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Golfers take on one of several themed holes during the First Annual Savage Foundation Mini-Golf Classic.

Jason Bleau

North Brookfield seeking Phone Free Schools Support Grant

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield School District is one of many across the state seeking funds to help adapt its regulations to meet new expected state regulations regarding student cell phone access during school hours.

In June, North Brookfield Superintendent Timothy McCormick told the School Committee he has applied for a Phone Free Schools Support Grant through the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. The funding is meant to provide financial assistance for districts to implement “bell-to-bell” cellphone policies while a bill is being considered in Boston that would outright ban the use of cell-phones during the school day.

As of this writing, the latest round of grant funding had yet to be awarded. The state has allocated \$500,000 for the grant program to assist qualifying districts throughout the Commonwealth to create phone-free school environments during instructions and unstructured periods of the school day.

“There’s a fair certainty that by

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BY JASON BLEAU
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SPENCER — The Spencer Fairgrounds played host to a new kind of fundraiser on the week-end of July 11, the First Annual Savage Foundation Mini-Golf

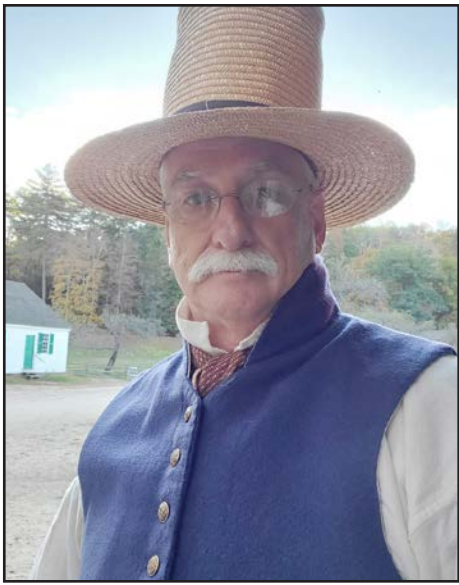
Classic. This multi-day event allowed visitors to take part in a mini-golf course for a small entry fee with every hole designed by different participating families or entities with all the proceeds helping sup-

port the mission of the Savage Foundation. The foundation was formed last year by Jeff and Jackie Sauvageau to help tackle food insecurity in local communities and promote educational growth through

scholarships and learning. When planning what they hoped would become their first major annual fundraiser, Jeff Sauvageau said they wanted to do something a little different that would cater

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Artisan James Caldwell named by Friends of the North Brookfield Town House as Artist of the Month



James Caldwell

NORTH BROOKFIELD — James Caldwell has been named Artist of the Month for July by the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House.

A man of many talents and interests, James Caldwell never really considered himself to be an artist. However, the way he fashions raw materials into decorative objects proves that he is every bit as creative and artistic as a painter or sculptor.

Caldwell began woodworking as a child, honing skills taught to him by his grandfather, a farmer and machinist who, in his eyes, could make anything. While helping with everyday jobs on the farm it became evident to Jim that knowing how to work with wood was a necessity.

Later in life, he came to appreciate wood-working as a hobby and started to enjoy the

craft by approaching it from an historical perspective. Rather than using power tools, he began creating results with hand tools that had been used by tradesmen for hundreds of years.

Caldwell’s projects usually start with an idea or mental image that pops into his head, and they progress to his finding the right materials and the correct hardware for the job. He uses wood other craftsmen have passed over because of wild grain structure, or woods that just don’t measure up to the quality standards of others. He studies a board to find its best side, or looks for hidden images that, if constructed in a just the right way, will provide for a background to enhance a certain inlay. Throughout the process, Jim stays flexible regarding changes to the design.

Caldwell prefers to do what he calls case

work: small tables with drawers, period wall cupboards, chests and wall shelves and boxes, keepsake boxes, and jewelry boxes. He aims for heirloom quality and wants each of his pieces to become part of a story. Most of his work has been given away to people who have a need for something that can be theirs alone, not bought, but chosen just for them: perhaps a keepsake box for someone who has lost a loved one, or a jewelry box for a foster child whose only worldly belongings are carried in a trash bag.

As time has passed Jim’s projects tend

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Love Dogs next up in Spencer Summer Concert Series

SPENCER — The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission 2026 Summer Concert Series continues from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 19 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer with the Love Dogs.

Take one red-hot horn section, add liberal amounts of barrelhouse boogie-woogie piano, stinging Fender guitar, a funky and swinging rhythm section that Blues Review magazine called «the best in the business», and top it all off with a crazy and charismatic front man with one of the biggest blues voices around and you’ve got the Love Dogs. The band is seasoned with years on the road tearing up juke joints, concert halls and festivals, while releasing four critically acclaimed CDs. It’s a recipe for music, mayhem, intensity and irreverence. It’s the Love Dogs.

Next up in this series that runs through August 23 will be Vivi & Da Funk on July 26.

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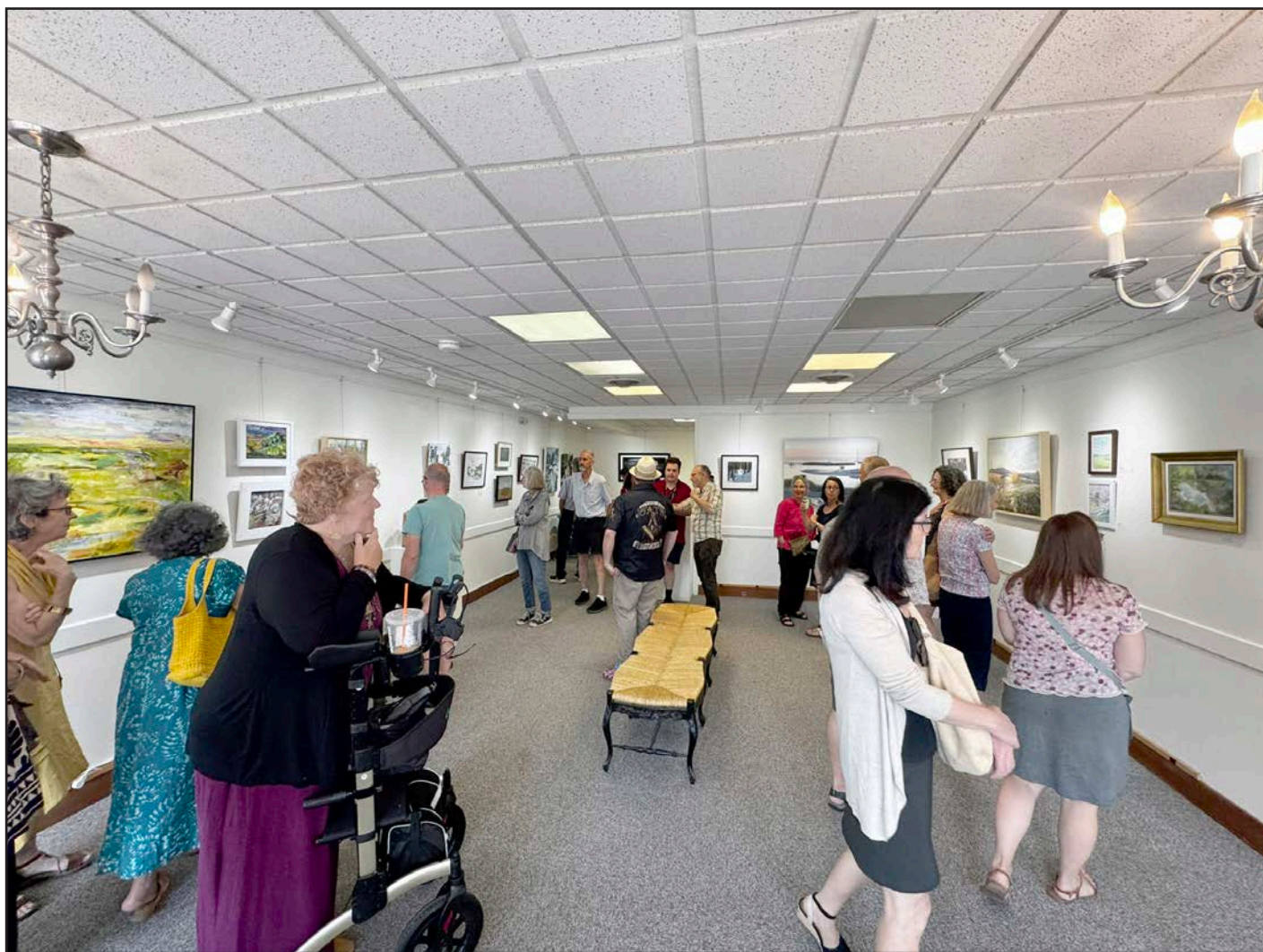
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ArtWorks Gallery invites art-lovers to LandEscape



Courtesy

Art-lovers at the opening reception of LandEscape.

WARE — Workshop13's ArtWorks Gallery in Ware presents a new exhibition called LandEscape. This exhibition aims to expand or even reimagine the traditional landscape as a personal sanctuary and to document the diverse spatial forms of escapism that we need to recharge our spirits. ArtWorks Gallery is located at 69 Main St. in Ware. LandEscape is on display from June 27 through Aug. 2. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4pm. For those who cannot attend the show in person, a virtual gallery is available for viewing at workshop13.org.

Fine artist Shona Macdonald served as the juror for LandEscape. Kathy Halper

was awarded Best in Show for her striking painting, "Tree Shadows." Halper is self-taught, exhibiting artist with 30+ years of experience and a portfolio of work ranging from painting, mixed media, and textiles, to sculpture. Career highlights include exhibition opportunities at Art Basel Miami, gallery representation in NYC/Los Angeles/Chicago, a profile in Huffington Post as well as other international publications.

Porter Gifford received an Honorable Mention: Work on Paper for Pool "#3174, Concord, MA," and Jackie Boudreau Kinsey received an Honorable Mention: Painting for "Shivelight Dream." Three works received an

Honorable Mention: Creative Interpretation: "Consolation" by Cai Vail, "Refuge: Azores Beach" by Richard Wollman, and "Small Feather" by Cathy Durso. Each of these artists and their works will be spotlighted on Workshop13's social media pages as well as in their weekly newsletter.

ArtWorks Gallery is offering a free plein air painting session outside the gallery (inside if it's raining) facilitated by fine artist Loretta Medeiros. This session will take place on Saturday, July 18, from 1:30-4 p.m. Artists can bring their own materials, and Workshop13 can supplement. This plein air session is free and open to the public.

About ArtWorks Gallery and

Workshop13

ArtWorks Gallery is Workshop13's gallery on Main Street. This space features numerous art exhibitions each year and is also available to rent for individual or group shows. Workshop13 is a dynamic center where arts, culture, and community converge—expanding access to the arts and nurturing creativity and self-expression in our rural region. For more information visit workshop13.org, or call 413-277-6072.

Lions Clubs seeks to launch new Warren club through Community Service "Carnival"

WARREN — The public is invited to experience the service, fellowship, and community spirit of Lions Clubs at the upcoming Lions Service "Carnival" on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Stanislaus Polish Club, 2270 Main St., West Warren, in conjunction with the Ware Lions.

The family-friendly event will showcase the many ways Lions Clubs serve their communities while offering a day of fun activities, food, and entertainment for all ages.

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about Lions Club membership and community service programs, as well as participate in free eye screenings. Children can enjoy a bounce house and games, while complimentary refreshments—including snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs, and water—will be available for children while supplies last.

A highlight of the day will be a Cornhole Tournament beginning at noon. Registration and warm-up activities start at 11 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 per person, with cash prizes awarded to top competitors. Participants may register in advance through the Scoreholio app or sign up on the day of the tournament.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit local veterans.

"This event is a way we can make the community aware of what the Lions have to offer the community, and it is also part of a membership drive with the hopes of starting a new club in Warren," said Curt Jameson, past district governor of Lions Clubs District 33A and chair of the event.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, contact Jameson at curt6203@gmail.com.

Visit Gilbert the Pig and friends at East Brookfield library

EAST BROOKFIELD — On Thursday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m., come visit with the East Brookfield Public Library's cute and smart special guests, Gilbert the Pig and his friends, Meadow and Sprinkle! Pet them, feed them, and help them with some tricks. Take pictures with our special guests and learn all about pigs! This program will be about an hour long.

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EDITORIAL

Building community one hole at a time

There is no shortage of worthy causes competing for attention these days. Food insecurity, educational opportunity, and support for families are challenges that every community faces in one form or another. Raising money to address those needs is important. Finding ways to bring neighbors together while doing it may be even more valuable.

That is what made the first Savage Foundation Mini-Golf Classic at the Spencer Fairgrounds stand out.

It would have been easy to organize another golf tournament, road race, or raffle. Those events have their place and have raised significant funds for countless organizations over the years. Instead, Jeff and Jackie Savageau and the Savage Foundation deliberately chose something different. A miniature golf course built by local families, businesses, and organizations around the theme of family game night was imaginative, welcoming, and accessible to nearly everyone.

That matters.

Not every fundraiser is designed for all ages. Some appeal primarily to golfers, runners, or adults attending evening galas. Miniature golf, however, has a unique ability to bring grandparents, parents, teenagers, and young children together. Success is measured less by the scorecard than by laughter, conversation, and shared memories.

The event grew beyond the course itself. Food trucks, local vendors, live music, raffles, and community organizations transformed the fairgrounds into a gathering place. Information about foster care was available through the Department of Children and Families. Summer Eats helped spread the word about free meals for children. Donations were collected for Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish, with the Savage Foundation matching contributions. Every element reinforced the idea that communities become stronger when organizations work alongside one another rather than separately.

That spirit deserves recognition.

The Savage Foundation’s mission of addressing food insecurity and supporting education through scholarships tackles two needs that affect communities in every season. Families struggling to put food on the table often face barriers that extend into the classroom. Students who have educational opportunities are better equipped to strengthen their communities in return. Those goals are connected, and the foundation’s work recognizes that reality.

Equally encouraging was the involvement of local businesses and sponsors. Mercury Wire, Cornerstone Bank, Webster First Federal Credit Union, and many others demonstrated that supporting a community means more than writing a check. It means investing in events that create connections between neighbors while advancing worthwhile causes.

Perhaps the most meaningful moment came when Jeff Savageau described watching the first families arrive as the gates opened. After months of planning, there is always uncertainty about whether people will show up. They did. And their presence confirmed something important about Spencer and the surrounding communities.

People still want opportunities to gather.

They want events where children can play, neighbors can reconnect, local organizations can share their missions, and everyone leaves knowing they helped someone else. Those opportunities have become increasingly valuable in a world where so much interaction happens through screens instead of face to face.

The success of this inaugural Mini-Golf Classic suggests it may become more than an annual fundraiser. It has the potential to become a community tradition, one that evolves each year with new course designs, new participants, and even greater impact.

Communities are built through thousands of small moments. A family putting through a homemade “Hungry Hungry Hippos” hole. A child learning about fostering or free summer meals. A conversation between neighbors who had not seen each other in months. A donation that helps stock a food pantry or fund a scholarship.

None of those moments alone changes a town. Together, they strengthen it.

The Savage Foundation’s first Mini-Golf Classic proved that sometimes the best way to address serious needs begins with a simple invitation: come together, have some fun, and make a difference. That is a tradition well worth growing.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tired of lies

To the Editor:

When I say I am tired of being lied to and ripped off, I doubt I need to explain who I am talking about. Let your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren worry about paying off the debt and maybe even your food and living arrange-

ments at the rate we are going, depending on your age. He has turned old age into an advantage.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Keep the faith

To the Editor:

‘Keep the faith’ is often discussed, explored in spiritual or in a devotional manner. This writing is all about you! Yes, you have all the qualities necessary, required to achieve, succeed, and enjoy a better quality of life if you ‘keep the faith’ in you, a faith in the quest to seek and find happiness during your lifetime. It’s much more than a concept or idea. It’s the ultimate goal in your personal and professional experiences and achievements. It happens at different stages for each of us. Then we start to become aware of who we are! In time, we begin thinking about objectives, goals and capturing success. Yes, ‘keep the faith’ is what life is all about! But adopting, embracing and believing is a must behavior in order to plan and reach your goal.

Keep the faith: You will take the necessary action to be in good physical condition.

Keep the faith: Your medical reports will be good because you adopted a prop-

erty diet.

Keep the faith: You will plan and achieve your educational goals.

Keep the faith: You will take the necessary action to serve those in need.

Keep the faith: You will be able to resolve conflicts you will encounter.

Keep the faith: You will always be a strong loving member of your family.

Keep the faith: You will attend and pray often at church.

At all times during your journey through the plethora of phases, events and experiences, you will succeed in your quest.

Be proud because you can say to your friends and family, “The journey was perfect. It gave me insight, knowledge, enjoyment and happiness, but most of all it gave me the faith I needed to become who I am.” It all became a reality I did “Keep the faith.”

DONALD L. GAUDETTE, SR.
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The last place you can still wander

There are fewer places these days where you can simply wander.

Everything seems to have a purpose now. We drive to the store because we need something. We head to work because we have to. Even a walk is often measured by a smartwatch that reminds us how many steps we’ve taken, how fast we walked and whether our heart rate was acceptable. Somehow we’ve managed to turn wandering into another assignment.

But every once in a while, I find myself in an old hardware store.

Not one of the giant warehouse places where you need a map to find a box of screws. I mean the kind of hardware store with wooden floors that creak just enough to let everyone know you’ve arrived. The place where shovels stand in one corner, fishing lures somehow occupy another, and there’s always a mysterious shelf full of oddball parts that haven’t changed since the Reagan administration.

I never get through one of those stores in less than half an hour. It’s impossible.

You walk in looking for a hose washer, and suddenly you’re examining cast-iron hooks that would look good in the garage. Then you notice birdseed on sale. Around the corner is a display of flashlights that makes you wonder if yours still works. Before long you’re comparing

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By CHARLES

paintbrushes even though you haven’t painted anything in years.

None of it is urgent. None of it was on the list. That’s the beauty of it.

When I was younger, I thought efficiency was the goal. Get in, get out, cross another errand off the list. Now I’m beginning to appreciate places that don’t rush you.

The best hardware stores aren’t really selling tools. They’re selling possibilities.

You start imagining projects you’ll probably never tackle. Maybe this is finally the year you’ll repair that loose porch step. Perhaps you’ll organize the workshop. You stand there holding a packet of vegetable seeds, briefly convinced you’re about to become the sort of fellow who grows prize-winning tomatoes.

Then your wife gently reminds you that the last basil plant barely survived because you kept forgetting to water it. She’s usually right.

What I enjoy most, though, are the conversations. Someone asks where to find a particular bolt, and another customer answers before an employee has the chance. Advice travels up and down the aisles as naturally as if everyone were old neighbors. Nobody seems bothered by the interruption. That doesn’t happen very often anymore.

In most places, people stare at their phones while waiting in line. At the hardware store, they’re debating the best way to remove a stripped screw or whether oil-based stain still beats the newer products. Somehow complete strangers become temporary teammates, united by whatever stubborn home repair brought them there.

I suspect that’s one reason these stores have survived when so many small businesses haven’t. They offer something that can’t be delivered to your front porch in two days. They offer human nature.

Of course, I rarely leave with only what I intended to buy. Somehow a five-dollar errand becomes a small bag full of things that “might come in handy someday.” My garage is living proof that someday hasn’t arrived yet. Still, I don’t regret it.

Those little detours through the aisles remind me that not every minute needs to be optimized. Not every trip needs to be timed. Sometimes it’s enough simply to wander, discover something unexpected, exchange a few words with a stranger and head home feeling like the afternoon was well spent. That’s getting harder to find.

So if you happen to disappear for a while on a Saturday morning, don’t worry if you haven’t traveled very far. You might just be wandering through the last place where nobody expects you to be in a hurry.

And honestly, I think we could all use a little more of that.

Debunking five common Social Security myths



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Social Security is often one of the most important income sources in retirement. Yet widespread myths about how it works can lead to confusion, unnecessary worry and poor planning decisions. Here’s the truth behind five of the most common misconceptions.

Myth 1: Social Security is going broke. You’ve probably heard this one, but the full picture is more nuanced. According to the 2026 Social Security Board of Trustees Report, if Congress does nothing, the program would need to reduce benefits starting in 2032, paying roughly 78 cents for every dollar owed.

But that’s just one scenario. Congress could raise the combined payroll tax from 12.4% to 16.65%, which the trustees estimate would secure full benefits through 2100. Other options include eliminating the earnings cap subject to payroll tax or adjusting retirement ages. Lawmakers have tools to address this.

Myth 2: Social Security will cover all your retirement needs. Think of Social Security as a financial foundation, not the full building. According to the Social Security Administration, benefits replace only about 40 percent of pre-retirement income for a median earner. That means you’ll likely need to account for most of your retirement income yourself. Building a strong personal savings strategy now can help close that gap.

Myth 3: You lose benefits permanently if you keep working. Not true. Social Security does have an “earnings test” that can temporarily reduce benefits for people who claim early and keep working. If your earnings exceed a set annual cap – which changes each year – Social Security will withhold a portion of your benefits. But once you reach full retirement age, the Social Security Administration adjusts your monthly check higher to repay those withheld amounts over time.

Myth 4: An ex-spouse’s benefits come out of your own. If you were married for at least 10 years and are currently unmarried, your former spouse may be eligible to collect on your earnings record, or you may be able to collect on theirs. Divorced spouse benefits can be up to 50 percent of the other person’s full retirement benefit. But those payments don’t affect yours. Your monthly benefit is not reduced by anything paid to an ex-spouse or even a current spouse.

Myth 5: Social Security benefits are no longer taxed. Recent legislation caused some confusion here. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act did not eliminate taxes on Social Security benefits. If your combined income exceeds certain thresholds, you’ll still owe taxes on a portion of your benefits.

The law also created a temporary deduction (available through 2028) for people 65 and older. Eligible taxpayers can deduct \$6,000 per qualifying filer if their modified adjusted gross income is \$75,000 or less for singles or \$150,000 for couples. The deduction phases out at \$175,000 for singles and \$250,000 for joint filers.

The more you understand Social Security, the more control you have over your retirement outcome. Grounding your decisions in facts rather than assumptions can make a meaningful difference in your long-term financial security.

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Leicester Democratic Town Committee plans second annual potluck barbecue

LEICESTER — The Leicester Democratic Town Committee is inviting Democrats from across Central Massachusetts to gather for an afternoon of food, conversation, and community at its second annual Potluck BBQ.

The event is designed to bring together local residents and party members to reconnect with friends, meet new people, exchange ideas, and strengthen relationships ahead of the upcoming election season.

Organizers encourage attendees to bring a favorite dish to share while enjoying an informal afternoon focused on fellowship and civic engagement.

“Come together with Democratic friends from across Central Massachusetts for an afternoon of great food, laughter, and meaningful conversation,” organizers said in the event announcement. “It’s a chance to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, share ideas, and strengthen the relationships that will help us work together during the upcoming election season.”

Participants are asked to bring a potluck item and are encouraged to RSVP by Sunday, Aug. 16. Registration is required, as the event location will only be provided to those who register in advance.

Organizers said they hope attendees will leave with new connections, fresh ideas, and renewed enthusiasm for the months ahead.

For more information or to register, visit the Leicester Democratic Town Committee’s Web site, ldtcmass.org.

Registration open for Brookfields Lions Club Golf Tournament

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Registration is now open for the 2026 Brookfields Lions Club golf tournament, according to event chair, Marc Kokansky.

The annual event is taking place on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Quail Hollow Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Rd., Oakham. The four-person scramble tournament begins with registration at 12 p.m., followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The entry fee is \$100 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, skins competition, closest-to-the-pin contests, and a meal following the tournament at Quail Hollow Country Club.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Brookfields Lions Club’s charitable programs and community service projects throughout the area. Through fundraising events such as this tournament, the club supports local organizations and individuals while carrying out the Lions’ mission of serving those in need.

To register a team or obtain additional information, contact Marc Kokansky at 508-847-9843. Registration is open now through August 15.

As the world’s largest, youngest and most active service organization, the mission of Lions Clubs International is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding. Members of the Brookfields Lions Club are dedicated to service and support in the communities of Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, and New Braintree.

Victor Moisan earns faculty honors at Georgia Tech for Spring Semester

ATLANTA, Ga. — Victor Moisan of Leicester earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Spring 2026 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

Read about other accomplished scholars on Gold Letters: A Spotlight on Student Achievement and learn about Georgia Tech’s goal to attract, retain, and inspire more students by visiting Transforming Tomorrow: The Campaign for Georgia Tech.

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OBITUARIES

Anne Adelaide Grehoski, 78,

Anne Adelaide (Perrin) Grehoski, 78, passed away peacefully on July 4th with her family by her side. Anne courageously faced a complex triple diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease, Lewy body dementia, and Parkinson’s disease, and fought with unrelenting determination until her last breath. She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Erskine of New York, NY, Monica Grehoski and son-in-law Paul Carbone of Boston, MA, as well as her cherished grandchildren - or “darlings” - Lindsay Gibbons of Uxbridge, MA, Ryan Gibbons of Millbury, MA, Grace Gibbons of Baltimore, MD, Zibby Gibbons of South Boston, MA, Sophia Carbone of Quincy, MA, Ava Carbone of Pittsburgh, PA, and Jake Gibbons of Pittsburgh, PA. In addition, Anne leaves behind her siblings, John Perrin and sister-in-law Anne Marie Corrieri of Wilbraham, MA, Robert Perrin and sister-in-law Cynthia of Burlington, VT, and Demetria Peterson and brother-in-law Rodney of Monson, MA. Anne is also survived by beloved nieces and nephews, countless friends, and many former colleagues. Joyously, after a thirteen-year wait, Anne will be reunited with her husband and true love, William Grehoski, who predeceased her in 2013.

Born on October 4, 1947, Anne lived most of her life in Warren, MA. She was a graduate of Warren High School, and later earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Lesley College. In the early 1970s, Anne was hired as a dispatcher for Massachusetts Electric Company. She would go on to serve in various roles at Massachusetts Electric, New England Electric, and National Grid, before retiring as a senior labor relations representative. In her almost 40 years at the utility, Anne’s profession and colleagues brought her immeasurable amounts of purpose and fun.

Anne was selfless and kind; to know her was to love her. She relished making guests feel at home, eagerly embracing new visitors and old friends alike. Anne also loved to bake - her apple pie and apricot muffins were epic. More than anything, Anne’s life

was devoted to her family; she cherished her roles as wife, mother, grandmother (“gma”), daughter, and sister. Among many treasured memories, Anne instilled her deep love of Rhode Island beaches in her daughters and grandchildren, a legacy that lives in the salt air of Misquamicut and Quonnet.

Please join Anne’s family in celebrating her life on August 8th, 2026, at Varnum Funeral Home, 43 East Main Street, West Brookfield, MA, 01585. Calling hours are 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm with a reception for sharing and memories to follow from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, The Barn at Wight Farm, 420 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

As you remember Anne, in lieu of flowers, please consider toasting her with a glass of sangria, or making a donation to Mass General Hospital’s Brain Donation Hub, using this link <https://giving.brigham-women.org/give>. You may designate donations to the Brain Donation Hub’s research program by choosing “Other” and writing “Brain Donation Hub” in the text box. Alternately, those donating via check can make a donation payable to “Brigham and Women’s Hospital” and mail to MGB Development Office, 399 Revolution Drive, Suite 1330, Somerville, MA 02145. Kindly note the gift is a tribute to Anne Grehoski.

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Big smiles and bright futures at Saint Joseph School Pre-K graduation



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Congratulations to the Saint Joseph School Pre-K Class of 2026! These young graduates celebrated the completion of an exciting year of learning and growth before beginning their Kindergarten journey this fall.

WEBSTER — On Tuesday, June 9, Saint Joseph School's Pre-K 4-year-old students and their families gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium to celebrate an exciting milestone as the students marked the completion of their preschool journey and received their diplomas. The special graduation ceremony recognized a year filled with tremendous academic, social, and spiritual growth as the students prepared to take their next big step into kindergarten.

The ceremony began with the traditional Graduation March, followed by welcom-

ing remarks from PreK 4-year-old program Instructor, Ms. Robyn Dodge. Students proudly participated in several recitations, including the Pledge of Allegiance, The Hail Mary, and The Our Father, before delighting family members with a collection of songs that showcased both their enthusiasm and the confidence they developed throughout the school year. Musical selections included "Books! Books!," "I Might Be Small," "Thank You," "Kindergarten Here We Come," and the always entertaining "Tooty Ta."

Following their perfor-

mance, the proud graduates were presented their diplomas by Principal Beth Boudreau before joining their families to enjoy a special photo slideshow, highlighting memorable classroom moments, friendships, and the many milestones achieved throughout the 2025–2026 school year. The celebration reflected the joy and accomplishment of a wonderful year of learning, discovery, and growth.

This year, 23 students advanced to Kindergarten: Emma Artuso, Maria Attalla, Rita Dostoler, Fatima Sofia Garcia, Noah Huynh,

Giavanna Khalil, Elias Kielinen, Grace Kubiak, Cameron LaFlash, Skylette Lancellotta, Grayson Larsen, Avery Lewandowski, Forrest Lovett, Olive MacPherson, Divya Nasis, Max Piehl, Abigail Prendergast, Hunter Smith, Henry Surowaniec, Anzio Vega, Lucas Wierzchowiec, Freya Williamson, and Maximus Zona.

Saint Joseph School's Pre-K 4-year-old program is led by Ms. Robyn Dodge and supported by teacher assistants Mrs. Pier Cutler and Miss Molly Brennan, whose dedication and care helped create a nurturing environment where students were able to learn, grow, and thrive throughout the year. Congratulations to the Class of 2026 Pre-K Graduates as they begin their Kindergarten journey!

WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Spencer

The Spencer Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 1-7.

Christopher Allen Pond, Jr., age 22, of Quaker Hill, Conn. was arrested as Detained Prisoner on July 4.

Leicester

The Leicester Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 2-8.

Isadelis Rivera, age 32, of Southbridge was arrested on July 3 in connection with a warrant.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on July 4 for Operating a Motor Vehicle after suspension of license and operating a motor vehicle with No Inspection Sticker.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on July 4 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and a Marked Lanes Violation.

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Veterans Inc. hosts 21st Annual Stand Down

WORCESTER — Veterans Inc. proudly hosted its largest-ever Stand Down event on Friday, June 12, 2026, at the Historic Armory and headquarters in Worcester, Massachusetts. Celebrating its 21st year, the Stand Down welcomed more than 450 Veterans and their families, reaching the highest number of veterans to date! In the last 21 years, Veterans Inc. has served over 12,000 Veterans just through the Stand Down initiative.

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Department of Labor, this year's Stand Down brought together more than 150 service providers, employers, and veteran-serving organizations to deliver critical resources to veterans through free medical screenings, housing support, mental health services, legal assistance, VA benefits navigation, and on-site job interviews.

Lt. Col. Vincent J. Perrone, U.S. Air Force (ret.), President & CEO, Veterans Inc. said, "For 21 years, Stand Down has been one of the most important days on our calendar, and the need it answers continues to grow. Welcoming 450 veterans and family members this year is a reminder that our work is far from finished. None of it would be possible without the community partners, sponsors, and elected officials who stood alongside us. When a community comes together like this, veterans get the support they have earned, and that is exactly what they deserve."

We were honored to be joined by many elected officials who are great supporters of the needs of Veterans in our communities. Senator Robyn Kennedy (First Worcester), Mayor of Worcester Joe Petty, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelides, and Colonel Bob Notch from the Office of the Veterans Advocate all spoke during the opening ceremony about the importance of supporting veterans in our communities. We are thankful to also have been joined by Doreen Goodrich of Senator Mike Moore's office, and Representatives Jim O'Day (14th Worcester), Dan Donahue (16th Worcester), and David LeBoeuf (17th Worcester).

Ray Carville, Senior Manager of Public Affairs, US Army (ret.), OIF/OEF veteran, said, "What stayed with me was the energy on the field and the connections being made, whether that connection was with an employer, a service provider, or Veterans Inc. services. And Veterans connecting with other Veterans. Having served, I know how much it means to be reminded you are not carrying things alone. That sense of community, of Veterans showing up for one another, is what Stand Down is really about."

The event showcased more than 150 providers and employers onsite, offering assistance with housing, employment, medical and mental health services, legal support, benefits counseling, substance use treatment, financial guidance, women only veteran services and much more. Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), the Veteran Affairs (VA), Amazon, Pepsi, Ocean State Job Lot, and more were onsite supporting attendees with FREE services and over 60 Employers prioritizing hiring Veterans! MCPHS Optometry performed free vision, dental screenings and acupuncture.

Veteran attendees accessed free clothing, food, refreshments, haircuts by Super Cuts, and personal care items. The Dogfather and Jeremiah's Ice Cream generously offered Veterans a free hot dog or ice cream with proof of status. All Veterans in attendance received access to surplus items, including boots, mess kits and canteens, t-shirts, waist packs, backpacks, duffel bags, and much more! This year's Stand Down was made possible through the generous support of our major sponsors who believe in Veterans Inc.'s mission to serve those who served: Spectrum, The Department of Labor, Beacon Bank, National Grid, Idemia, Blue Hive Exhibits, The Hanover Insurance Group, Casella and bankHometown, as well as over 300 community volunteers and the dedicated staff at Veterans Inc.

During the event, a special moment of impact took place as Megan was presented with a vehicle through Veterans Inc.'s partnership with Second Chance Cars, Inc. Since being referred to Veterans Inc.'s Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Housing Program in September 2022, Megan has demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination while working toward stable housing and employment while raising her two children as a single mother. The vehicle giveaway provides increased access to employment opportunities, greater independence, and continued stability as she advances in her career and builds a brighter future for her family. Veterans Inc. extends sincere appreciation to Case Managers Sheldon Foster, Jared Jones, and Nicole Buck, along with Second Chance Cars' Dan Holin and Cory Dentino, whose collaboration and commitment helped make this meaningful milestone possible.

"Military members, veterans and their families bring leadership, teamwork and a strong work ethic to Spectrum," said Nancy Clark, Director of Government Affairs for Massachusetts at Charter Communications. "By investing in organizations like Veterans Inc., we support service members and their families in the communities we serve as they build meaningful careers after their service."

For more information on participating in future Veterans Inc. events or to apply for services today contact Veterans Inc. at 1-800-482-2565 or via e-mail at stand-down@veteransinc.org. or visit veteransinc.org.

About Veterans Inc.

Veterans Inc. is New England's leading provider of support services to veterans and their families. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, the organization's single-minded mission is to be there for our veterans and their families in their time of need. Incorporated in 1990, Veterans Inc. has helped more than 120,000 veterans in need over the past 35 years. Today, it operates offices and programs in all six New England states, Montana and North Dakota. The support services include housing programs, counseling, employment and training, family programs, benefits counseling and advocacy, behavioral health services, transportation, temporary financial assistance, health and wellness, food services, and women and childcare services.



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Saint Joseph School celebrates the Class of 2026

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Mychael Jones: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Student Council President, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol ; Neli Kuznecki: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Altar Server, Yearbook Club; Oluwatosin Akindele: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Yearbook Club; Axel Kapitulik: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors; Alexis Archambault: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Choir, Drama Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Jacob Marcuccio: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Altar Server Yearbook Club; Avery Archambault: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Lukas Barbosa: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Student Council Grade 8 Class Representative, Altar Server, Drama Club, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Hayley Benes: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Children of Mary, Yearbook Club; Ivonka Warnajty: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Children of Mary, Choir, Yearbook Club; Kalleia Agosto: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors,



Courtesy

The Saint Joseph School Class of 2026 gathers for a commemorative graduation photo alongside Principal Mrs. Beth Boudreau, Headmaster Rev. Richard Polek, Associate Pastor Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz, and 8th Grade Instructor Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver following the graduation ceremony held on Saturday, June 6th at Saint Joseph Basilica.

Choir, Drama Club, AAA Safety Club; Jacob Lopez: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Yearbook Club; Tenleigh Dowd: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Student Council Vice-President, Choir, Drama Club, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Angelo Trayner. In addition, Headmaster, Rev. Ryszard Polek and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed medals to the top two students who achieved academic excellence in the individual subjects. The student with the highest grade-

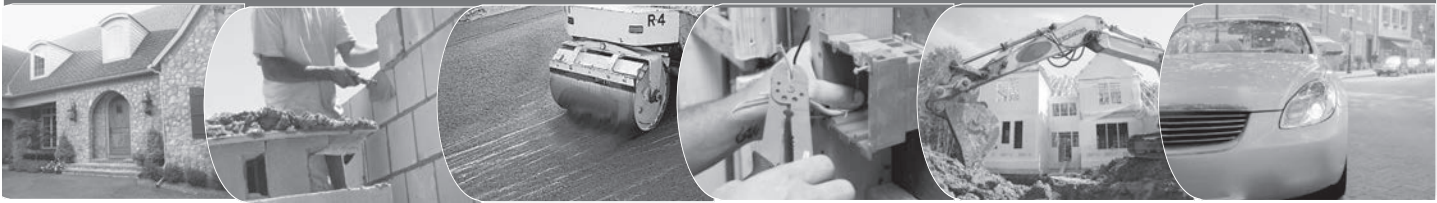
point average received a gold medal on a red ribbon inscribed with the words, “Outstanding Academic Achievement” and their name. The student with the second highest grade point average received a silver medal on a white ribbon inscribed with the words, “Recognition for Academic Achievement” and their name. English/ Language Arts: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Literature: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Science: Gold – Axel

Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Mathematics: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Lukas Barbosa; Social Studies: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver - Lukas Barbosa; Religion: Gold – Lukas Barbosa, Silver – Kalleia Agosto; Spanish: Gold - Kalleia Agosto, Silver – Axel Kapitulik. The student with the highest overall grade-point average received a medal with the words inscribed “First Overall Academic Achievement” and his/her name on it. Axel Kapitulik was the recipient of this

medal. Finally, Headmaster, Rev. Richard Polek and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed the following awards: Bishop Daniel P. Reilly Book Award - presented to the student who best exemplifies the bishop’s motto, “In Kindness and in Truth” and who demonstrates qualities of duty, honor, sacrifice, and accomplishment within the school community. The criteria for selection include displaying kindness and truth in everyday life, an

enthusiasm for learning, and active involvement in service to the school, community, and church: Tenleigh Dowd; Josephine P. Nalewajk Christian Witness Award – a distinguished award presented to the student who exemplifies outstanding Christian qualities as well as notable service to the St. Joseph Community. The student’s name is also engraved on a plaque displayed in the school: Kalleia Agosto. Congratulations and Best Wishes, Saint Joseph School Class of 2026!

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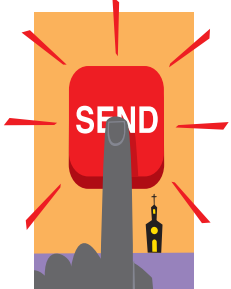
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Cox earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and sociology from Boston College. She resides in Swanzey, New Hampshire and volunteers with her local Humane Society.

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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **John P Bowen of Worcester MA and Christopher P Bowen of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: .
John P Bowen of Worcester MA and be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the estate in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 29, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 17, 2026

Docket No. WO26E0039PP
Petition to Partition Citation (A.C.92A)
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester Probate & Family Court
To Leah O'Brien, Personal Representative of the Estate of David L. Cataldo and to all other persons interested.
A petition has been presented to said Court by Bonnie Lee Gannon of Spencer, in the County of Worcester representing that he hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Spencer in said County Worcester and described as follows:
EXHIBIT-A
to Petition to Partition
A certain parcel of land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts and shown on a Plan of Land prepared for Raoul and Alison Chalifoux by Sadowski Engineering, Inc. dated September 2, 2003, and revised September 19, 2003, and recorded at the Worcester District 801, Plan 78. The parcel is more formerly bounded and described as follows:
Said parcel is also known as Lot 14A and contains 62,144 (+/-) square feet for 1.42 (+/-) acres.
This lot can be seen on the above mentioned plan.
BEGINNING at a bound on the southerly side of Sherwood Drive at a point on a curve to the left whose radius is 360.00; THENCE along that curve a distance of 82.01 feet to a bound at the

point of tangency;
THENCE N. 31 ° 55' 58" E. a distance of 118.49 feet to a bound at the corner of Lot 13 and land now or formerly of Williams;
THENCE S. 42° 41' 43" E. a distance of 318.42 feet along Williams land to a concrete bound to be set at he corner of land of Chalifoux;
THENCE S. 46° 32' 41" W. a distance of 229.32 feet to a concrete bound;
THENCE N. 35° 40' 09" W. a distance of 279.55 feet to the point of beginning. The last two courses by land of said Chalifoux.
SUBJECT to a drainage easement and the right to construct and maintain drainage structures therein as shown on said Plan, being reserved by Alfred R. Williams, his assigns or successors in interest.
SUBJECT to the right to flow water for outlet and drainage structures located across the above-described tract to Thompson Pond through the easements shown on said and wetland areas located on said lot.
RESERVING to the grantor, and his agents, during the development and until completion of the roadway construction, the right to access over that portion of the granted premises adjacent to said roadway as is reasonably necessary for construction od same until completion.
Being the same premises conveyed to the Grantor by Deed dated May 14, 2003 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 30191 Page 191.
SUBJECT to a 20 foot slope easement adjacent to the street line of Sherwood Drive for roadway construction purposes and the rights of utility companies to install and maintain underground/aboveground wires, junction boxes, transformer or other equipment along said roadway, which rights are reserved by Alfred R. Williams, his assigns or successors in interest.
This conveyance is also made subject to the following restrictions:
No rights of way by necessity or otherwise are conveyed or reserved over the cart roads shown on said plan.
TOGETHER with and subject to the following restrictions:
No dwelling shall be permitted on any lot that contains a dwelling area, exclusive of any private garage or porches, or less than one thousand square feet. Buildings must be completed on the outside within one year after the original framing has commenced.
No livestock, poultry, or animals of any kind other than household pets shall be kept on the premises, except that horses shall be allowed on lots having an area of two acres or greater.
Garbage and rubbish shall be placed in containers and removed at frequent intervals. Utility easements for the benefit of all the lots on said plan. Said utility easements shall not interfere with the construction of buildings on said lots.
Reserving drainage, slope and construction easements relating to said roadway.
BEING the same premises conveyed to grantors by deed dated December 14, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester District Court Registry of Deeds in Book 66829, Page 25.
setting forth that he/she desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land my be sold at private sale not less than Seven Hundred Twenty Five Thousand (\$725,000.00) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirty-first day of July 2026 the return day of this citation.
Witness, Kathryn M. Bailey, Esq., First

Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of June, 2026.
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
July 17, 2026
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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.WO26P2221EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Jean M. Flannery**Date of Death:12/11/2020**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Mark J. Flannery of Bellingham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: .
Mark J. Flannery of Bellingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the estate in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 07, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 17, 2026

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.WO26P2139EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Francis H. Beaudry, III
Date of Death:03/09/2026

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

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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 08/04/2026**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 06, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 17, 2026

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.WO26P2118EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Thomas David Kelleher
Also known as: Tom Kelleher
Date:05/26/2026

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

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WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 02, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 17, 2026

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to families and the larger community. “We wanted to come up with an event that wasn’t a cornhole tournament or a normal golf tournament. We wanted to do something out of the box,” Sauvageau said. “We decided let’s try mini golf. The foundation is

really focused on the community, just empowering everybody, so we worked with local businesses and individuals who all created their own mini golf holes.” The first event included custom made mini-golf holes designed around the theme of family game night. Classic games like Yahtzee, Sorry, Hungry Hungry Hippos, and Operation were all pres-

ent in the form of unique holes spread throughout the Spencer Fairgrounds. As the concept for the event grew, vendors, food trucks, a raffle, and live music quickly became part of the larger picture, creating two days of family fun for a good cause. The day also had DCF on hand to provide information about fostering children and Summer Eats to

promote kids eating free for the summer. Donations were accepted throughout the weekend for the Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish with the foundation matching those donations can for can. “Ultimately we wanted to create an event to raise awareness and raise funds, but also bring the community together,” Sauvageau said of the successful

Classic debut. “The turnout is amazing. Watching the first three to five families walk in right as we opened it was almost like it cracked all the nerves. It kind of broke me down emotionally and really said people were going to show up. We wanted this to be more than just something that was ‘happening’ and I feel we’ve created something for everybody.”

Sauvageau thanked the major sponsors of the event, Mercury Wire, Cornerstone Bank, and elite sponsor Webster First Federal Credit Union for helping make the day possible and acknowledged they already have participants lining up to be part of next year’s classic.

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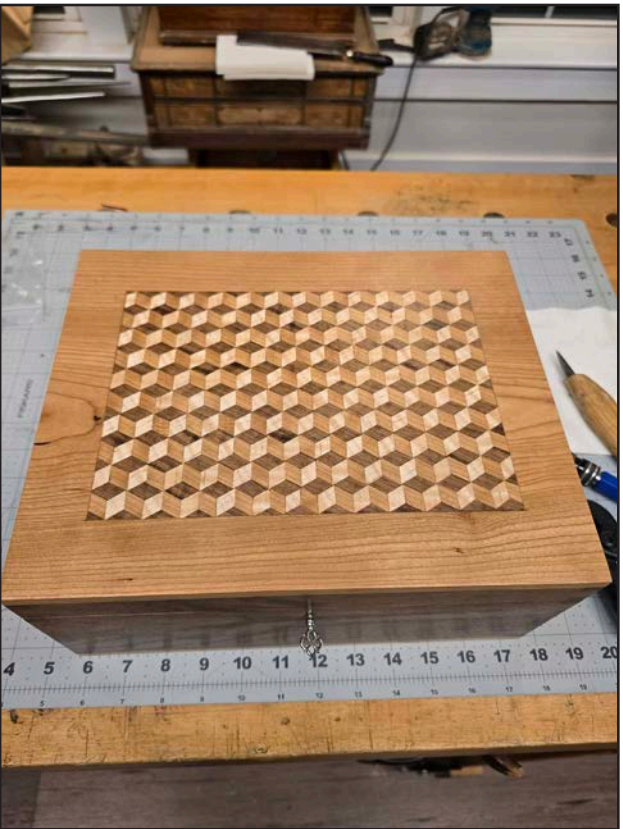
the end of the summer there will be a law in place that will limit cellphone use for all students from bell to bell. So, when they enter the building to when they leave the building their cell phones need to be put away in some sort of device or locked up where there’s no access during the school day whatsoever,” McCormick explained during the School Committee’s June 15 meeting. If the bill were implemented, it would require a significant change of policy for many school districts as cellphone use is

still more widely accepted in the hallways. A recent push to reduce the impact of phones as distractions and help protect students from the effects of social media exposure has caused many districts to take it upon themselves to change their policies even before the House Bill gets approved. North Brookfield appears to be taking that same proactive approach. McCormick said the grant would allow them the means to pay for tools that would restrict student access to their phones during the regular school day. “This grant fund of just north of \$10,000 will help the district purchase what

are called Yondr pouches which is what students will use to put their devices in when they enter the building. They will be sealed magnetically and when they exit the building, they will unseal these pouches,” explained McCormick. With these new pouches the district would not relinquish students’ phones, instead allowing them to keep them on their person accessible to them only after the pouch locks release when they leave the building. The expected cost of the actual pouches would be \$8,000 with the remaining money paying for marketing and other related expenses.

CALDWELL
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to have more “inlay work.” He finds it a challenge and very rewarding to do inlay using only hand chisels and fine veneers. Caldwell doesn’t consider his work a career and finds his reward in the joy the finished product brings to the new owner and the hope that it may become the one item that will be passed on from generation to generation. His greatest honor, received two years after the fact, was a thank you letter from the grandparents of a Sandy Hook victim to whom he had sent a box he had made and had blessed at his local parish. He says that their heartfelt comments will be with him always. He admits that he is what some would call an old school woodworker who combines hand tools that were made and used in the 1800’s with skills developed over his lifetime to create a rewarding and relaxing experience. He believes it is up to this generation to try to maintain the skills of the past so that they are not forgotten. He practices what he preaches as a long-time volunteer at Old Sturbridge Village where he focuses on tinning and book binding. <https://www.osv.org/> A valued member of the community, Caldwell served the town of North



Brookfield as a Selectman and Town Meeting Moderator for many years and has worked to repair and conserve the Town House and its history. In his spare time, Jim restores, repairs, and maintains antique and classic

automobiles at Parker’s Packards. <https://parker-sparkards.com/> You may find additional information about James Caldwell and photos of his work at <https://nbtown-house.com/featuredartists>.

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Current Massachusetts RN license required.

Interested applicants may call 508-885-8702, or email jamie@spencerabbey.org for more information.

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Friday’s Child

Angel
Age 14
Registration #8894

Angel is a bright, independent young man with a kind and compassionate heart. He is funny, witty, and enjoys connecting with others through his great sense of humor. An exceptionally talented athlete, Angel loves sports and especially enjoys playing baseball and football. Although he modestly describes his abilities as “just alright,” his confidence and skill are evident every time he steps onto the field. His dedication, teamwork, and natural athleticism make sports an important part of his life. When he’s not playing sports, Angel enjoys spending time playing video games and watching movies. Looking ahead, he dreams of becoming an athlete, though he remains open-minded and excited to explore other possibilities for his future. Angel is a thoughtful, determined young man with a bright future ahead of him. He is eager to continue pursuing his interests, exploring new opportunities, and building meaningful connections with those around him.
<https://www.mareinc.org/child/21184121315>
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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.

Local students honored at SkillsUSA’s National Leadership & Skills Conference

ATLANTA, Ga. — Career and technical education students were recognized with a certificate of accomplishment at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) held June 1-5 in Atlanta. An all-time high of 7,000 students competed in the 2026 SkillsUSA Championships at NLSC, which is the largest gathering of the future skilled workforce. As an indicator of proficiency, Skill Point Certificates were awarded to SkillsUSA Championships competitors who met a predetermined threshold score for their respective competition. Students can add this certificate, an indicator of career readiness, to their employment portfolio. The following students from your area are Skill Point Certificate recipients: * From Massachusetts: Team W (consisting of Brett J Beltzer, Kennadie T Balcunas, Aaron M Lackovic, Sarah H O’Donnell), from Bay Path RVT High School (Charlton), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Entrepreneurship. * From Massachusetts: Christopher J Feliciano, from Dudley and a student at Bay Path RVT High School (Charlton), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Computer Programming. To be invited to the SkillsUSA Championships, students first had to win their state-level competition, demonstrating their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills. The national competition featured state champions from middle school, high school and college/postsecondary divisions across the country in 115 hands-on career and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance, public speaking and more. “This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest,” said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. “Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels.” The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres. It’s supported by leaders from 850 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions who planned and evaluated the competitors against their industry standards. More than 2,000 industry judges and technical committee members also volunteered their time

to ensure a successful event. The next NLSC will be held June 21-25, 2027, in Atlanta. Learn more about SkillsUSA, the No. 1 workforce development organization for students, at www.skillsusa.org. About SkillsUSA SkillsUSA is the #1 workforce development organization for students, empowering them to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. SkillsUSA represents more than 440,000 career and technical education students and teachers in middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary institutions nationwide. Those members represent 130 in-demand occupational areas, from 3-D animation to welding. A vital solution to the skills gap, SkillsUSA has served over 16 million members since its founding in 1965. Learn more at skillsusa.org and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and LinkedIn.

Spencer Town Moderator launches new community television show, “The Brewster Call”

SPENCER — Jason Brewster, the newly elected Town Moderator of Spencer, is announcing the launch of “The Brewster Call,” a new community television show on Spencer Cable Access, Channel 192. The show airs Fridays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and focuses on informed civic participation and respectful dialogue. Special thanks to Spencer Cable Access for making this program possible and for its continued commitment to local programming and community engagement. “The Brewster Call” is produced by Jason Brewster in his capacity as a private citizen. The views expressed are his own and should not be construed as official statements or positions of the Spencer Town Moderator or the Town of Spencer. For questions or episode suggestions, email thebrewstercall@gmail.com.

Alex Cordy Memorial Golf Tournament set for Sept. 12

OAKHAM — St. Carlo Acutis Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield/Warren, is having their Ninth Annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, Massachusetts on Saturday, Sept. 12. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., with a Shotgun Start at 8 a.m.

As many of you are aware, Alex Cordy was an integral part of our West Brookfield Community for many years. In memory of his outstanding service to his community, his parish, and being a founding member of our Knights of Columbus Council 11080, this tournament will once again benefit our Youth Activities Fund to support the youth in our local community, a cause that was very important to Alex. We were able to award two \$1,000.00 scholarships this past year from the proceeds of this event to two local high school seniors, as well as fund many other youth activities. We ask that you please consider supporting our event by sponsoring or participating in the tournament individually or with a foursome. Tournament Raffle Items and General Donations to this event are always welcomed and appreciated!

Registration and sponsorships are now available for this tournament. To register, and for more information, please call (413) 813-8100 or email wallyconnor122@gmail.com.

Sons of the American Legion to host 21st annual Scholarship Scramble

WEST BROOKFIELD — The Sons of the American Legion Post 244 will host its 21st Annual Scholarship Scramble Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 8, raising funds to support local scholarships.

The tournament will be played at Quail Hollow Country Club in Oakham with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Golfers will compete over 18 holes before returning to American Legion Post 244 in West Brookfield for a chicken dinner, raffles, and prize presentations.

The entry fee is \$120 per person, and registrations must be received by Aug. 1.

The annual event serves as a fundraiser for the Sons of the American Legion's scholarship program, which supports local students pursuing higher education.

Organizers encourage golfers of all skill levels to participate while helping invest in educational opportunities for area students.

For more information or to register, contact Kevin at 774-230-3262 or Gary at 508-450-8643.

Historical Society, library present "A Night at Jenks Tavern"

SPENCER — The Spencer Historical Commission and the Richard Sugden Library present "A Night at Jenks Tavern: Spencer Celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence" on Thursday, July 16 from 6-9 p.m. at the Richard Sugden Library.

The Library Reading Room will be transformed into Jenks Tavern, the historic Spencer Tavern, where George Washington slept overnight and the next morning complimented Mrs. Jenks on her "beautiful bread."

The evening will begin with judging for "Mrs. Jenk's Bread Baking Contest" and will include refreshments, music, tavern games, and children's activities. Period costumes are optional but encouraged. Baking contest rules will be posted and available on the library website. All are welcome to join in a Revolutionary celebration!



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MLS No. 73544127 \$155,000.

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MLS #7353410 \$533,000

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MLS#73542689 \$1,650,000.

Webster ~ 33 Slater Street



Sprawling fieldstone faced Ranch! Located on a +/- 0.5-acre, 2 car garage. Offers: 1,860 sf main level plus 1,000 sf +/- finished lower level, 3 BRs, 2-1/2 Baths, 2 stone fireplaces/FHW BB heat. Open floor plan kitchen, living rm, dining rm, breezeway w/sliders to rear deck, and 3 season sunroom MLS # 73500183 \$479,900

**Webster - 24 Cooper Rd
New Construction - Craftsman Style home**



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MLS # 73534271 \$649,900.00

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*Hardwood Floors *Garage
9 Colonial Rd \$565,000

SOUTHBRIDGE- 17 ACRES



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Barn *Potential to Animals *Small Seasonable Pond
*300' Frontage offers Privacy from Neighbors
78 Blackmer Rd \$489,500

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