization.

The GCM fund-raising campaign began before Covid-19 sidelined in-person work, but people still made individual donations and members still sold bumper stickers in towns in and near Western Worcester County, all netting nearly \$1,000.

“We let libraries select the books after providing lists of suggestions. Adult and youth books on this vital topic are reaching shelves now, and librarians are telling us they are moving quickly off those shelves,” said GCM member Bob Datz of West Brookfield. “We were a little surprised a couple librarians shied away from the offer, but most received it warmly.”

Selected libraries that obtained titles to date include Brimfield Public Library, Leicester Public Library, Haston Free Library in North Brookfield, Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, Richard Sugden Library in Spencer and West Brookfield’s Merriam-Gilbert Public Library. Other book request lists are in hand, and a small amount remains in the fund for interested libraries.

“Access to high-quality factual information is part of the library’s mis-

sion, and we are happy to partner with Grassroots Central Mass to provide these materials to the Leicester community and all Massachusetts library patrons,” Suzanne Hall, that town’s library director, said.

She noted that all the books distributed are available to library patrons across Central and Western Massachusetts through the C/W MARS interlibrary loan system.

Directors MaryAnne Pelletier in West Brookfield and Dawn Thistle in North Brookfield both said

some of the new titles were checked out soon after arrival this summer. Ms. Toomey mentioned that the topic of environmental sustainability was incorporated into her library’s summer reading program.

The titles range far beyond easy-to-read global warming science selections. They include sensitively crafted children’s stories and practical guides to sustainable home improvement and agriculture.

“With the libraries’ buying wholesale, we have been able to provide over 50 titles so far, and we’re happy to do it,” Datz said. “Sensible action in a warming world requires solid information. If we can help more people live and act with vision we’ll all be better off, and the sooner the better.”

## Paxton area seniors are traveling again

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, we will have the opportunity to visit the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The group will enjoy a 60 minute guided tour of this museum which is dedicated to the science and behavior of whales, their cultural impact, threats to their survival, and empowering all to support conservation efforts. See the massive whale skeletons and a half scale model of a 19th century whaling ship.

Following our Learning experience in New Bedford, our bus will take us to the City of Providence, R.I. And lunch at Cassarinos Restaurant in the great Italian restaurant area of Providence. For our lunch we will be selecting our entrees from this menu: Pollo Parmigiana (chicken cutlet with Italian cheeses and mar-

inara sauce), Penne Primavera (penne topped with a medley of fresh vegetables sauteed in Olive Oil and Garlic) or Baked Fish with a Ritz Cracker crumb topping. Bruschetta will be served prior to our entree. We will finish the wonderful meal with coffee and a Cannoli. A glass of Wine will be available to purchase.

After Lunch, if you are not asleep, a Step-on Guide we give us a one and a half hour tour of one of America’s favorite Cities. We will view the city from Federal Hill, State House to College Hill, home of Brown University. Our guide will show us places in Providence that we never knew existed. There will be photo opportunities along the way.

To finish the day, we will head for Smithfield, RI to Wright’s Dairy

Farm & Bakery, not to be confused with Wright’s Chicken Restaurant. The Farm and Bakery offers a great variety of baked goods and even a 1966 Streamline trailer offering Ice Cream. What a way to end our trip before arriving back in Paxton by 6:30 p.m.

The cost of this wonderful day of learning, eating and enjoying the countryside is \$105.

Checks should be made payable to Wilson Bus Lines and mailed to Bob Wilby, 11 Tanglewood Rd., Paxton, MA 01612 by Oct. 5.

The Wilson Bus will leave from the Paxton Senior Center, 17 West St. at 8 a.m. Plenty of parking is available in the lower lot.

For reservations and menu choice, please contact Bob at 508-792-4662 or [rwilby@charter.net](mailto:rwilby@charter.net).

## North Brookfield’s Oktoberfest just around the corner

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The excitement is building! North Brookfield’s Oktoberfest is just around the corner! It will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Common Ground Ciderworks, 31 East Brookfield Rd. There will be something for everyone! Vendors, Games and Contests, Raffles and Prizes, a ‘Recycled Good Stuff for Cheap’ Table, Food and Drink, and Music by the Dee Gees and other local bands. An authentic German Band, “The Happy Chipmunks,” will entertain from 2 to 4 p.m. The band members dress in costume, and with instruments in hand, lead audiences in song and traditional activities for an Oktoberfest.

Some typical Volksfest activities are Yodeling, Stein Holding, Cake/Pie Eating Contest, the Chicken Dance or German Musical Chairs, Best Dressed, and Marches and Dances led by a band member or willing member of the audience. Other traditional happenings at an Oktoberfest include Tapping of the First Keg, Ein Prosit Toast, Oktoberfest ‘Cheers’, Sing-a-longs, traditional and historical music, along with popular music and dancing. All these activities create a party atmosphere. This fun time, provided by talented musicians with a refreshing comical

sense, present an audience experience flooded with laughter and song. Bring a stein or buy one, wear a costume, maybe win a prize, participate in a contest, add to the merriment. Beware of the Roaming Tuba!

All this “fun to fund-raise” to match a \$35,000 Mass. Cultural Council Grant will help to open the doors of the North Brookfield Town House as a Regional Cultural Center. The event is free with a suggested donation of \$5 that will enter you in a drawing for a cash prize.

## Sabrina Burgos joins EXIT Realty in Spencer

SPENCER — EXIT Real Estate Executives in Spencer today announced the addition of Sabrina Burgos to its team of real estate professionals.

“We’re excited to welcome Sabrina to EXIT Realty,” says Michelle Terry, Broker & Owner of EXIT Real Estate Executives. “EXIT is growing and attracting quality business people like Sabrina each and every day.”

Burgos is a part of the Hampshire County community and very familiar with the surrounding areas such as Worcester county. For the last couple of years, she has gained experience working as a CNA/ PCA for a local assisted living at Cedarbrook in Ware but also kept busy learning new trades. Sabrina is caring, has ambition and wants the best for everyone! Paying attention to detail is her specialty so when it comes to her services you’re bound to be satisfied! Years ago, she got inspired by a family/friend that is

in the Real Estate business and knew that’s what she wanted to do.

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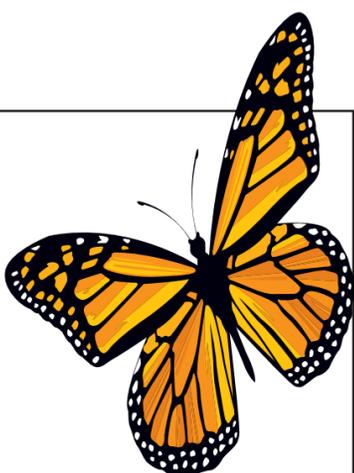


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# East Brookfield officials thankful for successful centennial

EAST BROOKFIELD – Officials thank everyone who came together to make the town's centennial parade and family fun day a success.

Parade Committee members included Larry Gordon, Chris Lavin, Vicky Zaring, Jim Joyce, Jr., Mary Anne Matys Rohde, Tricia Durand, and Scott Conner.

The Sept. 17 parade was kicked off with a flyover featuring two F-15 fighter jets, arranged by State Rep. Donnie

Berthiaume. The parade included over 30 community organizations and local businesses, three high school marching bands, and six other bands.

The parade finished with antique cars, military vehicles, and fire trucks from several area towns.

A Howe Lumber truck carried the town's birthday cake, which has since been donated to Brookfield for its celebration next year.



Photo Courtesy

East Brookfield residents enjoyed a lengthy centennial parade earlier this month.

## Book sale returns to Leicester Public Library Oct. 22

LEICESTER – The Friends of the Leicester Public Library are getting ready for their semi-annual book sale.

Set for Saturday, Oct. 22, the book sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to books, the

sale will include puzzles, audiobooks, DVD and VHS selections, magazines, board games, and music CDs.

Donations for the sale will be accepted between Oct. 1-20 during library hours.

## Christ Memorial Church hosting tag sale

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A tag sale will be held at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m.-2

p.m. Puzzles, books, clothes, kid's stuff, kitchen items, treasures, and more. Name your own price. Special: Indoor Plants Sale! Rain date Oct. 8.

## DA's outreach team visits Spencer Senior Center

SPENCER – The outreach team from Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early's office recently visited the Spencer Senior Center for an informative program.

On Sept. 21, outreach team

members spoke with seniors about recognizing and avoiding scams. Local seniors are often targeted by scammers, who are always coming up with new and creative traps using technology.

"It is vital that we keep citi-

zens informed on changing tactics, how to spot them, and what to do next. Thank you to [Senior Center Director] April Caruso for having us," read a statement released by District Attorney Early's office.



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Robin is a realtor with EXIT Real

Estate Executives. She has been an agent for 5 years and recently became a member of the Realtor Association of Central Massachusetts. Her foundation for becoming a realtor is her passion for helping people. Throughout her life, Robin's work experience has always revolved around helping people and is looking forward to continuing that passion through real estate.

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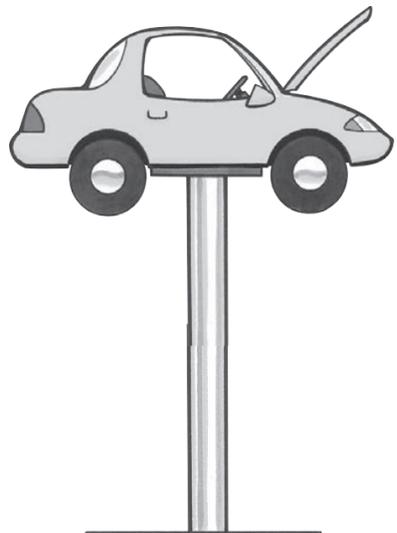
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EDITORIAL

*The voice of the young is more important than ever*

We have heard much buzz from younger voters recently regarding the upcoming midterm elections, and the overwhelming consensus among them, is that their votes do not count. While there are exceptions to this rule, we figured we would stress to our younger counterparts how important it is to pay attention and to head to the ballot box.

The youth voice is important whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, or something in between. Important issues in every election directly relate to concerns students and young professionals have, which is even more reason to arm yourself with knowledge. Truth be told, younger voters are needed now more than ever. Issues that concern students are college tuition reform, healthcare and federal job programs to name a few. You may not care now, but you may care a few years from now when choices politicians make, begin to affect your life, and they will.

Young voters make up almost 50 percent of the voting population, giving you a stronger voice than you think, making your votes collectively more influential across the board. An interesting bit of trivia is that youth votes declined by 2 percent from a record of 52 percent in 2008. In 2016, 19 percent of those ages 18-29 voted in the presidential election. Those ages 45-64, however, made up for 49 percent of the vote.

You may not think your vote counts, but, every vote counts. Oftentimes, politicians will win by a small margin as low as 20 votes, especially in local and state races, proof that your vote DOES matter. Young people that want to inspire change need to find the candidate who represents their values best, and cast their votes.

With news at our fingertips these days, it's easier now more than ever to educate yourself regarding politics. Sure, it may seem boring and often times it is, but educating yourself on current events and the issues will serve you well. One bit of advice is to not believe everything you read or see and to always fact check your sources. Protect your interests and use your voice, after all this is what democracy is all about.

Do not be discouraged or intimidated to vote, it's easy. You have a right to be at the polls just like every other American. Bring a friend and go grab some lunch or breakfast afterwards, making it a fun occasion.



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# VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS



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Leicester High School juniors and seniors continue to make good use of the former Becker College campus, most recently by attending a college fair in the gym. More than 50 colleges participated in the Sept. 23 fair. School officials said the LHS students were excited to welcome college officials to their new home and learn more about opportunities for higher learning.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**The price tag for DPHS is justifiable**

To the Editor:

My wife and I, Elaine, live in town. We are both 80, retired and live on a strict budget. The town of Spencer is asking us to pay an extra \$680, give or take, a year, for a new high school. That's about \$50 a month.

According to Google averages, the cost of cigarettes is \$2,300 per year or more. A shiny new car is \$30,000 - \$50,000. A daily cup of coffee is \$3 or more. A good bottle of wine is \$25. Take the wife out to dinner and it is \$50- \$60-plus. Having burgers and fries for lunch with the grandkids is \$30- \$40.

Buying lotto tickets — "oh, those pesky tickets, got to have them" — is way over \$1,000 per year.

Yet in our strict budgets, there's

money for those unaffordable luxuries. Now the town is asking for a small amount of \$680 a year to build a brand new high school for our Children now and future grandchildren. So ask yourselves how you can afford to buy a new car, cigarettes, wine, burgers and fries, lotto tickets, and deny our children a new school for the education they deserve. One of the first questions asked by new families to the realtor is "How good is your high school?" There's just so many band aids in the can, then its empty. Vote yes now, or pay millions more later, then what?

Thank you,

JOHN MENDES  
SPENCER

**We cannot afford to say no to DPHS renovations**

To the Editor:

Ever since the Sept. 14 town meeting in Spencer re: the DPHS school building project, I want to encourage our citizens to vote "yes" on this project. While I certainly understand that nobody wants higher taxes, we cannot afford, as a town, to say "no." The stakes are too high. I have no children, but I am taking a different approach here: We all owe a debt of gratitude to our parents, grandparents, and citizens for making education a priority in Spencer. I challenge anybody to state that they have not benefited from the education they received — when in Spencer or elsewhere. It's time for us to honor the legacy of those who provided an education for US by providing an education for this and future generations. We need to pay it forward; our time is now.

Some lady at the town meeting in Spencer denigrated our town by saying "This is Spencer. Spencer does not deserve 'state of the art' anything," or something to that effect. I'd like

to close by listing just a few notable DPHS grads; I know there are many more. Some I know the graduation year; some I do not.

Fred Eppinger - former CEO, Hanover Insurance

Anne Eppinger - former Director of Student Health Services, University of Notre Dame

Leslie Small (my class, 1968) - first woman accepted to WPI

John Waickwicz - US Navy, retired, Admiral

Gail Smith Carberry (class of 1966) - former president, Quinsigamond Community College

Don Brown - UMass Amherst, head football coach

Patrick Ricard - Baltimore Ravens football team

In conclusion, I am proud to say "This is Spencer." Say it loud; say it proud. Vote yes.

SUSAN TERKIANIAN  
SPENCER

**Vote your household budget**

To the Editor:

Get ready! Utility bills and property taxes are on the rise! Therefore, your disposable income is being further eroded!

The country is embroiled in sky high inflation and the economy is in recession, contrary to White House proclamations!

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve continues to warn that Americans will feel more pain and economic hardship as a result of interest rate hikes.

Massive declines in the stock market that torched \$1.5 trillion last week indicate that the economy is stagnant. Brace yourselves — Massachusetts residents are about to see their home energy bills get extraordinarily expensive and Spencer/East Brookfield taxpayers are being asked to increase their property taxes, average per household, \$1,000 per year for 30 years!

Of 50 states, Massachusetts ranks fourth in most expensive energy costs, and second in most expensive per pupil spending!

Most electricity plants in New England burn natural gas. If you're a National Grid customer, expect your electric bill to increase 64 percent and your natural gas bill to increase 33

percent starting Nov. 1, and expect your home heating oil receipt to pack a punch, average \$1,300 for one 275-gallon tank. Most customers use, on average, three tanks over the winter season.

If you're a resident of East Brookfield or Spencer, you may have the added burden of a ginormous increase in your property taxes, average per household \$1,000 per year for 30 years!

Residents of Spencer and East Brookfield are being asked to vote to override proposition 2 1/2, Oct. 4, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

The question is yes or no for a massive increase in your property taxes, average per household \$1,000 per year for 30 years!

Households operate on budgets dependent on income. Be cognizant and be ready for less disposable income due to higher utility bills and possibly higher property tax increases.

And FYI: The Spencer/East Brookfield School Committee refused both town clerks' recommendation to add the question to the annual state election ballot on Nov. 8, just one month away. Their refusal wasted a substantial amount of time and money for both Spencer and East Brookfield

## Failure to plan: Is it planning to fail?

Benjamin Franklin once said, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail." But as you chart your financial course, what steps should you take to help you keep moving forward to where you want to go?

Consider these suggestions: Establish and quantify your goals. Throughout your life, you'll have short-term goals, such as an overseas vacation or a home renovation, and long-term goals, the most important of which may be a comfortable retirement. You'll want to identify all your goals and put a "price tag" on them. Of course, it's not always possible to know exactly how much it will cost to achieve each goal, but you can develop reasonably good estimates, revising them as needed.

Create an investment strategy to achieve your goals. Once you know how much your goals will cost, you can create the appropriate savings and investment strategies to potentially help you reach the needed amounts. For your retirement goal, you will likely need to contribute regularly to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But for short-term goals, you may need to explore other types of investments. For all your investment moves, though, you'll need to consider your risk tolerance. You won't want your portfolio to have such a high-risk level that you're constantly uncomfortable with the inevitable fluctuations of the financial markets. On the other hand, you won't want to invest so conservatively that you jeopardize your chances of achieving the growth you need to reach your goals.

Control your debts. We live in an expensive world, so it's not easy to live debt-free. And some debts, such as your mortgage, obviously have value. But if you can control other debts, especially those that carry high interest rates, you can possibly free up money you can use to boost your savings and investments.

Prepare for obstacles. No matter how carefully you follow the strategies you've created to achieve your goals, you will, sooner or later, run into obstacles, or at least temporary challenges. What if you incur a large, unexpected expense, such as the sudden need for a new car or a major home repair? If you aren't prepared for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments — and every time you do that, you might slow your progress toward achieving your goals. To help prevent this, you should build an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses.

Review your strategy. When you first created your financial strategy, you might have planned to retire at a certain age. But what if you eventually decide to retire earlier or later? Such a choice can have a big impact on what you need from your investment portfolio — and when. And your circumstances may change in other ways, too. That's why it's a good idea to review your strategy periodically to make sure it still aligns with your up-to-date objectives.

None of us can guarantee that our carefully laid plans will always yield the results we want. But by taking the right steps at the right times, you can greatly improve your chances.

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taxpayers!  
Please vote Tuesday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. in Spencer and East Brookfield.

JEN GAUCHER  
SPENCER



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## What does the republic Constitution represent?

To the Editor:

The Republic Constitution represents the people and their allegiants to this country, nation to God, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all and for whoever sincerely alleges to become legal citizens of this country, USA.

The Republic Constitution cannot make a pledge under God and sin the sin of abortion, according to God's Word abortion is sin, detestable to God, so, be advised, abortion is not in the Constitution.

God's Word does not specifically mention abortion; however, it does teach that at conception, the sperm begins and continues towards the fertilization of the egg and implants into the uterus and pregnancy begins, and God calls this the beginning of life.

I was not able to find anywhere in the Constitution abortion is mentioned, or that it is our choice, our right, and that is because it is not, and that is because our Founding Fathers established the republic Constitution under God's moral law.

What does republic mean in government? Republic is a form of government in which the people hold power; but elect representatives to exercise that power. A republic is when the citizen has the supreme power and they exercise that power by voting and electing a representative to make decisions and govern. This is not allowed

in socialism.

What is an example of a Constitutional republic? It is these United States' form of government that the citizens of this country we the people have the right and privilege to elect our president and vice president and other representatives we choose to vote for as the constitution directs us for our best interest. Note; this is not allowed in socialism.

What is a republic vs. democracy? It is a state in which supreme power is obtain by the people through the peoples votes and the people elect a president and state representatives to represent us, the people; as for democracy it is a form of monarch, a single or sole ruler of a state [socialism] we presently have a Republic Constitution a government by the people for the people who have the peoples best interest. Note; this is not allowed in socialism.

What is the Constitution, and why? The republic Constitution is how we are presently being governed. It was established by our Founding Fathers in Philadelphia in 1787, it was a convention to separate the powers of government into three branches, president, congress and senate and the president was to be elected by the electoral college independent judiciary system. This form of constitution government was to prevent arbitrary changes and amendments, a system to be proposed by two-thirds voters of both house of

congress and senate. There are to many amendments to list.

Now to share with you why the Constitution does not make mention and or gave the right to abortion. Roe vs. Wade should not have been made law and that is why the Supreme Court reversed, removed Roe vs. Wade from the constitution because it is an abomination, detestable to "God "and" the constitution was established under God and God should be highly respected, revered.

Do you realize that only 1-2 percent of abortions can be traced to rape or incest and about 1 percent performed to save the mothers life? This is teaching me that the majority of abortion is by choice rather than need.

Gods Word does not specifically mention abortion; however, it does teach what the circumstances are if an unborn is injured. If a pregnant woman's baby is injured in the process of being attacked there will be accountability for the baby. Exodus 21: 22-25, this tells us that the unborn is very important to God and should be for us.

What God's Word is teaching us is, God knows every thing about us even from the beginning of birth that starts with the mans sperm and woman's egg, they meet and fertilize forming an embryo and from their a fetus and from there earthly life, however, God recognizes life from the beginning of fertilization time. God recognizes

the unborn life and we also need to, and there will be accountability if that child, fetus is hurt in any way. Psalm 139:13-16. We all one day will give account to God for our life, living, choices.

I have shared my convictions against abortion according to God's Word, moral laws. Choose wisely, our eternal life is jeopardized when we turn our back in disobedience to God.

I would like to make a suggestion to some of our elected democratic officials. I am suggesting that "you" also observe your protocol by observing and assisting illegal immigrants and not leaving all the responsibility to the Border States. Martha's Vineyard refused 50 immigrants and sent them back inland.

I was told while growing up that I should not ask anything of someone "if " I am not willing to do what I am asking of others, and I a suggesting our present government needs to set the example.

I am suggesting, recommending we the people vote to remain a Republic Constitution Government Country, Nation, USA under God "or" the consequences could be we become a country dictated, subjected by socialism.

Let us dwell in peace as a republic nation!

ROLAND BLAIS  
BROOKFIELD

## Just a few reasons to say yes to DPHS renovations

To The Editor:

I had planned on speaking at the Sept. 14 Spencer Special Town Meeting, but decided not to given the from the heart, fact filled words spoken by many high school students, parents, teachers and recent DPHS graduates. However, I now wish to point out a few facts.

First is the \$46,800,000 in state funds that will help defray the cost. This money is available only for this project and, if this vote fails, will not be available for at least another eight to 10 years. However, both towns will then have to foot the total cost to repair and update a near 60 year old building that will still not meet the educational needs of our 21 first century young people. Tens of millions of local tax dollars will still need to be spent on things like asbestos abatement, membrane roof replacements, safe seating in the auditorium, healthy and safe locker rooms, adequate administration office space, functional rest rooms at the track and field, complete window replacement with energy efficient windows that are mold free, replace lockers with new units that function, functional back-up and egress lighting, science labs that meet the required state standards for size and safety as the current labs do neither; safe weight lifting room, replace inefficient, prone to freezing HVAC system that can't be replaced with a modern system that operates at optimum efficiency at providing clean air into the building due to a lack of space between the floors as that is how schools were built in the '60's.

Secondly, I wish to point out that the renovation/reconstruction will also allow state of the art teaching space for the four state approved vocational programs DPHS now offers. These programs are not offered at Bay Path RVTHS. Together with the renovations and addition they will serve as a magnet that will attract both students that live in district as well as school choice students from other districts. Presently the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional

School District loses over \$1 million a year in state funds that goes to pay for our students to go to other school districts or charter schools. For each student that stays a DPHS or school choices in the district receives \$5,000 and \$10,000 per student respectively.

Thirdly, I want to correct some of the false information that was said by the naysayers at the Special Spencer Town Meeting. They have repeatedly stated that this project is due to a lack of maintenance. Neither the classrooms, science labs or gym meet today's size requirements. These classrooms and science labs have load bearing walls that can't just be moved. Gym walls would be difficult, if not impossible to extend. The locker rooms need to be made larger to provide a safe environment. The bursting pipe that led to the school being closed for several days in February happened because of the poor design and use of these systems in the '60's. This is nothing new as the same thing happened at DPHS around 2008. The same type of flood also occurred at Overlook Middle School in Ashburnham. These units are prone to freezing up and pipes bursting at extreme low temperatures. Maintenance has nothing to do with these needs.

Another naysayer stated that there was he doubted students would be attracted to attend the new DPHS. Yes, there is no guarantee that our school choice numbers going out will be reduced and our incoming school choice numbers will increase, but I can tell you that the first year the new Auburn High School opened, their enrollment jumped by about 100 students. These was no baby boom in Auburn 14 years earlier, but parents and students that had been choosing other high schools now wanted Auburn High School their choice. I am pretty sure the same thing will happen at DPHS. This will produce more state funds for the district.

Lastly, I wish to answer the woman

who basically stated that kids from Spencer and East Brookfield didn't need the same educational opportunities as the kids from Wellesley or Newton, etc. All children in America deserve an equal educational opportunity. Over the years, DPHS graduates have become physicians, dentists, lawyers, scientific researchers and business leaders etc. Furthermore, a teacher made the point that every school in the sports league that DPHS plays was

built 2,000 or later.

These include towns like Southbridge and Webster which are hardly wealthy communities.

As a DPHS graduate myself, I say it's time we pay it forward and vote yes on Oct. 4.

RALPH E. HICKS, ED. D.  
SPENCER

## Prouty tax facts

To the Editor:

On Oct. 4, you have the chance to vote on the inflation that's hitting your household budget. The town is asking you to fund part of the 111.6-million-dollar renovation project renovations to David Prouty School. They are asking you to fund \$64.8 million of this with a \$2.75 per thousand increase in your property taxes for 20 years. For an average home valued at \$300,000, that translates to an \$825 annual increase of you tax bill. That's almost a 15 percent increase! Isn't this what Prop 2 ½ was supposed to stop?

What is the inflationary impact of this tax increase on you? It means if you pay a mortgage where your property taxes are rolled into it, you will see an increase of your payment by \$100 or more. Those that pay rent may feel it doesn't affect them. Think again. The owner of the property will pass into to you as a rent increase. If you pay \$1,500 a month in rent, expect it to go to \$1,700 a month if this increase passes. Commercial property owners and business owners will need to pass the increase on to the customer. Costs for services and goods will increase to the people who live in these towns. In a time of record inflation and soaring costs, do the people of Spencer need to have this burden placed on them?

It predicted that fuel oil will be prioritized for shipment to heat Europe this winter by the Biden administration. That will mean record prices here in the United States. The cost of electricity is predicted to hike 60 percent this winter demand increases. According to those in charge, it is our duty to suffer and accept it.

While it is nice that people say the students deserve a new school, I say it's better in these times the money stays in the household budget. A warm house and a food in their bellies is better than a renovated school. Let's see what the cold Biden winter has in store for us before we commit to overloading household with another inflationary shock. You may have little say in the fuel and food increases, but you do have a say in this property tax increase. If you want to absorb another big increase in your household budget, then vote yes. If you want to hunker down and ride out the storm of inflation, then vote no. A lot of people say don't listen to the misinformation. I agree! That's why I give the Prouty facts and you live with the consequences. Your vote counts. Vote No and tell them now is not the time!

MARK ROBILLARD  
SPENCER

## Harvesting red and green tomatoes

Nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Harvesting when they are fully ripe ensures the best flavor for eating fresh, cooking, and preserving.

Visit your garden often and watch for the fruit to turn from green

to fully colored. Then leave them on the plant for five to eight days. Vine-ripened tomatoes have the best flavor for using fresh or preserving.

Check plants regularly and keep harvesting, so the plants continue to produce. This also reduces problems with insects and disease organisms attacking overripe or rotting fruit. Store mature, fully colored tomatoes in cool, 45-to-50-degree conditions with high humidity. They will last about seven to 14 days in these conditions.

When growing indeterminate tomatoes, you will notice the plants keep growing and producing more flowers and fruit until the frost kills the plant. Redirect the plant's energy from sprouting new blossoms and fruit to ripening the fruit that is already on the plant. Prune off the stem tip of indeterminate tomatoes about a month before the average first fall frost in your area. This allows the existing flowers to develop into fruit and the existing fruit to mature before the end of the growing



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season.

Extend the harvest season with the help of floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light, and water through, but trap heat around the plants. Protecting plants from the first few fall frosts often provides time for

more tomatoes to ripen.

Sometimes you cannot protect plants from frost or hungry critters prevent you from leaving the tomatoes on the plant to fully ripen. You can pick any tomatoes that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. The blossom end should be greenish white or starting to color up. Use blemished and cracked fruit right away since these do not store well.

Store green and under-ripe tomatoes in a cool 60-to-65-degree location to maximize their storage life. Set the tomatoes on heavy paper spread apart so they are not touching. Or wrap them individually in newspaper so the fruit do not make direct contact. This helps prevent rot spreading from one fruit to the next.

These tomatoes will ripen over the next few weeks. You can speed up the process by moving a few tomatoes to a bright, warm location a few days before they are needed.



Photo Melinda Myers

'Tye Dye' tomato in the garden with red and green tomatoes to harvest.

Extend the tomato season next year by growing a Long Keeper. The flavor is not as good as vine-ripened fruit, but

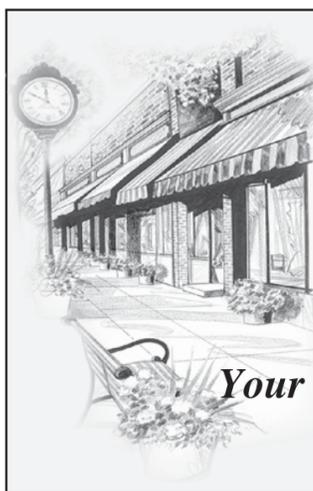
you can pick these before the first fall frost and enjoy garden tomatoes for up to three months.

And don't let the rest of the green tomatoes go to waste. Use them for frying, chow chow, green salsa, and other tasty treats.

Keep harvesting and enjoying your garden-fresh tomatoes as long as your growing season allows. Then make space to store them a few weeks after the first fall frost.

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

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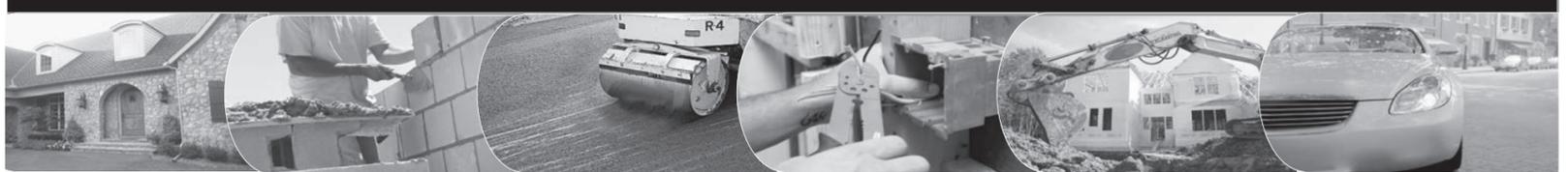
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# LEGALS

## Notice of Public Hearing

**Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Special Permit— Applicant: Brian Lochner/ Owner: Robert Ortiz; Location: 143 Main Street, Spencer Assessor's Map U13-125. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 4.3-20 (Tattoo parlors or body piercing studios) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to operate a Tattoo Parlor. The property is in the Town Center (TC) zoning district. September 23, 2022  
September 30, 2022

## Notice of Public Hearing

**Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Special Permit (Renewal) – Applicant/ Owner: Bond Construction Corp. Location: Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R09-1 & R09-2. The applicant is looking to renew their Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district. Special Permit (Renewal) - Applicant/Owner: Leo Aucoin. Location: 89 Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R02-2-1. The applicant is looking to renew his Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district. September 23, 2022  
September 30, 2022

## Notice of Public Hearing

**Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**  
At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:  
Special Permit (Renewal) – Applicant/ Owner: Royal Crest Farm, Robert & Margaret Moschini; Location: 30 Howe Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R023-25. The applicant is looking to renew their Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district. September 23, 2022  
September 30, 2022

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David E. Young to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., dated May 24, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51019, Page 323 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns to Quicken Loans Inc., recorded on November 29, 2018, in Book No. 59747, at Page 85 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on October 21, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 18 Summit Street, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:  
Land Situated in the County of Worcester in the State of MA BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER THEREOF, AT A STONE MONUMENT IN THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID STREET AND AT LAND FORMERLY OF ONE DUSTIN; THENCE S. 15 DEGREES 25' E. BY SAID DUSTIN LAND, 59 10/12 FEET TO LAND FORMERLY OF EDWARD E. GREEN; THENCE N. 74 DEGREES 35' E BY SAID GREEN LAND, 92.75 FEET TO LAND FORMERLY OF ELLA M. SNOW; THENCE N. 15 DEGREES 25' W. BY SAID SNOW LAND, 99 10/12 FEET TO SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF SUMMIT STREET, THENCE WESTERLY BY SAID STREET LINE, 92.75 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 18 Summit Street, Spencer, MA 01562

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43127, Page 3.

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ity over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

## TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

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## Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

**Mark A. Auger** has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to remove trees located at **45 Oakland Drive**, Spencer, MA.

**Peter Fifield** has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to remove a tree located at **59 Lake Avenue**, Spencer, MA.

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at which time all persons having an interest may be present or call in remotely to participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 6:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman  
September 30, 2022

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

### Probate and Family Court

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Docket No. WO22C0443CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

**Travis James Backofen**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Travis James Backofen of West Brookfield MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Travis James Waddell**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/11/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 08, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman  
September 30, 2022

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

### Probate and Family Court

#### Worcester Probate and Family Court

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Docket No. WO22P3230EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

Thomas Gordon Decell

Also known as:

Thomas G Decell

Date of Death: 10/27/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Monica C Decell of Brookfield MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Monica C Decell of Brookfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/18/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 20, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

September 30, 2022

### (SEAL)

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### LAND COURT

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

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### ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

John J. Gordon, Jr., Individually and as Personal Representative for the Estate of John J. Gordon

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 et seq.:

Finance of America Reverse LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 70 Cranberry Meadow Road, given by Elinor F Gordon, John J Gordon, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, as nominee for Finance of America Reverse LLC its successors and assigns, dated July 15, 2016, and recorded or filed in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55671, Page 348, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 10/24/2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on 9/12/2022

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

September 30, 2022

### LEGAL NOTICE:

## TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, 18-25, as amended by Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009, The Wetlands Protection Act, the West Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on WEDNESDAY October 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Lower Level Meeting Room, West Brookfield Town Hall, 2 East Main Street.

6:00 – Public Hearing:

- RDA – RDA – 33 Lake Shore Drive Ext – Bonvie – Tree Removal
- NOI – 65 Snow Road – Nadon – Stream Crossing
- NOI – 147 Wigwam Road – Fusco – Barn Addition

September 30, 2022

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

### Probate and Family Court

#### Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608

(508) 831-2200

Docket No. WO22P3222EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

Elvira M Siana

Also Known As:

Elvira Siana

Date of Death: 04/19/2022

To all interested persons:

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

The Petitioner requests that

**Anna Tonna of West 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 10/18/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 19, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

September 30, 2022

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

### Probate and Family Court

#### Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street

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(508) 831-2200

Docket No. WO07P2022VE1

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

Edward J Wales

Date of Death: 02/26/2007

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Brenda M. Wales of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that

**Brenda M. Wales of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 16, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

September 30, 2022

# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:14 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 12:21-12:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:55 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address/2; 8:08 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 8:15 a.m.: commercial alarm (North Spencer Road), resolved; 10:02 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:32 p.m.: officer wanted (McCormick Road), re: moving trailer; 1:02 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 2:42 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 2:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), dead sheep on railroad track; 3:33 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), sick fox; 3:55 p.m.: fraud (Smithville Road), repetitive scam calls; 4:18 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:17 p.m.: DPW call (Lyford Road), tree down; 6:11 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 6:35 p.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), clothes missing; 7:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Whittemore Drive), re: sick mother; 7:28 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 10:48 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); (total daily mv stops - 2).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1:19-2:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:54 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:57 a.m.: animal complaint (Church Street), dead skunk in road; 8:11 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street), lift assist; 8:45 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 9:14 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:17 a.m.: vandalism (Chickering Road), rep. damage to property; 9:39 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), re: charges on card from Spencer PD; 10:14 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), question re: towing mv; 11:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), question re: security; 1:42 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), req. welfare check; 2:24 p.m.: mv complaint (Smithville Road), mcs racing; 2:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Fourth Avenue), re: identity theft; sometime between 2:56-3:28 p.m.: location of infraction not specified on police log, Joyce Marie Cydz, 53, 5 Lake Whittemore Drive, Spencer, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, arrest; 3:44 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 4:36 p.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 5:18 p.m.: medical/general (Bellflower Lane); 5:30 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 5:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), re: mv at shop; 6:40 p.m.: fire (Main Street), referred; 8:23 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), resolved; 8:57 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Mechanic Street), no contact; 9:14 p.m.: suspicious mv (Sumner Street), investigated; (total daily mv stops - 1).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:23 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:44-2:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:25 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 7:38 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 8:48 a.m.: missing person/juvenile (Maple Street), daughter missing; 9:35 a.m.: medical/general (May Street); 9:55 a.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 10:13 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 10:22 a.m.: accident (Chestnut Street), report taken; 11:00 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), re: retrieving belongings; 12:18 p.m.: 911 call (Chickering Road), hang-up; 12:40 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), fight/multiple juveniles; 1:11 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), someone yelling on pond; 2:10 p.m.: fire (Briarcliff Lane), poss. illegal burn; 2:38 p.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 2:44 p.m.: mutual aid (Bacon Hill Road), Paxton PD bolo; 2:48 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:15 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), panhandling; 3:22 p.m.: 911 call (Valley Street), mother missing/Worcester; 3:23 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), re: dog in mv; 5:00 p.m.: fraud (Gold Nugget Road), rec'd scam call; 5:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), c/o people on property; 5:35 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 6:10 p.m.: commercial

alarm (Main Street), accidental; 6:12 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), resolved; 7:03 p.m.: 911 call (Woodside Road), accidental; 8:04 p.m.: disabled mv (Old Meadow Road), services rendered; 8:04 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:05 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 10:19 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: lights in the sky; 11:53 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), m/f fighting; (total daily mv stops - 1).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

12:51 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:24 a.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), resolved; 2:17 a.m.: 911 call (East Avenue), accidental; 2:45 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), investigated; 6:18 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 6:53 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 8:47 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 12:24 p.m.: vandalism (Ash Street), house was egged; 2:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), issues w/ employees at restaurant; 2:24 p.m.: medical/general (Gold Nugget Road); 3:36 p.m.: juvenile matter (Bixby Road), resolved; 3:38 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), debit card found; 4:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: Instagram posts; 5:00 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), purse missing; 6:42 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:37 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), family dispute; 9:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), info taken; 10:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Road), re: intoxicated male; 10:31 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:51 p.m.: suspicious mv (Meadow Road), investigated; (total daily mv stop - 2).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12:23-1:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 3:09 a.m.: medical/general (May Street); 8:26 a.m.: residential alarm (Woodside Road), services rendered; 10:17 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 10:51 a.m.: lost/found (Old Farm Road), wallet found; 11:30 a.m.: mv lockout (Crestview Drive), assisted; 1:31 p.m.: fire alarm (Brown Street), referred; 3:03 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), kids/bikes in roadway; 5:12 p.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), info for Auburn PD; 5:42 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 6:04 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 6:28 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: mail left on porch; 7:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), loud bang heard; 8:23-9:28 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:26 p.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), investigated; 8:45 p.m.: medical/general (Pine Avenue); 11:55 p.m.: medical/general (Vine Street); (totally daily mv stops - 5).

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

12:41 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), North Brookfield PD bolo; 12:41-1:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:32 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 1:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Daniel Burgos, 52, 5 South Main Street, North Brookfield, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, arrest; 2:16 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 7:25 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:29 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 7:44 a.m.: medical/general (Sherwood Drive); 8:29 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:57 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), re: knock on door last night; 11:14 a.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), dump trucks speeding; 1:06 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:47 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 1:51 p.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), re: email from town administrator; 2:25 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), looking for subject; 4:42 p.m.: 911 call (Monticello Drive), resolved; 5:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 5:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Powers Street), missing cat; 7:11 p.m.: residential fire (North Spencer Road), referred; 7:51 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:19 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:47 p.m.: DPW call (Hastings Road), tree/wires down; 8:55 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:41 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Donnelly Cross

Road), hears alarm; 10:27 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); total daily mv stops - 1).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

12:38-1:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:54 a.m.: medical/general (Fourth Avenue); 6:54 a.m.: fire alarm (Woodside Road), referred; 8:02 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Howe Village), misdial; 8:04 a.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), req. welfare check; 10:12 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), can't locate mother-in-law; 10:28 a.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), erratic operator; 10:52 a.m.: medical/general (Irving Street); 11:44 a.m.: fire alarm (Holmes Street), referred; 1:12 p.m.: medical/general (Woodland Lane); 1:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), dead turkey in road; 4:29 p.m.: LTC/FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:53 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no emergency; 6:01 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 6:27 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 7:23 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 9:26 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:44 p.m.: building checked, secure; (total daily mv stops - 0).

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## Leicester Police

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:58 a.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), resolved; 2:25 a.m.: welfare check (Ingram Road), resolved; 5:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:43 a.m.: animal complaint (Fairview Drive), referred to ACO; 10:16 a.m.: property found (McCarthy Avenue), resolved; 11:40 a.m.: threats (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved; 12:41 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:04 p.m.: ambulance (Trenton Street), transported; 3:13 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), advised civil action; 3:57 p.m.: accident (South Main Street), report taken; 4:21 p.m.: ambulance (West Main Street, Spencer), transported; 5:36 p.m.: ambulances (June Street, Worcester), transported; 5:53 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 6:21 p.m.: suspicious mv (Collier Avenue), spoken to; 10:20 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:00 a.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), spoken to; 12:23 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:19 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), report taken; 10:23 a.m.: ambulance (Chestnut Street, Spencer), transported; 12:00 p.m.: investigation (Edward Street), report taken; 12:28 p.m.: ambulance (Allen Street, Worcester), call canceled; 12:39 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 12:48 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street, Spencer), services rendered; 4:10 p.m.: lobby service (South Main Street), report taken; 5:17 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 5:28 p.m.: disturbance (Craig Street), unfounded; 6:55 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), report taken; 6:59 p.m.: stolen mv (Wildwood Lane), report taken; 10:26 p.m.: assist citizen (West Street), spoken to.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

1:18 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:31 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 3:48 a.m.: welfare check (Pitcairne Avenue), spoken to; 7:01 a.m.: ambulance (Maple Street, Spencer), transported; 7:16 a.m.: animal complaint (River Street), referred to ACO; 7:21 a.m.: welfare check (Pitcairne Avenue), services rendered; 10:34 a.m.: parking complaint (Market Street), spoken to; 11:29 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 12:55 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 1:18 p.m.: mv stop (Lake Avenue), verbal warning; 1:25 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:28 p.m.: family problem (Deer Pond Drive), spoken to; 5:28 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 6:59 p.m.: assist other PD (Salminen Drive), resolved; 7:29 p.m.: investigation (Lakeview Drive), report taken; 10:07 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), investigated; 11:11 p.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), spo-

ken to.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Raul R. Macancela-Pilamunga, 29, 31 Boyd Street, Cherry Valley, OUI liquor, marked lanes violation, failure to stop for police, unlicensed operation, negligent operation, arrest; 1:54 a.m.: mv stop (Flint Way), spoken to; 3:22 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 8:26 a.m.: animal complaint (Mannville Street), referred to ACO; 1:19 p.m.: ambulance (Fruit Street, Worcester), transported; 2:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Soojians Drive), referred to ACO; 4:34 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 4:65 p.m.: animal complaint (Pine Street), referred to ACO; 5:59 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), resolved; 6:22 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 6:51 p.m.: threats (Chapel Street), advised civil action; 7:14 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), report taken; 10:45 p.m.: ambulance (Arlington Street, Auburn), transported.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

12:13 a.m.: transported (out of town, no location detailed on police log), transported; 7:24 a.m.: welfare check (Pitcairne Avenue), services rendered; 7:34 a.m.: accident (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 8:38 a.m.: accident (Mayflower Circle), report taken; 9:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred to ACO; 9:21 a.m.: summons service (Waite Street), unable to serve; 9:30 a.m.: summons service (Main Street), unable to serve; 9:38 a.m.: summons service (Trenton Street), unable to serve; 9:47 a.m.: summons service (Harding Street), unable to serve; 9:54 a.m.: ambulance (Mannville Street), transported; 10:44 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwin Street), transported; 10:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), referred to ACO; 12:01 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:05 p.m.: suspicious activity (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 2:25 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), transported to hospital; 4:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:05 p.m.: suspicious activity (Collier Avenue), unfounded; 5:26 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 5:36 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Ridge Road), transported; 7:34 p.m.: ambulance (Madison Street, Worcester), transported; 7:44 p.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 9:03 p.m.: ambulance (Outlook Drive, Worcester), transported.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

12:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 1:03 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), Julio Rosado, 55, 153 Chandler Street, Worcester, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 10:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:30 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), referred to other agency; 3:30 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:46 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 4:32 p.m.: ambulance (Queen Street, Worcester), transported; 6:25 p.m.: assist citizen (Meg Place); 8:46 p.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street), investigated; 8:48 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:10 a.m.: welfare check (Tanglewood Road), spoken to; 5:24 a.m.: malicious mischief (Peter Salem Road), report taken; 8:13 a.m.: assist citizen (Anna Circle), spoken to; 10:14 a.m.: investigation (Church Place), report taken; 11:55 a.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 12:01 p.m.: ambulance (Sterling Street), transported; 12:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred to ACO; 1:16 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street, Worcester), transported; 1:37 p.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 1:55 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 2:08 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 3:39 p.m.: fraud (Washburn Square), report taken; 3:43 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:16 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Street), no action required; 8:25 p.m.: disabled (Old Stafford Turnpike), assisted; 10:31 p.m.: residential b&e (Pleasant Street), report taken.

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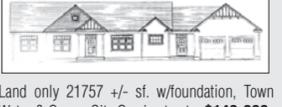
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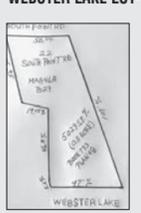
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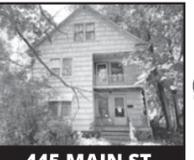
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# OBITUARIES

## James J. Mason, 76

LEICESTER- James J. Mason, 76, of Leicester, died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 surrounded by his devoted family.



He will be lovingly missed by his wife of 53 years, Pamela A. (Cutting) Mason, his daughter, Kimberly A. Mason and her fiancé Colleen O'Leary of Leicester; his son, Scott D. Mason and his wife Tara and three grandchildren: Teigan, Vincenzo and Giovanni of Concord, NH; a sister Gail Burns-Girouard and brother-in-law Edmond of Oxford; several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brother, Stephen Mason.

Born in Worcester, the son of Lena (Wassell) Saulenas and Stephen J. Mason, James graduated from South High School and proudly served his country in the US. Navy during the

Vietnam War. Upon his return, Jim was a union president and then a supervisor at Phalo Corp. in Shrewsbury until 1983 when he retired to stay home and raise his two children.

A lifelong sports enthusiast (especially softball and bowling), Jim was a passionate supporter of sports equity, starting the Leicester Girls Softball League with the late Jack Levine. He further contributed to his community as a long time member of the Leicester Lions Club and the American Legion. He liked motorcycle rides on his Suzuki 1100, taking photographs, and listening to rock 'n roll.

Jim's calling hours were held on Fri. Sept. 23 at the MORIN FUNERAL HOME in Leicester from 5 to 7 p.m. A Mass was held on Sat. Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. in St. Pius X Church in Leicester. The burial will be at a later date. Jim was an animal advocate.

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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## Paul E. Gallant, 86

LEICESTER- Paul E. Gallant, 86, of Leicester, died Saturday, September 17th peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family.



He leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Carol M. (Pratt) Gallant, a son, Michel and his wife Jan of Oxford, 3 daughters, Nancy McLaughlin and her husband Billy of Polkton, N.C., Wendy Maynard and her husband Kevin of Worcester, Di Gallant, Jim Gibney of Leicester, 3 sisters; Violet Albriecht, Gloria Allian, Irene Dutcher and her husband Laurie of New Brunswick, Canada, 3 sisters-in-laws; Shirley, Doreen, Dianne, 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins from both Canada and the U.S.

He was predeceased by his parents, Emile and Margaret (Surette) Gallant and siblings Eddy, Edna, Dorine, Roy, Oscar, Florence, Bill, Ben, Norman and Eugene.

He was born in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. He came to the

U.S. and worked at Reed & Prince in Worcester for over 20 years.

He was an avid collector. He loved his Red Sox and Patriots. Paul was always willing to help anyone, he always seemed to have whatever you needed from his 'Magic Shed'.

He loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. He spent most Saturdays driving his yellow Volkswagen, visiting friends and neighbors, his 'Saturday Stops'. We can't forget his love for the lottery and scratch tickets.

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A Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday, September 27th at 10 a.m. at St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main Street, Leicester. Friends and family are asked to go directly to the church. Burial will be private in Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Joseph/St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main Street, Leicester, MA 01524. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing arrangements for the family.

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# SPORTS

## Wild fourth quarter sees Wolverines hang on to defeat Tantasqua



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua quarterback Adam Howe delivers a pass up and over the reach of Leicester defender Andrew Boisvert.



Tantasqua's Liam Hubacz hauls in a beautiful touchdown reception.



Leicester defender Alex Russo gets good positioning on Tantasqua receiver Liam Hubacz and breaks up the pass.



Abner Colon Martinez of Tantasqua braces for impact from Leicester's defense while carrying the ball.



Leicester defender Griffin Metcalf tackles Tantasqua ball carrier Abner Colon Martinez.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

STURBRIDGE — The Reservation was packed on Friday night, Sept. 23, and those in attendance that watched the Tantasqua Regional varsity football team host Leicester High saw a dramatic fourth quarter play out.

The Wolverines held a 7-6 halftime lead and that lead held as play moved to the fourth quarter. In that final 12 minutes — the first four minutes, to be precise — both teams scored a pair of touchdowns as Leicester held on for a 21-19 victory.

The Wolverines were 0-2 to start the season, so this victory was paramount for the team's morale.

"We feel like we've been in games, but our turnovers have just sucked the life out of us," said Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths, of which the Wolverines have accumulated 16 in the three games. "Practices have still been upbeat...but you can see the frustration on all of us."

"I can't even express the toughness of giving up a couple of quick touchdowns and coming right back," added Griffiths. "The one thing that's been constant from Day One in our scrimmages is the front five."

The five offensive linemen Griffiths spoke of were Matt Direnzo at center; Anthony Saksa and Justin Long on the right side, and Miguel Mackenzie Andrew Boisvert on the left.

"We've been moving the ball against everybody, so we've been relying on them," said Griffiths.

The offensive line helped Leicester backs Griffin Metcalf and Mitchel Giggey go to work, especially in the second half. Of the Wolverines' 25 offensive snaps over the final two quarters,



Hunter Senior of Leicester goes up and over Tantasqua defender Luke Boisvert to catch a pass.

Metcalf and Giggey combined for 21 carries and 155 yards. Metcalf scored Leicester's two fourth quarter touchdowns — from 5 and 22 yards out — while Giggey found pay dirt from 34 yards away in the opening quarter.

"Our seniors are supposed to lead us, and Griffin and Mitchel did that. They had their ups and downs in the first couple weeks, but they did what they're supposed to do tonight," said Griffiths.

"I was seeing the field well and the linemen really stepped up today," added Metcalf. "Me and Mitch, we knew we were going to run the ball down their

throat all game, so we stepped up."

Metcalf's first touchdown came on the first snap of the fourth quarter, and Mason Griffiths booted his second of three successful PAT's to give the Wolverines a 14-6 lead. Tantasqua then countered with a touchdown a minute later, quarterback Adam Howe hitting Liam Hubacz on a 67-yard pass to cut the deficit down to 14-12.

Moments later, Leicester extended its lead to 21-12 following Metcalf's second touchdown, but the Warriors responded when Howe (13 for 28, 287 yards, 3 TD's) connected with Derek Plowman (5 receptions, 148 yards) on a 58-yard scoring strike. Luke Marvin's extra point kick made the score 21-19 with 8:26 to play.

But the scoring ended there, and the Wolverines held on.

"We really needed that one," said

Metcalf. "We played a tough South team and a tough Northbridge team, and turnovers have been killing us lately, but we stepped up today, held onto the ball and made it happen."

Tantasqua dropped to 1-2.

"They physically beat us up. They outcoached us, outplayed us. They destroyed us on the offensive and defensive line," said head coach Nate Orzech.

The Warriors' first half touchdown came in the second quarter, Hubacz catching his first touchdown from 21 yards out. Hubacz's two touchdowns — and two receptions — totaled 88 yards.

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## Despite loss to Narragansett, Josti-led Panthers show flashes of excellence late



Nick Ethier photos

David Prouty's Julian Kondratowicz is on the run down the field after catching a pass.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Led by junior quarterback Logan Josti, the David Prouty varsity football team trotted onto the field for one last drive with a minute and a half remaining, trailing 40-20 to a talented squad from Narragansett Regional. Despite the deficit, the youthful Panthers had a sense of urgency breaking the huddle beginning the drive from their own 15-yard line.

Wasting no time Josti connected with senior speedster Julian Kondratowicz for a 39-yard strike down the left side-line on the second play of the drive. While moving with tempo, three plays later, the Josti-led offense found themselves at the Warriors' 15-yard line following a couple big plays on the ground.

Moments later following a spike that stopped the clock with just under 20 seconds left to play, the junior signal-caller got the shotgun snap, rolled right and threw a bullet pass to fellow junior Cam Goodrich for a 15-yard touchdown strike to finish strong. This was Josti's fourth touchdown of the game. The junior accounted for three on the ground earlier in the contest.

David Prouty head Coach Pat Rossi stated after the game that Josti was the

one who called the whole last drive. "He did a great job," stated Rossi. "He gets frustrated with himself here and there because we put a lot on him, but he is young and learning. It was nice to see him drive us right there at the end, keep morale up and punch one in. We are young and have been young for awhile, but we finally have some juniors that are playing some different roles and they're finding their way. So, once they hit their stride, we are going to be a completely different team."

Although David Prouty ended the night on a high note, they still came up short with a 40-26 loss to Narragansett on Friday, Sept. 23, dropping to 0-3. The difference was seven turnovers by the Panthers: three interceptions, three botched punts and a failed inside kick recovery.

Down six, 20-14 going into halftime, the Panther defense came out to play and held the Warriors to a three-and-out and scored on their counter drive to tie the game at 20 apiece. Midway through the third quarter Narragansett got their second shot on offense in the second half, but David Prouty forced a punt following a sack by a gang of Panthers led by senior linebacker Coby Carr. Things seemed like they were shifting in David



Xavier Dejesus of David Prouty attempts to recover Narragansett's inside kick.

Prouty's favor, but following the stop on defense the offense was unable to capitalize and were forced to punt.

That is when disaster hit. The snap sailed way over punter Jameson Kondratowicz's head and the Warriors gained possession at the David Prouty 4-yard line. Narragansett scored on the next play to give them the lead, 26-20. A similar botched punt in the fourth after some massive defensive stops led to another Warriors touchdown, 34-20.

"We just changed gap responsibilities and made sure that we played the tendencies of what they were doing," Rossi explained about the Panthers halftime defensive adjustments. "We had some guys with their eyes in the backfield and they were coming down and attacking gaps correctly, so we just corrected that pretty quickly and we were able to shut them down pretty well. Seven turnovers, it is tough to win ball games when you have seven turnovers. That was our youth and our inexperience."

Rossi elaborated on how proud he was about how his defense played despite them being put into bad situations throughout the whole game.

"We didn't help them out," said Rossi. "We gave them a lot of short fields and I was very proud of their grit and determination. They stuck together, there was no finger pointing, everyone rose up. They were all encouraging

each other. It was nice to see the youth play as veterans tonight. We don't have many seniors, pretty much junior and sophomore heavy, but the kids rose up and I was very happy with how they ended up finishing the game and playing when they had their backs against the wall."

David Prouty is a team of youth and they're growing each and every week and Rossi spoke on what he is seeing from his group and his expectations for his team as the season progresses.

"It is their own belief and figuring out how to actually play. We have guys that may have played last year as sophomore, but different roles. We had guys last year that were seniors who were quote on quote playmakers, so it is guys stepping into the focal spots and knowing how to put a team on their back and drive down the field," said Rossi. "You see it in spurts that we can be electric and then there are spurts that we have a lot of miscues. It is just finding their way. We didn't go out and schedule weak opponents this year. We went out and tried to find the best of the best to play against because we know we are going to be good. We knew we weren't going to be undefeated and we are hoping to get somewhere around even 4-4, 5-3. We know it is definitely possible and we are just hoping to be there at the end and get a playoff spot."



David Prouty's Logan Josti (7) and teammate Jameson Kondratowicz tackle Narragansett's Corey Henderson.



Logan Josti of David Prouty lets a deep pass fly versus Narragansett.



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## HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Tantasqua 167, St. Paul 168 — The Warriors traveled to Green Hill for a golf match with the then-undefeated Knights. In a down to the wire match, Tantasqua edged St. Paul by a single stroke. The stellar play of freshman Sam Pieczynski (1-under par 35) and junior Colm McGrath (2-over 38) were key to the Warriors improving to 5-2, while the Knights dropped to 6-1.

Wednesday, Sept. 21  
Leicester 15, North Brookfield 50; Quaboag 20, Leicester 35; Quaboag 15, North Brookfield 50 — Competing at Quaboag Regional's 3-mile course, the Leicester High girls' cross-country team saw Abby Bernabei win her third race of the season. Both Juliana Dahlgran and Savannah Kulig ran their best times of the season as the Wolverines are now 4-2.  
Leicester 22, Quaboag 33; Leicester

23, North Brookfield 33 — The Wolverines are now a perfect 4-0 in boys' cross-country after Leicester won the meet at Quaboag. Running the same 3-mile course, the Wolverines' Jason Fournier won with an impressive time of 18:32, his third victory of the season. Teammate Gio Aguir (20:37) took second place after an impressive closing kick, and Tyler Herron placed fourth (21:46).

Tantasqua 40, Shepherd Hill 14 — Competing in match play against the Rams' golf team at Dudley Hill, the Warriors won to improve to 6-3. Medalist honors again go to Tantasqua's Sam Pieczynski as well as teammate Colm McGrath. Both shot 40's on the par-36 layout.

Monday, Sept. 26  
Tantasqua 158, Leicester 208 — Playing at Hemlock Ridge, the Warriors' golf team defeated the Wolverines, improv-



Courtesy photo

The Leicester High boys' and girls' cross-country teams have enjoyed impressive starts to their respective seasons.

ing to 7-2 in the process. Medalist honors go to Tantasqua's Sam Pieczynski, who shot an even-par 36 after birdieing his final two holes.

## Youth hockey returns to Northeast Connecticut

POMFRET, Conn. — The long-time tradition of youth hockey in Northeastern Connecticut is about to enter a new chapter. Beginning this season, the Connecticut Outlaws will provide learn-to-skate, learn-to-play, and hockey skills programs at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

Outlaws Hockey will continue the tradition of Griffin Youth Hockey which over the past 50 years has established a rich legacy of teaching hundreds of children in our area to skate, play, and love the game of hockey.

Now, those opportunities will be provided by the Connecticut Outlaws, a program affiliated with the Central Mass Outlaws who play out of the New England Sports Center in Marlboro. The Central Mass Outlaws feature learn-to-play and hockey skills programs under the tutelage

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of former NHL and NCAA Division I stars.

Long-time GYHA coach skating instructor Andre Bessette will oversee skating and hockey skills programs for the coming year and will continue to team with several of his experienced GYHA coaches. Andre has helped hundreds of young kids learn to skate, play their first hockey games, and develop into

high school and hockey players.

Over the past 10 years, the Outlaws have grown into one of the largest programs in the Premier Hockey League of New England. Under the current board of directors the program more than doubled in that time, with 18 Outlaws teams competing at various levels last season. The Outlaws Hockey program also oversaw teams and

programs of the Tri-Valley Youth Hockey program.

Outlaws hockey strives to teach the fundamentals of ice hockey to make it fun, safe, and inclusive for all children interested in trying out the sport. We will continue the tradition of offering Instructional, Recreational, and Travel programs for everyone from first-time beginners to accomplished

players. Additionally, top players will be offered to opportunity to play in Tier 1 leagues through the Outlaws.

House League programs will continue for all players ages five and up for the coming season. Young players will progress from half-ice to full-ice games.

"We are thrilled to share our passion and experience for the incredible game of hockey with young players in Northeast Connecticut," said the Outlaws Hockey Board of Directors. "We look forward to building upon the great history of Griffin Youth Hockey in the coming weeks."

Programs at Jahn Rink will begin in October. All players interested in learn-to-skate, learn-to-play, and House League hockey should register immediately at <http://www.outlawshockey.com>.

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5 Millbury Street, Auburn, MA 01501,  
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.. Applications are also available on the Town of Auburn website [www.auburnguide.com](http://www.auburnguide.com).

Applications must be returned to the Department of Public Works.

The Town of Auburn reserves the right to waive any informalities and accept or reject any or all applications, or portions of such, if thought to be in the best interest of the Town.

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# Adoption gives dogs a new 'leash' on life

"Adopt don't shop" is a mantra utilized by many organizations devoted to finding loving homes for shelter animals. With thousands of dogs, cats and other companion animals residing in shelters or being fostered until they can find their forever homes, rescue organizations urge the pet-loving public to

adopt rather than purchase dogs from private breeders.

Individuals who choose to adopt a dog from a private rescue, humane society, animal shelter, or another welfare group would be wise to follow some guidelines that can help individuals and families find the best matches with their new pets.

"It's important to be honest with the rescue group regarding, not only what you're looking for in a dog, such as disposition, energy level, age, and size, but to describe the overall household dynamic," advises Toni Diamond, founder of Diamond Dogs Rescue, Inc. (www.diamonddogsrescueinc.com), a foster-based rescue with resources in New Jersey and Massachusetts. "This way the rescue can match your needs with the dogs they have available to ensure the best opportunity the placed pet will remain in your home."

Here are some other tips to consider if you're thinking of adopting a pet.

- Think about fostering first. If you're on the fence about whether to take in a dog right now, fostering offers a way to gauge how life can change with a dog in the household. Fostering a dog can free up resources and enable rescues to help other dogs. Many "foster fails" are dogs that foster families adopted themselves because they couldn't bear to give the dogs up.

- Expect to be vetted. Rescue groups generally do some type of adopter check, which includes an application questionnaire, and may want to visit your home to be sure that it is safe and comfortable for the dog. Expect an adoption fee, as this helps defray the cost of sheltering animals.

- Don't feel limited by geography. Rescues handle dogs from across the country. Some may even be willing to facilitate travel from one area to another. If you see a dog online that seems to be a perfect fit but is a good distance away, contact the rescue to see what can be done.

- Be patient and open-minded. Rescued animals often have been jostled around a bit, moving from place to place. Expect a transition period for the shell-shocked



animal to settle down before judging his or her true personality. It's possible for rescued dogs to have accidents in a home, act out or be hesitant around people while they learn to trust their new owners.

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