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## voters decide on three solar related articles

BY KEVIN FLANDERS **NEWS STAFF WRITER** 

SPENCER - Annual Town Meeting voters will address three proposed bylaws that involve solar activities and energy storage systems.

Following a public hearing process, the Planning Board recommended that the articles appear on the warrant for the May 2 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 27 involves proposed bylaw amendments pertaining to battery energy storage systems. It also includes language on zoning districts and agricultural impacts.

Article 28 focuses heavily on maintenance of solar facilities, as well as land and property requirements. These include the proposed mandate that developers submit a plan for minimizing soil disturbance during construction, including grading, compaction, and soil replacement.

Article 29 covers addiional proposed amendments to requirements for developers of solar installations.

The proposed bylaw amendments advance to Town Meeting amid mounting frustration over a wave of recent solar development in town. Spencer now has 23 approved large-scale, ground-mounted solar projects, with 21 projects having already been developed.

'There is a disproportionate impact on Spencer and other towns in this area. Some communities across the state aren't doing any solar development," said Selectman Ralph Hicks. "The state is very focused on solar development, but they're not thinking about the impacts on these commu-

Of the 23 solar arrays either already constructed in Spencer or planned for installation, 20 of them are located in the town's rural residential zoning district. One array lies in the industrial zoning district, and two others are in the suburban

residential district. For several years, residents have sounded alarms over the shortterm and long-term impacts of solar development. These include fears regarding hazardous materials inside panels, clear-cutting and deforestation, flooding and runoff, destruction of wildlife habitats, and potential issues that could arise during the decommissioning process.

"There are many ramifications involved with these projects, and the companies do not present all of the risks. I understand there are two sides to the coin and they can

## Spencer The Goods Bakery & Café drawing in customers

BY KEVIN FLANDERS **NEWS STAFF WRITER** 

SPENCER – The Goods Bakery & Cafe has only been open for just over five months, but the business has already built a strong base of customers who have discovered their new favorite spot for breakfast and lunch.

Located at 320 Main Street in town, the business is owned by founder Casey Wood, who grew up in Spencer and attended David Prouty High school (located next door to the bakery).

Prior to launching her own bakery, Wood started her first business (Casey Lyn Cakes) from her home in Spencer. The business allowed her to acquire several local customers who continue to support her current bakery and cafe.

When the opportunity arose, Wood originally started renovating the 320 Main Street location with plans of opening a studio space for her custom cake and cookie orders. After a while, recognizing an exciting opportunity to expand into the breakfast and lunch sector, she became inspired to open a cafe and bakery.

'I am extremely grateful for my parents, who have supported me from the start of my origibusiness and even more now into this new adventure. I would not be where I am without them," Wood said.

Having opened in November

Goods Bakery & Cafe is the perfect place to enjoy fresh baked goods made daily, as well as cafe-style foods. The cozy atmosphere and friendly staff make every stay feel like

Breakfast items include bagels, egg and cheese, avocado toast, and quiche of the day among others.

The lunch lineup features roast beef, chicken avocado BLT, grilled cheese, soup of the day, and an array of salad options.

Several beverages are also available, including coffee, tea, hot chocolate, lattes, and others.

Whether you're having pastries for breakfast, or sampling other treats while working on your laptop, the cafe is a great option for local employees grabbing a bite during breaks.

"We are closed on Sundays, but we will be working with the Cars & Coffee events coming up this summer by offering a limited menu during their events from 8-10 a.m.," Wood added.

These events will be held on the following dates: April 28, May 19, June 23, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 22, and Oct. 20.

To learn more about the business and its offerings, including limited custom orders of cookies and cupcakes, visit www. thegoodsbakerycafe.com.

Contact information for the business is listed on the website.



Casey Wood, who grew up in Spencer and attended David Prouty High school, recently opened

## Exploring the state's stormy past and future



Courtesy photo

**Eric Fisher** 

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Farmers and farm-friendly folks from across the Bay State converged on Holy Cross College last weekend for the first Mass Agriculture in Action Expo, exploring topics ranging from bees to soil to climate to seed starting.

There was no keynote speaker per se, but the person with probably the best-known name was CBS meteorologist Eric Fisher, who noted it's actually easier to predict climate than weather. He noted that's mostly because "you kind of know the inputs" for climate, including pollution, greenhouse gases, eruptions, El Nino/La Nina cycles and solar trends, while daily weather is far more variable.

In general, he noted "the globe should be cooling right now based on natural forcing," but is not, and that's due to human-driven greenhouse gases.

Warming is most notable in the ocean, where temperature has been slowly rising since the 1970s and causing coral bleaching and growing

dead zones. (Pollution is also a factor.) As the water warms, he said, it's been driving species out of their original habitats. One slide showed the northward flee of lobsters, which used to be common around Cape Cod, but are now up in the Gulf of Maine, "one of the fastest warming water bodies on the planet." While we might barely notice a couple degrees, that's "a significant change for plants

and animals." The tropical Atlantic has seen temperatures "way above where it's been in the historical record," and tropical species are moving north. Bay State fishermen, for example, have been catching bonito (a tropical fish).

As water heat rises, the water itself expands, making high tides and storm surges higher. He showed photos from Truro, where the coastline is being consumed by the ocean and homes have "disappeared" in the last 10 years.

It also fuels stronger storms, but Fisher noted there's no evidence yet of more storms. Typically, Massachusetts gets hit by them in batches with years between them; the most recent hurricane to make landfall here was still Bob in the 1990s.

That said, though, tropical storms have often had more impact. Irene in 2011 caused major flooding in Vermont in part because of the state's "complex terrain," and the fact they'd had very wet conditions before then, he said.

Bay Staters are more likely to know of or

remember the double-whammy of 1955, when Connie and Diane hit back-to-back and a third storm skirted the south coast without making landfall. Combined, they dumped more than 25 inches of rain in many places, hitting Western Massachusetts particularly hard (as Southbridge residents alive them know all too well). Those floods prompted major investments in dams, levees and other flood

control methods. The last major hurricanes were Category 3 Carol and Edna in 1954, with the storm between them just missing us; he noted "they happen every 100 years or so." Hurricanes usually "come in clumps," and concern about the next round "keeps us awake at

night," he added. It probably should, since tropical areas are starting to see hurricanes so strong scientists have begun advocating adding a Cat 6 to the Saffir-Simpson Scale. Cat 5, now the highest, covers storms with sustained wind over 157 mph; Cat 6 would start at 193 mph. So far five storms have crossed that threshold, all of them in the Pacific. The strongest Atlantic storms have been Allen in 1980 (wind speed 190 mph) and Wilma in 2015 (lowest pressure, 882 mb; 185 mph; three other storms also hit that speed).

Hurricane Carol prompted the formation of the National Hurricane Center, Fisher said. Before that, none of the hurricanes had much warning since there were no satellites.

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# North **Brookfield** May Festival returning May 4

**NEWS STAFF WRITER** 

NORTH BROOKFIELD - The Friends of the Haston Free Public Library, with support from the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House, are excited to once again host the May Festival next month.

Set for Saturday, May 4, the event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grounds of the Congregational Church across from the library.

The event will feature live music; a North Brookfield Cultural Council plant swap; tours of the Town House; a preview of the "Mamma Mia" show from the North Brookfield Theatre Guild; and open houses at both the North Brookfield Fire Department and the North Brookfield Historical Society.

Children's activities will be led by the Friends of the Town House.

The event will also include dozens of crafters, vendors, organizations, and local committees set up on the lawns to welcome the community.

The following vendors and organizations have already confirmed their attendance at the event: Better Bees Soaps; North Brookfield Savings Bank; Positively Perennials and In-a-Jam; Thompson's Maple Farm; Tower Hill Candle; Inishowen Farms; East Quabbin Land Trust; and Common Ground Coffee Works.

"We are looking forward to seeing all of our friends in the community," said Dawn Sedlier, President of the Friends of the Haston Free Public Library.

Guests will be able to purchase plants and flowers, ice cream, maple syrup, alpaca scarves and hats, and several other items. The event will also feature door prizes donated by participants.

With this year's event taking place only a week before Mother's Day, the festival is the perfect opportunity for guests to pick up gifts for mom while supporting local vendors.

Crafters and organizations typically get involved in the festival in a number of ways. These include setting up a display; providing informational materials for guests to pick up; offering samples and/or coupons; or giving a short talk, presentation, or demonstration.

'Our family-oriented festival will be well-publicized, and we hope that it will attract many enthusiastic visitors as we welcome spring to New England," read a statement released by event organizers. "The Cultural Council will hold its free Plant Swap in front of the

The library is located at 161 North Main Street. Officials thank the Friends of the Haston Library,

the Friends of the Town House, the North Brookfield

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## Enhanced WPI transfer programs open new vistas for QCC students

**Back row: QCC Assistant** Vice President of Academic Affairs Kevin Li, QCC Dean of the School of Business, **Engineering & Technology** Shunda Ware, QCC Interim **Vice President of Academic** Affairs Kathy Rentsch, WPI Interim Dean of **Undergraduate Studies Arne** Gericke, WPI Dean of the **Business School Debora** Jackson, QCC Vice President for Strategic Enrollment & Student Engagement Michelle Tufau Afriyie, WPI **Interim Senior Vice President** and Provost Art Heinricher. Front row: QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja and WPI President Dr. Grace Wang.

WORCESTER Quinsigamond Community College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute have signed an institutional articulation agreement for QCC students transferring into WPI, guaranteeing them admission to WPI when they meet program requirements.

Since 1989, more than 400 QCC students have transferred into WPI after completing their associate degree. Now, with the signing of this new agreement, there will be expanded pathways for transfer students, ensuring more individuals have access to the education and

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training needed to meet workforce demands in STEM fields.

"WPI has always been a strategic partner with QCC and through this new agreement, our two institutions stand in commitment that higher education for all can be a reality. Furthermore, this agreement

demonstrates that there

be access for talented community college students, particularly those from first-generation and minority backgrounds to selective institutions like WPI," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "This is an important day for QCC and WPI, as well as our region."

"Deepening our ties with community colleges is vital as they serve as the gateway to higher education for numerous students," said WPI President Grace Wang. "By establishing pathways that reduce barriers and offer built-in support, we make obtaining a four-

degree more accessible for QCC students. Moreover, the strategic partnership between QCC and WPI will help meet today's workforce demands and foster regional economic growth.'

Under the new articulation agreement, QCC students with an associate degree who have successfully completed a college-level precalculus or Calculus I course, a college-level laboratory science course and have earned a 3.3 or higher GPA will be guaranteed admission to WPI. QCC students who have not yet completed their associate degree but have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have successfully completed a college-level precalculus or calculus 1 course and successfully completed a college-level laboratory science course may be offered admission to transfer to abachelor's degree program at WPI.

Upon admission, students are eligible for certain transfer-student support programs and opportunities at WPI, including a designated advisor in the Academic Advising Office and a staff liaison in the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

QCC transfer students will also have immediate access to WPI's Career Development Center and summer research opportunities. In addition, admitted students will be required to take a semester-long transfer transition program and receive a summer undergraduate course tuition waiver for one course taken in each of two summers, during their enrollment at WPI. Additional opportunities are available for qualified students to pursue graduate programming upon enrollment at WPI.

Information about admissions and application requirements for transfer students as well as transfer agreements can be found atwww.wpi.

# Singer coming to the Leicester

Center on May 7 at 10:30 a.m. for an exciting performance. Rull will serve as the entertainer for a program run by the

"Take a walk down memory lane and share an hour of music, laughter, and a really good time with Tommy Rull," a promotional statement read. "Enjoy the music of Sinatra, Neil Diamond, Kenny Rogers, Paul Anka, Elvis, Perry Como, Louis Armstrong, Engelbert, Barry Manilow, and many oth-

To learn more about the performer, visit www.tommyrull.

For additional information about the event, call the Senior

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

Flushing is performed between the hours of 7:30AM and 3:30PM. We post our daily flushing schedule on the North Brookfield Water Department Facebook page. If you would like additional in-

and Surrounding Communities

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On the morning of March 16, 2024, an oncoming vehicle hit Joshua R Kemp taking him immediately from us. A black cloud came over West Brookfield as news spread of Joshua's death. There was a forbidding silence all around us as word spread across the country and beyond. Family and friends stopped everything, boarding planes within hours to come to our family with the love and support that our family so desperately needed, as we faced this devastating loss. Everyone stayed with our family around the clock during the long week before services, as we patiently waited for Josh's release from the hospital because the final gift, he bestowed was in being an organ donor.

As Friday dawned with calling hours to commence in the afternoon, we were not in any way prepared for the overwhelming outpouring of support our family was about to receive, it was more than we could ever have imagined. In the bitter cold, with lines that had no end, we send a special thank-you to everyone at Varnum Funeral Home who diligently kept all running smoothly.

On Saturday, prayers, thoughts, and support stayed ever present at the funeral mass and onto the celebration of life at Teresa's Restaurant where the food was aplenty and stories of Josh's remarkable life unfolded. A grateful thank-you to all at Teresa's, as they were prepared for many, but not all that arrived. It was quickly all hands-on deck when everyone from wait staff to the cooks in the kitchen sprang into action to take care of all of us so seamlessly, along with such grace and compassion.

Our family sends our utmost thanks to the West Brookfield Police and Rescue Squad, as well as the State Police for their professionalism, outstanding service, and compassion at the scene of this devastating accident.

May you always have memories for comfort, Love of Good Friends for Support, and

Abiding Faith to ease your Sorrow.

The Entire Kemp Family sends our most sincere thank-you and gratitude.

# The Town of

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## "Mama Mia" coming to North Brookfield in May

NORTH BROOKFIELD - The Theatre Guild of North Brookfield presents "Mama Mia!" in May.

The performance will be held at the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium on May 3, 4, 10, 11 at 7:30 p.m. and on May 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the website www.theatreguildofnorthbrookfield.com or may be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students ages 12 and under. The performance is supported in part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council a local agency which is supported by the



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If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the Spencer Water Department office at 508-885-7525. Thank you.



## WOW: Wisdom of Women – Explored through multiple arts

Rhiannon" by Mollie Kellogg



visual art exhibition and expands to

include 3 musical performances that will literally highlight the voices of the Valley's Wild Onery Women on the theme of the Wisdom of Women -WOW: Fanny, the first all female Rock Band, Tony Vacca's Senegal-American Project, Rosemary and Caine's Wild Irish Women.

WOW ArtWorks Gallery, Main Street, Ware. Opening reception,

May 4, 3-5 p.m. Gallery Hours: Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m., with extended hours

on May 11 and

June 1 and 8 from 5-7 p.m. before con-WOW Music festival at the Grand

Hall, 13 Church Street, Ware May 11: Fanny

(the band) June 1: Tony

Vacca's Senegal-America Project June 8: Rosie Caine's Wild Irish Women

All shows at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 pm)

For more information and tickets, visit https:// workshop13.org



"Above and Below" by Holly Murray

WARE - Our planet may be on the eve of destruction! Amidst the challenges facing the world, Curator Terry Rooney has

invited artists to the second WOW Show (Wisdom of Women) to address pressing issues such as climate change, social justice issues, and personal freedoms. Women artists will be featured at two Workshop13 venues where they will express their outrage in visual images, poetry and music. Rooney says, "Art is most meaningful when it provokes thoughts that lead to change," Examples include Holly Murray's poignant depictions of melting icebergs, Mo Ringey Gareau's magnificent labor-intensive mosaic refrigerator honoring her ancestors, Anne Burton's "To Be or Not to Be" focuses on government overreach into women's wombs, Millicent Young ethereal sculptures, Denise Beaudet life size portrait of women heroes and Susan Montgomery mythical/inspirational work "Pope Joan".

The WOW festival is able to present multiple art forms because Workshop13 has established several vibrant venues in Ware like the ArtWorks Gallery and the Great Hall, music and poetry venue. WOW will showcase the rich diversity and talent of the Pioneer Valley's visual and musical arts community. Rooney builds upon the success of WOW's 2022

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## Student nurse shares reflections on Wound Care Center Harrington

SOUTHBRIDGE Practical nursing student, Ashley Breault of Brookfield, recently shared her reflections at the Wound Care Center Harrington.

Breault is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center (since 2021). She was previously honored as Employee of the month at Quaboag and has been active with mentorship since 2022. She completed her CNA and Home Health Aide Certification at the Fieldstone School

in 2021. Breault is an alumna of Quaboag Regional Middle High School (2019). She is certified in Mental Health First Aid, Dementia Care, Stop the Bleed, HCP/ BLS Provider CPR and first aid. She participated in her clinical team's Luminary lighting project for the Alzheimer's Association's the Longest Night to shine a light to diminish the darkness and illuminate a path towards a world where Alzheimer's and dementia are nothing but a memory. Recently,

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Friday, April 26 from 4 to 6PM

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41. Slang for sergeant

44. Highly unpleasant vapor

52. Upper bract of a floret of grass

42. Canadian flyers

43. Actress Ryan

45. Body part

46. Halfway

48. Consume

55. Housepet

61. Frocks

66. Ireland

56. Cavalry-sword

60. Symbol of a nation

63. Used to carry food

64. Portuguese folk song

65. Sharp mountain ridge

67. Where golfers begin

69 Fluid suspensions

34. Partner to trick

36. British Air Aces

38. Supervises flying

40. Health care for the aged

37. Ammunition

41. Flanks

68. Greek mythological sorceress

33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface

47. Cool!

49. Salts

dropped off at the church hall.

Saturday, April 20, from 8AM to Noon

**CLUES ACROSS** 

A way to disfigure

15. Hawaiian wreaths

18. Extremely angry

20. Criminal organization

24. U.S.-born individuals

31. Don't know when yet

35. Winged angelic being

30. Order of the British Empire

27. Some are covert

32. Payment (abbr.)

37. Variety of Chinese

40. Partner to cheese

**CLUES DOWN** 

2. Water (Spanish)

4. Bulgarian capital

6. Capital of Zimbabwe

Japanese title

7. Giraffe

1. "Mad Men" leading man

38. A way to be anxious

39. Famed wrestler Hulk

16. North-central Indian city

19. A short note of what's owed

14. Exchange rate

5. Footwear

17. Bungle

22. Mimic

23. Try to grab

1. Excessively theatrical actors

Breault took the leadership of restocking the PN food pantry at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

"Our nursing students continue to be blessed to have the opportunity to observe at the Wound Care Center at Harrington," stated Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

Under the guidance of Adrianna Rothera, BSN, RN, WCC Clinical

Program Director at the Wound Care Center, UMass Memorial Health Harrington 10 N Main Street in Charlton, who stated that "the students were great so far!"

Bay Path Practical Nursing students assigned a two-day clinical observation at the Wound Care Center at Harrington.

Bolandrina dded, "Having added, a certified hyperbaric therapist, an LPN and an alumna at that, (Paige Wood, LPN, CHT, PN Class of 2014) makes a positive difference for patient care."

Breault reflected, "Before this experience, I had

the wound nurse for two days, it gave me a better understanding of what this fascinating role of a wound nurse entails. The nurse uncovered the dressing, examined, and cleaned the wound with normal saline, and measured the length, width, and depth. The nurse would then take a picture with a ruler in front of the wound and document the new measurements into the client's chart. After the provider examined the client's wound, the nurse would reapply the new dressing and set up their next appoint-

Breault continued, "It was incredible to see the wound nurse's relationship with her clients and the smile she put on their faces by doing small tasks such as hanging up their coats and helping them put them back on before leaving. Something that caught my eye was the 'healing bell' that was on the wall between rooms three and four. Many of the clients' wounds take a couple of weeks to months to heal, and this bell gives them hope that one day they will complete their treatment and their wounds will finally be healed."

Breault concluded, "During this observation, I saw all types of wounds on different body locations, a wound vac, and the hyperbaric oxygen therapy chamber, which I found incredible. The nurse that I was observing, along with the rest of the staff at the clin-

ic, were so friendly, caring, and organized and provided thorough and extraordinary care to every client that walked through their doors. Overall, I loved having this fantastic opportunity! I learned so much about the wound care process!"

According Bolandrina, "At Bay Path

Practical Nursing Academy, we believe that stud e n t engagement and patient advocacy are contributo-



nurse. Success is intentional. Ashley's reflections and active engagement in empowering, she is an impressive young lady who is bound to make wonderful contributions in the nursing field.'

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Performer presents show focusing on student challenges

other challenges facing young people. On May 8, acclaimed guest speaker and actor John Morello will deliver his presentation at 6 p.m. at the elementary

invited to attend a presentation addressing mental health and

school. Titled "Dirt," the one-man show explores many challenges facing students, including issues related to drugs, bullying,

and mental health, among others. 'John Morello gives voice to those who sometimes feel as

though they are not heard—and reassurance to those who sometimes feel as though they are not understood," read a promotional statement released ahead of the program. The event is free for guests.

Informational resources will be shared with guests during

the program. Light refreshments will be served.

### North Brookfield Episcopal Church tag sale this weekend

NORTH BROOKFIELD - An array of items will be available at the Christ Memorial Episcopal Church tag sale. Set for Saturday, April 27, the event will take place at the church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Available items include plants, puzzles, books, clothes, kids' items, kitchen and household items, treasures, and more. The rain date for the event is May 4.

The church is located at 133 North Main Street.

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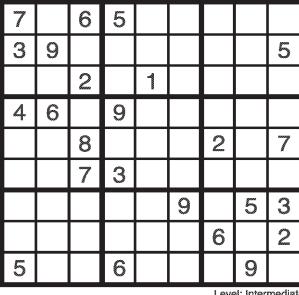
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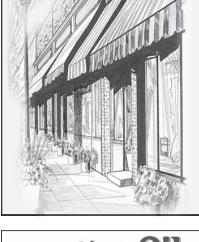
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#### **EDITORIAL**

# There is no "One size fits

In a world filled with variety and complexity, it's essential to recognize and appreciate the wide spectrum of human capabilities and nuances. Yet, there are those among us who, due to various factors such as limited education or closed-mindedness, struggle to grasp the richness and depth of human nature. These individuals often cling to traditional beliefs and narrow perspectives, unable or unwilling to acknowledge the scientific discoveries and advancements that shed light on the intricacies of human behavior.

It's time to address the misconception that intelligence is solely determined by academic achievement or adherence to conventional wisdom. In reality, true intelligence encompasses the ability to understand and appreciate the complexity of the human experience, including its many facets and dimensions. This requires an open mind and a willingness to explore new ideas, even if they challenge long-held beliefs or societal

It's important to emphasize that intelligence is not a fixed trait but rather a dynamic and multifaceted quality that can be cultivated and expanded over time. Those with so-called "simple minds" or limited education should not be dismissed or marginalized. Instead, they should be encouraged to broaden their horizons.

Scientific research has revealed countless fascinating insights into human behavior, from the intricacies of our cognitive processes to the complexities of our emotions and social interactions. These discoveries have expanded our understanding of what it means to be human and have challenged many preconceived notions about human nature.

For example, studies in psychology have shown that human behavior is influenced by a multitude of factors, including genetics, environment, and personal experiences. This means that there is no one-size-fits-all explanation for why people think, feel, or act the way they do. Each individual is unique, shaped by a complex interplay of biological, psychological, and social forces.

Furthermore, advances in neuroscience have revealed the remarkable plasticity of the human brain, demonstrating its capacity for growth and change throughout life. This highlights the potential for individuals to learn, adapt, and evolve, regardless of their starting point or background.

In light of these scientific findings, it's clear that a narrow-minded and simplistic view of human nature is not only outdated but also detrimental to our collective progress and understanding. We must look to cultivate a culture of intellectual curiosity.

#### **Letter submission** policy

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Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields

### <u>Letters to the Editor</u>

## Schlegel is the obvious choice for North Brookfield Selectman

To the Editor:

In the upcoming North Brookfield election for the open position on the Select Board, there is one candidate who wants to see that that North Brookfield remains on a path of suc-

Vaughn Schlegel has demonstrated, through his time on the finance committee that he is dedicated to the community of North Brookfield.

Vaughn regularly attends many different types of meetings in town and on many occasions has contacted me personally to advocate for North Brookfield. Vaughn's desire to see North Brookfield thrive makes him the obvious choice to be the town's next select board member.

DONNIE BERTHIAUME

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## Join me in supporting Vaughn Schlegel for Selectman

To the Editor:

I wanted to take this opportunity to share my thoughts about the Town of North Brookfield and the upcoming Selectman's race. I have had the privilege of getting to know Vaughn Schlegel over the past year and have found him to be a positive, kind, and dedicated person who is genuinely interested in his community and the people who call North Brookfield

I am very impressed with the dedication Vaughn has shown to his town by joining the Finance Committee and taking seriously the commitment

of helping the town through difficult financial times.

Working together is the only way we get things accomplished and I am confident that Vaughn will make an outstanding selectman and be a great partner for me, and all of us, in serving the Town of North Brookfield.

I humbly ask you to join me in supporting Vaughn Schlegel for Selectman in the upcoming town elec-

PETER DURANT STATE SENATOR

## WORCESTER AND HAMPDEN DISTRICT

## The time is right for Spencer to adopt the CPA

To The Editor:

I believe that a sense of hope and optimism will prevail at Spencer's upcoming Town Meeting on May 2. Optimism fueled by an appreciation of what local governments can accomplish to improve our lives and enhance our infrastructure.

Passing the Community Preservation Act (CPA) raises local revenue with the certainty of additional state funds to follow. Couple these two sources of money with the potential of matching grants and the possibilities are endless. As the saying goes, "Money follows money." These funds would enhance Spencer's ability to acquire open spaces; refurbish recreational facilities; protect historic treasures; and support affordable

Some claim this is the worst possi-Die time to ask voters to add a one percent surcharge onto Spencer's property tax. Actually, there is never a good time to ask for an increase in taxes. But as times come and go, this may actually turn out to be a better time than critics believe.

The average single-family home in Spencer is assessed at \$375,432. The yearly surcharge on that property would be \$31.51. Exemptions for low-income families and moderate-income seniors ensure that the surcharge is placed only on those able to afford it.

Over 196 communities - including Grafton, West Boylston, and Sturbridge - have passed the CPA. It is time that we join our sister communities and take advantage of the state trust monies available to us.

It is estimated that the first year the CPA is in place in Spencer it would generate \$136,000 in local revenue plus an additional \$26,000 from the state trust, for a total of \$162,000. Imagine the possibilities!

You can help. Encourage town officials, your neighbors and friends to

Encourage them to vote for hope.

ROGER FOSS SPENCER

#### **Suckers and Losers!**

To the Editor

I was brought up in a Catholic family. In church you were taught to revere the Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus. You believed that the mother was a sacred position. Indeed, she gave life and nourishment to the baby Jesus. In Jesus was Mary's DNA. He was half God and half Mary. This reverence for womanhood carried over to your home life. You cherished your mother as the nucleus of the family. If you had sisters, you were charged with protecting them with your life. Woman were revered and treated with respect. They had that Godly power to give create life. As so their bodies were made different than men's. Men were built stronger for their role as provider and protector. Women were built to carry

Biden and the Progressive Dems throw the smokescreen on women's rights as the ability to abort an unborn child. All the while destroying the privilege a woman is born with. The right to be able to conceive and carry a child. They dismiss this as trivial. In their war on God and religion they challenge God. They say they, not God determines you as a woman. They claim the power to change a man to a woman just by saying so. Put a wig and a dress on a man and they call him a woman. That is not only sacrilegious to God by an affront to the womanhood. It's no mistake that Trans Day was created on the same month as Easter. They could have put it in October, the same month as Halloween. The did it around Easter to compete against a Christian Holy day. It's part of the effort to take down our faith and belief in our ways. How shameful was it,

when on Easter morning. Biden gleefully proclaimed it Trans Day. What a Judas this guy is!

By any reasonable thinking women's sports should have only have real women competing. Those created by God at birth as a woman. To allow men dressed as women is disrespecting the rights ordained by God on woman. It is a deviance and unholy act to destroy the power of God and the Virgin Mary in our society. If you remove the respect and reverence we have for our mothers, sisters, and daughters then they become easy targets. This can be seen in New York city where a guy goes around punching girls in the face. It's all part of Biden's war on women and faith. It's time to bring the people back into the flock. Many of you were suckered by Biden and the Dems in the last election. You were told Biden would bring normalcy and unite the country. We see what he truly is. A puppet controlled by Godless Progressives and deviants out to destroy the soul of the nation. Parts of his coalition marching outright with chants to "Death to America." These my friends are true traitors. Not one of the Jan. 6 protestors ever chanted that. The Jan. 6 protestors all wore Red, White and Blue. They marched to Save America from this ungodly bunch. If you vote for Biden this time you are not only a Sucker but also Loser. Vote for Trump for a return to American Christian Values. Vote Trump to restore the Godly rights of your mothers, wives, and daughters. Don't let Biden and his followers punch our women in the face.

Mark Robillard SPENCER

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# Be careful when naming beneficiaries



FINANCIAL Focus

**TREVOR NIELSEN** 

You might not have thought much about beneficiary designations — but they can play a big role in your estate planning.

When you purchase insurance policies and open investment accounts, such as your IRA, you'll be asked to name a beneficiary, and, in some cases, more than one. This might seem easy, especially if you have a spouse and children, but if you experience a major life event, such as a divorce or a death in the family, you may need to make some changes — because beneficiary designations carry a lot of weight under the

In fact, these designations can supersede the instructions you may have written in your will or living trust, so everyone in your family should know who is expected to get which assets. One significant benefit of having proper beneficiary designations in place is that they may enable beneficiaries to avoid the time-consuming — and possibly expensive — probate process.

The beneficiary issue can become complex because not everyone reacts the same way to events such as divorce some people want their ex-spouses to still receive assets while others don't. Furthermore, not all the states have the same rules about how beneficiary designations are treated after a divorce. And some financial assets are treated differently than others.

Here's the big picture: If you've named your spouse as a beneficiary of an IRA, bank or brokerage account, insurance policy, will or trust, this beneficiary designation will automatically be revoked upon divorce in about half the states. So, if you still want your ex-spouse to get these assets, you will need to name them as a non-spouse beneficiary after the divorce. But if vou've named your spouse as beneficiary for a 401(k) plan or pension, the designation will remain intact until and unless you change it, regardless of where you live.

However, in community property states, couples are generally required to split equally all assets they acquired during their marriage. When couples divorce, the community property laws require they split their assets 50/50, but only those assets they obtained while they lived in that state. If you were to stay in the same community property state throughout your marriage and divorce, the ownership issue is generally straightforward, but if you were to move to or from one of these states. it might change the joint ownership picture.

Thus far, we've only talked about beneficiary designation issues surrounding divorce. But if an ex-spouse — or any beneficiary — passes away, the assets will generally pass to a contingent beneficiary — which is why it's important that you name one at the same time you designate the primary beneficiary. Also, it may be appropriate to name a special needs trust as beneficiary for a family member who has special needs or becomes disabled. If this individual were to be the direct beneficiary, any assets passing directly into their hands could affect their eligibility for certain

You may need to work with a legal professional to sort out beneficiary designation issues and the rules that apply in your state. But you may also want to do a beneficiary review with your financial advisor whenever you experience a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce, or the addition of a new child. Your investments, retirement accounts and life insurance proceeds are valuable assets — and you want them to go where you intended.

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## It's turkey hunting time

It is turkey hunting time in Mass., and for those hunters that enjoy hunting wild turkeys, the excitement of harvesting a bird is here. The season opens this coming Monday, April 29, in Mass. You need to be an outdoorsman or woman to appreciate the sport. This writer enjoyed many morning wild turkey hunts in Mass. and Rhode island.

It required doing some scouting prior to opening day, which paid off big time when the season opened. Locating a few turkeys put me in the right place when the season opened. Setting up my camouflage blind prior to the season had me sitting comfortably in my chair sipping on coffee & waiting for first light. Waiting for shooting time and listening to the woods come alive, was often the best part of the hunt. During hunting I once watched a lone coyote sneaking up on my turkey decoys at first light. He had no idea I was watching him, and when I opened my blind door, he quickly hightailed it across the field.

It was now legal shooting time and it was not long before I heard a couple of tom turkeys gobbling in trees not far from my blind. Suddenly, I spotted a couple of hen tur-



Jerry's Bait & Tackle sponsored his annual trout derby at Louisia Lake last weekend in Milford. All in attendance had a great time catching trout and claiming their prizes for the largest trout caught.

keys coming my way. As slowly walked they towards me, I could also hear their putting sounds which was also picked up by the two toms nearby. The toms gobbled excitingly and soon came into my sight. I normally give a couple of calls on my turkey call, but with the two hens heading my way,

I decided to keep quiet. It was not long before the two toms were in range for a shot, but I decided to wait and watch the show that was about to start. One tom decided to attack one of my decoys, and when he was done with him, he knocked the other decoy off of his stake, which was stuck in



Big lake trout from Wachusett Res. last week. They are still catching numerous lakers at Wachusett.

the ground.

The two live hens were slowly walking away from the decoys and the two toms in total display were about to follow. It was time to harvest a bird. As I slowly poked the gun barrel out the window of the blind, I took aim at the largest bird and squeezed the trigger. The No. 6 three inch shell discharged, sending a roar through the valley. The huge turkey laid still on the ground, as all of the other turkeys scattered. I quickly rushed out of the blind to retrieve my bird. I took a deep breath as my heart was still racing from the excitement of the hunt. How fortunate are we to still hunt this magnificent bird which was absent from

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our woods for so many years & reintroduced back into our open space only 20 years or so ago from Vermont and New York.

Local streams and rivers were stocked with trout last week which included the West River. Local lakes and ponds continue to produce some nice trout and Wachusett Res. also is giving up some nice Lakers as this week's picture shows. Jerry's Bait & Tackle sponsored his annual trout derby at Louisia Lake last weekend in Milford. All in attendance had a great time catching trout and claiming their prizes for the largest trout caught.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held their annual kids' fishing derby last weekend also and had a good number of youngsters participating in the event.

Haddock fishing was red hot last week and

should stay good until the waters warm and the fish head out to deeper water. The Weather also needs to cooperate.

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## Dig, divide, and boost your garden's beauty

Overcrowded, poor flowering, and floppy perennials can be invigorated with a shovel and a bit of your time and energy. Dividing perennials is an excellent way to improve their appearance and create new plants to use in other spaces in your landscape.

As the old garden adage states "divide spring flowering perennials in late summer or early fall, divide fall bloomers in spring, and summer blooming perennials in either spring or fall." Some gardeners prefer to enjoy the spring blooms and divide soon after the flowers fade. Most gardeners have found the best time to divide is when they have the time and can provide proper post-transplanting care.

Reduce the stress on plants by dividing perenni-

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als on a cloudy, overcast day when the plants won't dry out so quickly. Make sure the plants are well-watered a day or two in advance of dividing.

Dig up the whole plant using a garden fork or sharp spade, like Corona Tools' DigMaster Nursery Shovel (coronatools.com), with its narrow, hardened steel blade. A shovel with a long handle and narrow blade makes it easier to access plants in small and hard-to-reach spots in the flower garden.

Carefully lift the plant out of the soil. Depending on the plant and the tenacity of its roots, you may be able to gently pull the roots apart with your hands. Otherwise, use a sharp spade or knife, such as a Hori Hori garden knife, or a reciprocating saw to cut the plant into smaller sections.

Some gardeners place two garden forks back-to-back in the center of the clump and pull the forks apart to make the divisions. Discard the dead center,

if needed, in the compost pile. Make sure each division has at least three to five healthy shoots and adequate roots. The larger the division, the quicker it will fill in the space and possibly need dividing sooner than smaller divisions.

Replant the divisions as soon as possible. In the meantime, store them in a cool, shaded location and keep the roots covered and

moist. Prepare the soil before planting. You can plant one of the divisions in the original spot once the soil is amended. Use the others to fill in bare areas or start new garden beds. Dig a hole large enough to accommodate the roots. Plant the division at the same depth it was growing. Some gardeners set it slightly higher so it can settle in place. Either way, make sure the roots are not exposed and the crown, the part where the roots meet the stems, is not buried.

Gently firm the soil around the plant and water thoroughly. Check the soil moisture every few days and water deeply and often enough to keep the roots

slightly moist. Reduce your watering frequency as the plant begins to develop a more robust root system.

Start by dividing just one or two overgrown plants. As you master the technique, you will find it easier to divide perennials when needed to keep your gardens looking their best.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her



dividing perennial plants use a sharp spade or Hori Hori garden knife to easily cut plants into smaller sections.

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# Kellsie Gauvin named Commencement Speaker at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

CHARLTON — Kellsie Gauvin, RN, WCC of Southbridge, will be the principal speaker at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's 14thGraduation and Pinning Ceremony on June 21.

"Kellsie embodies caring. It has been ten years since she graduated with the PN Class of 2014," said Academy Director

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. "Her commitment to caring and academic progression are an inspiration to all who value the art and science of nursing. We look forward to welcoming her and to acknowledging her outstanding contributions to nursing."

Gauvin is the HBO

(Hyperbaric oxygen therapy) Safety Director at the Wound Care Center at UMass Memorial Health Harrington at 10 N. Main St., Charlton. Gauvin is certified in wound care, serving as a leader and a role model. Certification is the mark of distinction for a specialty. WCC by the Wound Learning Academy by SNF wound

care "is an online education platform with content approved by RN and LPN/LVN Nursing Board nationwide, in all 50 states. WCC offers 30 CEU for license renewal." She demonstrated dedication to the highest standards in wound care management and achieved recognition and elevated her status as a wound care specialist. According to the Wound Learning Academy, "Wound Care Certification demonstrates specialized and distinguished knowledge in wound management, promoting the highest level of care for all wound care patients." Gauvin plays a key

role in managing HBO. She provides wound care education to patients and their families, operates HBO chambers for treatment of non-healing wounds, oversees monthly HBO safety drills and ensure staff members are up to date on their quarterly supervision of HBO dives, and ensure safe operation through weekly maintenance of HBO chambers. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy involves exposing the body to 100 percent oxygen at higher pressures than what one normally experiences.

Wounds need oxygen to heal correctly. Exposing a wound to 100 percent oxygen at higher pressures can, in some cases, speed the healing process.

Gauvin is an alumna of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, PN Class of 2014. She completed the rigorous program, was awarded the Academic Excellence Award, and passed the NCLEX-PN on her first try. While a nursing student, she competed in SkillsUSA Health Knowledge Bowl and earned gold medals in district and state competitions making it to nationals and earning a bronze medal.

"I cannot believe that it has been ten years since I graduated from the practical nursing program," said Gauvin. "Time really does fly!"

Gauvin is also an alumna of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, Class of 2011. She graduated as the Class Valedictorian. In December 2021, Gauvin completed her Associate of Science in Nursing degree at Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester. Before joining UMass Memorial Healthcare



Kellsie Gauvin

Harrington, Gauvin was an LPN Nursing Supervisor at the Overlook (2015-2021). She was with Spectrum Health Systems briefly before joining UMass Memorial Healthcare at Harrington as a Registered Nurse. She became the Hyperbaric Safety Director January 2022.

Recent Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni Commencement speakers include Kalie Hernadez, LPN Class of 2017, Donna Pope, LPN Class of 2017, and Kiana McDonald, BSN, RN Class of 2017.



#### DPHS student art showcased at Richard Sugen Library

SPENCER – David Prouty High School students recently showcased their artwork at Richard Sugden Library.

Art displays took several forms, and local guests were thrilled to see the exhibits while supporting young artists.

The lineup also featured a special "Senior Showcase" section to celebrate Prouty's Class of 2024.

The library staff is thanked for making space available for the displays.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11

1:51 a.m.: accident (Hemlock Street), resolved; 7:11 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 7:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:10 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:22 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 8:36 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:51 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 9:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to: 9:18 a.m.: my stop (Main Street), Gerard Tyrone Day, 31, 590 Main Street, #313, Worcester, op w/suspended license, lights violation, possession Class E drug, arrest; 10:02 a.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), resolved; 10:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:12 a.m.: lobby service (South Main Street), advised civil action; 10:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:23 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:33 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:42 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:43 a.m.: summons service (Harding Street), unable to serve; 11:55 a.m.: summons service (Redfield Road), unable to serve; 11:57 a.m.: vandalism (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 1:31 p.m.: lobby service (White Birch Street), report taken; 1:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:20 p.m.: fraud (Stafford Street), report taken; 3:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:50 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:53 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:19 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:32 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:32 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 5:49 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 6:03 p.m.: debris in road (Mulberry Street), resolved; 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 6:19 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 6:21 p.m.: suspicious my (Mulberry Street), resolved: 6:40 p.m.: investigation (Dale Court), report taken; 8:44

accident p.m.: (Marshall Street), report taken; 11:11 p.m.: disturbance (Paxton Street), unfounded; 11:36 p.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), unfounded. FRIDAY, APRIL

12 1:23 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:46 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, lights violation, criminal application issued; 9:44 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 9:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation,

violation,

lights

failure to wear seat belt, criminal application issued; 9:55 a.m.: suspicious mv (Folsom Street), gone on arrival; 10:23 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), resolved; 10:32 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured my, unregistered my, criminal application issued; 11:06 a.m.: my stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:12 a.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), resolved; 11:29 a.m.: assist other agency (Paxton Street), referred: 12:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), referred; 1:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured my, unregistered my, criminal application issued; 2:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:29 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 2:45 p.m.: ambulance (Tobin Road), transported; 3:36 p.m.: hit/run accident (South Main Street), report taken; 5:03 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Paxton Street), resolved; 6:52 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, criminal application issued; 9;43 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported: 9:46 p.m.: suspicious my (Marshall Street), spoken to; 10:59 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 11:53 p.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), unable to locate.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 12:21 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 1:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:02 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:40 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:13 a.m.: ambulance (Town Beach Road), transported; 7:33 a.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), report taken; 11:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:34 a.m.: stolen mv (Chesnar Drive), name and address redacted from police log, larceny of mv, use of mv w/out authority, report taken; 11:45 a.m.: investigation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 11:48 a.m.: investigation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 11:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:20 p.m.: my stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street),

written warning; 1:38 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), written warning; 1:54 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 2:02 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 2:12 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 2:34 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), written warning; 2:53 p.m.: investigation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 3:25 p.m.: hit/run accident (Soojians Drive), report taken; 5:23 p.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), spoken to; 6:35 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), resolved; 10:02 p.m.: my stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:09 p.m.: suspicious person (Pine Street), spoken to; 11:38 p.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 11:47 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), spoken to. SUNDAY, APRIL 14

1:01 a.m.: disturbance (Brickyard Road), spoken to; 1:02 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:42 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:05 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:14 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:39 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning: 2:57 a.m.: my stop (Waite Street), citation issued; 3:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Michael R. Lund, 27, 21 Lincoln Street, Spencer, possession Class B drug w/intent to distribute, possession Class B drug, possession Class A drug, mv lights violation; Brittany N. Johnson, 32, 179 Pleasant Street, #4, Worcester, possession Class B drug, possession Class B drug w/ intent to distribute, possession Class A drug; Ashley Ramos, 34, 10 Lamartine Street, #1, Worcester, possession Class B drug w/intent to distribute, possession Class B drug, possession Class A drug, arrests/3; 4:06 a.m.: family problem (Carleton Road), spoken to; 11:13 a.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), resolved; 11:36 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:08 p.m.: disturbance (Sooiians Drive), spoken to: 12:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:35 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 12:35 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:40 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 12:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:49 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:15 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 1:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:37 p.m.: ambulance (Utica Street), transported; 1:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:54 p.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), transported; 2:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street), referred: 2:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warn-

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#### **SPENCER**

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produce benefits, but I believe the risks far outweigh the benefits," said Matthew DeFosse, a resident who has attended multiple meetings over the last decade to discuss his concerns with officials, in a previous inter-

Most recently, extensive tree clearing off North Brookfield Road set the stage for Spencer's next large-scale solar installation. Construction of a 1.98-megawatt solar array is expected to begin this

Meanwhile, solar project slated for tend not to be in sum-Hillside Baptist Church mer. They're more often was approved but has not cold-season Nor-easters. yet begun.

With debates ongoing over how much large-scale solar activity in one town is too much, the Annual Town Meeting will give residents a chance to weigh in with their votes.

"There will be three articles on the warrant," said Town Planner Lauren Vivier. "We received some feedback from the residents who attended [the public hearings]. I will be presenting the three articles at Town Meeting.'

If approved by voters, the bylaw amendments would then need to be authorized by the Attorney General before going into effect.

A previous attempt to implement a cap on large-scale solar arrays in town was blocked by the Attorney General.

To learn more about solar bylaws and the Town Meeting warrant, visit www.spencerma.gov.

#### **FESTIVAL**

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Cultural Council, and the North Brookfield Fire Department for teaming up to make the event possible.

To learn more about the event and how you can get involved, check out the library's website: www. northbrookfieldlibrary. org. The site will include an event description and a list of participating ven-

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#### **FISHER**

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The unnamed hurricane of 1938 rolled across the region at 45-50 mph, killed about 700 people, "crashed the lumber industry" and devastated our forests. A storm in 1888 caused so much road flooding in Boston it sparked construction of the subway. The "Great Colonial Hurricane of 1635," estimated at Cat 3, is mostly known from sediment cores and "very detailed diaries," including those of governors Bradford and Winthrop.

The strongest storms another our region gets, however,

Most of us remember the Blizzard of '78, which is "still the gold standard" because of how it changed forecasting. Before that, he said, forecasts were "very poor" and "more generalized" than today. "Only about two forecasters in Boston predicted a big storm for this," Fisher noted.

The blizzard actually began hours after it was predicted to, so many people were caught on the roads and stranded in 40 inches of snow and huge drifts.

New England saw more snow in February 1969, when the Mt Washington area got 100 inches in 100 hours, while 2015's "Snow Blitz" saw 94 inches over the course of 30 days. Fisher showed photos from that year of a woman digging her car out of snow over her head; there were "drifts up to 20 feet high," he recalled.

On the other end of the spectrum, heat has also been a major concern, and is likely to be more serious with climate change. Fisher cited the Summer Swelter of 1911, when people routinely wore wool, layers and hats even in summer. Cities "opened their parks to sleep in," but more than 2000 died. That year's 104-degree peak is still Boston's record.

It will probably get broken in time. Climate projections say our region is heading toward being like southern Georgia by 2100. Fisher said right now our climate is "like New York City 100 years ago." He recommended farmers look at New Jersey and Pennsylvania for similar crops, but said we will likely see "no particular tipping point." Instead, it will "just be harder to adapt."

One audience member noted that's already happening. She said she's seen "this little thing and that little thing" making it more difficult for people to grow food to support themselves. Others cited spring frosts wiping out peaches across the region last year and a combination of weather and disease killing trees.

Climate change will emphasize the extremes in precipitation and temperature, even as the average rises. Fisher noted that effect has sometimes surprised even him. At one point, he calculated the number of top 10 warmest months vs coldest and found we've seen 52 of the former versus iust one of the latter.

"I never imagined it'd be that lopsided," he said. On the other hand, he added, "the peak climate projections for temperature have come down because countries are making changes. ... There has been progress. It's not all gloom and

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## Celebrate the Planet: April Hosts Earth Day & Arbor Day The 1970s, dubbed the most. The prince points dubbed the most.

"turning point" decade. introduced many new ideas and cultural changes, including an envirevolution ronmental that launched the first Earth Day, now celebrated each year on April 22nd]. The decade also honored "earth friendly" Arbor Day with the birth of the Arbor Day Foundation which was started in April 1972, and is celebrated this year on April 26th. In recognition of Earth Day and Arbor Day, both celebrated in April, this week's column offers the following information to support environmentally friendly actions.

Arbor Day: The first Arbor Day was held on April 10, 1872 and marked with the planting of one million trees. This year's Arbor Day will be recognized on April 26th. Each state celebrates its own state holiday and customary observance on this historic day is to plant a tree. Arbor Foundation, founded in 1972 on the 100th anniversary of the first Arbor Day, serves as a nonprofit conservation and education organization of nearly one million members. with a mission to inspire people to plant, celebrate and nurture trees. In fact, the organization is the largest nonprofit conservation organizations dedicated to planting trees as it plants and distributes more than 10 million trees each year. The foundation also works with the U.S. Forest Service to plant trees in America's national forests and the National Association of State Foresters to plant trees in state forests.

Currently, Foundation is scaling efforts to plant 500 million trees by 2027 in areas where they're needed

Free Trees: The Arbor Day Foundation gifts members with ten free trees for as little as a \$12 dollar membership. Members can choose ten trees that grow well in your growing zone. Or, you can choose to send the trees directly to someone else. Members may also opt to have the foundation plant ten trees in a forest in need in your name. Choices of free trees in our Central MA area include flowering trees, wild bird garden trees, White pines, White Dogwoods, White Furs, Colorado Blue Spruces, Redbuds, and more. New members also receive a free subscription to the foundation's bimonthly newsletter as well as an Arbor Day gardener's handbook and tree information guide. In addition, members enjoy up to a 50% discount on over 100 trees and shrubs. For more information, visit arbor-

day.org. Earth Day: This year marks the 54th anniversary of Earth Day. Begun as a grass roots movement. the day to recognize and respect Mother Earth, has grown to global proportions. Each year environmental issues are tackled as rallies. programs and protests are planned across the world. Organized efforts promote environmental responsibility through such earth friendly actions as recycling, conserving and preserving. EARTHDAY.ORG unwavering in its commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demand-

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Save Water and World Save the Saving our natural resources is an important effort in which all ages can participate. The **Environmental Protection** Agency (EPA) promotes water efficiency round, and offers these "water waster" solutions in time for Earth Day.

Challenge: Leaky faucets that drip at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water each year. Solution: If you're unsure whether you have a leak, read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.

Challenge: A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water every day. Solution: To tell if your toilet has a leak, place a drop of food coloring in the tank; if the color shows in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.

Challenge: A full bath tub requires about 70 gallons of water, while taking a five-minute shower uses 10 to 25 gallons. Solution: If you take a bath, stop the drain immediately and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub.

Challenge: The average bathroom faucet flows at a rate of two

gallons per minute. Solution: Turning off the TAKE tap while brushing your teeth in the morning and at bedtime can save up to HINT 8 gallons of water per day, which equals 240 gallons a month!

> Challenge: The typical single-family suburban household uses at least 30 percent of their water outdoors for irrigation. Some experts estimate that more than 50 percent of landscape water use goes to waste due to evaporation or runoff caused by overwatering. Solution: Drip irrigation systems use between 20 to 50 percent less water than conventional in-ground sprinkler systems. They are also much more efficient than conventional sprinklers because no water is lost to wind, runoff, and evaporation. If your in-ground system uses 100,000 gallons annually, you could potentially save more than 200,000 gallons over the lifetime of a

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Trees lower surface and air temperatures by providing shade. Shaded surfaces may be 20-45°F cooler than the peak temperatures of unshaded materials.

The Center for Urban Forest Research proclaimed planting a tree can have a significant impact on lowering energy use. It claims: "If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in five years your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12%.'

Trees remove pollution from the atmosphere, improving air quality and human health.

According to the USDA, one large tree can provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to four people.

Roadside trees reduce nearby indoor air pollution by more than 50%.

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Honors: Armani Cedeno, Andrew Hachigian, Connor Kippax

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Honors: Ari Benson, Grayson Dollar, Lukas Stock, James Miranda, Gabriel Ketnouvong-Ung

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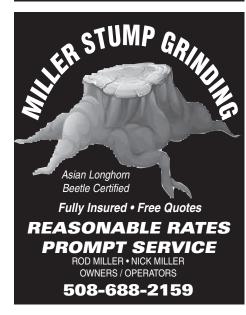
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#### **NOTICE TO ABUTTERS PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166, of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held in the Conference Room at the West Brookfield Town Hall, located at 2 East Main Street in West Brookfield.

**LYON ROAD** The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at 6:15 pm on the petition of National Grid (No. 30846792) and Verizon New England, Inc. who is seeking permission to install 5 JO Poles and Relocate 1 JO Pole on Lyon Rd beginning at a point approximately 37 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Lyon Rd and Wheeler Rd. Install Pole 76-84 Lyon Rd ~ 36' NE of P76 Lyon Rd. Install Pole 75-50-84 Lyon Rd. ~ 40' NE of P75-50 Lyon Rd. Install Pole 73-50 Lyon Rd. ~ 120' NW of P74 Lyon Rd. Relocate P66-50 Lyon Rd. 15' west of P67 Lyon Rd. Install Pole 65-25 Lyon Rd ~ 110' SE of P65 Lvon Rd. Install Pole 63-50 Lvon Rd. ~ 113' NE of P63 Lyon Rd.

Parties in interest are invited to attend this hearing to express any comments or concerns. If you are unable to attend in person, you may submit your comments or concerns to my attention prior to the hearing to be included as part of the official records.

Beth Gobeille Executive Assistant Town Administrator/Board of Select-

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#### WHEELER ROAD

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at 6:15 pm on the petition of National Grid (No. 30846792) and Verizon New England, Inc. who is seeking permission to install 2 JO Poles on Wheeler Rd. beginning at a point approximately 12 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Lyon Rd. and Wheeler Rd. Install Pole #0-50 Wheeler Rd. ~ 200' NE of P72 Lyon Rd. Install Pole # 1-50 Wheeler Rd ~ 120' NE of P1 Lyon Rd.

Parties in interest are invited to attend this hearing to express any comments or concerns. If you are unable to attend in person, you may submit your comments or concerns to my attention prior to the hearing to be included as part of the official records.

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The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 6:15pm on the petition of National Grid (No. 30846792) and Verizon New England, Inc. who is seeking permission to install 2 JO Poles on Ragged Hill Rd. beginning at a point approximately 135 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Kennedy Rd. and Ragged Hill Rd. Install Pole #62-50 Ragged Hill Rd. ~ 125' NE of P62 Ragged Hill Rd. Install Pole #60-50 Ragged Hill Rd. ~ 146' NE of P60 Ragged Hill Rd.

Parties in interest are invited to attend this hearing to express any comments or concerns. If you are unable to attend in person, you may submit your

comments or concerns to my attention prior to the hearing to be included as part of the official records.

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#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage dated December 22, 2022 from CEDY2SHOES LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Three Trust u/d/t dated October 25, 2022 (recorded in Book 68416, Page 212) said mortgage recorded on December 23. 2022 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68645, Page 221, as affected by a certain Amendment of Mortgage dated March 27, 2023 and recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of deeds in Book 68965, Page 161, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on the 6th day of May, 2024 at 505 Main Street, Spencer, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

Property Address: 505 Main Street, Spencer, Massachusetts 01562

The land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Spencer, on the northerly side of the State Highway leading from Spencer to Leicester, and bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land, situated in the Town of Spencer, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shown as parcel "B" on a plan entitled "Land in Spencer, Massachusetts", owned by David G. Parent, 12 Pond Street, Paxton, Massachusetts and John D. Wentworth, 627 Pleasant Paxton, Massachusetts, dated August 7, 2007 and revised February 8, 2008, Scale: 1"=40', Allen F. Paige, Registered Civil Engineer & Land Surveyor, P.O. Box 469, Auburn, Mass., and recoded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 866. Plan 104.

For title see deed recorded herewith [Book 68645, Page 337].

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair

requirements. Terms of sale: A deposit of Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust

u/d/t dated May 2, 2022 Present holder of said mortgage By his Attorneys, Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C. 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610 Quincy, MA 02169

April 12, 2024 April 19, 2024 April 26, 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. WO24C0148CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Taina Leah Acevedo McCrillis A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Taina Leah Acevedo McCrillis of East Brookfield requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Alexandrea Leah McCrillis IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 05/07/24. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 01, 2024 Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate April 25, 2024

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL** COURT

Docket No. 24 SM 001327 **ORDER OF NOTICE** TO: James A. Lewis

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief

Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq) Massachusetts Housing Finance claiming to have an interest in a

Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 39 Cooney Road, given by James A. Lewis to "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc.; "Lender" and its successors and assigns, dated May 28, 2020, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62484, Page 255, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 5/20/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 4/3/2024 Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder April 26, 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. WO24P0962EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Brenda A Bailey Date of Death: 04/08/2006 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Determination of Heirs has been filed by John V Bailey of Spencer MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such

Estate of:

other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

John V Bailey of Spencer 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

05/14/2024. 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 no-

**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: April 16, 2024 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate April 26, 2024

#### **Notice of Special Public Hearing East Brookfield Zoning Board** of Appeals

This Zoning Board hearing will take place at the East Brookfield Town Hall, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield, MA on Monday April 29th, 2024. Hearing will commence at 6:30PM or soon thereafter as can be heard. Interested parties can attend in

Applicant: Hadley Path, LLC., owner of property at 232 East Main Street, East Brookfield. The applicant is requesting a "Finding" for extended pump area, extended parking lot and interior store expansion as outlined in Section 4 non-conforming uses, paragraph 2 of the East Brookfield Zoning Bylaws. This hearing will determine if the proposed expansion is not more detrimental then the existing non-conforming use is to the neighborhood.

April 12, 2024 April 26, 2024

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The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 6:15pm on the petition of National Grid (No. 30846792) and Verizon New England, Inc. who is seeking permission to install 1 JO Pole AND Relocate 1 JO Pole on Kennedy Rd. beginning at appoint approximately 170 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Kennedy Rd. and Ragged Hill Rd. Relocate Pole #1 (Previously P1-1) Kennedy Rd. ~ 27' south of P63 Ragged Hill Rd.

Parties in interest are invited to attend this hearing to express any comments or concerns. If you are unable to attend in person, you may submit your comments or concerns to my attention prior to the hearing to be included as part of the official records.

Municipal Contact: Beth Gobeille **Executive Assistant** Town Administrator/Board of Select-Town of West Brookfield 2 East Main Street

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## **OBITUARIES**

### Arthur Allen Jr., 93



Arthur Allen Jr., 93, of Spencer passed away peacefully on April 12, 2024.

Arthur is survived by his wife of 66 years; Janet, children Arthur III and wife Jennifer, Scott and wife Julie, John and

wife Theresa, and Maria and husband Steven. He was a dedicated 'Grampa' to grandchildren Benjamin and Lauren.

Born in Barre, Arthur was one of 10 siblings and is survived by sisters Carol and Dorothy.

After serving in the US Marine Corps, Arthur worked at Goodfield Dairy in Hardwick while establishing his water well service company, Allen Water Systems. Never content with being idle, Arthur worked with R. P. Masiello, Inc in Boylston into his 70's.

Arthur's children can attest to his strong work ethic. Arthur had a hand in helping build, remodel, and renovate homes for all of his children

Arthur proudly served as a Trustee for North Brookfield Savings Bank acting as Vice President.

Arthur found pleasure in an early morning canoe 'paddle' around Brooks Pond especially during blueberry season. He enjoyed vacationing throughout New England, his Model A Ford, and most importantly lending a helping hand whenever possible.

Arthur touched many lives with his presence and will be missed by all who knew him.

Services will be private.

#### Roger Drake Bacon Jr., 90



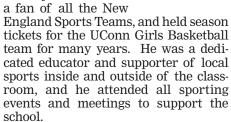
OXFORD - Roger Drake Bacon Jr., 90, of Elm Street, died Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in his home surrounded by his wife and loving family. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Myrtle C. (Hamilton) Bacon

of Oxford; four daughters, Virginia L. Beamsley and her husband Alan of Gallup, NM, Catherine L. Looney and her husband John of Holland, Jane E. Bania of Oxford, and Sara J. Bacon of Culver City, CA; a brother, Bruce "Butch" P. Bacon and his wife Delane of Florida; two sisters, Bonnie A. Boyle of Charlton, and Annie L. Corriveau and her husband Steven of Naples, FL; his sister-in-law, Sandra J. Bacon Charlton; eight grandchildren, Meghan E. Looney and her partner Raymond Gonyea, Heather E. Wilson and her husband Michael, Daniel B. Looney and his wife Rebecca, Jason M. Harty and his wife Kelsey, Maureen C. Connery and her husband Scott, Craig A. Beamsley, Cameron M. Beamsley and his fiancée Kiana Ruch, and Kristen E. Bania and her fiancé Matt Tecci; twelve great-grandchildren, Dylan, Elizabeth, Peyton, Caiden, Sean, Teagan, Evan, John, Liam, Luke, Daniel, and Andrew; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was predeceased by a son-inlaw, Martin A. Bania; a brother, John "Jack" R. Bacon; a sister, Nancy J. Bennett; and an uncle who was like a

brother to him, Donald E. Gagne. He was born in Spencer, son of the late Roger D. and Loretta F. (Grenon) Bacon Sr., and lived in Spencer before moving to Oxford in 1947. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1951 and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Worcester State University. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Bacon was the principal at Oxford High School for 13 years, retiring in 1994. He began his career at Oxford High School in 1961 and worked as a math teacher, coach, guidance counselor, and assistant principal prior to becoming principal. Throughout his life he remained active in Oxford education and was a mentor to many. He served as chairman of the building committee during construction of the new high school building, and the gym was named the Roger D. Bacon Gymnasium in his honor. Through his time at the high school, Mr. Bacon and his wife proudly attended 69 proms.

Mr. Bacon was active in local sports. He was a member of the MIAA and was the Central Massachusetts Director of High School Basketball for 43 years. He was



Mr. Bacon served on many town committees in Oxford. He was named "Man of the Year" in Oxford and was known to many as Mr. Oxford. He was chairman of the Oxford Bicentennial Committee. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Oxford and served on many church committees as well. He was a member of the Oxford Lodge of Masons for 70 years.

Mr. Bacon enjoyed spending time at his summer home on Sebago Lake in Maine. He was an avid fisherman, won many fishing awards, and enjoyed sharing his passion for fishing and Sebago Lake with others. He enjoyed square dancing and round dancing, and traveled around the country and Canada

Most of all, he loved spending time with his family. His wife Myrtle knew the importance of supporting education and sports as he did, and she remained by his side attending events and supporting sports for over 70 years.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the First Congregational Church, 355 Main St., Oxford. Burial with military funeral honors will follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours are Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Following the burial, a celebration of his life will be held at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster, and everyone is invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Roger D. Bacon Jr. Scholarship Fund, c/o Webster Five Cents Savings, 343 Main St, Oxford, MA 01540, or to the First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 585, Oxford, MA 01540, or to the Worcester State University Alumni Association, 486 Chandler St., Worcester, MA 01602.

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# Grigg looks to continue his work for Spencer



Selectman Jared Grigg is seeking re-election at the May 14 election.

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS** 

**NEWS STAFF WRITER** SPENCER - Nearing the end of his first term on the Select Board, Jared Grigg is hopeful to continue working with fellow selectmen to lead the town into an important stretch of post-pandemic development.

Elected in May 2021, Grigg has enjoyed supporting residents and advancing projects during his first three years on the Board. He pointed to several key accomplishments for the town in recent years, including securing a \$130,000 state grant to update the Master Plan; establishing the Municipal Electric Aggregation Committee to assist with electricity costs; and obtaining a SAFER grant for three full-time firefighters, which enabled 24-hour coverage.

Grigg was also thrilled with the town's use of ARPA funds to accelerate a sewer infrastructure study, resulting in a \$1 million federal grant. The town also implemented an electronic voting system for Town Meetings.

Additionally, Spencer has taken strides to advancing relationships with regional agencies.

"We have also hired a full-time accountant to strengthen our internal controls and tracking of accounts," Grigg said. "I have also strengthened our ties with the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission, serving on multiple committees.

Looking ahead, Grigg aims to support the redevelopment of properties on Lindon Street and Wall Street. He would also like to pursue the demolition and development of the Lake Street building.

"Plans include undertaking necessary improvements to the library and Senior Center—and securing more road projects funded by the MassDOT Transportation Improvement Program," Grigg said of his visions for the next term.

Grigg has also shared his plans for addressing several major challenges in town. Blighted downtown buildings remain an ongoing issue, and officials hope to see greater staff retention in the coming years.

"Spencer faces challenges, including a need for honest, fair community discussions, addressing financial stability, long-term managing planning hindered by state mandates, tack-ling downtown blight, and being competitive in staffing, retention, and recruitment," Grigg told the New Leader. "I plan to address these issues through improved fiscal policies, zoning enforcement, and enhanced employee retention strategies.'

Having served for 13 years as a firefighter and

bolster staffing while 17 years in the National Guard, Grigg currently holds the rank of Sergeant First Class and is serving as a Platoon Sergeant.

Additionally, serves on the Physical Development Committee and the Legislative Committee, Affairs both within the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC).

"I am the Spencer representative for CMRPC and currently represent the Sub-West region as the alternate delegate for The Central Mass Metropolitan Planning Organization," Grigg said. "I currently sit on the Master Planning Committee, Municipal Electric Aggregation Committee, and the Economic Development Committee for the Town of Spencer."

Grigg holds a bachelor's degree in business management. He is pursuing a master's degree in public administration.

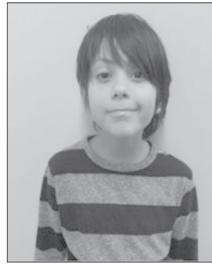
Moreover, Grigg is a member of both the American Legion and the Spencer Fish and Game

Away from work and municipal service, Grigg enjoys spending time with his family, including his nine-month-old daughter who he described as the light of his life.

"I host monthly family dinners, bringing together relatives from both sides of our family,' Grigg said. "Additionally, I have a passion for Technical Rescue, having earned certifications in confined space, rope rescue, and structural collapse, which I find profoundly fulfilling."

The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday. May 14.

## \* \* Friday's Child



Dakodan Age 10

#### Hi! My name is Dakodan and I would someday like to go to a professional sporting event.

Dakodan is an energetic young boy who loves sports especially basketball, football and soccer. He also enjoys listening to music. Dakodan does very well academically in all subjects and is at or above grade level in all his subjects. His favorite subject is math. Having a great memory Dakodan can remember most events in his life and likes to talk to others about them. . He is also a strong advocate for himself..

Favorite foods for Dakodan are hamburgers and donuts but he is

usually not fussy about what he eats. Helping around his home Dakodan likes to make his bed, keep his room clean and organized and help with

Dakodan would like a mom and dad family. He especially wants a dad in his life and would benefit from having one who could be a role model for him. An active and sports involved family would be a good match for Dakodan as they would be able to get him out socializing with his peers and funneling his energy into healthy activities. He will also need his new family's help to maintain regular contact with his 2 siblings who lives in western MA.

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If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

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.



## POLICE REPORTS

p.m.: my stop (McCarthy

#### **POLICE**

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ing; 4:15 p.m.: suspicious activity (Pleasant Street), resolved; 4:47 p.m.: ambulance (Brickyard Road), transported; 5:11 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 5:41 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 8:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:48 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Leopoldo Loja-Zamora, 34, 40 Parker Street, #3, Springfield, operating w/license suspended for OUI, arrest; 10:21 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 11:06 p.m.: ambulance (Charles Street), transported; 11:13 p.m.: ambulance (Ferncroft Road), transported.

MONDAY, APRIL 15 1:10 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 3:23 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:36 a.m.: disabled mv (Mill Street), gone on arrival: 9:10 a.m.: my stop (Henshaw Street), verbal warning; 9:46 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), unable to serve; 10:03 a.m.: neighbor dispute (River Street), advised civil action; 10:05 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Towtaid Street), Joseph C. Docca. 73, Towtaid Street, #2, Leicester, unlicensed operation of mv, arrest; 10:23 a.m.: welfare check Avenue), (Pitcairne assisted; 1:26 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:5 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), Yoel Alexander Soto Perdomo. 33, 189 Colfax Street, 4th fl., Providence, RI, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 2:19 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Hospital), transported; 4:31 p.m.: accident (Mannville Street), report taken; 5:03 p.m.: accident (Paxton Street), report taken; 6:43 p.m.: suspicious mv (King Street), no action required; 7:18 p.m.: dis-(Towtaid turbance Street), name and address redacted from police log, assault w/dangerous weapon, criminal application issued; 10:21 p.m.: assist other PD (Marshall Street), unable to locate; 11:18 p.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), verbal warning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

12:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:37 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:46 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:40 a.m.: m

Town-to-Town

v stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:05 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/ suspended registration, uninsured my, criminal application issue; 2:54 p.m.: fraud (South Street Extension), report taken; 4:54 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 5:51 p.m.: investigation (Chapel Street), report taken; 7:54 p.m.: investigation (South Street), report taken; 8:53 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), investigated; 9:10 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:02 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:43 p.m.: ambulance (Charlton Street), transported.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1:03 a.m.: suspicious

mv (Pleasant Street),

resolved; 1:49 a.m.: mv

stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:09 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), Nathan Marquise Callaghan, 23, 39 Gates Street, #2, Worcester, unlicensed operation, uninsured mv, op w/revoked registration, arrest; 3:27 a.m.: ambulance (Warren Avenue), transported; 4:13 a.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), resolved: 7:37 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 7:48 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 8:03 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:12 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:21 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 8:51 a.m.: mv stop (Burncoat Street), verbal warning; 9:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Henshaw Street), referred; 9:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:03 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 10:17 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 10:32 a.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), citation issued; 10:33 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:42 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:48 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), report taken; 10:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:59 a.m.: suspicious my (Peter Salem Road), resolved; 11:12 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:24 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:34 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:38 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:48 a.m.: mv stop (Green Street), citation issued; 11:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:58 a.m.: mv

Avenue), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, number plate violation to conceal ID, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 12:22 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Street), verbal warning; 12:29 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 12:47 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, possession Class B drug, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, arrest; 1:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 2:22 p.m.: accident (Marshall Street), transported to hospital; 3:43 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 4:24 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 6:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, improper operation of mv, criminal application issued; 6:34 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 6:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:13 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:49 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:52 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, negligent operation, missing registration sticker, speeding, criminal application issued; 10:22 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:25 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), unable to locate; 11:32 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), gone on arrival.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL

12:19-2:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:30 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 12:43 a.m.: Suspi cious mv (Lincoln Street), info taken; 6:20 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), apt. lockout; 8:11 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 8:38 a.m.: medical/general (Spring Street); 8:42 a.m.: mv lockout (Bixby Road), assisted; 9:28 a.m.: accident (Northwest Road), report taken' 11:14 a.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Cross Road); 11:30 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 12:06 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street), lift assist; 12:18 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street); 12:22 p.m.: mv repossessed (Chestnut Street), info rec'd; 12:49 a.m.: juvenile matter (High Street), child running barefoot; 1:18 p.m.:

Street); 2:22 p.m.: parking complaint (Wall Street), services rendered; 2:24 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info rec'd; 3:38 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 3:46 p.m.: DPW call (Tom Casey Road), tree snapped; 3:57 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 4:15 p.m.: juvenile matter (Wall Street), kids in abandoned bldg.; 4:18 p.m.: restraining order service (High Street); 4:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Temple Street), question re: trash pickup; 4:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 5:18 p.m.: 911 call (Church Street), resolved; 5:30 p.m.: suspicious persons (Lake Street), re: people in school garage; 7:55 p.m.: mv theft (Ash Street), report taken; 8:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), dog bite; 8:14 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), noise complaint; 9:02 p.m.: medical/ general (Clark Road); 9:41 p.m.: medical/general (High Street); 11:28 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; (total daily mv stops -0).

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 12:23-2:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:54 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), investigated; 4:06 a.m.: suspicious persons (Charlton Road), info taken; 6:01 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Donnelly Cross Road), resolved; 9:19 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 9:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), barking dog; 9:38 a.m.: DPW call (Treadwell Drive), low-hanging wires; 10:09 a.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 10:30 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), req. ACO; 10:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), req. check on cats; 11:11 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 1:49 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 1:50 p.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), misdial; 4:24 p.m.: restraining order service (Greenville Street); 4:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Clark Road), req. for assistance; 5:33 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose horse; 6:10 p.m.: fraud (Kittredge Road), report taken; 7:49 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 10:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), bldg. screen out/window open; 11:59 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; (total daily mv stops -1).

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 12:14-2:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:00 a.m.: parking violation (Municipal Drive), ticket issued; 2:55 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; a.m.: residential b&e (Wilson Avenue), report taken; 8:50 a.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), road flooding; 9:07 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), resolved; 9:40 a.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), garage flooding; 10:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street). landlord/tenant issues; 11:30 a.m.: officer wanted (High Street), req. property checks; 1:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Prospect Street), stray b&w cat; 1:55 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), rep. poss. fight; 2:15 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), van blocking exit; 3:32 p.m.: hit/run accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:03 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 4:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 5:41 p.m.: medical/general (R. Jones Road); 6:37 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), poss. road rage incident; 8:33 p.m.: medical/general (Blueberry Hill Drive); 11:26 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 11:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. property check; (total daily mv stop - 2). SATURDAY, APRIL 13

12:29 a.m.: mutual

aid (West Main Street), Webster PD bolo; 1:03-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:31 a.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), follow two 10-year-olds to residence; 1:43 a.m.: suspicious persons (Cherry Street), info taken; 1:55 a.m.: suspicious mv (Meadow Road), investigated; 6:55 a.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), mv blocking truck; 7:35 a.m.: medical/ general (R. Jones Road); 10:10 a.m.: residential fire (Church Street), referred; 10:12 a.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), c/o phone purchase; 10:34 a.m.: building checked, secure; 11:07 a.m.: 911 all (McCormick Road), open line/hang-up; 11:40 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), mv vs pedestrian hit/run; 12:34 p.m.: fire alarm (Pleasant View Road), referred; 12:50 p.m.: 911 call (Jolicoeur Road), accidental; 4:12 p.m.: mv complaint (South Spencer Road), c/o being followed; 6:10 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), accidental; 6:17 p.m.: hit/ run accident (West Main Street), report taken; 6:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Town House Court), welfare check; 6:56 p.m.: parking complaint (Temple Street), parking dispute; 8:53 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: family dispute; 8:53 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 9:21 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Browning Pond Road), resolved; 10:53 p.m.: medical/general (Lloyd Dyer Drive); (total daily mv stops - 3).SUNDAY, APRIL 14

12:01 a.m.: animal omplaint (Pleasant complaint View Road), barking dog; 2:16-2:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:13 a.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), req. welfare check; 12:24 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:33 p.m.: medical/general (Irving Street); 12:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), req. welfare check; 2:01 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 3:22 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street),

suspended operator; 4:23 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:00 p.m.: mv theft/recovery (Valley Street), my found in lot; 9:52-10:18 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:43 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:15 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), assist Leicester PD; 11:15 p.m.: disabled mv (Cranberry Meadow Road), assisted; (total daily mv stops -0).

MONDAY, APRIL 15 12:15-2:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:29 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 7:57 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:54 a.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), req. welfare check; 9:31 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), debit card found; 12:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Wilson Avenue), issues w/neighbor's dog; 1:22 p.m.: medical/ general (Meadow Road); 2:12 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street), lift assist; 4:19 p.m.: 911 call (Browning Pond Circle), accidental; 4:35 p.m.: lost/ found (Main Street), debit card left in machine; 5:29 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Rutland PD bolo/erratic operator; 7:08 p.m.: suspicious mv (Sunberg Drive), investigated; 7:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Northwest Road), assist citizen; 8:12 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), inves-

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

12:21-1:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:08 a.m.: parking violation (McDonald Street), ticket issued; 6:16 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:36 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:49 a.m.: 911 call (South Spencer Road), child w/phone; 9:36 a.m.: medical/general (Wilson Avenue); 9:44 a.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), issue w/neighbor's dog; 10:01 a.m.: lost/found (Duggan Street), cell phone found; 10:50 a.m.: disturbance (Wilson Avenue), neighbor dispute; 11:49 a.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 12:52 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 12:59/1:07 p.m.: restraining order service/2 (West Main Street); 1:57 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 2:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), re: no trespass order; 2:57 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 4:02 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:21 p.m.: medical/general (Water Street); 5:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), water flowing from pool to street; 7:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Candlewood Drive), rep. open door/ vacant house; 8:01 p.m.: disturbance (Lake Street), noise complaint; 9:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), taxi driver needs assistance w/ passenger; 10:39 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 11:43 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; (total daily mv stops -1).



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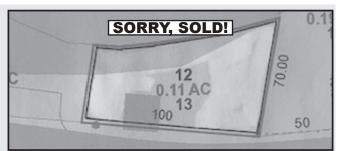


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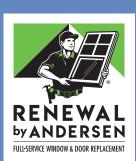


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