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DA'S OUTREACH TEAM VISITS NORTH BROOKFIELD

Members of the Worcester County District Attorney's Office recently visited local students and families at a special community event. Held on Jan. 31 at North Brookfield Junior-Senior High School, the program featured members of the DA's outreach team. Members of the team enjoy attending events throughout the area and sharing information on topics that are important for teens and families. These include preventing cyberbullying; avoiding excessive screen time; mental health; online safety; and healthy relationships. The event also allowed family members to learn more about students' classes and clubs at the school. "Getting to know your student's courses and teachers is a great way to stay involved in their educational journey," read a statement released by the DA's Office. "Hope from our outreach team provided parents with resources on some of our office's programs."

Funding for DPHS project tops Special Town Meeting warrant

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Special Town Meeting voters this month will decide whether to increase the borrowing authorization for the David Prouty High School addition-renovation project.

The Special Town Meeting is set for Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

The STM warrant features two articles. The first asks whether voters support borrowing \$4.5 million to pay for costs associated with the DPHS project.

"The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District would like to increase the borrowing authorization by \$4.5 million," read a town-issued informational statement posted ahead of the STM.

Town and school officials remind voters that the borrowing authorization, if approved, would not result in residents paying additional taxes. The \$4.5 million is part of a \$7.2 million grant provided to the district by the Commonwealth toward overall project expenditures.

The grant will be supplied by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).

"The additional supplemental grant is to cover the unforeseen inflationary costs that adversely affected our project and addresses the value engineered items that were taken out of the original \$91.2 million to make the original budget work," said SEBRSD Superintendent *Paul Haughey*. "With the additional \$4.5 million, the MSBA is providing us with a supplemental grant and covering that additional work and expense—and thereby reducing the local tax bill to the taxpayers of Spencer and East Brookfield."

The \$4.5 million borrowing request is in addition to the original borrowing by the district in the amount of \$111.6 million that was approved by STM voters in 2022.

Traffic stop leads to arrests, weapons charges

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — A traffic stop recently led to four arrests and multiple weapons charges.

On Jan. 26 at approximately 2:15 a.m., As the officer attempted to catch up

LPD K9 unit teams up with Leicester officials for safety presentation

a Leicester Police Department officer on patrol in the area of Stafford Street observed a vehicle operating with excessive speed.

to the vehicle, the driver switched off the headlights and tried to exit the public way into the rear parking lot of Rochdale Park (1050 Stafford St.).

"Upon making contact with the vehicle, officers on scene observed five individuals seated within the motor vehicle, as well as open containers of alcohol," read a statement released by the LPD. "During the course of the investigation, two of the five were determined to be under the age of 21. All five were removed from the vehicle for further investigation."

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Leicester first responders recently took part in a special training session with LPD K9 Cooney.

LEICESTER — LPD Officer Matt Fenuccio and his K9 partner Cooney recently teamed up with local officials for a special safety presentation.

On Jan. 10, Officer Fenuccio and Cooney partnered with Leicester EMS Director Molly Dube and Dr. Bethany Rappleyea, of Wachusett Animal Hospital, to deliver a presentation and a hands-on training session for first responders in Leicester.

The program will help ensure that first responders in town are aware of Nero's Law and how to protect K9 units.

"Nero's Law supports police K9s in Massachusetts who become injured in the line of duty. The law requires the assessment [by first responders],

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Spencer businesses to receive ARPA funds

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Approved business owners will soon receive long-awaited ARPA funds, as the town is nearing the end of its application review process.

At the Jan. 29 Select Board meeting, business owners questioned selectmen over the delayed disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Officials originally anticipated the formation of an ARPA review committee, similar to those used by other area communities to vet and recommend business applicants for funding. The committee never materialized, which caused Town Administrator Jeffrey Bridges and the town accountant to pick up the responsibility of reviewing all applications in addition to their regular workload.

"Jeff has his day-to-day work to do, and this isn't something that would normally be part of his work," Selectman Ralph Hicks said of the ARPA funding applications, which were submitted by business owners seeking COVID-19 relief. "I wish the process hadn't taken so long, but this isn't a big city where a bunch of people are reviewing them."

Adding to the delays were multiple incomplete applications, as well as those that didn't meet submission


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Last month, the David Prouty High School Building Finance Subcommittee reviewed the "value engineered" items to determine which overall budget needs would be eligible for restoration. The items were then presented to the School Building Committee and earned members' support.


From there, the School Building Committee requested a Special Town Meeting in each community.

Meanwhile, work at the DPHS site has continued throughout the winter: Jones Whitsett Architects, Inc., is serving as

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QCC student finds community and more with Veteran Affairs Office

WORCESTER — Taking the plunge into higher education after 50 years out of school may not be for the faint of heart, but for Quinsigamond Community College student and veteran Tom Vincent, the support of QCC's Veteran Affairs department has made all the difference in his confidence and academic success.

"Before I was in school, I was depressed. But the staff and students in Veteran Affairs took me out of that depression and got me excited about school," Vincent said. "The atmosphere in the Veterans Affairs Office is fantastic. We've all been through similar experiences, no matter which branch of the military we were

in."

After graduating high school in 1972, Vincent enlisted in the army during the Vietnam War. While his unit didn't end up deploying to Vietnam, they spent years training, which Vincent described as life changing. When Vincent finished his service, he said it was an obvious choice to immediately start working because going to college wasn't an expectation for people in his family.

After decades of working in multiple industries, Vincent wanted to go back to school so he could pursue a career as a virtual bookkeeper. Due to limited physical mobility, he thought a remote bookkeeping job could allow him the

flexibility he needs to work from home and take breaks as needed.

Vincent tried enrolling in college a few times before the fall of 2023 but often backed out. However, last September, he officially started classes at QCC. He ended up withdrawing from his courses because he didn't feel ready to navigate some of the online aspects, but signed up again this spring and is determined to complete the classes this semester.

Since starting at QCC, the Veteran Affairs office has become a source of community as Vincent navigates higher education. After telling QCC's Director of Veteran Affairs, Matthew Casaubon, that he was having issues walking to his classes, Casaubon obtained a scooter for Vincent to make it easier to navigate campus.

"No one has ever done anything like that for me before and I'm not used to accepting help. But the joy it gave me...I smiled so hard my cheeks hurt," Vincent said when the scooter was delivered to him.

While Vincent said they even helped him find an agency to install new rain gutters on his house, it is the friendly people he talks to on campus that make him feel like part of a community.

According to Casaubon, the Veteran Affairs office has also provided food, clothing, laptops and other



Courtesy

Tom Vincent with the scooter gifted to him by Quinsigamond Community College Veteran Affairs.

assistance to QCC's veterans.

"We are building a community where veterans can feel they are valued and supported," Casaubon said.

"I would never have come back to school if it wasn't for the Veteran Affairs office," Vincent added.

Country Bank supports EcoTarium with \$25,000 pledge



WORCESTER — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts

recently announced a \$25,000 pledge to the EcoTarium. This pledge aims to support the development of a cutting-edge

gallery for traveling exhibits and contribute to the establishment of the new Early Childhood Science Learning Center, showcasing the Bank's commitment to education and community enrichment.

"The EcoTarium is deeply grateful for Country Bank's generous gift to our Third Century Campaign which will build a new state-of-the-art gallery for traveling exhibits and develop an Early Childhood Science Learning Center for children up to age six," stated EcoTarium President and CEO Noreen Johnson Smith. "These vital projects will ensure the Museum continues to offer transformative experiences that promote science literacy and learning about science and nature as we prepare the next generation of leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math."

To learn more about the EcoTarium, visit <https://ecotarium.org>.

The Town of Brookfield is accepting applications for a full-time Highway Foreman (Operator 1)

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Friday's Child

Hi! My name is Ashlynn and I love to draw! !

Ashlynn is a shy teenage girl who loves music, and doing her nails, makeup, and hair. She can start out being quiet with new people but warms up if given the time to develop a relationship. Ashlynn enjoys arts & crafts, spending time with her friends, and swimming in the pool. She loves the company of her siblings and is very protective of them. Ashlynn has friends at school that she enjoys being around. She does well in class with support.

Ashlynn will thrive in a home that can provide her with her own space and individualized attention. A family that is knowledgeable and able to navigate education and mental health resources is also important.

Ashlynn does best with clear expectations and a structured routine. Her social worker is open to exploring homes with a mother and a father or two mothers. Ashlynn will do best as the youngest or only child in a family. Ashlynn has four brothers and two sisters in Massachusetts, and it is extremely important that she maintains relationships with them.

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

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

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Current, former state troopers charged with taking bribes for falsifying CDL test scores

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Two current and two former State Police troopers are facing charges in connection with an alleged conspiracy to falsify records and give passing scores to certain Commercial Driver's License (CDL) applicants in exchange for bribes.

The following six individuals have been indicted on three counts of conspiracy to falsify records; three counts of conspiracy to commit extortion; three counts of extortion; six counts of honest services mail fraud; and one count of perjury: Gary Cederquist, 58, of Stoughton; Calvin Butner, 63, of Halifax; Perry Mendes, 63, of Wareham; Joel Rogers, 54, of Bridgewater; Scott Camara, 42, of Rehoboth; and Eric Mathison, 47, of Boston.

According to the charging document,

MSP Sgt. Cederquist was in charge of the State Police's CDL Unit. Trooper Rogers and retired Troopers Butner and Mendes were members of the unit.

"Members of MSP's CDL Unit were responsible for administering CDL skills tests. Test requirements for CDLs are established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation," read a statement released by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The CDL skills test is a demanding, in-person test that consists of three segments: vehicle inspection, basic control skills, and the road test.

Class A CDLs are required to drive tractor-trailer units. Class B CDLs are required to drive heavy single vehicles (box trucks, school buses).

According to the

charging document, between May 2019 and January 2023, Cederquist, Butner, Mendes, Rogers, and others conspired to give preferential treatment to at least 17 CDL applicants. The troopers agreed to give passing scores on these applicants' skills tests, regardless of whether they passed the test, investigators allege.

The six suspects used the code word "golden" to identify applicants who would receive special treatment, according to investigators. The indictment alleges that several incriminating text messages were sent between the suspects describing applicants and their test results.

Additionally, it is alleged that Cederquist gave preferential treatment to four Class A CDL applicants who were MSP troopers by falsely reporting that each trooper took and passed a

Class A skills test.

Moreover, Cederquist allegedly conspired with his friend, Camara, who worked for a truck-driving school in Brockton.

It is further alleged that Cederquist conspired with his friend, Mathison, who worked for a spring water company that employed drivers who needed CDLs. Cederquist allegedly gave passing scores to certain applicants affiliated with the water company.

"The indictment alleges that Cederquist gave passing scores to three such applicants who actually failed, in exchange for bribes of free inventory from the water company, such as cases of bottled Fiji, VOSS and Essentia water; cases of bottled Arizona Iced Tea, and coffee and tea products—all of which Mathison delivered to an office trailer at the CDL test site in Stoughton," the U.S. Attorney's Office

statement read.

The indictment alleges that Butner assisted with the conspiracy by giving Mathison a key to the Stoughton yard, enabling Mathison to drop off water company inventory even when the test site was closed. The indictment also alleges that Mendes took part in the conspiracy by accepting cases of water from Mathison immediately after administering an incomplete skills test to a new driver for the water company.

According to the charging document, Cederquist accepted additional bribes in exchange for using his position as the sergeant in charge of MSP's CDL Unit to give preferential treatment to certain CDL applicants. Alleged bribes include a \$750 granite post and mailbox; a new driveway valued at over \$10,000; and a snowblower valued at nearly \$2,000.

"The indictment alleges that Cederquist described one such applicant as 'horrible' and 'brain dead', but gave him a passing score anyway in exchange for the snow blower," the U.S. Attorney's Office statement read.

All CDL recipients who were later identified by investigators as not having been properly certified were reported to the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The investigation remains ongoing.

The following individuals and agencies are thanked for their roles in the investigation: Acting United States Attorney Joshua Levy; Michael Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England; and Christopher Scharf, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Transportation Office.

SENIORS NAMED TO BAY PATH HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School congratulates the following grade 12 students on being named to the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2023-2024 school year:

High Honors
Kaidra Anderson, Sophia Balestraci, Vincent Brink, Rachel Carpenter, Meredith Clark, Kirsten Congdon, Mariselle Cosme, Emma Davidson, Dylan DeJesus, Emma DeJong, Kacey Flanagan, Jenna Gajewski, Makayla Graham, Tristan Hanson, James Heywood, Carly Impey, Anna Lehtola, Kristina Liberty, Catherine Magnusson, Shaun McLaughlin, Maggie Mullaly, Kayla Nguyen, Peter Nhan,

Honors
Alexander Adkins, Kasey Babkauskas, Colton Beauchamp, Alyesia Bellamy, Alex Beshiri, Luke Boliver, Caroline Borgeson, Andrew Bousquet, Emma Bransky, Ryan Bray, Gabriella Cabrera, Olivia Carrier, Madyson Chicoine, Charles Chivallatti, Natalie Cierpich, Jomar Cintron, Perez, Petru Cojocar, Yanieris Colon Vega, Shane Conti, Richard Corriveau, Zachary Cournoyer, Peter Courville, Kyleigh

Czechowski, LeeAnn Dagnese, Daniel Daige, Wyatt Daoust, Jeffrey Denham, Dylan Dietlin, Marissa Dumas, Jayden James Dunston, Jibril Erraihani, James Ferreira, Robert Fleck IV, Jonathan Forget, Nicholas Gagne, Ethan Gallant, Giovanni Garcia, Devin Gavaletz, Jacob Goodspeed, Rachel Gormley, Simon Greening, Lucas Hafner, Bridget Hast, Riley Heenan, Alba Henriquez Baez, Isabelle Herholz, Valerie Hernandez, Tessa Howard, Caitlin Hubbell, Ian James, Stanislaw Janusz, Eva Jerez, Jady Katz, Abigail Kibaru, Jordan Kippax, Madysyn Kozlowski, Matthew Lach, Braeden LaPointe, Benjamin LaTour, Emma Levasseur, Damon Lopez, Radiel Lopez,

Albert Luciano, Patrick Luperchio, Hannah Luukko, Sarah Martin, Jenna McLeish, Vincent Messier, Macaylah Miller, Cole Mitchell, Leah Monti, Adrianna Navarro, Christian Nguyen, Alix Norman, Megan O'Shea, Noah Okolita, Brayden Parente, Esteban Pimentel, Colon Plante, Laci Pollone, Jared Powell, Logan Powers, Evan Provost, Emily Quental, Jacob Reed, Gabriela Rivera Burgos, Victoria Roberts, Margaret Russell, Samantha Russell, Luchia Sargent, Caterina Schiappa, Amanda Seidler, Sydney Seymour, Ryan Sinkewicz, Jason Sinkis, Gerald Splaine, Adriana Stanley, Ashton Stockenberg, Brady Suprenant,

Kyle Sylwanovicz, Isabella Taiste, Jack Ugrinow, Landon Walker, Natalie Walker, Ryleigh Warchal, Timothy Welch, Thomas Wilk, Ryley Williams, Sebastian Winer, Charlotte Worster, Stone Zink

Principal's List
Juliana Alcivar, Jacob Anderson, Hailey Benoit, Samuel Brill, Kayla Brown, Caitlyn Burke, Rayanie Castillo, Karoline Corpes Diaz, Pedro Augusto Dasilva, Deanna Davis, Nyasia Delgado, Noah Dupont, William Dwyer, Janelle Ethier, Jared Evora, Arianna Flores, Chase Forehand, Joseph

Fritze, Jesse Gillet, Sabien Gonzalez, Renee Hallaman, Nathan Josey, Alyssa Kutzko, Abigail Linde, Jadier Maldonado, Ava Marotta, Marissa Masciarelli, Matteo Mastrototaro, Gianna Pantalone, Syllas Perreault, Nicholas Pollone, Ismael Porrata, Daniel Russell, Cody Savary, Cody Sexton, Madison Sibert, Brady Stanionas, Alysha Szafarowicz, Christopher Verdolino

Editor's note: Due to space limitations, the honor rolls for the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes will appear in future editions.

Grace Karbowski of Spencer named to University of Hartford President's List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Grace Karbowski of Spencer (01562) has been named to its President's List for Fall 2023.

The President's List is made up of an extremely select group of students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester. This is the GPA that must be sustained over a full undergraduate career to qualify for a degree summa cum laude.

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Senior Center Director congratulated on first grant

WEST BROOKFIELD — Officials congratulate Senior Center Director Kelly Hitt, who recently received her first grant as director.

The \$29,978 grant will support the purchases of various equipment, in addition to providing technology training to seniors.

The state's Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) has awarded \$1.45 million in Hybrid Programming Grants to 25 Councils on Aging across the Commonwealth. Much of the funding is provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

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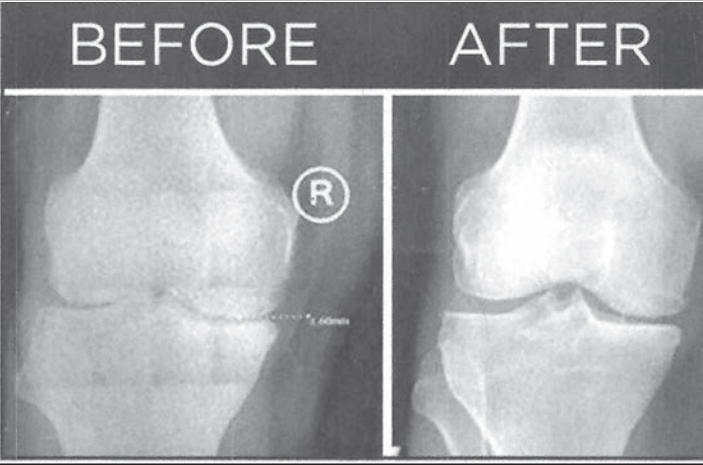
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Solicitors reminded to comply with local bylaws

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — After receiving several recent complaints involving door-to-door sales activities, police are asking solicitors to follow town bylaws or face penalties.

Prior to conducting door-to-door sales in town, all canvassers must first check in with the police department for registration. Only after being registered and obtaining a permit from the Police Chief can they lawfully begin solicitation activities.

But in recent weeks, multiple solicitors have failed to properly register with the police department. Some individuals were accused of knocking on residents' doors

at inappropriate hours, aggressive solicitation, and failure to identify themselves or show a permit, among other complaints.

"The main purpose of this bylaw is to make us aware of who is out in our community and knocking on residents' doors. Far too often, we receive calls about aggressive canvassers that refused to take no for an answer," said Spencer Police Chief Michael Befford.

Recognizing that many solicitors may not be aware of the bylaw, police are utilizing social media and other platforms to increase education.

"The permit was not created to stop the door-

to-door sales, rather to create a vetting process to protect our residents," Befford said. "A solicitor makes an application and, on approval, is issued a permit for that calendar year."

Added Befford, "When a dispatcher receives a call from a resident, they can cross-check the list of approved permits and advise the caller if that person or company is properly permitted. If a permit was not issued, an officer can be sent to the area to investigate."

To obtain a permit for door-to-door sales in town, each individual salesperson must go through a police verification process proving they have not been convicted of a felony; a misdemeanor

or punishable by imprisonment of more than two years; or a violent crime.

Additionally, solicitors will not be permitted if they have been convicted of violating any law regulating the use or possession of weapons, ammunition, or controlled substances.

As of press time, the only two companies that are permitted for door-to-door sales in town are "Trinity Solar" and "Weedman."

Moving forward, police will be cracking down on individuals who fail to comply with the bylaw. Violators will be subject to warnings and/or fines. Moreover, police will

also investigate all complaints of aggressive or inappropriate behavior alleged against permitted companies or individuals. Violators can receive warnings or revocations of their permits, if they are found to have breached the bylaw regulations.

Police also remind solicitors that permits obtained in nearby communities are not valid in Spencer. Upon going through the appropriate channels and receiving approval, solicitors are asked to furnish their permits for residents prior to discussions to help allay concerns.

Residents are encouraged to contact police if they feel unsafe or doubtful about a solicitor, espe-

cially after dark.

"I would ask residents to call and confirm that the person at their door is permitted and, if comfortable, ask to see the permit," Befford said. "The permit contains their name, address, and type of vehicle they are driving. The permit will have a Spencer Police permit number, as well as a raised seal and expiration date."

To register your business or organization for a door-to-door sales permit, contact the police department at 508-885-6333.

To learn more about town bylaws governing door-to-door solicitation, visit www.spencerma.gov.

Western New England University students named to Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) takes immense pride in recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of more than 700 students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

This prestigious honor is a testament to the commitment and dedication these students have demonstrated in their pursuit of academic excellence. The Dean's List acknowledges those who have achieved a semester GPA of 3.30 or higher, showcasing their remarkable scholastic accomplishments.

The diverse group of awardees represents various majors across WNE's Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Engineering. The University commends these students for their intellectual curiosity, leadership, and dedication to their educational journey. They are:

- Sarah Drappuch of Brookfield, majoring in Psychology.
- Sydney Corfey of West Brookfield, majoring in Psychology.
- Kiarra Dorman of West Brookfield, majoring in Business Analytics & Information Management.

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

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

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- Ryan Seeton of West Brookfield, majoring in Business Analytics & Information.
- Gabriel Paquette of West Brookfield, majoring in Engineering.
- Adeline Ford of West Brookfield, majoring in Health Sciences.
- Ariana Masterjohn of West Brookfield, majoring in Psychology.

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\$452,000, 13 Cushing St, Zalansky, Michael, to Zalansky, Judith, to Adade, Deogratias, and Adade, Josephine.
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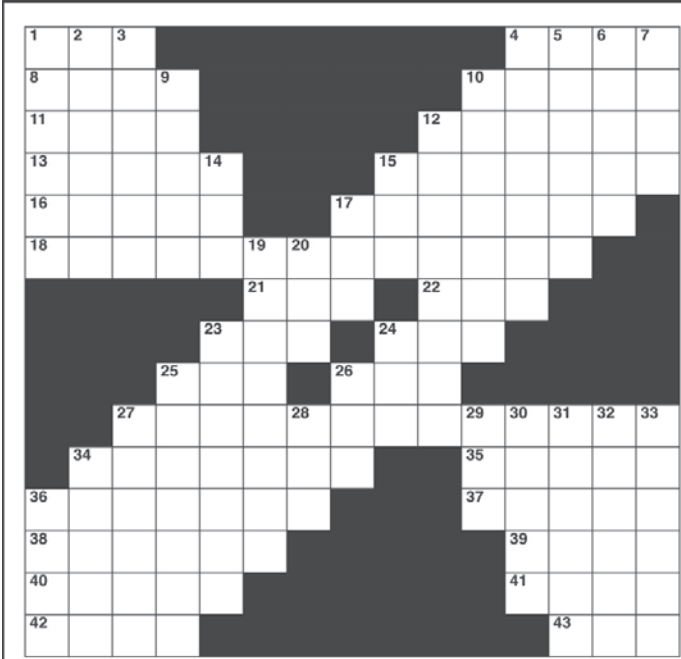
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WARREN

\$405,000, 381 South St, Johnston Jr, William, and Pytel, Jennifer R, to Jabbar, Aws T.
\$220,000, Keys Rd, Clarke, John, and Clarke, Colleen, to Sweeney, Sherri, and Skowron, Joshua.
\$255,000, 275 East Rd, Wrobel, Jean M, to Landrie, Justin.

WEST BROOKFIELD

\$402,000, 23 Cottage St, Renovation Rt, and Meloche, Michael C, to Peterson, Glenn, and Peterson, Heather.



CLUES ACROSS

1. One point south of due east

4. Coagulated blood

8. Fortifying ditch

10. Devotee of Hinduism

11. Trunk of a tree

12. Bank note

13. Capital of Guam

15. Study again

16. Covered with hoarfrost

17. Opening

18. Legendary Rolling Stone

21. Stray

22. Computer storing system

23. Signal
24. Pitching statistic

25. Human being

26. Malaysian isthmus

27. The "Blonde Bombshell"

34. A gland

35. Bluish greens

36. Endangered

37. Three-dimensional

38. In a way, precipitated

39. God associated with dissolution

40. Blemished

41. Flow or leak slowly

42. Disco legends The Bee

43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to board

2. Get down

3. Highly seasoned sausage

4. First day of month

5. Eurasian shrubs

6. The organ that bears the ovules of a flower

7. Small lake

9. Belief

10. Sunrooms

12. Metric weight unit

14. Vasopressin

15. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

17. One-time family room staple

19. Got back together
20. Anger

23. Sang merrily

24. Sea eagle

25. Military men

26. Kilo yard (abbr.)

27. Found in the sea

28. Protects from weather

29. Type of medicine

30. City along the Rhine

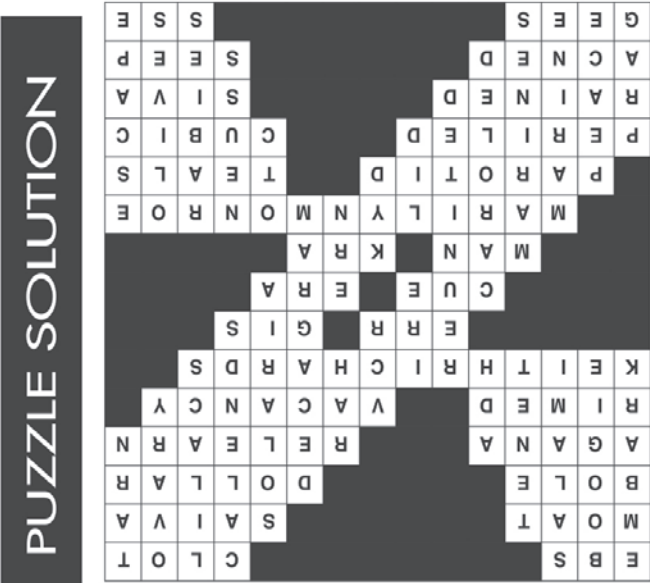
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32. Martini ingredients

33. Get away

34. Lack of disunity

36. One-time European Commission officer





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100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

The month of February has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in February 1924.

- Honduran President Rafael López-Gutiérrez refuses to leave office on February 1. López-Gutiérrez cites uncertainty regarding a successor as his reason for remaining in office after initially beginning a four-year term on February 1, 1920.
- Former United States President Woodrow Wilson falls into a coma at 10:30 p.m. on February 2. The 67-year-old former president dies less than 24 hours later.
- Thanks in part to the recommendation of British physicians, Indian freedom fighter Mohandas Gandhi is released from incarceration in Ahmedabad on February 4. Gandhi served less than one-third of his six-year prison sentence for sedition.
- Forty-one miners drown in a flash flood inside an underground iron mine near Crosby, Minnesota on February 5. The flood is caused when the crew blasts too close to the bottom of a

nearby lake.

- President Wilson is buried in a vault beneath the center aisle of the chapel of the Washington National Cathedral on February 6. He remains the only president to be buried in the District of Columbia.
- In response to the German Embassy's refusal to offer condolences or lower flags in honor of President Wilson, roughly 200 taxi drivers plant an American flag on the embassy lawn on February 6.
- The Fascist government of Italy formally recognizes the Communist Soviet Union on February 7.
- On February 8, Chinese national Gee Jon becomes the first person in American history to be executed with lethal gas. Jon was convicted in a gangland slaying and was put to death in an airtight chamber at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City. Elsewhere in the United States, five inmates, each convicted murderers, were put to death in Texas, marking the state's first use of the electric chair.
- Two-hundred fifty delegates representing 61 trade unions, civic groups and fraternal or-

ganizations attend the opening day of the Negro Sanhedrin on February 11. The conference was an attempt to establish a national program protecting the legal rights of African American tenant farmers and wage workers.

- On February 13, one day after testifying in the trial of "Shoeless Joe" Jackson, Chicago White Sox outfielder Oscar "Happy" Felsch is arrested for perjury. Lawyers for the White Sox produced documents contradicting Felsch's testimony, resulting in his arrest.
- On February 14, the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company renames itself the International Business Machines Corporation, which would ultimately be shortened to IBM.
- U.S. Senator Frank L. Greene of Vermont is shot in the head and seriously wounded by a stray bullet during a shootout on February 15. The shootout involved bootleggers and Prohibition enforcement agents, and Senator Green was struck while walking with his wife along Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.
- German artist

George Grosz is fined 500 gold marks on February 16. The court determined a collection of Grosz's drawings depicting the decadence of Berlin society was obscene.

- Greek Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos resigns on February 19. Venizelos had been in office less than four weeks.
- U.S. President Calvin Coolidge becomes the first President to make a radio broadcast from the White House on February 22.
- Prime Minister Ahmet Zogu of Albania is shot twice by anarchist Beqir Valteri on February 23. Often referred to as Zog I of Albania, the prime minister reportedly survived more than 50 assassination attempts over the course of his

life. Though Valteri's efforts were unsuccessful, Zogu's injuries forced him to step away from office for a short period following the shooting.

- On February 24, the Beverly Hills Speedway hosts its final race. The speedway is torn down as property values in Beverly Hills skyrocket.
- Trials related to the Beer Hall Putsch that occurred on November 9, 1923, begin in Munich on February 26. Adolf Hitler and Erich Ludendorff are among those put on trial.

4 interesting facts about the month of February

- February is the shortest month of the year. Unless it's a leap year, when an extra day is tacked on to the end of the month, February is just 28 days long. Despite its brevity, February is a notable month, and the following are four interesting facts about the second month of the year.
1. The name "February" comes from the Latin word "februa," which means "to cleanse." The ancient Romans celebrated a festival of purification and atonement known as Februalia, and historians believe that celebration, which lasted a month, occurred around the time of year that the month of February now takes place.
 2. February is arguably the most unique month on the calendar thanks to the phenomenon of the leap year. According to NASA, the Earth takes approximately 365 days and six hours to orbit the sun and approximately 24 hours (one day) to rotate on its axis. NASA notes that most years are rounded down to 365 days, though that does not erase the extra six hours in each year. So approximately every four years an extra day is added to the calendar in February. That will actually take place in 2024, which should excite anyone whose birthday happens to be February 29.
 3. Speaking of February 29, many a notable event has taken place on that unusual date over the years. On February 29, 1720, the Queen of Sweden, Ulrika Eleonora, abdicated her throne in favor of her husband, who became King Frederick I a little less than a month after his wife's abdication. On February 29, 1940, actress Hattie McDaniel became the first African American to win an Academy Award. And on February 29, 1996, the Siege of Sarajevo officially ended, marking the end of a conflict that had lasted 1,425 days.
 4. Though it's typically only 28 days, February still provides many opportunities to celebrate. February is Black History Month in both the United States and Canada, and has recently been observed in Ireland and the United Kingdom as well. February also features Mardi Gras and "Fat Tuesday," the final, and often festive, feast day before the Christian season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. American history buffs also have plenty of reasons to celebrate in February, as the month marks the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (February 12), Susan B. Anthony (February 15) and George Washington (February 22), among others.



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EDITORIAL

Leading with purpose: Prioritizing local issues over the culture war

At a time when communities far and wide face pressing challenges like homelessness, substance misuse, and the need for unity, it is essential that our local leaders redirect their focus towards the issues that truly matter. Rather than engaging in divisive cultural battles, true leadership demands a dedication to improving the daily lives of residents by addressing local concerns.

One of the most pressing issues in many communities today is homelessness. Our woods and streets are home to many individuals who are struggling to find shelter and support. This issue should take precedence over divisive cultural debates, as it directly impacts the well-being and safety of our very own community members.

Similarly, the challenge of substance misuse is a significant concern that requires our leaders' full attention. Addiction affects not only the individuals grappling with it but also their families and communities. Local leaders should work collaboratively to establish effective rehabilitation and support programs that address this issue head-on, instead of allowing it to be overshadowed by polarizing cultural discussions.

A true leader understands the importance of bridging gaps rather than creating divisions. In an era marked by increasing polarization, it is incumbent upon our local leaders to strive for unity. Their role should be to bring residents together, encouraging dialogue and understanding among diverse groups. Creating a sense of community and solidarity should be a top priority, as it helps build a stronger, more resilient society.

It is crucial to recognize that small, symbolic issues like the presence of a two-inch pride sticker on a public building's door should not distract us from the substantial problems at hand. A leader's duty is to prioritize actions that will improve the daily lives of everyone in the community. While diverse perspectives are important, focusing on such symbolic issues detracts from the time and resources that could be better allocated to address actual challenges.

Furthermore, thriving businesses are an integral part of a flourishing community. Local leaders should work tirelessly to create an environment where businesses can thrive. A prosperous economy enables residents to access better opportunities and services, thus improving their quality of life.

Effective local leadership necessitates a clear focus on the issues that directly impact our community's well-being, such as homelessness, substance misuse, and unity. Divisive cultural debates, while important in their own right, should not overshadow these pressing concerns. A true leader, one with courage, prioritizes the needs of their constituents, brings people together, and strives to build a stronger, more resilient community. By doing so, they ensure that businesses thrive, basic needs are met, and everyone can enjoy a higher quality of life.

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America cannot afford another Republican loss

To the Editor:
Before you vote, please consider what makes things good in America. It's the competition in our free markets and private sector businesses, not the government, that creates our great standard of living.

It should be crystal clear to all that the Democrat party believes in big government control while the Republican party prefers limited government. Less government and more competitive freedom. I personally like the less government approach, and therefore usually support Republicans. The last time I heard something from a Democrat that I liked was John Kennedy saying "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." He was probably the last Democrat to understand what makes America work.

We are now in the process of deciding who should be the Republican candidate for president in the upcoming November elections. Trump is the current leader, but he lost in 2020, and I think he very well could lose again in 2024. The exit polls after the 2020 election showed that Joe Biden didn't win, but that Trump lost. About 50 percent of the Biden voters said they didn't vote for Biden, but voted against Trump; not against Trump policies, but against his personality. If anything, his personality is worse. I liked most of his policies then, and I like most of his

proposed policies now. But there's that abrasive personality. While Americans like cowboys, not everyone thinks it's wise to have one in the White House. What we need is those good policies and clear positions without the course personality.

I think Nikki Haley has some of the best credentials for president that I have ever seen in a candidate. As Governor, she had the same function on the state level as a president has on the federal level. Secondly, she has excellent international experience. Also, I find her to give straight forward answers which is refreshing among politicians. She brings the good policies similar to Trump's without the losing personality. And that's the bottom line — she's got the better chance of defeating Biden, or another liberal, in November.

We cannot afford another Trump loss. If you are an independent unenrolled voter, go to the poles on March 5 and take a Republican ballot and select Nikki Haley for the Republican nominee for president. Make it Biden verses Haley not Biden verses Trump in November. Then if the country regains its common sense in November, we may once again return to a government by the people.

LEONARD IVEL
LEICESTER

Just for the record

To the Editor:

I have no way of knowing if the factual information I frequently offer in this media has the impact that I seek. I have long felt that given the facts, that my fellow citizens will do "the right thing." Whether that translates into adopting my views, correcting misinformation, or even just not supporting or embracing the spread of misinformation, any or all of which has meaning.

If one of your major concerns is the insecurity of the southern border, then you are probably aware that the GOP controlled House has made it their main issue, and has coupled getting their agenda for the border attached to our continuing to support Ukraine's defense from Russian invasion and support for Israel in their campaign to annihilate Hamas. (How many of you know that Hamas is the government of Gaza made up of Palestinians? This radical Islam group is supported by Iran, but is not made up mainly of foreigners. Israel warned non-Hamas supporters to evacuate until Hamas was purged. Those who remained are supporters, families and Hamas, and are dying en masse.) I would note that after 9/11, we bombed Iraq and killed over 200,000 civilians, despite there being mainly Saudi's and no Iraqi's among those hijackers.

We have just lost three of our military to a drone attack by terrorists supplied by Iran. Several GOP officials, who are common military action supporters, have suggested we attack Iran. These are the very same people who used to back confrontation with Russia, China and North Korea. They were early supporters of assisting in Ukraine's defense against Russia. Even Moscow Mitch has pointed out the logic of our military industrial complex, cranking out weapons that degrade Russia, while losing no American lives to do so.

Both McConnell, Johnson (current Speaker of the House for those not paying attention), and the entire GOP house and senate, having negotiated the most favorable border bill to their priorities, in order to get Ukraine and Israel the support they need, has now completely backed away from those hard fought negotiations, because Trump feels that still having unsolved border issues is his best campaign issue. He hasn't even been smart enough to say we still need to negotiate unsolved issues, just that when he becomes dictator on day one, he will close the border. When he tried that while president, he could not because it was illegal then, is illegal now, and will be illegal then, hence taking this action would be an actual dictator ignoring our laws, which he already does. Biden

just announced, give me the power to legally close the border and I will.

In the near future, we will better understand Trump's net worth. His taxes, that he promised to release after the audit, and never did, were actually released by an IRS employee, now jailed for five years for doing it. He made a public statement that he has \$400 million in free cash. Because that will all be tied up in bonds deposited to guarantee payment of the \$88 million awarded in Carroll case and the \$370 million anticipated in the New York fraud case, he may need an actual accurate balance sheet.. I am curious whether is contributors know that 55 million has already gone to lawyers and if it was clear that money was not going to ads, signs, etc.? Some have even signed on for monthly contributions.

As if DJT should not have enough on his mind to focus on, Taylor Swift has now irked him by showing that she is more popular than he is.

Last I heard, he rolls into towns to do rallies, then stiffs the municipalities to security costs. Conversely, Taylor pays her bills, tips everyone in sight, and while amount not announced, funded a major soup kitchen its operating budget for five years.

While the Trump machine never slows down its lie generation, the Biden operation will soon start bombarding you with the truth. Today's job numbers are up way above expectations, inflation is coming down, stock market is greater than ever, despite GOP efforts to reduce turnout by any not in the cult the Cheeto pointing out that Roe is gone because of him, may well come back to haunt him as women are not saying they want an abortion, they are saying is not your decision to inflict some cookie cutter rules on us that take not only our freedom, but all options, even endangering our health and well being. A blue wave that gives Dems enough control, will see Roe freedoms codified as law. Anyone paying any attention, has seen that the garbage legislation in place goes far further than punishing bad girl behavior. It endangers health and well being.

The polls have actually started to turn. As they, it is restoring my confidence in democracy. A legitimate Supreme Court would inform the former president that he is not now and has never been above the law, and a strict interpretation of section #3 of the 14th Amendment, being announced soon, might give the GOP a shot at running a viable candidate.

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A night to remember

Last week, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held their annual Founders Day banquet. The event included a sold out prime rib dinner put on by President Matt Burbank and his committee. It was fantastic. After the meal, this writer was surprised with a plaque dedicating the club's trout pond in my name. I was totally surprised by the award, and was extremely appreciative of the award. This writer joined the club when I was only 10 years old, and was elected secretary of the club when I was 16. In later years, I continued as Secretary, and was on the board of directors



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for many years. I also served as president for a couple of years. After the club was incorporated, I remained an active member serving in numerous positions at the club including fish chairman. The clubhouse was located at Prentice Corner in a small patch of woods a couple hundred yards from the shore of the Meadow Pond. The activities at the club back

then were BINGO parties and numerous suppers. Raccoon and ham suppers were a big hit back then, with tickets to the supper selling for \$2. They were quickly sold out for every supper. The club's cook was George Bramen back then, and he was famous for his turtle soup. Every year, snapper turtles were caught in the scenes of bait fishermen trying to catch shiners for local bait shops. The turtles were donated to the club almost on a weekly basis. Linwood Pond was the hot spot to seign for shiners back in the day. The Clubhouse was later moved to a piece of



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This week's first picture shows the plaque I received at the pond dedication.



The writer with his family on the big night.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be kind

To the Editor:

Let's be clear. The President of the United States presently has the authority to close off our borders to illegal immigration. Today, he could declare it a national emergency and close it off completely. Biden, instead, has opened our borders wide open. Why? Because the Progressive Democrats that control him want to change our country.

Why hasn't the national news, such as ABC and NBC, been covering this and asking why he doesn't close it? I'll tell you the reason why. These news organizations are run by Woke conglomerates; ABC is owned by Disney (need I say more?). NBC is owned by Comcast. Both big supporters of Biden's Woke policies. So, they are basically the propaganda arms of the Progressive Dem Party.

The Dems are using them to tell you the Republicans are holding up the immigration bill in the Senate that would "Shut Down the Border." It's all a big lie like everything else they say. The bill would allow 5,000 illegal immigrants a day in. It would provide amnesty for those already here. The additional monies would be used to hire more agents to get them faster into your communities. Is that what an American thinks "Shutting Down the Border." Hell no, only in the Dem Socialist minds of those in our community like comrade Kimball and Jackman. You know the ones that don't like other people's opinions. The ones that think Bidens economy is doing great. Double housing cost, double gas cost, and property tax overrides are not Bidens fault. Do you think they are going to take 3 or 4 illegal immigrants into their homes? Of course not. They want you to pay the price for their leftist policies. They will walk around with a sign that says, "Be Kind." It's their leftist code wording that means "Shut up because you're racist."

Now we see the full ramifications on your towns of voting for socialist Dems like Biden and Healy. The leftist news praised Healy as she announces new funding for the illegals. More free housing and programs to support them. We all know the freer stuff you give them the more will come. They hear 'come to Massachusetts and the Dem Progressive Healy will give support you over the citizens.' Instead of deporting

them, she is opening up taking over community recreation areas and school gyms meant for our kids to house those she invites in. Maybe Biden supporters like Ms. Jackman or Mr. Kimball will let some move in with them. Fat chance. According to them things are going great under Biden, and all they want is the free stuff like the illegals. That's the America these socialists dream about. Why not house them in the Wang Center or the Hynes Convention Center? Because their liberal elite friends won't like it. We all know the more free stuff you give them just means more want to come here. Its Healy that is encouraging the illegal aliens to move up here. More Dem Progressive voters for her base at your expense, Mayor Wu already wants to allow them to vote. This will make voters like you in the suburbs to be drowned out. Who is taking the brunt of here and Biden's policies. It's you! The cost is going to be on the backs of the taxpayers in the suburbs like you. The elites with their mansions and state jobs are exempt. We see Healy is cutting off the state aid to towns. No problem. She knows many towns have Dem selectmen and school unions that owe allegiance to her. They won't demand the state provide school funding as promised in the budgets. They won't dare cut school DEI programs to save police and firefighter positions. They will take the easy way. Put a 2 1/2 override and make the town residents pay for the Biden and Healy illegal immigrant invasion. Put up signs that say "Be Nice" or "Be Strong."

If some bully was slapping your kid in the face and stealing your lunch money, would you tell him "Be Kind" and try to understand why he's doing it. Fat chance. You would tell him to fight and stand his ground. Now it's your chance. The Socialist Dems have slapped you silly and called you every name in the book. It's time for you to take a stand. Get off your duff and Vote a resounding "No" on any override. On Nov. 7 vote in the guy mean enough to "Shut the Border" for real. Vote the guy that will solve our fiscal shakedown by Healy by using ICE on day one to start shipping the illegals back to their home countries. Vote Trump for 2024!

MARK ROBILLARD
SPENCER

Our very good economy & Donald Trump puts himself before our country (again)

To the Editor:

First, fact based evidence that says, under the Biden administration our economy has and continues to do well - a few examples:

The growth of our economy of the last few years is 7 percent. This stands at more than twice the growth of Europe's.

While prices have risen over the last few years, the average workers pay has risen even more, especially since 2023.

Unemployment has been under 4 percent for the longest period since the 1970s, and more than 14 million jobs have been created.

Under the Biden administration, the economy has and continues to do well.

Donald Trump the person has many flaws - he seeks to divide us and rule America as a dictator America. He creates chaos. He constantly lies abuses women, and enjoys inflicting pain on "others." He's crooked and sees those who instead serve our country as "suckers and losers.

But above all else, the worst that he cares much more about himself than his country. For months and years Trump has ranted and raved about our immigration situation.

Now a group of Republican and Democratic Senators have come up with a plan to improve the immigration situation, including:

Not allowing more than 4,000 border crossing a day,

If and when this happens, requiring the government to process 1,400 asylum applications a day.

Making it more difficult to be approved for asylum, reducing the decision time from years to six months, and mostly letting our immigration services rather than the courts to decide, and

Providing 250,000 additional visas over five years for families and employment based immigrants.

Like all Congressional legislation, this is not perfect. However, it represents a good step in the right direction.

And that's why Donald Trump doesn't want it approved. The reasons - it will improve the immigrant situation, reduce his main keep his voters angry issue, and make the Biden Administration look "good."

As far as he is concerned, we should do nothing about immigration until and if he becomes President - that is for another year no matter what the consequences.

In this, as always, Trump the person comes first.

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

property on White Court in Douglas that was purchased for land taxes. The approximately 100 acres has been the home of the WFGC for many years, and has a state of the art clubhouse built by many members of the club over the years. The Blackstone Valley Beagle Club used the club for a number of years prior to moving to their own club in Douglas.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club used Rileys Pond on Castle Hill Road in Whitinsville for many years. The former Whitins Machine Works owned Rileys pond and allowed the Whitinsville club to stock it with trout. I have a lot of great memories fishing at Rileys Pond, and my son Ralph JR. caught his first big brown trout there.

Now, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club has their own trout pond at their new location on White Court.

Having my Granddaughter Andrea

Retirees: Time to use a barbell?

(No, not the weights)

Predicting where interest rates will be in the future is an extremely difficult task. Where will rates be 12 months from now? Higher? Lower? The same? Even professional economists with their proverbial crystal balls guess wrong. Nevertheless, it is important for retirees to consider the current interest rate environment when looking for ways to maximize their sources of retirement income.

During 2023 we watched the Federal Reserve dramatically raise rates in an effort to slow the economy and curb inflation. The chart below illustrates that dramatic increase.

Today, there is a general

consensus amongst economists that we are at the end of this tightening cycle, and we will likely see rates come down in the second half of 2024. Most notably, during their Dec. 12-13 Fed meeting, policymakers signaled the central bank would cut rates three times in 2024, confirming a pivot from prior rate hikes.

Against this backdrop, retirees are now left wondering how to position excess cash, CD's, bonds, and fixed income portfolios. It is no surprise one of the most common questions our clients ask us is, "How can we maximize our retirement income?"

One effective strategy for consideration is a "barbell approach". To use this approach an investor will pair a short-term fixed income instrument with a longer-term fixed income instrument. Here's a hypothetical example of a barbell in action:

Nancy has \$200,000 of

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assets she'd like to put to work. She places \$100,000 in a (12) month CD paying 5.05 percent* and the remaining \$100,000 in a (5) year fixed annuity paying 5.45 percent*

If interest rates fall over the next 12 months: Nancy will still have a portion of her money paying 5.45 percent* (the fixed annuity)

If interest rates rise over the next 12 month: her CD will mature and she can reinvest that money at a potentially new (higher) rate

In summary, this approach can help retirees hedge against interest rate movements in either direction. And if rates are indeed near their peak, this strategy may help "lock in" a potentially attractive rate for longer.

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Buzzards Bay! April 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. New & used fishing tackle. A few tables available! Contact Mel at 1- 508-951-9991.

200 Sportsmen's club ice fishing derby cancelled for this weekend due to unsafe ice.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual ice derby this Saturday for members only, ice permitting. The kitchen will be open for breakfast starting at 6 a.m., even if the derby needs to be canceled because of poor ice! Chef Bedard is planning a great breakfast for all in attendance. Come on down!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

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A Nostalgic Peek at Garden Folklore

The garden has long been a mystical place, where the wonder of nature’s handiwork is apparent each harvest season. Given a garden’s unpredictability it should come as no surprise that gardeners through the ages have tried to tempt fate through rituals and rhymes. As we anticipate the spring season (and the ground hog predicted an early spring!), it is fitting this column be dedicated to a sampling of garden folklore of tradition and tales.

“Weather” or Not: The weather plays a major role in planting success, and our forefathers had numerous anecdotes and rhymes to aid them in recalling nature’s predictions. Here is an entertaining collection of phrases for you to ponder.

Clear moon, frost soon.
Cloudy mornings turn to clear afternoons.
Halo around the moon, rain soon.
Halo around the sun or moon, rain or snow soon.
If you see the underside of the leaves in the gentle breeze, it will rain before your sneeze.
Mare’s tails and mackerel scales make tall ships take in their sails.
No weather is ill when the wind is still.
Pale moon doth rain,
Red moon doth blow,

White moon doth neither rain nor snow.
Red skies at night, sailor’s delight.
Red skies at morning, sailors take warning.
Smoke curling downward, poor weather.
When the stars begin to huddle, the earth will soon become a puddle.
When your joints all start to ache, rainy weather is at stake.
When a cow endeavors to scratch his ear, It means a rain shower is very near.
When he thumps his ribs with an angry tail, Look out for thunder, lightning and hail.
A year of snow, a year of plenty.
Evening red and morning gray help the traveler on his way.
Evening gray and morning red bring down rain upon his head.

Mantra of the Months: Certain months of the year bring curious clues as to Mother Nature’s mood. Some of these vintage verses are oft repeated today.

If February brings no rain, ‘tis neither good for grass nor grain.
If the grass do grow in Janiveer, it grows the worse for it all the year.
In February, if thou hearest thunder, thou shalt see a summer wonder.
A summer fog for fair, a winter fog for rain.
A wet January, a wet spring.

An April flood carries away both the frog and his brood.
April showers bring May flowers.
April weather: rain and sunshine both together.
Be it weal or be it woe, bean blow before May doth go.
A cold May and a windy, a full barn will find ye.
If it thunders on All Fool’s Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.
A peck of March dust is worth a king’s ransom.
March’ll search ye, April try ye; May’ll tell, whether live or die ye.
A wet May makes a big load of hay.
A cold May is kindly and fills the barn finely.
When April blows his horn, ‘Tis good for both hay and corn.
A cold and wet June spoils the rest of the year.
A dripping June keeps all things in tune.
A dry May and a leaking June, make the farmer whistle a merry tune.
If the 24th of August be fair and clear, then hope for a prosperous autumn that year.
In July, shear your rye.
June damp and warm does the farmer no harm.
Mist in May and heat in June will bring all things into tune.
A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.
A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

The Legend of Gazing Balls: Gazing balls, which are large shiny, reflective orbs that typically sit on a stand in the garden, have long been said to have protective powers. In the Victorian era, gazing balls were common sights in gardens. Legend has it evil spirits attempting to enter the garden were scared off by their own reflections in the gazing ball. Also called Witch Balls because witches were often the spirits to repel, the brilliant globes were also said to ward off misfortune and illness. Today, gazing balls have become an attractive addition to both formal and casual gardens. Set on a cement or metal stand, the orb allows a view of the entire garden with a single glance.

Hummingbird Lore: The tiny hummingbird has a rich heritage steeped in Native American folklore. In Mayan lore, the hummingbird is the sun in disguise. A Mojave legend has a hummingbird

flying up from the darkness of the inner earth to discover the world we now live in. The Taino tribe worship the hummingbird, believing it is a “sacred pollinator.” And the Chaymas of Trinidad also hold hummingbirds sacred, as it is thought the hummingbirds are their dead ancestors. Hummingbirds are a delightful addition to the modern garden, as they are not only wonderful to watch, they are valuable pollinators and insect predators. Growing flowers that produce nectar will attract the tiny birds, and hummingbird feeders ensure a plentiful flock of the tiny visitors. Hummingbirds are attracted to the following shrubs and flowers: Azalea; Bee Balm; Butterfly Bush; Canna; Coral Honeysuckle; Flowering Quince; Four O’Clocks; Foxglove; Fuchsia ; Hosta; Impatiens; Morning Glory; Petunia; Trumpet Creeper; Yucca. If you use a hummingbird feeder, a homemade solution of nectar is an economic way to attract the birds. The general recipe is one part sugar to four parts water. Mixture should be boiled for about a minute to retard mold. The solution should be replaced at least once a week and it is imperative you keep the feeder clean.

It is not necessary to add red food coloring to the water, as any red trim on the feeder will attract the birds.
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Do you have a tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Aircraft memorabilia

Fascination with flight dates back centuries. English cleric Roger Bacon wrote about mechanical flight around 1250 A.D., according to the Library of Congress. Leonardo da Vinci designed flying machines and a parachute from 1485 to 1500. The first aerial voyage took place in 1783 when Jean François Pilâtre de Rozier and Marquis d’Arlandes took flight in a Montgolfier hot-air balloon. Two years later in 1785, Jean-Pierre Blanchard and John Jeffries crossed the English Channel by balloon. DaVinci’s parachute design was put to use in 1797, when André Jacques Garnerin made the first human parachute descent from a balloon.

Both powered flight and winged flight were being considered in 1843 when aeronautical engineering pioneer George Cayley published a biplane design. Henri Giffard used a steam engine to propel a cigar shaped aircraft in 1852. In 1891, Otto Lilienthal began suc-

cessful gliding experiments and in 1895 he began flying his biplanes. Hu used split willow framed wings covered with cotton, resembling bird wings. His biplane was considered the most influential winged aircraft prior to the Wright Brothers.

On Dec. 17, 1903, two brothers who owned a bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio made the first airplane flight. Wilbur and Orville Wright flew a 12-horsepower gasoline engine powered aircraft for 12 seconds above the sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, N.C.



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES
WAYNE TUISKULA

Later in the 1900s, record-breaking pilots were considered heroes. Charles A. Lindbergh completed the first solo, nonstop trans-Atlantic flight in 1927. In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly a solo non-stop trans-Atlantic flight. Later in 1947, Charles E. Yeager’s Bell X-1 became the first aircraft to exceed the speed of sound in level flight.

As you might expect, there are collectors who appreciate the history of flight or have fond memories of airlines and collect airplane related memorabilia.

Locally, the “Worcester” Airport opened in North Grafton in 1927. Over 30,000 people witnessed stunt flyers, parachuters, and military pilots when the airport opened. We sold a program, ticket, and first day cover from the event for \$150 in our December 2022 auction. Some other early aviation medals sold well in our last auction this past January. A sterling silver 1919 New York Aeronautical Expedition commemorative medal sold for \$140 and a bronze medal commemorating Admiral Byrd’s Flights over the Arctic and Antarctica sold for \$550.

As for more recent history, Pan American World Airways

(Pan Am) was founded in 1927. It was considered to be the leading international carrier after World War II. In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt needed a plane to fly to a conference in Morocco and chose a Pan AM Boeing 314 Clipper. Other presidents including Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and Richard Nixon also flew on Pan Am flights staffed by some of their finest employees. We auctioned memorabilia from the estate of a stewardess who flew with Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Nixon on their chartered flights. A signed Richard Nixon photo and other memorabilia sold for \$275. A 1950s or 1960s stewardess cap with pin brought \$350. A Pan Am clock shaped like an instrument panel landed at \$500 and three silver appreciation tokens from President Eisenhower soared to \$2,400.

We are accepting comic books, sports cards & memorabilia, and collectibles consignments for the next week. We are also accepting consignments for our multi-estate auction with gold jewelry, sterling silver, coins, art, antiques and collectibles. My “Evaluating your Antiques” class will be on March 5th at the Bay Path Evening School in Charlton.

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Leicester resident named to RPI Dean’s List

TROY, N.Y. — Cole Delage from Leicester was named to the Dean’s List at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Delage is a Freshman majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

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Every loss holds a lesson

Loss is a part of everyone's life, as common as the air we breathe. It's one of those things we all face – the deep sadness of saying goodbye.

It could be the final goodbye to a family member, a close friend, or someone else we hold dear. We know these moments are coming, but that doesn't make them any easier. They're like uninvited guests who show up, reminding us how precious our time is with the people we care about.

As a poet once said, "Sometimes, only one person is missing, and the whole world seems depopulated."

Then there's the kind of loss that sneaks up on us, the kind we don't talk

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about much. It's not about the unavoidable end of life but the relationships that drift apart because of what we do or don't do.

In these moments, we might lose someone and part of ourselves. This is particularly true when we invest so much in our relationships that our identity diminishes. We can lose sight of who we are outside of these connections, and the loss of self can be as profound as the loss of the other.

Take, for instance, the time I lost a business partner. We clashed over a business decision that seemed unfairly balanced and not mutually beneficial to me. I tried to find a middle ground. I sought a compromise, hoping to preserve our partner-

ship, but a compromise was outside his agenda. In the end, we had to part ways. Why did it happen? That's something I might never fully understand.

I also recall a friend who suddenly stopped talking to me. We used to spend a lot of time together – sharing meals, attending church, and just enjoying each other's company. Then, out of nowhere, he cut off all communication. I tried reaching out multiple times – calls, texts, emails – but got very little response. Four years passed before he started talking to me again. Even when I asked him about the reason for his long silence, he never gave me a straight answer.

I was deeply in love with a woman who didn't share my feelings. Despite my persistent

efforts over the years, her feelings didn't change. I may never fully understand why it didn't work out.

These experiences, though painful, remind us that not all losses seem preventable. In life, we're often faced with situations that are beyond our control. But what about the losses we might prevent?

Consider your relationships, not just with your spouse but also with your friends – are you nurturing these bonds with the care and respect they deserve?

Often, we take our closest relationships for granted, not realizing the value of what we have until there's a risk of losing it. The erosion of trust is a subtle yet profound form of loss,

and it isn't confined to romantic relationships alone. It creeps in when we neglect our partners' and friends' needs, feelings, or expectations. Once trust is damaged, whether in a marriage or a friendship, rebuilding it can be a long and challenging road.

And what about your customers? When we lose a customer, it's the loss of an opportunity to serve and to make a meaningful impact. Are you paying attention to their needs and expectations to contribute positively to their day or solve a problem they're facing?

Winning back a customer after they've left can be significantly more challenging than maintaining that relationship.

So, what can we do in the face of potential

loss? We can strive to be kind, communicate openly, and cherish our time with those around us. We can work on being understanding and patient. And when someone steps back into our lives, we can welcome them with open arms, knowing that relationships are sometimes mysterious and require understanding.

Loss, in its many forms, is an inevitable part of life. But each loss carries a lesson.

It's been said that you learn more from loss than you do from gain.

Ultimately, it's not just about preventing loss; it's about embracing the learning and growing that comes from it. And that's a positive take on one of life's most challenging experiences.



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SPORTS

Offense comes together for Panthers, who dispatch Auburn



David Prouty's Jayden Rubio looks inside the post to make a potential pass.



David Prouty's Noah LaTour catches a pass and spins his way toward the basket.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — Pat O'Connor, head coach of the David Prouty boys' varsity basketball team, has two "magic numbers" when assessing a performance.

"Any time in a high school game you give up under 50 and you get to 60, those are the two magic numbers," he explained.

The Panthers checked off both boxes when playing at Auburn on Thursday, Feb. 1. They held the Rockets to 47 points and scored 65 themselves in an 18-point victory.

"I was happy with our offense and defense. I was happy, even with the offense that didn't produce," said O'Connor. "I thought we took really good shots. Some of our best possessions did not lead to points."

Prouty's offense was balanced, as the starting five did the bulk of the work, scoring all but two points. Alec Fournier led the way with 19 points, and he was followed by Jay Jay Neiray (15 points), Jayden Rubio (12 points) on four 3-pointers), Noah LaTour (9 points) and Fred Neiray (8 points).

The Panthers led at all the stops (12-11 after one quarter, 30-21 at halftime

and 52-33 through three) as they improved to 12-2.

"We're thrilled. We want more, but we're thrilled," said O'Connor, who noted that Prouty has won the league. "SWCL B is clinched, which was one of our goals."

Following the conclusion of the regular season, the Panthers will partake in the Clark Small Schools and Division 4 State Tournaments, where they will in all likelihood have decent seeds in both.

"We'll see what happens with the Clark and the State Tournament. No matter what, either tournament we're going to play a really good team in the first round," said O'Connor. "We want to have home games in the (State) Tournament. That's our goal, to get a high seed."

Auburn dropped to 4-10 following the loss.

"We're missing two starters, which is tough going into Prouty, a very well-coached team, a very experienced team, a team used to winning," said Dan Koen, head coach of the Rockets, who were without Billy Stewart and Jason Kahura. "We fought, we competed. Whenever we had to make a play, there was a lid on the hoop. Then they would come down



Alec Fournier of David Prouty gets to the rim for an easy two points.

and make the play. But the kids played hard and hard until the end."

Auburn has had an up-and-down 2023-24 season.

"The only thing we're consistent with is our inconsistency," said Koen, before providing a possible explanation. "We've got an inexperienced team in the sense that we do have a bunch

of seniors, but we have a lot of seniors that don't have experience playing varsity basketball."

One of those players is Brayden Martin, one of the Rockets' top scorers, but he missed his junior

season with an ACL injury.

Martin had 8 points versus Prouty, as did Luke Martin and Zack Wetzl, while Tyler Kohler provided a team-best 9 points.

Koen is hoping for a good close to the season.

"I think we've got some winnable games, teams we've had some success against. So, we'll try to go out with a bang," said Koen.



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SPORTS

Wolverines put it all together to down Oxford



Leicester's Brody Grant bounces a pass into the paint toward teammate Jack Ledbetter.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEICESTER — Back on Opening Night (Dec. 11), with the Leicester boys' varsity basketball team hosting Bartlett, the Wolverines took a double-digit lead into the fourth quarter. But

Leicester, which went winless in the 2022-23 season, couldn't hold on as they dropped a 44-43 decision to the Indians. "We were up 12 or whatever it was to start the fourth quarter against Bartlett on Opening Night, and we

did not finish the job. We didn't play well enough in the fourth quarter to win," explained Leicester head coach Mike Lynch after the Wolverines competed against Oxford on Tuesday, Jan. 30 in their 15th game. "I said that this was the growth,



Nick Bulkeley of Leicester elevates up and over an Oxford defender for a shot.

game one to game 15, that now we're prepared to finish some of these games when we're in that situation."

That was because Leicester led the Pirates by 12 points, 39-27, as play moved to the final frame. Oxford never trimmed the deficit down to a two-possession game, as the Wolverines put it all together for a 47-38 victory.

Leicester is now 3-12 on the season, while the Pirates dropped to 6-8.

"I thought we executed our game plan, defensively, to perfection," said Lynch. "We know that (Oxford's Brady) Margoupis is one of the best scorers around and we did not want to lose with him being the one to take us out."

Margoupis, a 1,000-point scorer in his own right, was held to 7 points. He hit a 3-pointer in the first quarter — "The 3 he hit was a deep, deep 3," Lynch noted — and went 4-for-4 from the free throw line in the second half.

Leicester "limited his touches," according to Lynch, as Mason Griffiths was assigned to guard Margoupis.

"For almost the whole game we had Mason Griffiths on him. He did an excellent job," said Lynch. "Our one goal for him was to do whatever he could to take him away."

er he could to take him away."

Jason Fournier guarded Margoupis whenever Griffiths went to the bench to rest.

Offensively, the trio of Gio Aguiar-Ortiz (14 points), Jack Ledbetter (14) and Brody Grant (10) combined for 38 of the Wolverines' 47 points.

"Grant, Gio and Ledbetter, those three have got to be the three that lead us. We've had stretches in the season where two of them have played well, but to get all three of them on the same page putting the ball in the basket, we finally got all three on the same page tonight," Lynch said.

Lynch was proud of the way his team battled for a victory on this night.

"This group has played extremely hard all year. Our challenge has been scoring the basketball consistently so that we can score enough buckets to turn these defensive battles into wins, and maybe a byproduct of this tough schedule has been that we've seen good teams night in and night out. They've had to learn that if they don't battle, they'll get blown out," said Lynch.



Tasked with guarding Oxford's Brady Margoupis (23), Mason Griffiths of Leicester doesn't give him an inch, even out by the perimeter.



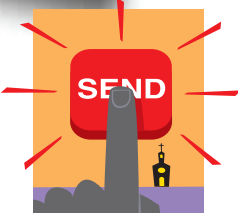
Leicester's Jack Ledbetter follows through after releasing a shot from the interior.

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SPORTS

Solid defense throughout, improved offense in second half enough for Warriors to get by South



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Tantasqua's James Sciaraffa catches a pass out on the wing and then attempts a 3-pointer.



Jack Rapose of Tantasqua elevates toward the rim and drops in a layup.



Tantasqua's Bryce Tessier focuses before taking and making a free throw.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — The Tantasqua boys' varsity basketball team found themselves in a defensive battle against South High of Worcester on Tuesday, Jan. 30. After the first two quarters of action, offense was at a premium and hardnosed defense was at the forefront. The Warriors and Colonials went into halftime tied, 12-12.

However, despite the slow offensive start for Tantasqua, they came out in the third quarter

on fire and outscored South 17-6 to push out to a comfortable 29-18 lead. The offensive momentum continued and the defensive intensity stayed consistent throughout and Tantasqua was able to hold onto a big 48-32 win on the road.

"At halftime, we talked about that we are a team that prides ourselves on defense, so we shouldn't be too upset that it was 12-12," explained Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion. "We had a ton of quality looks in the first half, obviously they just weren't going in, both

3-pointers and things towards the basket. So, at halftime, we stressed that we wanted to get more toward the hoop and we didn't want to shoot jump shots unless it was off of a drive and kick-out. We don't just want to shoot the first shot that presents itself and when that happens you make a higher percentage of shots. Thank God for James Sciaraffa in the second half, he hit probably three or four 3's in the second half which helps when you're struggling to score. I am proud of how those guys responded on

the road against a talented team like South."

A big reason for the offense surge was Sciaraffa, who got going and scored 13 of his team-high 15 points to pace the Warriors. The junior guard hit a pair of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and converted a needed and-one opportunity early in the third to kick-start the 17-6 run.

Defense is what the Warriors pride themselves on and it was clear against South. Nothing came easy for the Colonels on the offensive end and everything was contested.

"We like to think we do a good job of trying to keep guys in front of you at the high school level," stated Dion. "If guys are going to shoot shots, that is fine, but they have to be contested shots. Like I said, offensively when we drive and kick we get quality shots. So, defensively we try to prevent that for the other team because those are the ones you practice every day and the ones that go in. There are so many kids who can go one-on-one and create for themselves. They have one in (Alex) Johnson, but we did a fairly good job of containing him for the most part. He got free and scored because that is what he does and he is that good, so you



Colm McGrath of Tantasqua looks inside to make a pass on South's defense.

try not to get too upset about that, but you want to make everything contested and if you make everything contested at the high school level it takes a pretty good offensive night for a team to beat you."

The win against South put the Warriors over .500 on the season with six games remaining. Tantasqua is pushing for a spot in the Division 3 State Tournament and Coach Dion believes it is a must for his team to flip the postseason switch on early to gather momentum during the last stretch of the regular season.

"It is huge with the power rankings, the

10-point threshold is what you try and win by. We were fortunate enough to win by more than 10 today and then to get to 7-6. We talked about how this had to be the last six games of the year, we need to put it into postseason mode. We are not guaranteed the postseason by any means at 7-6, so we need to make every game a game like it is the postseason. So, we walked in here tonight on the road and we were able to get this one and we get back to work and hopefully, we play well Friday."

Tantasqua ended up winning on Friday, Feb. 2, 59-39 over Belchertown to improve to 8-6 as of press time.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Warriors have strong showing in Mid-Wach League Meet

The Tantasqua girls' and boys' swim teams competed in the Mid-Wach League Meet on Thursday, Feb. 1. The boys placed second overall out of 12 teams and the girls placed ninth. Top swims for the boys: Ethan Zhu placed first in the 200 free and broke the school record in the 100 back, Keenan Scherer placed fifth in the 200 IM, Ethan Korenda placed fourth in the 50 free and third in the 100 free, Evan Dambly placed second in the 100 free and fourth in the 100 back. Sam Merchant placed first in the 500 free and third in the 100 breaststroke. The relay teams of Korenda, Merchant, Dambly and Zhu placed first in the 200 medley and the 400 free with state qualifying times in both.

On the girls' side, Sasha Hildago placed seventh in the 200 free and ninth in the 500 free. Abby Korenda qualified for sectionals in the 50 free with a 10th place finish, and placed third in the 100 breaststroke. And the 400 free relay team of Ali Regan, Sasha Hildago, Tori Stendrup and Abby Korenda qualified for sectionals.

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SPORTS

Auburn co-op hockey battles hard in close loss to Longmeadow



Nick Ethier photos
Auburn's Elizabeth Rudge controls the puck as she skates down the ice.



Rachel Bowman of Auburn follows through upon the release of her shot on net.



Auburn's Izzy Spencer dumps the puck into Longmeadow's zone.



Maddi Leonard of Auburn looks ahead before firing off a pass down the ice.



Auburn goalie Alex Corey smotheres the puck for one of her 34 saves versus Longmeadow.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — The Auburn girls' varsity co-op ice hockey team opened and closed the month of January with contests against Longmeadow. First, the Rockets lost a 4-2 decision to the Lancers on Jan. 1 at Smead Arena. Then, on Wednesday, Jan. 31, Auburn again did battle with Longmeadow, this time at Horgan Arena. The Rockets fell just short in this one as well, 5-3.

"They're a powerhouse," Auburn head coach Peter LaPrad said of the Lancers. "They're a very good program, and for us to compete at that level in both games, we're thrilled. They're a very veteran team, a lot of upperclasswomen, and we're a very young team. It's a great compete for us."

The Auburn co-op, which also includes student-athletes from Tantasqua, Grafton, Shepherd Hill, Northbridge, Sutton and select Worcester schools, dropped to 6-9-1, while

Longmeadow improved to 9-2.

"I want to play tough teams, I want to play strong teams, because we need to learn how to win against strong teams," said LaPrad of his team that consists of two seniors, five juniors, five sophomores and 10 freshmen.

The Lancers were ranked No. 5 in the Division 2 Power Rankings as of Friday, Feb. 2, proving how strong of a team they are. But it was the Rockets who struck first, as Leah Medeiros won a faceoff and Alice Peck collected the puck. Peck's casual backhand got past Longmeadow goalie Nicole Pollard (11 saves), as Auburn took a 1-0 lead less than two minutes into the contest.

"Any shot on net is a good shot," said LaPrad. "The other thing that I'm thrilled about it is I feel like we have the most talent we've ever had in our history. What we're doing is more advanced stuff, we have systems that we put in place where we're

doing things in certain circumstances, and that was one of them."

After Longmeadow tied the game at 1-1 later in the period on a goal by Ava Saunders, the game moved to the second period. There, the Lancers grabbed a 2-1 lead early when Milana Shuman's snap shot slipped past Auburn goalie Alex Corey.

The Rockets wasted little time tying the score, though, as two-plus minutes later Izzy Spencer and Elizabeth Rudge worked a two-on-one to perfection, with Rudge sliding a centering pass to Spencer, whose shot beat Pollard.

Unfortunately for Auburn, the Lancers' Amelia Hanke, Margo Watkins and Molly Henshon all scored later in the second period as they moved to the third leading, 5-2.

The Rockets did score early in the third to trim the deficit down to 5-3. It was another two-on-one opportunity, this time featuring Maddi Leonard and Olivia Viens, for the

goal. Leonard started the play with a right-to-left pass to Viens, who then quickly passed back to Leonard; Leonard's shot then beat Pollard.

"With all the talent, the next step is the chemistry. The chemistry exists off the ice and on the ice. And those two goals were very good examples of chemistry on the ice," LaPrad said of the two-on-one goals.

LaPrad was proud of the way Corey played in net, as she finished with 34 saves. Corey, a freshman, has been getting spot starts to give normal starter Tori Horne, a senior, a break.

"She's the future for us for sure. Alex, I've been throwing her in in tough pressure situations, and she does great," explained LaPrad.

Despite the sub-500

record, the Rockets are still in playoff consideration for the Division 2 State Tournament. The top 32 teams automatically qualify, and in the Feb. 2 rankings Auburn was No. 31.

"We definitely want to get in, for sure. Who you play is critical, and this will help us. That's the goal," LaPrad said of making the State Tournament.

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While retrieving the alcohol containers and continuing their investigation, officers found a firearm in the vehicle. At this time, one of the occupants fled the scene on foot.

Additional officers from multiple departments were brought in to search, but the suspect was not located.

“Further investigation into the involved parties and the vehicle revealed two additional firearms, several large capacity magazines/feeding devices, and ammunition,” the LPD statement read.

The remaining four suspects on scene were



Several weapons were recovered by the Leicester Police Department last month following a traffic stop.

arrested on several charges.

Glen McFadden, 22, of Worcester, was charged with Possession of a

large capacity feeding device (three counts); Improper storage of a large capacity firearm near a minor; Improper storage of a large capac-

ity firearm; Possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle; and speeding.

Nageli Torres, 22, of Worcester, was charged with Possession of a firearm without an FID, as well as Possession of a large capacity firearm.

Jetzel Diaz, 20, of Southbridge, was charged with Possession of a firearm without an FID; Possession of a large capacity firearm; and Possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

A 17-year-old juvenile from Worcester was also arrested and charged with Possession of a firearm without an FID; Possession of a large capacity firearm; and Possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

Police later determined that the 17-year-old juvenile had provided officers with a false name and date of birth. After determining his true identity, officers discovered that he was wanted on a warrant out of Worcester related to a homicide investigation.

Although the suspect who fled the scene was not located, his identity is known and a warrant for his arrest is being sought, police said.

“A scent-based ground search for the male who fled the scene was carried out by the Leicester K9 Unit, along with Worcester Police and Massachusetts State Police K9 Units,” the LPD statement read. “The aerial video and thermal imaging portion of the search was handled by a

Millbury officer who is a drone operator assigned to the CEMLEC Drone Unit.”

Bail was set at \$3,500 for each of the three adults in custody, and they were transported to East Brookfield District Court for arraignment.

The juvenile suspect's bail was set at \$100,000. He was transported to Worcester Juvenile Court for arraignment.

The following agencies and departments are thanked by the LPD for their assistance in the response: Auburn Police, Oxford Police, Millbury Police, Charlton Police, Worcester Police K9 Unit, the Massachusetts State Police, and Leicester Fire and EMS personnel.

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requirements, officials said.

“Some of the people didn't put all of the information into the applications, which made the review process longer,” Select Board Chairman John Howard told the New Leader. “They're going through each application with a fine-

tooth comb to determine the [pandemic-related] impacts and how much each business will receive.”

Officials said an emphasis was placed on having a comprehensive, fair review process. In other communities across the state, complaints of preferential treatment and conflicts of interest have surfaced following ARPA review processes run by

committees. Spencer officials told the New Leader they were committed to ensuring that each application was fully reviewed by an impartial authority that has no affiliation with business applicants.

“We're trying to be fair to everybody, and we ask for people's patience as we finish the process,” Howard added.

Bridges said he is targeting the end of

February to get ARPA funds out to approved applicants.

A total of \$500,000 is available from the town's business round of ARPA allocations, with a cap of \$20,000 per business.

Spencer was awarded a total of approximately \$3.5 million in ARPA funding. In addition to providing assistance to businesses, another portion of the funding covered premium pay for first responders and other town officials who

worked during the pandemic state of emergency.

The federal ARPA stimulus program provides municipalities across the country with funding to expedite their COVID-19 relief efforts. Once disbursed to the municipal level, ARPA funds can be used for several purposes, including the installation of public health measures; addressing pandemic-related economic impacts on businesses and nonprofits; replacing lost public sector

revenue; and investing in infrastructure upgrades.

To help maximize Spencer's use of ARPA funds, officials posted an online survey at the beginning of the process. Survey responses from community members were used to help determine priorities and shape a framework for funding reviews.

To learn more about the town's ARPA review process, visit www.spencerma.gov.

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the architect for the project. The general contractor is Fontaine Bros., Inc.

The construction plan calls for a renovation of the football field and track this spring. The facilities are expected to be ready for use in 2026.

The spring and summer of 2025 are slated to see a renovation of the

baseball field. The project will include upgrades to the concession stand, and use of the facilities is scheduled for 2027.

The tennis courts will be renovated in the summer of 2026, with use of the facilities expected in the fall of that year.

The summer of 2026 will also feature the dem-

olition of Prouty's current classroom building. By then, the new classroom wing will be fully constructed and ready for student use.

To learn more about the upcoming Special Town Meeting, or to obtain a copy of the warrant, visit www.spencerma.gov.

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basic emergency medical interventions, and transportation to a veterinary emergency hospital via ambulance,” read a statement released by the LPD. “This law was enacted on Feb. 15, 2022, following the line-of-duty murder of Yarmouth Police Sergeant Sean Gannon, and the attempted murder of his K9 partner,

Nero, for which the law is named.”

While serving a warrant in Barnstable on April 12, 2018, K9 Sgt. Gannon was shot and killed. Nero was critically injured by the same gunfire.

“Prior to this law being enacted, medical

responders were not formally trained, required, or legally permitted to treat or transport line-of-duty K9 injuries,” the LPD statement read. “Thank you to the Town of Leicester Fire Department for hosting this important training.”

Paisleigh G. Atwood of West Brookfield named to Dean's List at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, Vt. — Paisleigh G. Atwood of West Brookfield was named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2023 semester. Students who complete at least 12 credits of classes and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in a particular semester are cited on the Dean's List for that semester.

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Leicester Police Log

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
12:16 a.m.: assist citizen (Dale Court); 1:58 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 2:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:28 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:04 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 5:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:08 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 7:00 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 8:44 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning 8:57 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 9:03 a.m.: investigation (Mill Street), report taken; 9:06 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 10:35 a.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 10:45 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), false alarm: 11:39 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 12:53 p.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), report taken; 1:02 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:09 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:50 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 2:01 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:21 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 2:27 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 3:03 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:57 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 4:22 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:11 p.m.: ambulance (Queen Street, Worcester), transported; 6:42 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 8:08 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:54 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
12:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:36 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:53 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 2:09 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 2:14 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), juvenile, 17, possession of firearm w/out FID, person under 21 in possession of liquor; possession of large capacity firearm, furnishing false ID to law enforcement, straight warrant, arrest; Jetzel Diaz, 20, 27 Pleasant Street, #1, Southbridge, possession of firearm w/out FID, person under 21 in possession of liquor; possession of large capacity firearm, arrest; Jayden Sage Vellon, 19, 10B Clapp Street, #1, Worcester, possession of firearm w/out FID, person under 21 in possession of liquor; possession of large capacity firearm, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, arrest; Nageli Rose Torres, 22, 49 Piedmont Street, #1, Worcester, possession of firearm w/out FID, possession of large capacity firearm, arrest; Glen Lamar McFadden, 183 Country Club Boulevard, #501, Worcester, possession of large capacity feeding device for firearm/3 counts, improperly storing large capacity firearm near minor; improper storage of large capacity firearm, possession of open container of alcohol in mv, mv lights violation, arrest; 8:08 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:47 a.m.: ambulance (Locust Street), transported; 11:57 a.m.: ambulance (Southbridge Street, Auburn, transported; 12:33 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 12:46 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), resolved; 1:19 p.m.: lobby service (South Main Street), report taken; 1:39 p.m.: ambulance (Meadow Lane), transported; 3:07 p.m.: ambulance (Siani Road), transported; 3:41 p.m.: hit/run accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:13 p.m.: disturbance (Criag Street), spoken to; 6:04 p.m.: ambulance (Alsada Drive, Worcester), transported; 5:56 p.m.: assist citizen (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 7:15 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 7:45 p.m.: accident (River Street), assisted; 7:48 p.m.: animal complaint (McNeil Highway), referred; 8:28 p.m.: disturbance (Lakeview Drive), services rendered; 11:54 p.m.: suspicious mv (Towtaid Street), investigated.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
12:33 a.m.: m stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 1:27 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:26 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), reported; 9:40 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 11:57 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 2:12 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:21 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 5:07 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Chapel Street), unable to serve; 5:19 p.m.: investigation (Lakeview Drive), report taken; 5:55 p.m.: welfare check (Rawson Street), transported to hospital; 7:29 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), assisted; 7:34 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), no service; 7:37 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:35 p.m.: welfare check (Chesnar Drive), spoken to; 9:30 p.m.:

erratic operator (Paxton Street), unfounded; 9:44 p.m.: investigation (Deer Pond Road), report taken.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
12:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, criminal application issued; 1:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:24 a.m.: assist other agency (Hemlock Street), assisted; 5:01 a.m.: welfare check (Salminen Drive), assisted; 8:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:00 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, mv lights violation, criminal application issued; 9:02 a.m.: ambulance (Clark Street), transported; 9:04 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), mv towed; 11:09 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:24 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), resolved; 11:29 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), resolved; 12:03 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), unfounded; 12:38 p.m.: parking complaint (Cricklewood Drive), resolved; 4:18 p.m.: mv off road (Marshall Street), services rendered; 4:41 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 6:22 p.m.: accident (Main Street), services rendered; 6:22 p.m.: mv off road (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 7:21 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:20 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), investigated; 8:35 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:37 p.m.: gunshots heard (Stafford Street), investigated; 8:55 p.m.: family problem (Denny Place), services rendered; 10:05 p.m.: family problem (Charlton Street), assisted.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
7:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:09 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 9:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 10:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Michael Awad, 26, 139 East Road, Warren, warrant, arrest; 11:01 a.m.: ambulance (Siani Road), transported; 12:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:21 p.m.: erratic operator (Henshaw Street), unable to locate; 1:23 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 1:38 p.m.: investigation (Burncoat Street), report taken; 1:52 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), assisted; 2:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 4:02 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), taken to family/guardian; 4:30 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 4:50 p.m.: mv off road (Paxton Street), resolved; 5:41 p.m.: fraud (Stafford Street), report taken; 6:01 p.m.: mv off road (Paxton Street), resolved; 6:21 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:50 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), resolved; 8:35 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), verbal warning; 8:43 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), transported to hospital.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
12:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:15 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:25 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:56 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, no inspection sticker, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 1:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Rayshawn Sebastian McMahon, 21, 6 Negus Street, Webster, op w/suspended license, obstructed/nontransparent window, arrest; 1:38 a.m.: disturbance (Lake Avenue), resolved; 6:57 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), report taken; 7:39 a.m.: accident (Sargent Street), report taken; 7:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), referred; 7:58 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:08 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no service; 8:45 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 10:30 a.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 10:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:55 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:19 a.m.: ambulance (Lucian Street, Worcester), gone on arrival; 1:12 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:57 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 2:03 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 4:44 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:54 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:57 p.m.: residential alarm (Bond Street), resolved; 9:03 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:15 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
7:57 a.m.: ambulance (Clark Road, Spencer), transported; 11:14 a.m.: restraining order service (Newfield Street), unable to serve; 12:59 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 2:23 p.m.: ambulance (West Main Street, Spencer), transported; 4:47 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:52 p.m.: ambulance (Duggan Street, Spencer), resolved; 10:15 p.m.: ambulance (Breezy Green Road), transported.

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Spencer Police Log

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
12:12-2:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:24 a.m.: parking violation (Deer Run Road), unfounded; 12:36 a.m.: disabled mv (Clark Road), services rendered; 12:38 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 12:48 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 7:04 a.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:05 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:10 a.m.: mv lockout (Woodside Road), assisted; 7:12 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 8:12 a.m.: suspicious persons (Cherry Street), spoken to; 8:32 a.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 8:39 a.m.: accident (Browning Pond Road), report taken; 11:14 a.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), re: daughter; 11:47 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 11:54 a.m.: mutual aid (May Street) DCF req. officer; 12:03 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 12:52 p.m.: juvenile matter (Paxton Road), re: incident w/student; 1:34 p.m.: suspicious persons (Gold Nugget Road), investigated; 2:43 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), apt. lockout; 5:19 p.m.: residential alarm (Borkum Road), services rendered; 5:37 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), re: tire/side of road; 7:34 p.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 8:20 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), icy conditions; 11:16-11:42 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (total daily mv stops – 1).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
12:20-2:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:39 a.m.: parking violation (Lincoln Street), ticket issued; 3:18 a.m.: 911 call (Parent Street), open line; 3:47 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 3:58 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:07 a.m.: medical/general (High Street); 9:12 a.m.: officer wanted (Sullivan Street), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 9:44 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 10:25 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 10:36 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 11:10 a.m.: 911 call (Ashview Road), accidental; 11:47 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), services rendered; 11:54 a.m.: odor of gas (West Main Street), referred; 1:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), being kept from residence; 1:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: mv left at old residence; 2:25 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no emergency; 2:38 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 3:26 p.m.: medical/general (Depot Road); 4:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street), found dog/ poss. blind; 4:37 p.m.: DPW call (Bixby Road), manhole cover bubbling up; 4:52 p.m.: fraud (Old East Charlton Road), report taken; 5:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), question about shooting on property; 6:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Lloyd Dyer Drive), someone going through dumpsters; 8:10 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pauls Drive), investigated; 8:10 p.m.: mv lockout (North Spencer Road), assisted; (total daily mv stops – 2).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
12:23 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 12:58-1:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:33 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), re: foot pursuit in Rochdale; 6:15 a.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Road); 7:57 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:05 a.m.: mv complaint (Chickering Road), erratic operator; 9:08 a.m.: DPW call (Gold Nugget Road), utility pole struck; 9:19 a.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), req. welfare check; 9:49 a.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), unruly male; 10:04 a.m.: parking complaint (Grove Street), trailer obstructing view of traffic; 10:29 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 10:46 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), rep. dog bite; 10:51 a.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), change of address; 11:06 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Holden PD bolo; 12:15 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 12:30 p.m.: 911 call (Route 49), no response; 1:29 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:48 p.m.: 911 call (Ash Street), accidental; 2:22 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 2:26 p.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 3:02 p.m.: juvenile matter (Paxton Road), issue at high school; 3:08 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), road rage incident; 3:50 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), question re: restraining order; 4:20 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 4:41 p.m.: suspicious persons (Thompson Pond Road), investigated; 5:01 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 6:31 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Debbie Drive), no response; 7:33-8:12 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:41 p.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), noise complaint; (total daily mv stops – 6).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
2:02 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 2:27-2:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:34 a.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 7:52 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), test; 8:53 a.m.: residential fire (Bixby Road), referred; 9:17 a.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), wrong-way driver; 11:37 a.m.: animal com-

plaint (Greenville Street), rep. mountain lion in area; 2:42 p.m.: residential fire (Maple Street), referred; 3:16 p.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), pothole; 3:51 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 7:00 p.m.: mutual aid (McCormick Road), Worcester PD req. notification be made; 7:27 p.m.: residential alarm (Hastings Road), services rendered; 7:47 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), rep. person standing in p/u bed; 9:13 p.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), investigated; 10:47 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 11:51 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; (total daily mv stops – 4).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
12:20-2:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:19 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:20 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 1:42-2:05 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Church Street, Collier Avenue), tickets issued; 8:12 a.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 9:25 a.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), lg. pothole; 10:52 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), marked lanes violation; 10:59 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 11:05 a.m.: disabled mv (Maple Street), assisted; 11:07 a.m. hit/run accident (Northwest Road), report taken; 11:53 a.m.: accident (Smithville Road), report taken; 1:02 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Street); 2:33 p.m.: accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 3:01 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mechanic Street), investigated; 4:06 p.m.: accident (Bacon Hill Road), report taken; 5:01 p.m.: accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 5:37 p.m.: DPW call (Clark Road), tree trunk snapped/leaning; 6:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), mv stuck on ice; 7:34 p.m.: medical/general (Vine Street); 8:33 p.m.: juvenile matter (Condon Drive), req. welfare check; 9:38 p.m.: 911 call (Wilson Avenue), child w/phone; 9:42 p.m.: medical/general (Linden Street); 9:56 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ledge Avenue), resolved; 11:19 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 11:38 p.m.: medical/general (Hastings Road); 11:38 p.m.: buildings checked, secure;

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
1:00 p.m.: medical/general (Ethier Drive); 1:35-5:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:52 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:24 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:28 a.m.: parking complaint (Demers Drive), van parked/middle of road; 7:28 a.m.: LTC issued (West MainStreet), assisted; 9:07 a.m.: DPW call (Adams Street), wants road salted; 9:20 a.m.: firearms dealer license issued (West Main Street), app. for fed'l license; 10:43 a.m.: mv lockout (Paxton Road), assisted; 10:57 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 11:05 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 11:29 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 12:40 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), re: amended restraining order; 1:24 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 2:07 p.m.: 911 call (Ash Street), accidental; 2:57 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 4:19 p.m.: parking complaint (West Main Street), mv in fire lane; 4:23 p.m.: restraining order service (Chestnut Street); 4:51 p.m.: larceny (Howe Village), report taken; 5:07 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 5:10 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), Brandon L. Gauthier, 35, 57 Woodside Road, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, arrest; 7:32 p.m.: attempted larceny (West Main Street), Luis Angel Chevere, 35, 8 Shannon Street, Worcester, uttering counterfeit note, uttering falsely endorsed promissory note, attempting to commit a crime, arrest; 10:13 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 11:41 p.m.: medical/general (Terkanian Drive);

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
1:28 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), assist Leicester PD w/transport; 1:47-3:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:49 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:55 a.m.: DPW call (Delude Avenue), req. road plowed; 8:52 a.m.: medical/general (Washburn Drive); 9:02 a.m.: animal complaint (Cottage Street), loose dog; 10:35 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:52 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 12:11 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:23 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 3:17 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:20 p.m.: mv complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), c/o speeding; 5:08 p.m.: suspicious persons (Roys Drive), solar sales; 6:24 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 8:12 p.m.: mv repossessed (Adams Street), info taken; 8:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), re: restraining order; 10:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Chickering Road), loose horse; (total daily mv stops – 1).

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Dean's List

WORCESTER — A total of 2,299 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's fall 2023 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

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The following students were named to the fall 2023 Dean's List:

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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Deborah M Torti of West Brookfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:
Deborah M Torti of West Brookfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration** .

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:
10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/05/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-

line by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 02, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
February 9, 2024

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Notice of Public Hearing**

Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., at the Brookfield Police Station in the Conference Room, on a Request for Determination of Applicability by National Grid on for the address listed at 109 Webber Road for electric. Portions of the proposed project lie within the Riverfront Area. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in the Town Clerks office Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Chris Kelleher
Chair, Brookfield Conservation Commission
February 9, 2024

**Town of Spencer
Request for Proposals
For the Reuse of the
Cherry Street Fire Station
11 Cherry Street, Spencer, MA.**

The Town of Spencer is seeking requests for proposals for the reuse of the Cherry Street Fire Station located at 11 Cherry Street, Spencer, Massachusetts. Request for proposal documents including property information, the submission requirements, and the terms and conditions can be found at www.SpencerMA.gov/Bids. Responses to the Request for Proposals must be received by 11:00 AM, EST, on March 14, 2024. This request for proposal is issued by the Town Administrator's office, Spencer,

MA.
February 9, 2024
February 16, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OXFORD ROCHDALE SEWER DISTRICT
PO Box 246
ROCHDALE, MA 01542
508-892-9549**

**RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE
OXFORD ROCHDALE
SEWER DISTRICT**

CUSTOMERS OF THE OXFORD ROCHDALE SEWER DISTRICT ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE OXFORD ROCHDALE SEWER DISTRICT VOTED TO AMEND THE RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2024. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES LOCATED AT 28 COMINS ROAD IN NORTH OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS. THE AMENDED RULES & REGULATIONS ARE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEB PAGE; <https://orsd.org> . PAPER COPIES OF THE RULES & REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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CHRISTOPHER MONTIVERDI-
CHAIRMAN
ARTHUR PAQUETTE -
COMMISSIONER
KEVIN REED - COMMISSIONER
February 2, 2024
February 9, 2024

**OXFORD-ROCHDALE SEWER DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 246
ROCHDALE, MASS. 01542**

I, Mary T. Kennedy, Clerk of the Oxford-Rochdale Sewer District, Hereby Certify that on January 12, 2024, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Said Board voted to amend Chapter 12 Section 3, "SEWER SERVICE CHARGES" Effective April 1, 2024 as follows:

PER EACH LIVING UNIT	540.00	Per Annum
PER EACH COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYING SIX (6) OR LESS PEOPLE	540.00	Per Annum
PER EACH ADDITIONAL SIX (6) EMPLOYEES OF COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT AN ADDITIONAL	540.00	Per Annum
FOR EACH INDUSTRY OR SPECIAL COMMERCIAL USER RATE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SEWER		

COMMISSIONERS
Mary T. Kennedy, Clerk
Oxford-Rochdale Sewer District
February 2, 2024
February 9, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO14P3889EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Sandra L Girourd
Date of Death: 09/14/2014**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Sharon C. Grieve of Pikeville NC** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Sharon C. Grieve of Pikeville NC be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration** .

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:
10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/27/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

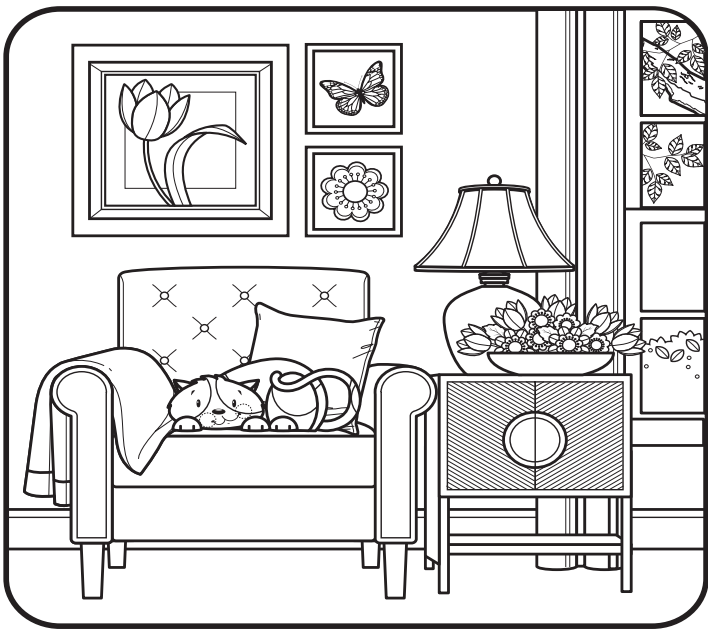
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 25, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
February 9, 2024



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Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the cat words to reveal the sentence.

TLAI
1 2

WSAP
5

UPENOC
8 7 6 4

KIREHSWS
3

1 2 3 4 5 6 2 1 7 2 8

Answers: Tail, Paws, Pounce, Whiskers. Take a cat nap.

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1855: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IS ESTABLISHED.
- 1909: THE NAACP IS FOUNDED.
- 1915: THE FIRST STONE OF THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL IS PUT INTO PLACE IN WASHINGTON, DC.



LITTER

a group of young animals born to an animal at one time

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH: Fur
- SPANISH: Pelo
- ITALIAN: Pelliccia
- FRENCH: Pelage
- GERMAN: Fell

Did you know?

THE THICK, SOFT PADS ON CATS' PAWS ALLOW THEM TO SNEAK UP ON THEIR PREY BY WALKING VERY QUIETLY.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CAT FACE

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Valentine's Day. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = C)

A. 1 16 13 13 20 1

Clue: Candy

B. 14 5 6 3 7 11 13

Clue: Excitement about love

C. 11 3 14 9

Clue: Offers a greeting

D. 11 15 5 11 5 18 3 20 13

Clue: Rich and creamy treat

Answers: A. sweets B. romance C. card D. chocolate

SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

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

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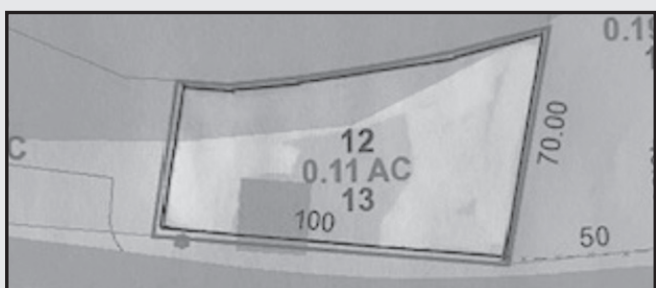
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