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The Leicester Spencer Raiders U10 and U12 cheer teams both won Massachusetts state championship titles at the AYC State Championships on Nov. 7 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. After months of practices and hard work, both teams brought home first place—a proud moment for our athletes, families, and the Leicester and Spencer communities! The teams will now represent our community at the AYC New England Regional Championships on Nov. 14 at the Ryan Center in Kingston, R.I.

Incumbents dominate in midterm elections

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — As a Democratic "blue wave" overtook the nation in the 2026 midterm election, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts stood pat as a blue state with victories by Democratic incumbents throughout the races. Incumbent victories were certainly the theme across the board as even in challenged state elections familiar names claimed victory. Election Day also saw voters address a series of questions ranging from eliminating primaries to the continued legalization of marijuana and same day voter registration.

Gov. Maura Healey easily earned a second term leading the state defeating Republican challenger Michael Minogue. Healey, who became the first woman elected Governor of the Commonwealth in 2022, faced a well-funded challenge by the GOP but the battle was barely a contest and was called early in the night as results came in. She is once again joined by Kim Driscoll as Lieutenant Governor.

Democrat Edward "Ed" Markey continued his long political career earning a third term in the Senate. Markey has been a staple of the federal government for over 50 years and was challenged by Republican John Deaton who hoped to earn the GOP a much-needed Senate seat.

Massachusetts's House seats in Congress all remain Democrat with Richard Neal, James McGovern, Lori Louteiro Trahan, and Jake Aichincloss all reelection with McGovern doing so without a challenger.

Whether Red or Blue, the incumbents for state offices also dominated keeping the status quo for local representation.

Republican Donnie Berthiaume remains the representative of the 5th Worcester District after running unopposed. Republican John Marsi also earned reelection in the 6th Worcester District defeating Democratic challenger Jeanne Renaud Constello. GOP incumbent Paul Frost was reelected to represent the 7th Worcester District after fending off a challenge by Democrat

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Leicester approves Becker College renovation debt exclusion

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — The Town of Leicester has officially approved a debt exclusion that paves the way for renovations to the old Becker College campus properties to transform them into Leicester High School.

The project has been the center of attention for months as school officials worked to earn voter support for the initiative which focuses on several Becker buildings which were purchased in 2021. The project is touted as a valuable investment in the growth of the district, allowing them to bring in more outside students and renovate properties they would have been required to maintain regardless.

The measure had to pass a town meeting and ballot vote to be approved. Voters easily pushed the measure forward during a special town meeting on Oct. 27 in a 284 to 21 decision. The item was also a Leicester-specific Question 10 on the mid-term ballot on Nov. 3, where it passed by a wide margin. The official result posted by the town was 2,954 "yes" and 1,786 "no."

Superintendent of Leicester Public Schools Brett Kustigian posted a message on the district's social media late on Nov. 3, thanking the community for their support.

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Theatre Guild of North Brookfield named as Featured Artist Group for November



NORTH BROOKFIELD — The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House are pleased to introduce the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield as their Artists for the Month of November.

A community treasure for 40 years, the Theatre Guild traces its origins to 1986, when Joe Chenevert and the late Arthur Sacco founded what was first known as the North Brookfield Theatre Guild. The organization began with a practical and community-minded purpose: raising funds to purchase new choral robes for students in the North Brookfield School system. Arthur, then the school's Music and Choral teacher, worked with Joe to create a musical revue featuring well-known Broadway selections. Presented in the NBES auditorium and performed by members of the community, the revue showcased local talent while supporting a local cause. Its success not only funded the robes but also inspired Joe, Arthur, and several performers to formally establish the Guild.

The Guild's first elected officers were Joe Chenevert, President; Kathleen Crevier, Vice President; Celia Daniels, Treasurer; and Paula Earle, Secretary. In May 1986, the newly formed organization mounted its first full production, "My Fair Lady," with a cast and crew of more than 40 participants. During its early years, the Guild quickly became an active part of North Brookfield's cultural life, producing two to three shows annually and drawing volunteers and performers whose enthusiasm reflected the town's strong interest in community theater and the performing arts. Guild members also contributed to the wider community by producing North Brookfield High School Senior Class plays for many years and by volunteering at local events, parades, and fundraisers.

Over time, family involvement and a welcoming spirit

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Early deadlines for Thanksgiving week



With the offices of the Spencer New Leader set to be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving, t he submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publication that week has been moved up to Thursday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m.

Submissions can be e-mailed to news@stonebridgepress.news.

The staff of the New Leader thanks our readers for their cooperation with this scheduling change, and wishes one and all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Leicester Elementary students make their mark on community through art and voting



LEICESTER — What began as a fourth-grade "I Voted" sticker design contest turned into an exciting, school-wide celebration of creativity, citizenship, and community involvement! Mrs. Pike, Leicester Elementary School art teacher, partnered with Town Clerk Pam LaFleur to give fourth-grade students the opportunity to design stickers that would be shared with the Leicester community on

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Brookfield groups present new films on New England Indigenous cultures

BROOKFIELD — The Friends of the Merrick Public Library and The Friends of Brookfield will present "New England's Hidden Landscapes: Acknowledging and Incorporating Our Indigenous Cultures" on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Brookfield Congregational Church, 8 Common St., Brookfield. The program is free and open to the public. It is the latest in the Robert Wilder Memorial Presentation series, begun in 2023.

The program features two new films by T.W. (Ted) Timreck, a Peabody Award–winning documentary filmmaker known for his biographies of Thomas Eakins, the sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Frederick Law Olmsted (designer of New York's Central Park), and the composer Charles Ives, among many others, including a series of contemporary interviews for the Kennedy Center. Timreck's films have been featured on PBS and other networks around the globe. In addition to his work in biographical films, Timreck is known for his anthropological documentaries on prehistoric civilizations in North America, including the widely viewed "The Mystery of the Lost Red Paint People," a special on the Viking explorations to North America produced for NOVA, and the current series "Hidden Landscapes." Timreck has been affiliated with the Smithsonian for more than four decades and is a Research Associate of its Arctic Studies Center.

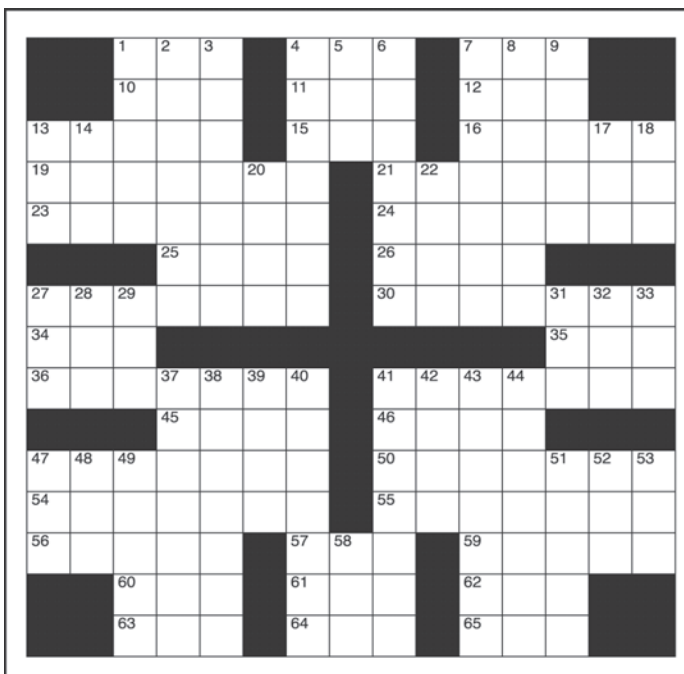
The first film, the hour-long "Acton," premieres in Acton, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026, sponsored there by the Friends of Pine Hawk. The film continues Timreck's "Hidden Landscapes" series and highlights new developments in the discovery of Native American ceremonial landscapes in the Northeast. Collaborating with archaeologists and tribal representatives, Timreck presents multiple lines of evidence for early migrations; stone prayers, structures and markers; and astronomical and cultural sophistication, suggesting that New England's Indigenous cultures are far older and more complex than popularly believed. Rather than offering definitive conclusions, the film points to promising directions for further investigation.

In the second film, the 20-minute "Crossroads New Lebanon," Timreck, recently appointed Town Historian of New Lebanon, N.Y., proposes a vision for the town's economic future built on its heritage of Indigenous knowledge and culture.

This memorial series honors the work and memory of Robert (Bob) Wilder (1933–2015), a Brookfield resident, author, historian, cartographer, Old Sturbridge Village interpreter, U.S. Marine Corps veteran and, for twenty-five years, an aerospace engineer.

"Bob Wilder's dedication to studying and teaching history inspired many of us to continue his work. He worried history would be forgotten," said Dan Hamilton, actor and Emmy-winning director, who helps present the series. "We hope these presentations will remind us of Brookfield's place in early America, and of its significance as home to Native people who have lived here for thousands of years. I think the Town of Brookfield, which is also facing questions of how best to honor its own Indigenous sites and cultures, could profit from the examples shown in these films."

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Spencer community prepares for holiday fairs, Scout fundraiser

SPENCER — The holiday season is approaching, and several local organizations are preparing to welcome residents for a series of community events, including craft fairs, a spaghetti dinner and a Christmas faire.

Looking ahead to December, Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish is preparing for its annual Christmas Faire, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Organizers are seeking donations to help make this year's event a success. Gently used Christmas ornaments, holiday decorations and themed raffle baskets are among the items being requested.

Donations of Christmas ornaments, decorations and themed raffle baskets may be dropped off at the parish hall from Nov. 8 through Nov. 21.

The parish is also seeking gift cards and lottery tickets for its raffle trees. Those contributions may be delivered directly to the parish office.

Local vendors interested in participating in the Christmas Faire can obtain table applications at the church entrances, the parish office or through the parish website.

The three events offer opportunities for residents to support local organizations, enjoy community gatherings and prepare for the upcoming holiday season.

Additional information about the Christmas Faire and vendor applications is available at maryqueenoftherosary.org.

Weekly Police Blotter

Spencer

The Spencer Police Department reported no arrests during the week of Oct. 28 to Nov. 3.

Leicester

The Leicester Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Oct. 29 to Nov. 4.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Oct. 31 for Trespassing and Malicious Destruction of Property.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 1 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Failure to Stop or Yield.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 3 for Operating a Motor Vehicle after suspension of license and driving at a rate of speed exceeding the posted limit.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 3 for Shoplifting By Concealing Merchandise.

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$290,000, 26 Central St, Griffin, Daniel E, and Griffin, John J, to Wszolek, Cynthia Gomes.

EAST BROOKFIELD

$350,000, 149 North St, Tebo, Jeremy, to Darcy, Quinn, and Darcy, Gabriela.

LEICESTER

$440,000, 29 Warren Ave, Stramacchia, Christopher, to Gulbicki, Meghan Elizabet.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

$430,000, 26 Mill Rd, Tambollio, Michael A, and Tambollio, Debra A, to Rockwood, Kelly E.

$227,000, 75 School St, Aum Blackrock Inv LLC, and Bhateja, Piyush, to Sos Legacy Properties LLC.

$161,770, 84 Grove St, Lamarche, Jonathan Nicola, to Wadden, Valerie, and Wadden, Norman.

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$810,000, 132 Paxton Rd, Gardner, James G, and Gardner, Laurie A, to Usher, J Anthony.

$746,000, 75 Paxton Rd, Belair, William R, and Belair, Susan L, to Provencher, James J, and Provencher, Diana J.

$455,000, 6 Wire Village Rd, Vaureuil, Alan N, and Vaureuil, Shirley, to Tebo, Jeremy.

$415,000, 5 Clark Ter, Murray, Patrick E, and Vezina, Christine M, to Steuer, Carolyn.

$270,000, 19 Irving St, Sieron Ft, and Langlois, Katherine A, to Senko, Fuat.

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$115,000, 23 Pine Grove Dr, Beaudry Francis H Est, and Beaudry, Andrea, to Halifax Capital LLC.

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West Brookfield to honor veterans with Wreaths Across America ceremony Dec. 19

WEST BROOKFIELD — The community will come together Saturday, Dec. 19, at noon for its fourth annual Wreaths Across America ceremony, honoring the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces and ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten.

The ceremony will take place at the Veterans' Monuments on the West Brookfield Common, joining a nationwide effort to remember fallen veterans, honor those who serve and teach future generations about the value of freedom.

West Brookfield is the only scheduled Wreaths Across America location in 2026 among the communities of Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Warren, New Braintree, Oakham, Hardwick, Spencer, Sturbridge and Charlton, according to local organizers.

Now in its fourth year, the local observance has become an opportunity for residents to recognize the military service and sacrifices of veterans whose final resting places are in West Brookfield.

Organizers are seeking community support to sponsor wreaths for the nearly 600 servicemembers buried in town. Each wreath sponsorship costs $17, with 100% of the proceeds supporting West Brookfield's Wreaths Across America event.

The goal is to ensure that every veteran laid to rest in the community is remembered with dignity and gratitude during the holiday season.

The local ceremony is part of a much larger national remembrance effort. According to information provided by organizers, last year's Wreaths Across America observance involved more than 5,594 participating locations and approximately 4 million volunteers nationwide, who placed nearly 3.1 million wreaths in honor of veterans.

The annual tradition serves as a reminder that the sacrifices made by military personnel remain an important part of the nation's history, whether those individuals served during wartime or in peacetime.

For West Brookfield, the ceremony also provides an opportunity to recognize the generations of local residents who answered the call to serve their country. Through the placement of wreaths, the community pays tribute to those individuals while helping preserve their memory for future generations.

Organizers hope residents, families and community organizations will participate in the Dec. 19 observance and consider sponsoring wreaths to support the local effort.

Those interested in learning more about the ceremony or sponsoring a wreath may contact Nadine Morin at 774-200-3396 or by email at 01585wreathsacrossamerica@gmail.com.

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Dylan Clark of Brookfield appointed to Nichols College Senior Advisory Council

DUDLEY — Dylan Clark of Brookfield is one of 14 students appointed by Nichols College President Bill Pieczynski to the 2026-2027 Nichols Senior Advisory Council (NSAC).

The students selected are accomplished seniors who bring a range of experiences, perspectives and contributions to the Nichols community. They will meet monthly with the president and members of the President's Council, serving as an advisory group as the College plans for the future.

"The Nichols Senior Advisory Council is one of the opportunities I look forward to most each year. What makes NSAC particularly valuable is that it gives students a seat at the table while challenging them to think about Nichols beyond their individual experiences," said Pieczynski. "Their perspectives help inform our decisions and strengthen the College. At the same time, we're giving these students a firsthand look at leadership and decision-making. It's a two-way learning experience, and I'm excited to work with this year's cohort."

Upcoming NSAC meetings will include discussions on the College's new initiatives as well as broader trends and issues in higher education. In addition to helping Nichols enhance the overall experience for all members of its community, the meetings are also intended as an opportunity for students to further strengthen their communication and presentation skills, which are critical to career advancement.

Each year, one NSAC member also has the opportunity to be selected to serve a two-year term on the Nichols College Board of Trustees following graduation, providing an important continuation of student leadership at the College's highest level of governance.

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Open poetry reading series coming to Merriam-Gilbert Library

WEST BROOKFIELD — Local poets, readers and lovers of the written word will have a new opportunity to share their favorites when the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library hosts "One Poem," an open poetry reading series beginning in September.

The program is designed to provide a welcoming venue for writers to share their own poetry while introducing participants to the work of other published poets.

For each original poem a participant reads, organizers ask that the reader complement it with a poem by an established, published writer. Selections can range widely, from Shakespeare and Anne Bradstreet to Charles Bukowski, William Butler Yeats, Rumi, Adrienne Rich and contemporary poets.

Participants do not need to be poets themselves. Those without original work are welcome to read favorite poems by published writers, while community members who would rather listen are equally encouraged to attend.

Readings will take place in round-robin fashion, with participants sharing no more than two poems during each turn. The number of opportunities each person has to read will depend upon attendance. Organizers ask participants to avoid particularly lengthy selections so everyone has an opportunity to take part.

The series is intended to foster a creative community of writers and readers while exposing participants to poets and styles they might not otherwise encounter.

"One Poem" will run from September through May, generally on the third Thursday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. Some dates may be adjusted because of holidays.

Programs will be held in the upstairs meeting room at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library on Main Street in West Brookfield. The meeting room is accessible by elevator.

The series is open to the Central Massachusetts community.

"Come: read, listen, learn, savor," organizers invite participants.

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EDITORIAL

An investment in Leicester's future, and a responsibility to deliver

The voters of Leicester have made a significant decision about the future of their community, and in doing so, have demonstrated a willingness to invest in something that will serve generations of students long after the final payment has been made.

With the approval of a $13 million debt exclusion to help transform the former Becker College campus into Leicester High School, residents have given town and school officials an opportunity to accomplish something that does not come along very often. They have also placed considerable trust in those responsible for seeing the project through. That trust must now be earned.

The results of the Oct. 27 special town meeting and Nov. 3 election leave little doubt that a substantial majority of participating voters believe this project is worth pursuing. The town meeting vote of 284-21 was particularly decisive, while the ballot question passed with 2,954 votes in favor and 1,786 opposed. Those numbers represent more than an endorsement of a construction project. They reflect a community willing to look beyond the immediate expense and consider what its schools might become.

For years, communities throughout Massachusetts have struggled with aging school buildings, rising construction costs and the difficult question of how much taxpayers can reasonably afford. Leicester is hardly immune to those pressures. Every dollar committed to one municipal priority is a dollar that must be carefully weighed against other needs.

That makes the financial structure of this project particularly important. With an estimated $34 million expected from the Massachusetts School Building Authority and another $3 million in grants, Leicester stands to undertake approximately $50 million in improvements while assuming a considerably smaller share of the overall cost.

It is an opportunity that deserves serious consideration, particularly because the town already owns the former Becker properties and would face ongoing maintenance responsibilities regardless of whether they became part of the school system. Rather than allowing those buildings to become an increasingly expensive obligation, the community has chosen to give them a new purpose.

There is something especially fitting about transforming a former college campus into a place where another generation of young people can prepare for its future. The proposed expansion of career and technical education is another encouraging element. Not every student follows the same path after graduation, nor should they be expected to. Some will pursue four-year degrees, others will enter technical programs, apprenticeships or the workforce. A strong public school system should recognize the value of all those choices.

If this project creates additional opportunities for students while attracting enrollment from surrounding communities, its benefits could extend well beyond the buildings themselves.

Still, enthusiasm must be accompanied by accountability. A 30-year financial commitment is no small undertaking, especially for residents already balancing property taxes, utility bills, housing costs and other household expenses. The fact that a debt exclusion eventually expires does not make the intervening years any less meaningful to those paying the bills.

Superintendent Brett Kustigian has pledged transparency, financial responsibility and careful oversight. Those commitments are welcome, but they must remain visible throughout the project, particularly if costs, timelines or circumstances change.

Residents deserve regular, understandable updates explaining how their money is being spent, whether construction remains on schedule and what challenges may arise. Questions should be welcomed, including from those who voted against the proposal.

After all, the nearly 1,800 residents who opposed the debt exclusion remain an important part of Leicester. Their concerns about affordability and municipal priorities should not be dismissed because the measure passed.

The election settled whether the town should move forward. It did not eliminate the responsibility to manage the investment wisely. Leicester now has an opportunity to create a high school that reflects both its educational ambitions and its commitment to responsible stewardship of public resources.

Years from now, the success of this decision will not be measured by the margin of victory at the polls or the excitement surrounding the groundbreaking. It will be measured by the quality of education students receive, the opportunities available to them and the care with which the community's investment was managed.

The voters have done their part. Now comes the responsibility of delivering on the promise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Charles for a great read!

To the Editor:

What a great read! "The Fine Art of Doing Nothing" is worthy of a five-star review on Yelp.

Thanks goes to Charles for encouraging me to continue my habit of taking what I call "flutz" time. We need breaks from our To Do lists. Sitting quietly and observing the natural world provides a welcome recharge for body and soul.

Thank you, Charles!

Regards,

KATHLEEN IVANOWSKI
NORTH BROOKFIELD

Rebuilding America

To the Editor:

Writing in 2018, two American students of democracy wrote this about the beliefs of Trump his MAGA movement. They:

Reject or have a weak commitment to our American democratic rules of the game - like free and fair elections and well verified results

Deny the legitimacy of political opponents - like Democrats and non-MAGA Republicans

Tolerate or encourage violence - like the Capital Insurrection and brutal and deadly ICE attacks on American citizens and non -citizens

Are ready to curtail civil liberties of opponents, including the media - like bogus cases on people like James Comey, Lisa Cook and attacks on CNN and individual reporters

The writers, Ziblatt and Levitsky, went onto say to say that before Trump, two basic American norms or values have preserved, over the centuries, our United States:

The understanding that competing parties accept one another as political rivals and

Forbearance or the idea that politicians should exercise restraint in deploying their institutional powers

Trump and his MAGA administration did the opposite and this has resulted in great harm to our country and people, now and in the future.

However, in the recent elections, "We the people" overwhelmingly voted against them. Rather, we voted for the American norms and values that have long helped us achieve so much not only in our own country, but around the world.

In the words of another commentator, the 2026 election was not just a "Blue Wave" but a "Red Undertow" meaning both Democrats and real Republicans rejected both Trump and his MAGA movement.

May we now return to our far better "All American" norms and values and repair our good but damaged country.

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

It's all about the letter P

To the Editor:

In a military training manual, P was developed. It means Proper Prior Planning Prevents Pitifully Poor Performance. Using these words in your personal and professional experiences makes perfect sense. The following six Ps are not to the sixth power; however, they are applicable through our journey in life.

• POSITION is a label given to each of us in our jobs.

• PROMOTION is what we achieve working.

• PRESTIGE is the respect or admiration earned.

• POSSESSIONS are items, belongings or property we own.

• PROTECTION is keeping safe from any harm.

• POWER is ability to influence and control our behavior.

The following is more about the word PERFORMANCE. Read or reread all or parts of one of the Classics. Say the Serenity Prayer for guidance. Drink the required amount of water daily for your health. Establish and perform a daily exercise program for fitness. Perform good deeds for others in need of your service.

Letters are USEFUL - Words are POWERFUL - Writings can be EDUCATIONAL - Acts can give great SERVICE. LIFE is all about PERFORMANCE. Enjoy a Better Quality of Life Now!

DONALD L GAUDETTE, SR.
SOUTH HADLEY (FORMERLY OF BROOKFIELD)

The trouble with being a regular

LANTERNS ALONG MAIN STREET
By CHARLES

There's a certain comfort in being a regular somewhere. A diner, a coffee shop, a barbershop, even the little store where you stop for a newspaper or a gallon of milk. After enough visits, the people behind the counter recognize your face, maybe remember your name, and occasionally know what you want before you open your mouth.

That last part can be a blessing or a curse.

I remember walking into a place one morning, fully intending to order something different for breakfast. I was feeling adventurous. Maybe I'd have an omelet instead of my usual eggs and toast. Perhaps even pancakes, although I wasn't quite ready to throw caution completely to the wind.

Before I could sit down, the woman behind the counter spotted me and announced, "The usual?"

Well, what was I supposed to say?

She seemed so pleased with herself for remembering, and I didn't have the heart to disappoint her. So I nodded, sat down and ate the same breakfast I'd been eating for years.

My brief flirtation with excitement was over before it began.

That's the thing about becoming a regular. Eventually, you develop a reputation, and once you've got one, people expect you to live up to it.

The fellow who always orders his coffee black had better not suddenly ask for cream and sugar. The woman who buys the same lottery ticket every Friday might cause genuine concern if she switches numbers. And heaven help the man who decides to get his hair cut somewhere different after visiting the same barber for 20 years. He'll have some explaining to do.

I suppose there's something old-fashioned about all this, and I mean that in a good way. We live in a world where so much of our business is conducted with machines. We order things from websites, pay bills without speaking to anybody and occasionally find ourselves arguing with automated telephone systems that insist they understand what we're saying.

They don't, by the way.

I've spent enough time shouting "representative!" into a telephone to know that artificial intelligence still has a few things to learn about human patience. That's why I appreciate walking into a familiar place and having an actual person look up and say hello.

It doesn't have to be a grand conversation. A little talk about the weather, a complaint about the price of groceries or a question about how the family is doing will do nicely. And there's usually a fair amount of gentle teasing involved.

If you show up wearing a new jacket, somebody's

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Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

Put your finances in position for 2027



FINANCIAL FOCUS
TREVOR NIELSEN

As 2026 comes to a close, now is a good time to look for opportunities to strengthen your financial plan before the new year. A year-end review can help ensure your financial decisions remain aligned with your long-term goals, identify potential planning opportunities, and help you enter 2027 with greater confidence.

Here are several planning opportunities:

Reflect on your progress. Start your review by evaluating how the past year impacted your long-term plan. Consider how any life changes may have affected your goals and update your strategies, as necessary.

Consider your tax situation. Work with your financial advisor and tax professional to understand your tax situation and identify year-end opportunities that may benefit you. If you›re 73 or older, be sure to take any required minimum distributions (RMDs) if necessary.

Increase contributions to your savings goals. Consider increasing contributions to your health savings account (HSA), workplace retirement plan or, if you're saving for education, a 529 plan. These accounts can help build financial security and may offer tax advantages. Even small increases today can make a meaningful difference over time.

Maximize your impact. If giving to others is one of your goals, consider charitable giving or annual gifting strategies to help support the people and causes you care about while also providing potential tax benefits. And note that tax rules have changed for charitable donations: with a standard deduction, you can deduct up to $1,000 of cash donations ($2,000 for couples filing jointly) and if you itemize, you can only deduct aggregate donations that exceed 0.5% of your adjusted gross income, up to the applicable limit. These donations must be made to a qualified charitable organization.

Monitor your long-term strategy. If you haven›t done so this year, now is as good a time as any to review your portfolio for the year to make sure it is still in line with your goals, time horizon, and comfort with risk. If need be, you can rebalance. You might also want to check beneficiaries on your financial accounts, investments, and insurance policies, especially if your family or circumstances have changed.

Work with your professionals. Making necessary year-end moves in ways that benefit your situation can feel complicated. Your financial advisor and tax professional can help you identify opportunities and avoid pitfalls.

A few proactive steps before 2027 can help you enter the new year with greater confidence and a clearer understanding of where you stand financially. By reviewing your progress, evaluating tax and savings opportunities, and confirming your long-term strategy remains on track, you can start the year focused on what matters most to you.

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Shokazoba New World Funkestra returns to Workshop13

WARE — Workshop13 welcomes Shokazoba back to their Urban Hall for an evening of high-energy, horn-driven new world funk! This concert takes place on November 13th in Workshop13's Urban Hall, located at 13 Church St., Ware. This beautiful second floor space is now accessible via vertical chair lift. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the opener, DJ Baby Deer, will start off the evening at 7 p.m. with a dynamic mix of dancefloor music. Tickets are available on a sliding scale from $25-$35 at workshop13.org. Workshop13 participates in CardToCulture for EBT card holders; email remington@workshop13.org to request a coupon code. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Shokazoba (a Nigerian term meaning "shock absorber") is an alloriginal, awardwinning eightpiece Funkestra known for horndriven grooves, polyrhythmic trancefunk, and conscious, uplifting lyrics. Founded in 2005 as a tribute to Fela Kuti, the band creates music designed to uplift the body, inspire the mind, and ignite the soul, blending wideranging influences into a transformative, deeply danceable experience.

Their lyrics tackle meaningful sociopolitical themes with honesty and passion, while their spiritual, groovecentered sound fosters a collective energy that fills the room. With multiple "Best of the Valley" wins, a New England Music Awards nomination, a Valley Music Showcase victory, and recognition from the African Jazz Review, Shokazoba continues to evolve with unmatched creative force. Approaching their 22nd anniversary and working on a new album, they remain one of the region's most electrifying live acts. Expect a night overflowing with rhythm, soul, and unstoppable movement - a performance that will leave you absolutely blown away in the best way possible.

About Workshop13

Workshop13 is a dynamic center where arts, culture, and community converge—expanding access to the arts and nurturing creativity and self-expression in our rural region. For more information, visit workshop13.org, or call 413-277-6072.

Bingo Night to benefit Swan Tavern Historic Museum

LEICESTER — The historic Swan Tavern Leicester Historical Museum is stepping out of the past and into the Bingo hall for a lively community fundraiser.

Organizers have announced a special Bingo Night to be held on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Cherry Valley American Legion, promising an evening of community spirit, suspense, and cash prizes. The event kicks off when doors open at 5:30 p.m., giving early birds plenty of time to find their lucky seats and grab refreshments before the official games commence at 7 p.m. Admission is set at $25, which includes a packet of 12 games. For those looking to increase their odds of yelling the historic tavern's modern battle cry—"Bingo!"—additional cards will be available for purchase throughout the evening. In addition to the main bingo games, attendees can look forward to a variety of extra winning opportunities. The night will feature a 50/50 raffle, an assortment of other raffles, and a special door prize. Light snacks and drinks will also be available to keep players fueled through every number called. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Swan Tavern Leicester Historic Museum, supporting its ongoing mission to preserve and share local history. Whether you are a seasoned bingo veteran or a newcomer looking to support a great local cause, the American Legion is the place to be for a memorable night out.

East Brookfield's Willow Anderson enrolls at College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — The College of the Holy Cross is excited to welcome Willow Anderson of East Brookfield as a member of the College's Class of 2030.

At 860 students, the Class of 2030 includes students from 39 U.S. states and territories and 5 different countries. This incoming class represents one of the most academically accomplished classes in the College's history.

Admission to the Class of 2030 was more competitive than ever with a record-breaking more than 10,600 applications received and a highly-selective 17 percent acceptance rate.

The new Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

"Welcome, Class of 2030!" College President Vincent D. Rougeau told the class during First-Year Convocation. "As you settle into your residence halls, find your way around campus, meet new people, and experience college life here on the Hill, know that you are joining a global community of learners and educators and that your education is meant to serve not only you, but society as well."

About Holy Cross

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,200 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

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bound to ask whether you've come into money. If you arrive ten minutes later than usual, they'll want to know if you overslept. And if you happen to bring your wife along, they'll probably tell her something embarrassing about you.

That's the price of membership.

Of course, being a regular also means people notice when you're missing.

Years ago, I knew a fellow who stopped at the same place every morning on his way to work. Same time, same coffee, same seat if it was available. One morning, he didn't show up, and by the next day, somebody had started asking around to make sure he was all right.

Turned out he'd taken a couple of days off and gone fishing. He returned to find that his absence had caused more excitement than his presence ever did. We laughed about it, but I've thought about that story more than once. There's something reassuring about knowing that somewhere in the world, somebody might notice if you don't turn up. Not because you're important or famous or particularly interesting, but because you've become a familiar part of somebody else's day.

I think that's one of the things we sometimes overlook about small-town life. We talk about the big events, the celebrations and the changes taking place around us, but a good deal of what makes a place feel like home happens in those ordinary little encounters.

The cashier who remembers you prefer paper bags. The barber who asks about your wife. The waitress who knows you like your toast dark, even though you've never understood why that's such an unusual request.

None of these things will make the evening news, and that's probably as it should be. Still, they count for something.

As for me, I've decided that the next time somebody asks whether I want the usual, I'm going to surprise them.

I'm going to look them straight in the eye and order something completely different. Maybe pancakes. Although, now that I think about it, the eggs and toast are pretty good. And I wouldn't want anybody worrying that I'd lost my mind.

Spencer Exchange Club hosting Fall Food Fest Nov. 14

SPENCER — As the cozy sweater weather arrives, the Spencer Exchange Club invites you to enjoy a delightful evening at their annual Fall Food Festival on Saturday, November 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Spencer Country Inn! Come and enjoy a variety of delicious food, wine tastings and much more, all prepared by talented local chefs and businesses.

This year's participants include Yamato Asian Bistro, 308 Lakeside, Black & White Grille, Uncle Sam's Pizza, The Clambox, Savage Smash Burgers & Brews, Savage Wraps, Savage Catering, The Goods Bakery & Café, Timberyard Brewing Company, Spencer Country Inn, Tijuana Bar & Grill, Hardwick Winery, Rapscallion Brewery & Taproom.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Exchange Club's civic service fund that supports the Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, Warm Coats for Spencer East Brookfield school children, sponsorship of area youth sports programs and facilities, support for local scouting groups and many other local, worthwhile projects.

Tickets are priced at $35 per person and may be purchased at Uncle Sam's Pizza, Savage Smash Burgers & Brews or from any Exchange Club member.

The Exchange Club of Spencer is a group of volunteers dedicated to making our community a better place to live while building leadership and teamwork skills for its members.

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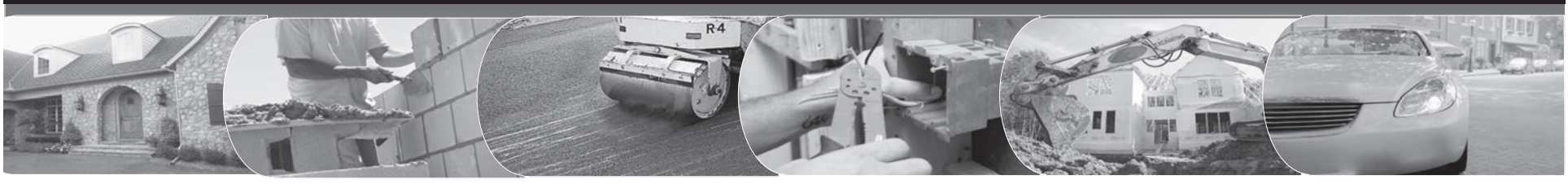
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Grade 5 students at Saint Joseph share stories of the saints

WEBSTER — On Friday, Oct. 30, Saint Joseph School's fifth-grade students marked the approaching Solemnity of All Saints with presentations during the school's weekly Mass at Saint Joseph Basilica. The students had learned about the lives of saints and other important figures in the Church, then shared their chosen subjects with the school community.

Under the guidance of fifth-grade instructors Mrs. Susan Gallivan and Miss Norah Brennan, students explored how examples of holy men and women can inspire people to live with faith, courage, service, and compassion. Rev. Richard Polek, pastor and headmaster of Saint Joseph School, was the celebrant.

Students also took part in the liturgy. Addison Goulet, Maya Jackson, Kenny Maurer, Mila Androlewicz, Maksymilian Bujala, Callum Bergman, Jackson Lovett, and Nella Copland served as readers. Tamara Giteru, Logan Derry, Kelsey Cormier, Oliver Smith, Joanna Thrun, Oliver Delgaudio, Patrick Deptula, and Quincy Middleton led the Prayer of the Faithful. Olivia Perry, Olivia Guito, Paulina Piascik, and Keziah Anobah presented the offertory gifts.



Courtesy

Saint Joseph School's fifth-grade students gather with Rev. Richard Polek, pastor and headmaster, on the altar of Saint Joseph Basilica after sharing their All Saints presentations during Mass on Oct. 30.

Among Mrs. Gallivan's students, Mila Androlewicz portrayed Mary, Undoer of Knots; Avery Benson portrayed Pope Saint John Paul II; Callum Bergman portrayed Saint Damien of Molokai; Maksymilian Bujala portrayed Saint John Neumann; Nella Copland portrayed Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton; Oliver Delgaudio portrayed Saint René Goupil; Patrick Deptula portrayed Blessed Fulton J. Sheen; Olivia Guito portrayed Our Lady, Star of the Sea; Quincy Middleton portrayed Saint Joseph; Olivia Perry portrayed Our Lady of the Rosary; Oliver Smith portrayed Saint Junípero Serra; and Joanna Thrun portrayed Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In Miss Brennan's class, Jamarion Pierre portrayed Saint René Goupil; Jackson Lovett portrayed Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; Logan Derry portrayed Saint Damien of Molokai; Kenny Maurer portrayed Saint John Lalande; Addison Goulet portrayed Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini; Kelsey Cormier portrayed Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne; Tamara Giteru portrayed Saint Marianne Cope; Paulina Piascik portrayed Saint Catherine of Bologna; Maya Jackson portrayed Saint Teresa of Ávila; Keziah Anobah portrayed Saint Rose of Lima; Edie portrayed Saint Hildegard of Bingen; and Amalina Khozami portrayed Dorothy Day.

The presentations helped students see that these stories are more than accounts of the past. They offer examples of faith and service that can guide people in their own lives. As the Saint Joseph School community prepared to celebrate All Saints Day, the fifth graders' work reminded everyone to keep learning from these examples and to put faith into action through daily acts of kindness and care for others.

Come to give blood, experience the magic of Trans-Siberian Orchestra

WORCESTER — The American Red Cross and Trans-Siberian Orchestra invite eligible donors to make an appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma and enjoy a special opportunity to experience the magic of the holiday season while helping save lives.

When donors hurry in to give blood, platelets or plasma, they can earn at least 100 points through the Red Cross Donor Rewards program, which can be used to redeem two tickets to select performances of Trans-Siberian Orchestra's The Ghosts of Christmas Eve: The Best of TSO and More, while supplies last. Trans-Siberian Orchestra will perform in Worcester on Nov. 28, for the 7:30 p.m. show at the DCU Center. (To learn more about Donor Rewards, visit RedCrossBlood.org/rewards.)

"The Red Cross is in constant need of blood donations, and it's so important that we all step up," said Trans-Siberian Orchestra's Al Pitrelli. "You give blood to support a wonderful cause and in exchange, you come spend the holidays with us. It's a win-win!"

Quantities are limited! To make an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Blood Donor App.

The holiday season can be a challenging time to ensure the blood supply remains stable, even as busy schedules may prevent regular donors from giving. "Blood donors make a profound difference in the lives of patients every day," said Darren Irby, executive director of brand partnerships for the Red Cross. "This special Donor Rewards offer is a meaningful way to thank those who come to roll up a sleeve to help others while giving them the chance to enjoy an unforgettable holiday experience, thanks to the generosity of TSO."

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information about our work, please visit redcross.org/MA or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or follow us on social media.

Worcester native, QCC trustee in running to become Logan Airport's new voice



Max German

WORCESTER — Max German, a member of the Quinsigamond Community College Board of Trustees, has been selected as one of eight finalists in Massport's "Voice of Logan" contest, which will determine the next official voice heard by millions of travelers passing through Boston Logan International Airport.

German, born in Worcester and raised in Shrewsbury, was chosen from over 5,000 applicants after submitting an audition that showcased his distinctly Massachusetts voice.

"It's been such a fun experience since becoming a finalist. I've been texting everybody I know," said German, who traces his Worcester-style New England accent to his mother and grandparents.

German is among eight finalists competing for the chance to become the newest voice welcoming visitors to Boston throughout Logan Airport. Public voting is underway and will help determine the winner.

While German will represent his current Dorchester neighborhood in the contest, he remains deeply proud of his Worcester roots and his connection to QCC.

"QCC was so formative," German said. "I graduated high school and didn't know where my path would lead, but I was able to figure it all out at QCC. I got my grades up, got involved, and haven't looked back."

At QCC, German was involved in initiatives such as the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's effort to establish a campus food pantry. What began as a closet stocked with shelf-stable groceries has since grown into a comprehensive resource center offering fresh produce, hygiene products and connections to housing and other community supports.

After graduating from QCC, German transferred to Boston College, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He is now enrolled at Boston College Law School. In 2025, he joined the QCC Board of Trustees as a way to give back to the college and community that helped launch his academic and professional journey.

If he doesn't become the "Voice of Logan," German said he would be happy to serve as a voice for QCC instead.

"I would welcome people to the college by saying, 'QCC is the place that no matter who you are or where you are from, you will have an opportunity here for a better life,'" he added.

Audition videos and voting for the "Voice of Logan" can be found at voiceoflogan.com/Voting.

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Leicester Women's Club to hold Holiday Auction Nov. 18

LEICESTER — The Leicester Women's Club will host their annual Holiday Auction at Pine Ridge Country Club on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.

The event is both a social gathering for members, guests and friends, as well as a fundraiser for local charities, including Hearts for Heat, McAuley Nazareth, Inc. and the Leicester Food Pantry. Donated items include food & wine, homemade baked goods, holiday décor, baskets and gifts. Purchases with cash or checks only, please. Women's Club members and non-members are welcome, but reservations are required. The dinner, which includes salad, entrée, bread, dessert, coffee and tea, is $28, payable at the door. A cash bar is available. For reservations, contact Linda Monahan at 508-330-9250 by Friday, Nov. 13.

The Leicester Women's Club, founded in 1962, is both a community service organization and a social club. It is open to women who are residents of Leicester and surrounding towns. Annual dues are $20, and meetings are monthly from September through April. Members hold a basket raffle at the Leicester Harvest Fair in September to raise money for local scholarships, and a holiday auction in November to raise money for local charities. For information about membership, please call Renee McCue-Hall at 508-892-0186.

Music & Movement program returns to Merrick Public Library

BROOKFIELD — The Merrick Public Library is once again inviting young children and their families to enjoy music, dancing and interactive fun with the return of its popular Music & Movement with Julie program.

The program takes place Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., and is recommended for children from birth to age five.

Led by Julie, the weekly sessions feature familiar children's songs, stretching, movement, singing and dancing. The activities are designed to provide an entertaining experience while helping young children develop important early literacy skills through music and rhythm.

Music and movement activities can help children build listening skills, recognize patterns and sounds, develop coordination and become more comfortable expressing themselves. Singing familiar songs also provides opportunities for children to develop language skills while interacting with other youngsters and their caregivers.

The program offers families an opportunity to introduce their youngest children to the library in a relaxed, welcoming setting while encouraging a lifelong interest in learning.

Music & Movement with Julie is free and open to the public, and no advance registration is required. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their little ones for a morning of songs, dancing and fun.

For more information about the program and other library activities, contact the Merrick Public Library in Brookfield.

Operation Undercover begins a new season!

SPENCER — Now in its 35th year, Operation Undercover is still going strong. Founded by citizens Robert and Carol McPherson Operation Undercover provides donated new men's and women's underwear to the Veterans Shelter, Jeremiah's Inn and Abby's House each year at Christmas time. From Nov. 23 to Dec. 17 unwrapped packages can be dropped off at the hamper left on the porch of 125 Pleasant St, or at the Spencer Town Hall rotunda or the Richard Sugden Library.

Coordinator Beth McPherson thanks all who have donated so generously in the past, and wishes all who do so again a happy and healthy holiday season.

Additionally, Laura Torti reminds residents that the mitten tree is also available in the Town Hall Rotunda to be decorated with donated hats and mittens which will be distributed to the Spencer East Brookfield school children at Wire Village and Knox Trail Schools. Sponsored by the Office of the Town Clerk, the mitten tree has been a tradition since 2012 and has donated hundreds of warm hats and mittens over the years to needy children.

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New support group offered for people with physical disabilities

LEICESTER — A new support group for people living with physical disabilities has been developed by two women who know the challenges that come with physical impairments. Peg Erickson, from Spencer, and Trish McCormick, from Leicester, are each living with physical disabilities. They have experienced the challenges of completing everyday tasks, difficulty accepting their altered bodies, and the fear of what the future may hold. Believing that others with physical disabilities may face the same issues, they decided to join forces to begin a support group.

Their purpose is to create a place where people with physical disabilities can meet and express their feelings, share their experiences, and provide mutual support for each other in a private environment. The intention is to offer an opportunity to feel accepted, share effective coping skills, exchange practical information and resources that will improve their daily lives, and to socialize in a welcoming environment.

Anyone with a physical disability is welcome to attend. The first meeting will be held at the Leicester Public Library, 1136 Main St., Leicester, on Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. The accessible entrance is located at the rear of the building. Contact Peg Erickson at racerpeg@charter.net with questions.

Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club to meet Nov. 24

WEST BROOKFIELD —The Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club (QVARC) will hold its upcoming club meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Senior Center in West Brookfield at 73 Central St. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Attic Antennas». The presentation will be done by one of our club members, Kelly, KC1ZDH. For many aspiring amateur radio operators, an attic antenna can provide an effective and neighborhood-friendly way to get on the air. Installed indoors and protected from the weather, attic antennas can offer reliable performance while remaining virtually invisible from the outside, making them an attractive option for hams with limited outdoor antenna space.

QVARC warmly welcomes area hams and anyone curious about amateur radio to reach out and get involved. Whether you're a licensed operator, a lapsed one looking to get back on the air, or simply curious what ham radio is all about, there's a place for you in the club as it heads toward its 40th year.

For more information about QVARC, upcoming events, or how to get involved, visit www.qvarc.com or find the club on Facebook at Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club.

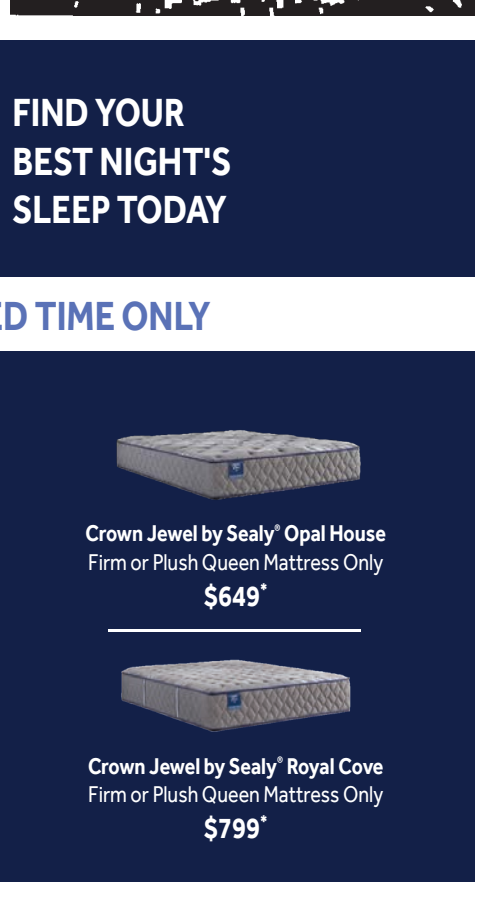
Leicester Knights of Columbus to hold annual Turkey Raffle

LEICESTER — Leicester Knights of Columbus, 91 Manville St., will hold their annual Turkey Raffle on Sunday, Nov. 22. Doors open at noon. Games begin at 1 p.m. Prizes include turkey and gift cards. Also included are a 50/50 raffle, gift basket raffle, Thanksgiving basket raffle and lottery ticket raffle.

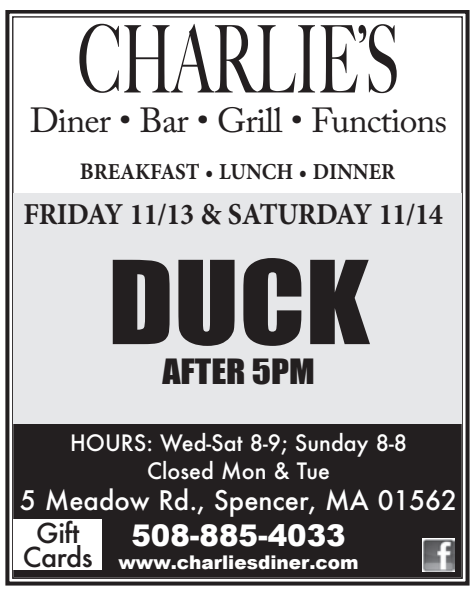












Scouting America to host family safety and community outreach event

WORCESTER — Families throughout Worcester County are invited to attend a free community safety event hosted by the Massachusetts State Police, Worcester State University, and the Heart of New England Council, Scouting America, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at Worcester State University.

Designed as both a fun family experience and a valuable community outreach opportunity, the event will bring together public safety professionals, community partners, Scouts, and local families for a day focused on child passenger safety, community engagement, and education.

A key feature of the event will be free child car seat inspections and installations conducted by certified Massachusetts State Troopers. Families will have the opportunity to ensure that their child safety seats are properly installed and appropriately fitted to help keep children safe while traveling.

The Massachusetts State Police will also showcase specialized equipment and resources used in their public safety efforts, providing attendees with a unique opportunity to learn more about the role of law enforcement in protecting and serving communities across the Commonwealth.

One of the day's most anticipated attractions will be the Massachusetts State Police rollover simulator, an interactive demonstration that vividly illustrates the importance of wearing a seat belt. The simulator provides participants with a memorable, hands-on experience that reinforces safe driving practices and highlights how seat belts can save lives.

Scouts and volunteer leaders from local Packs and Troops throughout Worcester will assist with activities, welcome attendees, and share information about the many opportunities available through Scouting. Families interested in learning more about Scouting will have the chance to meet current Scouts and leaders and discover programs that promote leadership, citizenship, service, outdoor adventure, and personal growth.

"This event represents the power of community partnerships," said Jason Pigg, Scout Executive and CEO of the Heart of New England Council, Scouting America. "By bringing together the Massachusetts State Police, Worcester State University, and local Scouts, we can provide an important public service while introducing families to the positive impact Scouting has throughout our communities."

Organizers hope the event will strengthen connections between families and community organizations while promoting safe transportation practices and highlighting resources available to local residents.

The event is free and open to the public. Families are encouraged to bring their vehicles and child safety seats for inspection and to take advantage of the educational exhibits, demonstrations, and opportunities to engage with community partners.

About Heart of New England Council, Scouting America

Heart of New England Council is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves about 4,000 boys and girls in more than 60 communities in central Massachusetts. We provide the nation's foremost program that teaches young people character, leadership, and citizenship through fun and exciting adventures for the entire family. We foster a culture of diversity and inclusion that makes it enriching to participate, volunteer and work in the Scouting program. Visit www.hnescouting.org for more information.

Three-time American Ninja Warrior finalist to attempt world record for most Murph Workouts in 24 hours



WORCESTER — Three-time American Ninja Warrior national finalist Jonathan Godbout will attempt to break the unofficial world record for most "Murph" workouts completed in 24 hours. The attempt starts at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at CrossFit Worcester and ends at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. The event is open to the public and will stream live on Instagram (@atpfitco), with a mini documentary to follow on YouTube (@ATPFitCo). The attempt, two days after Veterans Day, is dedicated to service members and veterans.

The current record of 20.16 Murphs belongs to Australia's Russell Stringer. To beat it, Godbout plans to finish 20.5. One Murph is a 1-mile run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 squats and another 1-mile run, all in a 20-pound vest. Twenty and a half of them add up to 41 miles of running, 2,050 pull-ups, 4,100 push-ups and 6,150 squats. That works out to one Murph every 70 minutes, around the clock, with no sleep. The full 24 hours will be filmed, and CrossFit coaches will monitor and judge every rep.

The workout is named after Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2005 and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. For Godbout, the dedication is personal. Jonathan has always been inspired by his grandfather, a Vietnam veteran awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, who battled through physical and psychological wounds while excelling for decades in civil service leadership roles as deputy chief of the MBTA Police and at the Department of Homeland Security.

"I have tremendous respect for the people who serve, and this is my way to honor them," Godbout said. "Twenty-four hours of Murph will never come close to what they've been through. If you are inspired in any way by my challenge, please extend gratitude to a veteran in your own way — write a letter, send a care package or visit a memorial."

Godbout has taken on endurance challenges before, including running one more mile every day until he hit a full marathon on day 26, and climbing stairs equal to the height of Mount Everest. This time he has trained for eight months: five days a week of CrossFit classes, hundreds of Murphs and physical therapy. He has completed test runs of five, 10 and 12 Murphs at record pace. "On my past challenges I went in cold and just sent it," Godbout said. "This one I've been building toward specifically for eight months. I'm not leaving anything on the table."

The attempt puts into practice the idea behind the name of Godbout's coaching company, Adaptation Through Perseverance (ATP): challenging yourself is what creates real change.

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LEGALS

Notice of Public Hearing
Town of Spencer
Tax Classification

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on November 23, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, to discuss the percentage of the tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2027, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 56, relating to classification and taxation of property according to use.

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

If you are not able to attend in-person, you may dial in from your phone:

1 866 899 4679 Enter Access Code: 479-429-349

Or join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

https://www.gotomeet.me/TownofSpencerMA/boardofselectmen

November 13, 2026

November 20, 2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 26 SM 003526
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Richard Morales

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

Onslow Bay Financial LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in 118 Adams Rd, East Brookfield, MA 01515, given by Richard Morales to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC., its successors and assigns, dated December 15, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester South County Registry of Deeds in Book 63997, Page 1, 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 12/14/2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 10/29/2026.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

November 13, 2026

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Shannon M. Toomey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Security First Mortgage Funding, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated March 6, 2017 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56827, Page 189, subsequently assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Security First Mortgage Funding, LLC, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 63701, Page 36, subsequently assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Security First Mortgage Funding, LLC, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 74186, Page 279, subsequently assigned to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. by Fifth Third Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 71214, Page 234, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust, its successors, transferees and assigns by Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 72286, Page 91 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on December 4, 2026 at 21 Roys Drive, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on Roy Drive and being Lot No. 5 on a plan of land owned by Norman U. and June E. Vaudreuil dated April 17, 1976 made by John E. and Francis Dowgielewicz Surveyors, Spencer, Mass. And recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 427 Plan 103 and to which plan reference can be made for a more particular description.

Said Lot No. 5 containing 26,000 square feet, more or less.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the Grantors by Deed of Norman U. Vaudreuil and June E. Vaudreuil dated August 29, 1977 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 6280 Page 195.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS ($10,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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Open Sky honors staff, individuals served, and community partners at annual awards reception



Courtesy

Libby Lit (center), Director of Adaptive Art at Hopkinton Center for the Arts, receives the Community Champion Award at the fourth annual Open Sky Awards on Oct. 28 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. Ken Bates (left), Open Sky President and CEO, and Kelley Gamble (right), Open Sky Vice President of Community Engagement, join Lit for a photo.

WORCESTER — Open Sky Community Services, a nonprofit behavioral health and human services organization, honored the winners of its Open Sky Awards at its fourth annual reception on Oct. 28 at the College of the Holy Cross.

The Open Sky Awards recognize staff, individuals served by the organization, and community partners who help sustain the agency's mission. Volunteers evaluated nearly 250 nominations for this year's honors, submitted by both employees and individuals served.

"While the human services sector faces increased obstacles, we are so pleased to celebrate and recognize our professionals, who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of others," said Ken Bates, Open Sky President and CEO. "We are equally proud of the individuals we serve and how far they've come on their journeys in overcoming complex challenges, and so grateful to our external partners who help make this progress possible."

Libby Lit, Director of Adaptive Art at Hopkinton Center for the Arts, was honored with the Community Champion Award. In launching the Unified Theater Program at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts, Lit created an accessible environment for people of all ages and abilities, including individuals served by Open Sky, to take advantage of the healing powers of performance art. The program fosters creativity and inclusion while addressing a critical gap for adults with disabilities who no longer qualify for school-age day programs.

The following 2026 Open Sky Awards winners, including employees and individuals served by the agency, are:

Achievement Award – Joel Arsenault, Owen Hawley, Joseph Kosewicz, Stephanie Lewis, Allie Ohman, Brianna Oroszko, Evan Platek, Tiana Williams, and Jenni Young

Barent W. Walsh Award for Clinical Excellence – Ryan Zenevitch

Biggest Cheerleader Award – Rachel Harvey

Collaboration Award – The Haven Strategy Team

Dennis H. Rice Award for Community Membership – Maria Torres

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Award – Utsav Shrestha

Erica Robert Award for Humanity – Betty Bragdon

Leadership Award – Ben Brouillette, Jodie Brower, Shane Jones, Peter Quinn, and Virginia Stockwell

President's Award – Joan Mercer

Program of the Year – Tradewinds Clubhouse

Rookie of the Year – Melanie Mervyn

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About Open Sky Community Services

Open Sky Community Services is a 501(c)3 nonprofit agency based in Worcester that has been helping individuals in our community achieve more than they imagined possible for over 50 years. The agency provides a wide range of services throughout Central Massachusetts for children, adults and families with mental health challenges, intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use disorders, brain injury, homelessness and other complex challenges. Open Sky Community Services has more than 1,300 dedicated employees and nearly 150 programs throughout the region, supporting more than 8,000 individuals annually. Open Sky is committed to equity and belonging and promotes a trauma-informed, whole-person care culture. For more information, please visit www.openskycs.org.

Mirick welcomes Jennifer Matthew as Human Resources and Legal Support Manager

WORCESTER — Mirick is pleased to announce that Jennifer "Jenn" A. Matthew, MBA, SHRM-SCP, PHR, has joined the firm as Human Resources and Legal Support Manager. In this role, Jenn will assist with recruiting and hiring and supervising the firm's client services and business services teams, overseeing workflow, employee relations and performance management.

Jenn brings more than 20 years of human resources and operations experience to Mirick. Most recently, she served as Chief Human Resource Officer at MetroWest YMCA and as Senior Team Operations Manager for Workhuman's Consulting Practice.

"I had been looking for the right opportunity to return to the legal industry, and when the chance to join Mirick came along, I jumped at it," said Matthew. "I have always admired and respected Betsy Landry and Mirick's reputation, both as a leading law firm and as a great place to work. I'm thrilled to be part of this team and look forward to supporting the people who make this firm so special."



Jennifer Matthew

Jenn's arrival comes as longtime team member Kathleen "Kathi" Goulet, Mirick's Human Resources and Staffing Manager, retires after a career at the firm spanning more than 45 years.

"We are delighted to welcome Jenn to Mirick," said Betsy Landry, Chief Human Resources Officer. "While I am sad to see my longtime colleague Kathi Goulet retire and leave Mirick, I am comforted and excited to have Jenn on board. Her experience and talent for bringing people together make her a wonderful fit for our firm, and I know our team will benefit from her leadership."

Jenn is a SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP) and Professional in Human Resources (PHR), and she also holds a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification. She previously was a member of the Association of Legal Administrators from 2015 to 2022.

Jenn earned her M.B.A., with a concentration in Human Resources, from Assumption College and her B.S. in Business Management from Fairfield University.

About Mirick

Mirick is the largest full-service law firm based in Central Massachusetts, with 76 attorneys in offices in Worcester, Westborough, and Boston. Founded in 1916, the firm advises corporations, institutions, and individuals across industries, including banking and finance, healthcare, education, and manufacturing. Mirick is led by Co-Managing Partners Paul W. Carey and Robert L. Kilroy. Beyond its legal work, Mirick maintains a long-standing tradition of community service throughout Central Massachusetts and beyond. For more information, visit www.miricklaw.com.



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ELECTIONS

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Nicholas Lazzaro. Senator Peter Durant won reelection over Democratic challenger Shannon Teabo.

Democrat David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf will also continue his tenure in the State House after running unopposed in the 17th Worcester District.

Eight questions were addressed statewide on the midterm ballot with mixed results, although most items saw decisive majorities one way or the other.

A move to expand public records to include most records held by the Legislature and the Office of the Governor, passed with a heavy majority. Same-day voter registration for Election Day, allowing employees of the state public defender agency to unionize, and the creation of a Natural Resource Conservation Fund also passed.

Voters rejected changes to the limit on state revenue collection as well as eliminating party primaries which would have instead had a single primary including all candidates regardless of political party affiliation.

A question to repeal the legalization of recreational marijuana failed tremendously maintaining legal sale of the substance. The question came ten years after the Commonwealth legalized marijuana for recreational use, and, if it passed, it would have represented the first time a state overturned such legalization. Voters also decided to protect a 2024 law that implemented stricter gun regulations.

The closest vote of the day was a question to allow single-family homes to be built on lots of 5,000 square feet or more in residential areas, which would supersede local zoning laws. The results for this question weren't declared until days after the mid-terms where it officially failed at the ballot boxes.

ARTIST

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became defining features of the Guild's history. As its membership, performers, and volunteers extended beyond North Brookfield into surrounding communities, the organization also established a scholarship program for deserving NBHS students. Attendance grew steadily, attracting audiences from throughout Worcester County. Generations of families have taken part in Guild productions and activities, helping sustain an enduring tradition of community, creativity, and local participation.

Following a brief hiatus in the early 2000s, prompted by volunteer, administrative, and attendance challenges, the organization was reestablished under a new name: the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield. This renewed chapter was led by Joe Chenevert as President, with Paula Hinerth and Jay Valencourt continuing as part of the managing group. Building upon its earlier tradition of classic musical productions, the Guild broadened its scope to include more contemporary shows and a wider range of performing arts events. Community outreach became an important part of the Guild's revival, helping reconnect the organization with local audiences and attract new performers and volunteers. Through social media and broader regional outreach, the Guild drew individuals seeking a local outlet for creative expression. In the years since its reorganization, the Guild has presented two musicals annually, along with dinner theaters, improv evenings, Halloween events, and well over one hundred performances. Its continued growth has also enabled the organization to support local charities and community groups, purchase much-needed curtains and lighting for the NBES auditorium, and help maintain and improve the facility it has long called home.

Today, the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield continues to build upon its history as a community-based performing arts organization. With each production, the quality and scope of its work have continued to develop through the dedication of its members, performers, and volunteers. For North Brookfield and the surrounding communities, the Guild remains a local institution where families, friends, and neighbors participate both on stage and behind the scenes. The organization continues to welcome new talent and volunteers, sustaining the community spirit that has shaped its work since its founding.

More information about creative opportunities is available through the Guild's website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

As part of its continuing season of performances, the Guild will present Disney's "Frozen: The Musical" on Dec. 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 6 at 2 p.m., Dec. 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. in the North Brookfield Elementary School auditorium.

Tickets may be purchased in advance through the Guild's Facebook page and their Web site, www.theatreguildofnorthbrookfield.com, or at the door on performance dates.

The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House would like to thank Joe Chenevert and Jay Valencourt and the members of the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield for helping us shine a spotlight on the arts as our "Artists of the Month for November."

The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on restoring, preserving, and sustaining the Town House as a cultural center of North Brookfield. Every month this organization recognizes a featured artist in their community.

EXCLUSION

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"I want to express my deepest gratitude to the residents of Leicester for supporting the LHS building/renovation project and the expansion of Career Technical Education. The approval of this project, combined with the significant investment, is historic and it will benefit our entire community for years to come. Thank you for your trust, vision, and commitment to our students," Kustigian wrote. "This project comes with profound responsibility. As a steward of taxpayer dollars, I am committed to full transparency, rigorous financial responsibility and meticulous oversight. I will provide frequent updates and deliver a high-quality project while maximizing the value of every taxpayer dollar invested."

The project will include renovations to four buildings: the Fuller Campus Center, the Borger Academic Building, the Swan Library, and the Lenfest building. The total cost of the projects comes in at $50 million, but the Massachusetts School Buildings Authority is expected to cover $34 million of the cost while another $3 million is covered by grants leaving the town's share at $13 million.

Because the measure is a debt exclusion, it is not a permanent part of the town's budget, and the debt would fall off once it is repaid. It will be a 30-year loan with tax increases implemented starting in Fiscal Year 2028.

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Election Day. After weeks of creativity and hard work, 12 winning designs were selected and celebrated during a whole-school assembly.

"I was amazed that when I was walking in my school, people were actually wearing my artwork on their clothing!" exclaimed fourth-grade student and contest winner Ava Mullins.

The excitement didn't stop there! On Tuesday, Nov. 3, students from preschool through fourth grade participated in their very own Election Day experience at LES. The cafeteria was transformed into a voting area where students waited in line, entered voting booths, and proudly cast their ballots for their favorite design for Leicester's new dog tags. Even our youngest learners were eager to participate! After all the ballots were counted, the winner was announced... the dog bone design! The winning design will be printed and available for our furry friends in March 2027.

The following day, the excitement continued as Mrs. Pike and Ms. Steiger walked with the 12 winning fourth-grade artists to Leicester Town Hall. They were welcomed by Town Clerk Pam LaFleur, Director of Student Services Kara Westerman, and Superintendent Dr. Kustigian. Students had the special opportunity to see their winning artwork brought to life as Pam LaFleur and her high school intern, Taylor Rodrique, painted the design on the large Town Hall window. Students proudly held their artwork and posed for photos in front of the display, celebrating a project that had grown from a classroom art lesson into something meaningful for the entire town.

"As their art teacher, I could not be prouder of these students. Throughout this journey, they learned about creativity, citizenship, the importance of voting, making decisions, having a voice, and the power of working together to make a difference. Most importantly, they experienced firsthand that even young people can have an impact and that their ideas matter. Bringing our schools and community together through opportunities like this creates lasting connections and memories. Seeing the pride, excitement, and confidence on my students' faces has been incredibly rewarding," reflects Mrs. Pike.

"Having LES students create stickers for voting builds community, civic awareness, and respect for the voting process. I am super proud of our students and appreciative of the partnership with Town Clerk Pam LaFleur," shares Kustigian.

This was so much more than an art project or a sticker contest—it was a wonderful lesson in community, participation, and the importance of making a difference!

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Knights of Columbus to host spaghetti dinner

WEST BROOKFIELD — Knights of Columbus Council 11080 is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 14 in Dugan Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 10 Milk St., West Brookfield. Take out begins at 5:30 p.m. and sit down dinner at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will benefi local charitable needs. Dinner includes pasta fagioli, garden salad, meatballs & sausage, spaghetti & sauce, Italian bread, dessert, water, soda, and coffee. Cost is a $15 donation and $10 for children under 12 years old. Admission tickets are also good for entry for a special door prize! Raffle tickets for a 50/50 Raffle and more will be available! Advance ticket purchase is encouraged and appreciated! Tickets are available from any Knight or by calling (413) 813-8100 or by emailing wallyconnor122@gmail.com. Tickets will only be available at the door while they last!

Brookfield Council on Aging to host Fraud Squad presentation Nov. 17

BROOKFIELD — The Brookfield Council on Aging will welcome back the Fraud Squad for an informative and entertaining presentation aimed at helping older adults recognize scams and protect themselves from fraud.

The program will take place Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Brookfield Congregational Church, located at 8 Front St.

Returning by popular demand, the Fraud Squad features senior volunteers who bring real-life scams to the stage through live performances. The presentation is designed to demonstrate how scammers operate, the tactics they use to pressure potential victims and the warning signs that can help people recognize fraudulent schemes before becoming victims.

As scams become increasingly sophisticated, the program emphasizes the importance of staying informed and knowing when to question suspicious requests. Through realistic scenarios, participants will learn how fraudulent situations unfold and how to respond when confronted with high-pressure tactics.

The presentation aims to help older adults feel more confident identifying potential scams and saying no to suspicious offers or demands.

The Brookfield Council on Aging invites area seniors to attend the program and learn practical ways to safeguard themselves against fraud.

The presentation will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m. at Brookfield Congregational Church, 8 Front St.

East Brookfield Library to host Thanksgiving centerpiece workshop

EAST BROOKFIELD — The East Brookfield Public Library is inviting adults to get creative this holiday season with a two-part Thanksgiving centerpiece workshop scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 5, and Thursday, Nov. 12, at 3:30 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to design and create their own Thanksgiving centerpiece, adding a personal touch to their holiday decorations or dinner tables.

The project will be completed over the course of two sessions, allowing participants to work on their creations in preparation for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Because the workshop is designed as a two-week project, participants must be available to attend both sessions to complete their centerpieces.

The program is open to all adults, but advance registration is required.

Both sessions will take place at the East Brookfield Public Library, located at 122 Connie Mack Dr.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to sign up in advance at the library.

East Brookfield Library to celebrate Thanksgiving with Charlie Brown movie and feast

EAST BROOKFIELD — The East Brookfield Public Library will celebrate the Thanksgiving season with a special screening of "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 3:30 p.m.

The holiday program will feature the classic Charlie Brown Thanksgiving movie, followed by a Charlie Brown-themed feast for attendees.

The event offers an opportunity for community members to enjoy a seasonal favorite and celebrate the upcoming holiday together at the library.

The movie and feast are scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. at the East Brookfield Public Library.

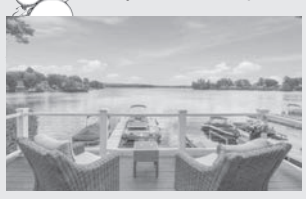
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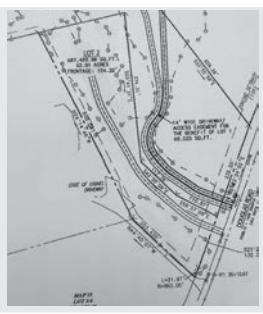


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Nativities From Around the World exhibit returns to North Brookfield Dec. 3-6



NORTH BROOKFIELD — The Christmas season will be celebrated with an international perspective when the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosts its "Nativities From Around the World" exhibit Dec. 3-6.

The four-day event will take place at the church, located at 108 New Braintree Road (Route 67), approximately 2.2 miles north of North Brookfield Town Center. Admission is free, and the public is welcome to attend.

The exhibit will feature Nativity scenes representing Christmas traditions from around the world, offering visitors an opportunity to appreciate different artistic and cultural interpretations of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The event will be open Thursday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

A special musical performance by the Weir River Concert Band is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m., with refreshments to follow. The concert will provide an additional opportunity for visitors to enjoy the holiday season through music and fellowship.

The exhibit is open to individuals and families throughout the surrounding communities, with no admission charge.

For more information about "Nativities From Around the World," contact 508-246-5887.

East Brookfield seeks public input for Open Space and Recreation Plan update

EAST BROOKFIELD — The Town of East Brookfield, with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), is updating its 2006 Open Space and Recreation Plan and is seeking input from residents.

Community members are encouraged to participate in a survey to share their thoughts on open space, recreational opportunities, and priorities for the future. Public feedback will help guide the development of the updated plan, which is required to maintain the Town's eligibility for State grant funding for conservation and recreation projects.

Residents can complete the survey online at https://tinyurl.com/yv7b23fy. Hard copies are also available at Town Hall, the East Brookfield Public Library, and the Senior Center.

The Town encourages all residents to take part and help shape the future of East Brookfield's parks, recreation resources, and open spaces.

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church to host Red Door Fayre Nov. 14

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Christ Memorial Episcopal Church will welcome the community to its annual Red Door Fayre on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, located at 133 N. Main St., at the corner of Spring and Main streets.

The event will feature a variety of tables offering holiday items, handmade crafts, baked goods and other selections for shoppers preparing for the Christmas season. Visitors can browse the Christmas Table, Craft Table and Exquisite Table, along with a Bake Table featuring homemade treats and pies. Raffles will also be part of the festivities. A homemade luncheon will be available during the event, featuring soups, sandwiches and apple crisp.

The Red Door Fayre offers residents an opportunity to enjoy a seasonal community gathering while browsing holiday merchandise and homemade foods. The event will take place at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 N. Main St., North Brookfield, on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Turkey Bingo returns to Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 Nov. 22

SPENCER — A favorite Thanksgiving-season activity returns to the Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 Spencer American Legion on Sunday, Nov. 22, with the Post's Annual Turkey Bingo.

The fun begins at 1 p.m. at 175 Main St., Spencer, with 20 rounds of bingo and plenty of chances to take home a prize. Winners can receive turkeys, hams or gift certificates, making the afternoon a perfect way to kick off Thanksgiving week.

Cards are just $1 each, and hot dogs and snacks will be available for purchase throughout the event.

Friends, families, neighbors and community members are welcome to join Post 138 for an afternoon of bingo, prizes and community spirit.

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