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Local veterans honored at Senior Center breakfast



Local veterans attend a program at the Leicester Senior Center.

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BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The community honored local veterans last week during the Senior Center’s annual breakfast ceremony. The guest speaker at the Nov. 9 program was Lt. Col. Shannon McLaughlin, a State Judge Advocate with the Massachusetts National Guard. “I am grateful to be here with you to honor all veterans who came before us, those who stood alongside us, and those who will come after us,” said McLaughlin, who has more than 20 years of military service, including time in both the Navy and Army. “I encourage you all to listen to our veterans and take an interest in their experiences and sacrifices that allowed us to have our own stories.” The Air Force JROTC, of South High Community School in Worcester, led the program’s POW/MIA commemoration cere-

mony. Additionally, the Leicester High School chorus performed the National Anthem. “The LHS chorus did an incredible job singing the National Anthem and serving our veterans breakfast. We are eternally grateful for their service,” said Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian, who attended the event along with several other local officials. Area veterans and their families look forward to the Senior Center breakfast each year. During her keynote speech, McLaughlin reminded guests that the families of veterans play important daily roles at home to enable their service. “We should all take a moment to honor and thank the families of our military men and women,” McLaughlin said. Turn To **VETERANS** page **A18**

LMS music teacher to perform at Macy’s Parade

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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LEICESTER — This year’s Thanksgiving celebration will be extra special for Leicester Middle School music teacher Kristina Looney, who will perform with fellow musicians from across the nation at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Looney will join two other Massachusetts music educators who were selected to participate in a marching band of 400 band directors at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade set for Nov. 23.

Scheduled to play trumpet at the event, Looney will participate in the parade along with Massachusetts teachers Robert Bergeron, of Leominster High School (playing tuba), and Angie Crockwell, of Marlborough High School (playing alto saxophone).

The musicians will perform as members of the Band Directors Marching Band, which is supported by the Saluting America’s Band Directors project. “Following its amazing inaugural appearance in the 2022 Rose Parade, the Saluting America’s Band Directors project is again bringing together band

directors from across the country to New York City on November 23, 2023, under the theme, ‘America’s band directors: We teach music, we teach life,’” read a statement released by the organization. The Saluting America’s Band Directors parade entry will help recognize the dedication and accomplishments of band directors and music educators nationwide, officials said. “Throughout their careers, the music educators in this band have collectively mentored and taught hundreds of thousands of students,” read the organization’s promotional statement. “These professionals not only teach and direct music—they teach about life itself.”

For Looney, this year’s holiday season will bring plenty of extra thrills to be thankful for on Turkey Day. “I am honored and thrilled to represent Massachusetts, the community of Leicester, Leicester’s music program, and the teaching profession,” Looney said. “I hope that my participation in this group will inspire students to play instruments for a lifetime. I am looking forward to meeting band directors from around

the country, and to performing with and learning from all of them.” The band will be directed by nationally known music educator and band director Jon Waters. The sponsoring organization behind the Saluting America’s Band Directors project is the Michael D. Sewell Memorial Foundation, based in Pickerington, Ohio. The foundation was created to carry on the work of the late Mike Sewell, who dedicated his life to school and community music programs in Pickerington and the central Ohio area for almost 40 years. To learn more about the organization and its projects, visit www.BandDirectorSalute.org.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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REGION — Riding a wave of support from throughout the Route 9 corridor, Rep. Peter Durant (R—Spencer) captured the vacant Worcester and Hampshire State Senate District seat at last week’s general election. In a battle of State Representatives at the Nov. 7 election, Durant outduelled Democratic Rep. Jonathan Zlotnik, of Gardner, by a count of 11,985-9,813. “I want to thank the voters of the district for placing their confidence in me,” Durant told the New Leader. “I thank Jon Zlotnik for a great race. I look forward to working with him going forward.” Having represented the Sixth Worcester District



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Rep. Peter Durant was elected last week to the Worcester and Hampshire State Senate District seat. for the past 12 years, Durant decided to run for the Worcester and Hampshire State Senate District seat vacated by

Democrat Anne Gobi in June. After defeating fellow Republican candidate Bruce Chester in the Oct. 10 special state primary, carrying 61 percent of the votes, Durant was eager to embrace a difficult test at the general election. And he wound up acing the exam, carrying almost every town in the district. “We had a great campaign team. Everybody pulled together and worked hard,” Durant said. “We had a lot of supporters from different locations across the state.” The race between Turn To **DURANT** page **A18**

Local actor steps out of the background in “Madigan’s Again”

BROOKFIELD — Brookfield actor Joe Klimavich is no stranger to the spotlight. After first stepping on the stage as Colonel Pickering in a high school production of “My Fair Lady,” Klimavich has played a number of lead roles in local community theatre musicals, including Harold Hill in “The Music Man,” Frank Butler in “Annie Get Your Gun,” and the Modern Major General in a Worcester State University production of “Pirates of Penzance.” But that all changed in the summer of 2019, when the local public relations consultant and adjunct college professor answered a call for background actors in “Defending Jacob,” the American crime drama miniseries starring Chris Evans, produced by Apple TV+, and filmed



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Joe Klimavich plays “Bud” in Kristin Koliss’ short film “Madigan’s Again,” which premieres on Nov. 30 at Worcester’s Hanover Theatre. at New England Studios, in Devens. “My character was a court reporter in two of the crucial episodes in the series,” says Klimavich. “It was a non-speaking role, but, on the plus side, I didn’t have to learn any dialogue, I made a lot of Turn To **KLIMAVICH** page **A16**

Early deadlines for Thanksgiving

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the submission deadline for any press releases or letters to the Editor intended for publication in next week’s edition of the Spencer New Leader has been moved up from the usual Monday to Friday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. Submissions can be e-mailed to news@stonebridgepress.news. The staff of the New Leader thanks our readers for their cooperation, and wishes them a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



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Spencer Senior Center to hold annual craft fair

SPENCER — If you're searching for the perfect place to support local vendors while checking off items from your holiday shopping list, look no further than the Spencer Senior Center.

The center will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 18. Show hours will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Local dancer featured in “The Nutcracker” at Hanover Theatre

WORCESTER — This holiday season, ring in the festivities with The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts (THTC)’s production of the dazzling ballet “The Nutcracker,” sponsored by Berkshire Bank.

Tickets are on sale now! Friday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 1 p.m. Experience the captivating choreography and effects of the classic Tchaikovsky ballet, featuring stunning new lighting and scenery by Broadway designers. With vibrant, unforgettable costumes and live music from The Hanover Theatre Nutcracker Orchestra, this two-act production is sure to enchant the whole family.

Spencer residents Kristina Jarowski and Juliana Caputo will be featured in this year’s production of “The Nutcracker.”

The tale follows young Clara as she receives a nutcracker doll for Christmas; she enters a magical world where the nutcracker and other characters come to life. This year Teddy Grillo, a former conservatory student, will reprise his role as the Nutcracker Prince for the second year in a row.

Tickets for The Nutcracker are on sale now! Depending on seat locations ticket prices range from \$39, \$49 and \$59. Discounts are available for subscribers. For more information, please contact the box office at 877-571-7469 or visit TheHanoverTheatre.org.

Groups of 10 or more: book your group early and save money!

About The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts

Since opening in 2008, The Hanover Theatre has entertained more than two million guests with Broadway musicals, comedy headliners, music, dance and more. POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the top theatres in the world. The award-winning historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class center for the performing arts, a venue for local cultural and civic organizations and a catalyst for the revitalization of downtown Worcester. This year, The Hanover Theatre celebrates its 15th anniversary with the opening of the Francis R Carroll Plaza. This new space will support free outdoor events throughout the year. The Hanover Theatre’s facilities at 551 Main St. house function spaces, offices

and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

The Hanover Theatre Conservatory provides performance opportunities, classes, and individual instruction in theatre, dance and technical theatre and design to more than 500 young people and adults from across central Massachusetts each year. Established in 2016, the conservatory cultivates individual attention, ignites creativity and inspires confidence through arts education led by outstanding teaching artists. The state-of-the-art facility includes classrooms, rehearsal and teaching studios, and tech and costume labs for advanced education in stage craft and design. Students receive access to master classes with national touring artists and gain professional experience from performance opportunities with THT Rep and on The Hanover Theatre’s world-class stage. THTC believes in access to arts education for all and provides financial aid for those in need. Many conservatory students have continued their pursuit of the arts at institutions such as Emerson College, Boston University, NYU, Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Berklee College of Music, Hofstra, Hartt School at the University

of Hartford, Marymount Manhattan College, Syracuse University and more.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts (THT) and, on behalf of the Worcester Cultural Coalition (WCC), manages Worcester’s BrickBox Theater at the Jean McDonough Arts Center (JMAC). All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.



Kristina Jarowski

Masonic Lodge AED/ CPR & 1st Aid Courses were a great success during recent OPEN House Weekend!

American Heart Association Certified classes to be given on specific Saturdays, November and December.

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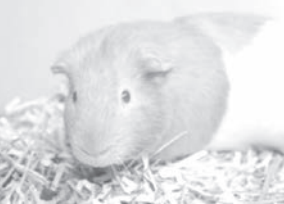
*** Must be 10 people for the AED/CPR Basic First Aid Class to be held to justify the instructor. Fees will be returned if we don’t get 10 students or the second date can be used.

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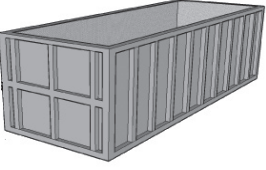


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Leicester Public Library offers busy schedule of events

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Guests are invited to take part in a busy schedule of events to round out the year at Leicester Public Library.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, a craft night featuring holiday cards and decorations will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. Join library officials and learn how to make cards and decorations with recycled Christmas cards. This event is free, with no registration required. The program is suitable for older teens and adults.

The following week, Tuesday, Dec. 12, a crafting event set for 6-7:30 p.m. will celebrate all things snow and winter.

“Join us to make wood bead snowmen, sparkly beaded snowflake ornaments, and other winter crafts,” read a statement released by the library.

This event is also free, with no registration required.

The library also has plenty of upcoming events for youngsters. On Nov. 30, a Playful Engineers program will feature a traveling makerspace setup. The event will include all materials required for kids and

families to build their own artful mechanisms.

Among other discoveries at the Nov. 30 event, guests will learn about kinetic art made from popsicle sticks, brass brads, cardboard, paperclips, cups, and other common materials. Participants will then construct mechanisms of their own.

“Participants explore the mechanisms they build, discovering a story, character, task, or scene they may find in the mechanism’s movement,” the library statement read. “Using paper and markers, plus other handy household materials, they bring those ideas to the forefront, letting the mechanisms make their art moveable.”

On Dec. 16, even if the weather is warm and sunny, guests will still enjoy a “Snow Day” at the library. Celebrate the arrival of the winter season with a snow-themed party featuring games, stories, crafts, and snacks.

From Dec. 26-30, local youngsters and their families will enjoy plenty of Christmas break programs.

The library also has an array of upcoming events for guests of all ages, highlighted by an art supply swap on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop off any unused art, craft, or sewing supplies during library hours, starting Dec. 7, and then come back on Dec. 9 and find

supplies to start projects. This program is free and can be enjoyed by guests of all ages.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, from 3-8 p.m., guests are invited to join the Friends of the Library for their annual cookie sale. Pick your own cookies from 3-6 p.m., or purchase pre-packaged trays from 6-8 p.m.

“We need both bakers and buyers. When you bake your own holiday cookies, make a few extra for friends,” the library statement read.

Cookies can be dropped off starting on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Put your name on your plate or container if you would like it returned. If you need a tray, pick one up at the library.

The library is located at 1136 Main St. To learn more about upcoming programs at the library, call 508-892-7020.

Haston Library offers holiday programming for all ages

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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NORTH BROOKFIELD — The Haston Free Public Library staff invites local residents to enjoy programming for all ages this holiday season.

This month’s Book Group discussion will focus on “Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents,” written by Isabel Wilkerson. Members of the Book Group will meet on Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. to discuss the book.

The library’s Movie Discussion Group will meet on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. to talk about “Christmas in Connecticut.”

Meanwhile, local youngsters and their families are encouraged to check out November Story Time sessions at the library. Programs take place on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Books this month are paired with several fall-time craft activities. Topics will include Thanksgiving food and traditions, and kids will even learn how to construct decorative turkeys out of toilet paper rolls.

Additionally, the library’s Art Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month. Sessions are held from 4-5 p.m. If you’re looking for a fun program to meet other local artists, call the library for more information.

Another library Story Time session is held each Wednesday evening from 4-5 p.m. Call the library for more information on how to participate.

Patrons are reminded that the library will

close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The library will remain closed the next day, Nov. 23, in observance of Thanksgiving.

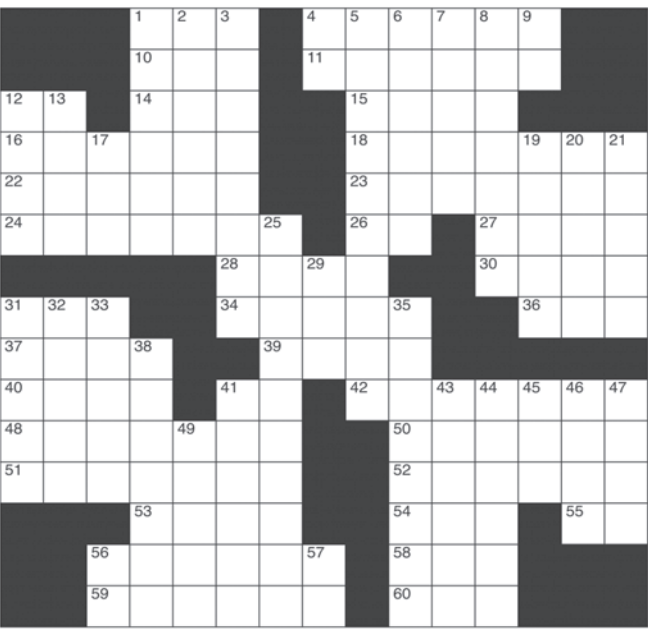
Community members are also invited to check out volunteering opportunities available at the library this holiday season. Volunteers are sought for a number of activities.

“We are looking for volunteers (ages 18 and older) that are available to work a regularly scheduled shift each week. Please see a staff member for more details,” read a statement released by the library.

Moreover, library officials recently added several new magazine titles to their periodical collection. The following magazines are now offered: Car and Driver, Food Network Magazine, Golf Digest, HGTV Magazine, Psychology Today, Reader’s Digest-Large Print Edition, and Southern Living.

To learn more about upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities at the library, or to sign up for an activity, call 508-867-0208.

For further questions, please send an email to haston-freepubliclibrary@gmail.com.

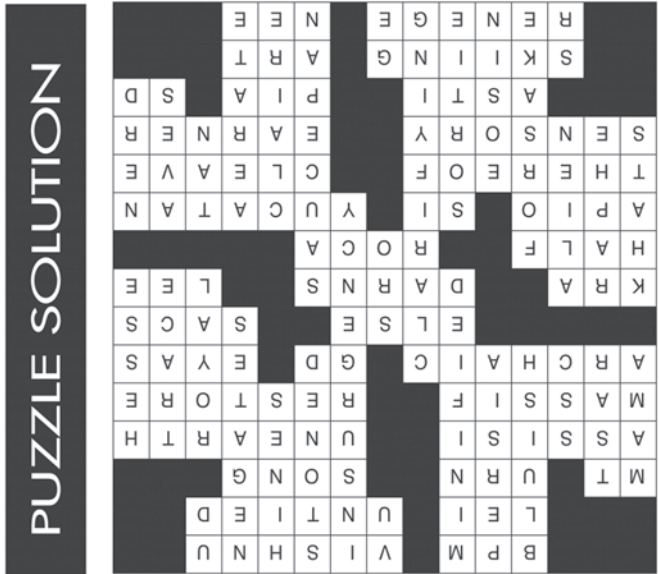


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10. Polynesian garland of flowers
11. Not chained to
12. Metric ton
14. Tall, rounded vase
15. Musical composition
16. St. Francis of ____
18. Discover the location of
22. Compact group of mountains
23. Mend
24. Not current
26. Atomic #64
27. Young hawk
28. Or ____
30. Pouches
31. Southern Thailand isthmus
34. Mends with yarn
36. Downwinds
37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
39. Italian archaeological site
40. Cold appetizer
41. Yes
42. Peninsula
48. Of that
50. A way to divide
51. Relating to the physical senses
52. One who makes money
53. ____ Spumante (Italian wine)
54. Inconvenience (abbr.)
55. South Dakota
56. Snow sport
58. The products of human creativity
59. Change mind
60. Born of

CLUES DOWN

1. Similar to the color of a clear unclouded sky
2. Former name of Iran
3. Made smaller
4. Type of meter
5. Revolt
6. Killed with rocks
7. Gregory ____, US dancer
8. Nullifies
9. Home to the Flyers
12. Female parent
13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
19. Regal
20. Line
21. Hermann ____, author of “Siddhartha”
25. Clearing up
29. No seats available
31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub
32. Groove in organ or tissue
33. Not of this world
35. Cooking device
38. Forget
41. Operational flight
43. Actress Danes
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45. A way to discolor
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Leicester police launch Traffic Tip Tuesday program

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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LEICESTER — In a newly launched community education program, the Leicester Police Department is improving road safety without officers even needing to get behind the wheel.

Although traffic tickets and warnings always serve as effective lessons for drivers, LPD officers are hoping to provide local motorists with knowledge that can prevent blue lights from appearing in their rearview mirrors.

Earlier this month, the LPD unveiled its Traffic Tip Tuesday program designed to educate community members about a different traffic law each week.

The mission of the

proactive program, LPD leaders said, is to create safer roads for all drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, roadside work crews, and emergency responders.

“This is an outstanding educational tool for all drivers,” said LPD Chief Ken Antanavica.

Recognizing that many young drivers are unfamiliar with certain rules of the road after earning their permits or licenses during the pandemic, LPD leaders are eager to augment their education. The program is also a helpful resource for experienced drivers who might not be aware of new or updated laws.

The first installment of the Traffic Tip Tuesday series, accessible via the LPD’s Facebook page, showcased the lifesaving “Move Over Law.” Having taken effect in 2009, the goal of this law is to create safer condi-

tions for official personnel working roadside jobs. These include police and fire officials, ambulance crews, tow truck drivers, roadside assistance teams, highway maintenance crews, and other vehicles illuminated with flashing emergency lights.

The Move Over Law requires drivers to proceed with caution and reduce their speed when approaching emergency vehicles parked at the sides of roadways. Further, drivers must move over when safe to do so (this includes shifting a lane while on highways).

“If impractical to change lanes to provide space, or you cannot safely do so, simply slow down even further as you pass the stationary emergency vehicle,” read a statement released by

the LPD. “Be prepared to bring your vehicle to an abrupt stop if necessary.”

The Traffic Tip Tuesday series also includes information on various penalties for violation of given laws. In the case of the Move Over Law, fines of up to \$105 can be assessed for a first offense.

Although the Move Over Law has been in place for well over a decade, local and state police have noticed an increase in drivers ignoring it in recent years. Some drivers have not only failed to move over, but they also aren’t slowing down for emergency crews, police said. And with distracted driving also an ongoing hazard,

the combination can create dangerous situations for responders.

“Every year, first responders across the country are injured or killed on the job while providing emergency help,” read a statement released by the Massachusetts State Police. “All citizens are asked to make a personal pledge to always move over to make Massachusetts roadways safer for everyone.”

Police in several area towns will have increased patrols enforcing the Move Over Law this holiday season. The State Police will also step up patrols on highways, as well as units on the lookout for impaired and distracted driving.

To learn more about the LPD’s Traffic Tip Tuesday series, check out the department’s Facebook page.

“America’s Got Talent” standout to perform with local big band

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Fresh off his appearance on “America’s Got Talent” as a solo act, singer Joey Chiarenza will team up with the 18-piece SOS Big Band of Rhode Island for an unforgettable local performance next month.

The event is set for Saturday, Dec. 16, at Spencer Country Inn.

Chiarenza, a Frank Sinatra tribute show artist, will showcase his talents alongside several other accomplished musicians at the holiday-themed show.

The program will feature a mix of Sinatra songs and holiday-inspired music. Dinner will include a Spencer Country Inn chicken and Italian buffet, and the event will also offer comedy performed by Jody Sloane.

The event will be emceed by former Spencer resident Todd Civin.

For Chiarenza, who fell in love with the sounds of Sinatra in the north end of Boston’s Little Italy, it’s always meaningful to perform across New England.

“When I grew up, I began singing at family affairs,” said Chiarenza, who appears weekly on Friday afternoons on WMEX radio. “I would sing my mother’s favorite song, ‘My Way,’ which still makes me tear up when I sing it on stage.”

Today, Chiarenza’s performances are widely considered to be the best Sinatra act in New England. He also enjoys collaborating with other musical talents to augment shows.

“Teaming up with the SOS Big Band of RI has taken the show to the next level,” explained Chiarenza, who lives in Peabody with his wife, Gina. “These guys are top-notch musicians, and this show allows them to get out there and do what they do best—wow the crowd. Their band leader, Dave Coccia, is well-known in the industry and leads a tight big band sound.”

Tickets to the Spencer show are \$49 per person, with a table of 10 priced at \$450.

To learn more about the event and how you can get tickets to a fun holiday show with friends and family, call 978-502-1453.

Meanwhile, Chiarenza and the SOS Big Band of RI have upcoming shows scheduled for New Year’s Eve at the Attleboro Elks Club, as well as Feb. 10 at the Polish American Club in Gardner.

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a center-based ABA program, however, he has recently enrolled in preschool to develop and foster peer relationships. Both Elijah and Jeremiah are placed with the same foster family with whom they have established a strong relationship.

Elijah and Jeremiah would thrive with a loving and committed family of any constellation with older children in the home. They require a family experienced and equipped to support their special needs and willing to advocate for their education and care management. Elijah and Jeremiah are of African American descent and like all children, would benefit from having parents of the same racial and ethnic background. However, their social worker is open to all interested families that can meet all their needs. Families of different racial and ethnic backgrounds need to be firmly committed to providing appropriate ethnic and cultural role models and information about their birth culture which includes discussing racism and discrimination.

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OBITUARIES

Hilary S. Platts, 98



SPENCER- Hilary S. (Smith) Platts, 98, of Spencer, passed away, Wednesday, Nov. 8th. in St. Mary's Healthcare Center, Worcester. She was the husband of Kenneth R. Platts who died in 2000. She leaves her daughter; Linda Wozniak and her husband Fred of Spencer with whom she lived, her loving grandchildren; Todd Wozniak and his wife Carissa of Barre and Jeffrey Wozniak and his wife Tracy of Paxton, 5 great grandchildren; Robin Spence, Sarah Jette, Cameron Wozniak, Chloe Fasulo and Heather Hughes, and a

great great granddaughter; Charlotte Elizabeth Jette. Hilary was born in Liverpool, England, the daughter of George and Mary (Hardy) Smith. She was a long-time bookkeeper at the former Park Ave. Distributors in Worcester prior to her retirement. At her request, no funeral services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mary's Healthcare Center Patient Activity Account, 39 Queen St., Worcester, MA. 01610. The J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is assisting the family with arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Robert P. Daniels, Sr., 85



SPENCER: Robert P. Daniels, Sr., 85, of Spencer, died Friday, Nov. 10th. in UMASS Memorial Medical Center, Worcester. He leaves his wife of 65 years, Alice C. (Gagne) Daniels, his sons; Robert P. Daniels, Jr. and his wife Leslie of Spencer and Michael J. Daniels and his wife Carolyn of Charlton, his daughter; Sandra Daniels-Gonet and her long time partner, Robert C. Wilbur of Leicester; 4 grandchildren; A.J. Gonet, Marissa Daniels, Meaghan Daniels and Mikhaela Daniels, 4 great grandchildren; Lilly, Ethan, Caleb and Amelia, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his grandson Bobby Daniels, his twin brother; Richard Daniels, John "Jack" Daniels, Alfred "Bill" Daniels and his sister; Maureen Brindisi. Known as "Bumpa" to many, Bob was a loving and caring husband, father, brother, grandfather, friend and neighbor who always put the needs of others before his own. He was a dedicated individual who took pride in his professionalism while working as a quality control manag-

er for ECC Corp. for over 30 years, retiring in 2003. He was born in Worcester, the son of Emile and Dorothy (Moran) Daniels and later graduated from the former Commerce High School in Worcester. He served his country with the Air National Guard. Bob was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish. An avid golfer in his younger years, he was once a member of Holden Hills Country Club. He enjoyed wintering in Florida, travel, and holidays with family and friends. His funeral was held on Wednesday, Nov. 15th. from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial will be at a later date in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. Calling hours were Tuesday from 4 to 7p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. www.morinfuneralhomes.com



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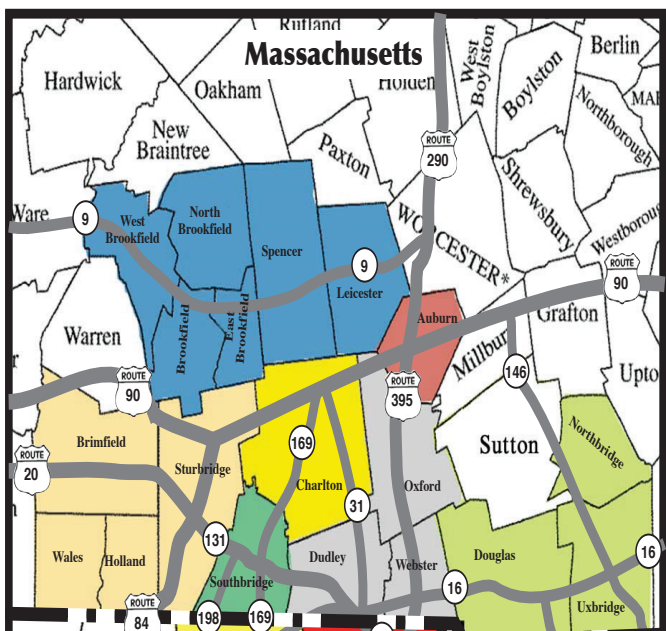
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EDITORIAL

Worry less about gifts, more about quality time

As the holiday season approaches, many of us find ourselves caught up in the whirlwind of gift shopping, decorating, and party planning. While these festive traditions bring joy and excitement, it's essential to remember the true meaning of the holidays. This year, let us consider shifting our focus from the materialistic components of the season to something more precious: quality time spent with friends and family.

In recent years, the holiday season has become synonymous with consumerism. We are bombarded with advertisements enticing us to buy the latest gadgets, toys, and luxury items, often causing stress and financial strain. The pressure to find the perfect gift can overshadow the real essence of the holidays – the opportunity to connect with our loved ones on a deeper level.

One of the greatest gifts we can give each other during this season is our time and undivided attention. In our fast-paced lives, it's all too easy to let precious moments slip away. This holiday season, try to slow down, unplug from our screens, and fully engage with our friends and family.

Quality time is at the heart of strong and meaningful relationships. It's a chance to create cherished memories by simply just hanging out.

Instead of stressing over finding the most extravagant gifts, consider alternatives that emphasize experiences over possessions. Plan a family hike, a cozy movie night, or a day of volunteering together.

It is worth noting that this shift doesn't mean abandoning gift-giving altogether. Thoughtful, meaningful gifts can still play a role in the holidays, but they should complement the primary emphasis on quality time spent with loved ones.

Letter submission policy

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

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

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Calling all volunteers!

To the Editor:

Calling all Spencer volunteers! Whether you volunteer in Spencer, or live in Spencer and volunteer elsewhere, you are all invited to attend Volunteer Appreciation Day on Nov. 19 in the Spencer Town Hall.

Chuck and Mud and the Hole in the Dam Band will provide a fun filled afternoon of music from 2 – 4 p.m., and the first 100 will receive a thank you attendance prize. There will also

be a grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate for Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn. Everyone who attends the event will be eligible for this prize, and it has been generously donated by Jim Devereux. All volunteers are invited to bring a guest and the doors will open at 1:30 p.m. This event is funded by the Spencer Cultural Council.

See you on the 19th.

CAROL MCPHERSON
SPENCER CULTURAL COUNCIL

Yes, who and what should one believe?

To the Editor:

We are all aware of the many news outlets available for our consumption. The difficulty is sorting out truth from altered reality.

The truth is that in October of 2020, gas was \$2.16 a gallon. In October of 2023 it was 3.74 a gallon. The median price of a home in Massachusetts in June of 2020 was \$440,000. In June of 2023 it was 610,000. In 2020 the average rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage was 3.7 percent. Today, the 30-year fixed rate is 7.4 percent. Home ownership is just about unreachable for most average income earners. According to statistics, it costs 30 percent of the median US income to pay the average monthly rent. Is it realistic that young people entering the job market can afford upward of \$1,500 a month for rent? I congratulate those of you who are living in “the economy that has mostly performed well over the two-plus past years.” Clearly, you're not shopping where most of us do. Wages and salaries may have increased but the cost of goods and services have increased exponentially. It makes the “American Dream” for your children

and mine look bleak.

Let's not sugar coat it. We are living in a Country full of violence, crime, bigotry, poverty, human trafficking, drugs, an open border and in some places lawlessness. These issues are unacceptable but not “false facts.” It doesn't take a Rhodes Scholar to understand waste and uncontrolled Government spending. The issues on the Government's plate are endless while the division is so deep, accomplishing anything is all but impossible.

On one thing we can all agree, we need and must start to be a more “United” States of America! Sadly, apathy and lack of media truth runs rampant in the country. One does not have to make a choice between left or right news articles to see with their own eyes what is going on in this country at this moment and I can assure you, unless you're wearing rose colored glasses, it's far from utopia.

SYLVIA LITTLE
SPENCER

Letters that mislead

To the Editor:

In the weeks just before our Nov. 7 election, a series of letters in the New Leader misled readers. Here, one of those letters, “Invasion” (Oct. 20), is examined. However, it only examines a couple of the dozen or so “false” facts in the letter. Likewise, it just examines only one subject – undocumented immigrants.

First, it uses a much higher wrong number - “In the first two years (or 24 months) of the Biden administration more than 15 million “illegal aliens” have entered the USA.” However, in fact, other sources including the Fox News-Murdoch owned New York Post say the actual number is 1.8 million (over 32 months). This means that “Invasion” used a number almost eight times more than it actually has been the case during the Biden Administration.

In a second even more important false fact “Invasion” says “The other trick the Dems play is to say the reason the failure to pass new immigration legislation.”

In the real world, the last core immigration legislation was passed by Democrats in 1965 (that is almost 60 years ago). It badly needs updating (imagine claiming that a 1965 Chevy would be good enough in 2023). Here let's focus on one gaping hole in that Democratic passed legislation.

The legislation did make immigration into the United States much fairer and to a degree, attracted more qualified immigrants. However, it had a serious flaw. It did not indicate how many immigrants should be allowed to enter the USA every year. As a result, more and more have been admitted.

About 30 years ago, the Democratic President, Bill Clinton asked the retired African American Congresswomen, the esteemed Barbera Jordan to review the 1965 law and make updating and improvement recommendations.

She suggested two necessary improvements. First, Jordan suggested that a yearly limit be put on the

number of immigrants allowed to enter. For the 1990s, she suggested about 500,000 entries.

In addition, she said that apart from immediate family members (like, for example Melania Trump's parents) and refugees (like, for example, Afghans, who helped our soldiers who now make heroic efforts to assist them).

Even more importantly she suggested (like Canada, for example) that the remainder of the half million allowed entry be selected on the basis of skills and experience that we Americans need (like in our overstretched health care sector, for example).

But Clinton, as was sometimes the case, did little.

Next, about 15 years ago, came President George W. Bush, who considered brand himself (unlike the “Invasion” letter) a “Compassionate Conservative.” Bush actually submitted legislation to update and improve immigration laws, but his own Republicans voted to kill it. It seemed then, as now, that the ultra right wing “brand” of politics prefers a dangerous mess to a positive clean up.

Then came, in theory and practice, the “Build a Wall” President Donald Trump.

However, a “Wall” is a construction project, not a plan.

What our country needs is an updated 21st century law that provides a funded system that regulates, enforces, and provides us qualified and needed immigrants (plus refugees) that from around the world.

Time and space do not now permit, but the Biden administration has done some positive things – Venezuela being an example. Likewise, it hopes the receive funding to do more.

However new and improved legislation similar to what Jordan proposed offers the real solution.

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

What should you do with ‘side gig’ money?



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As you know, the gig economy has been booming over the past several years. If you're thinking of using your skills to take on a side gig, what should you do with the money you'll make?

There's no one right answer for everyone, and the decisions you make should be based on your individual situation. And of course, you may simply need the extra income to support your lifestyle and pay the bills. But if you already have your cash flow in good shape, and you have some freedom with your gig money, consider these suggestions:

Contribute more to your IRA. If you couldn't afford to contribute the maximum amount to your IRA, you may find it easier to do so when you have additional money coming in from a side gig. For the 2023 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,500 if you're 50 or older. (Starting in 2024, this extra \$1,000 “catch-up” contribution amount may be indexed for inflation.) The amount you can contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced, and eventually eliminated, at certain income levels.

Look for new investment opportunities. If you're already maxing out your IRA, you might be able to find other investment possibilities for your side gig money. For example, if you have young children, perhaps you could use some of the money to invest in a 529 education savings plan. A 529 plan offers potential tax advantages and can be used for college, qualified trade school programs, and possibly some K-12 expenses. Please keep in mind that potential tax advantages will vary from state to state.

Build an emergency fund. Life is full of unexpected events — and some can be quite expensive. What if you needed a major car repair or required a medical procedure that wasn't totally covered by your health insurance? Would you have the cash available to pay these bills? If not, would you be forced to dip into your IRA or 401(k)? This might not be a good move, as it could incur taxes and penalties, and deprive you of resources you might eventually need for retirement. That's why you might want to use your gig earnings to help fund an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. To avoid being tempted to dip into your emergency fund, you may want to keep it separate from your daily spending accounts.

Pay down debts. Most of us will always carry some debts, but we can usually find ways to include the bigger ones — mortgage, car payments and so on — into our monthly budgets. It's often the smaller debt payments, frequently associated with high-interest-rate credit cards, that cause us the most trouble, in terms of affecting our cash flow. If you can use some of your side gig money to pay down these types of debts, you could possibly ease some of the financial stress you might be feeling. And instead of directing money to pay for things you purchased in the past, you could use the funds to invest for your future.

As we've seen, your side gig money could open several promising windows of opportunity — so take a look through all of them.

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Bucks on the loose

This past week, bow-hunters enjoyed some great bow hunting in Mass. after the rutting season blew wide open. Bucks were chasing does from one area to another as the breeding season came to full circle. Numerous car-deer accidents were reported in many towns, as the deer crossed roadways while chasing does. A buck was caught on camera leaping over two cars and a truck that were parked in a car dealership to get to his destination. The buck managed to clear the top of two cars, but ended up landing in the back of a pickup truck, causing damage to the side of the truck. The buck quickly leaped from the back of the pickup and contin-

ued on his mission. It was amazing he did not severely injure himself. It shows just how strong deer actually are. The truck had been sold the day before, and the new owner had come to pick up his truck, only to be told of the incident. A new selling price was made on the truck with the dealership and customer. Some deer hunters that have harvested a deer this year are finding it hard to locate someone to process the animal. If you do find someone, the hunters are finding the price to process the deer has gone up substantially. Processing your deer yourself is really not that hard to do. Going on YouTube to watch a video that shows a step by step



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method of processing your deer can actually be a lot of fun and can save you some money. Shotgun deer season opens in Mass. on Nov. 27, and should prove to be another great season. Although archers now harvest more deer with archery than with shotgun annually, it may be that the reason for the lower kill is because of less deer hunters in the woods, at least I find it that way in the valley!



Courtesy
This week's picture shows a Mass. hunter with a monster buck he harvested with his bow recently!

Thanksgiving Facts and Trivia

Few holidays compare to a traditional Thanksgiving celebration. The fourth Thursday in November brings family near and far together for much more than a fabulous feast, as grown children, scattered relatives, and close family members still make it a priority to gather to share in the annual feast and give thanks for life's blessings. Thanksgiving is an American holiday classic, with the basic premise seemingly unaltered by the changing times. Although bountiful harvest feasts had been celebrated long before, it wasn't until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day forward one week, as it is presently celebrated. While the origins of Thanksgiving are steeped in tradition, the day itself has become a big travel business, as evidenced by a NerdWallet report found more than 130 million Americans planning to travel for the holidays this year (2023), will spend nearly \$2,000 on average. Read on for more Thanksgiving facts, trivia and talk: ** The First Thanksgiving According to researchers at the Plimouth Plantation, despite popular belief, there never was a "First Thanksgiving" in the sense of a particular celebration that initiated the regular observance of the holiday we know today.

"The famous 1621 Pilgrim event, which was transformed into an archetypal First Thanksgiving in the late nineteenth century, was in fact not a true Thanksgiving at all. It was rather a secular harvest celebration which as far as we know was never repeated. The event had been entirely forgotten until a reference to it was rediscovered in the 1820s. The first real Calvinist Thanksgiving in New England was celebrated in Plymouth Colony, but it was during the summer of 1623 when the colonists declared a Thanksgiving holiday after their crops were saved by a providential shower." That said, history reveals the 1621 harvest "Thanksgiving," which is familiar to us, was attended by 50 or so Pilgrims and almost twice as many Native Americans. The pilgrims invited their two key Indian helpers, Squanto, Samoset, plus Chief Massasoit, to share in their Thanksgiving since they had been so instrumental in the pilgrims' successes that summer. The Indians brought their families, numbering over 90 people. Historical reports reveal the Pilgrims did not have enough food to feed all the people, so the Indians brought along their own supplies for the feast. The Wampanoag Indians brought turkey, deer, berries, squash, cornbread, and beans, the items they grew and subsequently taught the Pilgrims to grow.



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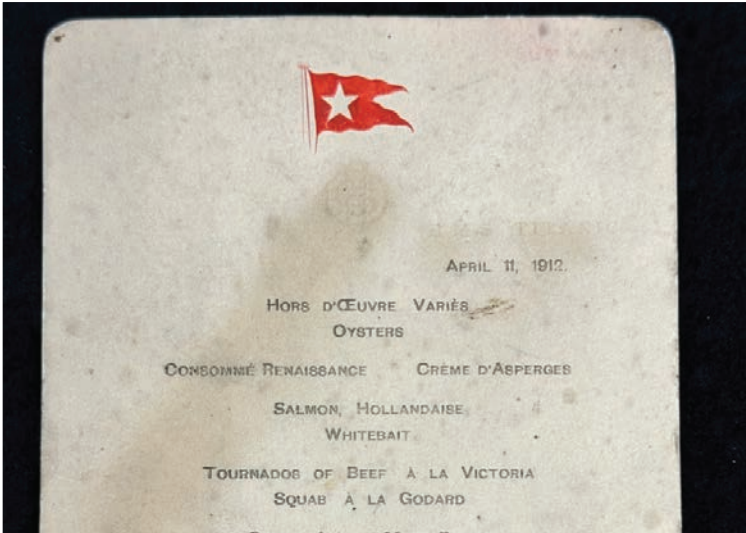
The exact date in 1621 that the harvest celebration was held is not known, although historians estimate it occurred between September 21 or 22 and November 9. ** Pilgrim's Fare Although an accurate menu of the feast cannot be officially documented, a Pilgrim's written account revealed "corn, Indian corn, barley, peas, fowl, five deer, fish and wild turkey were eaten at the harvest thanksgiving. Using such excerpts and taking into consideration the foods available to the Pilgrims at that time, historians have determined the following foods were likely served at the first Thanksgiving harvest celebration. Fish: Cod, bass, herring, shad, bluefish, and lots of eel; clams, lobsters, mussels, and very small quantities of oysters; Game: wild turkey, goose, duck, crane, swan, partridge, and other miscellaneous waterfowl; venison (deer), possibly some salt pork or chicken, eggs. Vegetables: wheat flour, Indian corn and corn meal; barley; small quantity of peas, squashes (including pumpkins), beans. The pilgrims also brought seeds from England and likely plant-

ed radishes, lettuce, carrots, onions, and cabbage. Nuts: walnuts, chestnuts, acorns, hickory nuts, ground nuts; Spices: onions, leeks, strawberry leaves, currants, sorrel, yarrow, carvel, brooklime, liverwort, watercress, and flax. Condiments: Maple syrup, honey; small quantities of butter. Olive oil in small quantities may have been brought over. ** Turkey Time The highlight of an annual Thanksgiving feast is undoubtedly the turkey, served up as a crowning centerpiece of the both the table and the holiday. According to the National Turkey Federation, an estimated 88 percent of Americans consume Thanksgiving turkey each year. Per the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), this translates to more than 46 million turkeys eaten on Thanksgiving. By the time the Pilgrims included wild turkey in their first Thanksgiving feast, they had already been familiar with the tasty bird. Early explorers took turkeys back to Europe, and by the 1500s the birds were being raised in Italy, France and England. ** Researchers are conflicted on how the turkey got its name, but some historical accounts claim Christopher Columbus thought that the land he discovered was connected to India, and mistakenly believed the wild fowl he found here was a type of peacock. Hence, he named

the bird 'tuka,' which translates into 'peacock' in Tamil, an Indian language. ** No matter how it adopted its name, turkeys have remained a Thanksgiving tradition and have been held in high esteem in this country since the Native Americans first introduced the wild bird to the Pilgrims. In Benjamin Franklin even once stated he thought the turkey would be a better candidate than the Eagle as the official United States bird. In a 1784 letter to his daughter Sarah Bache, the elderly Franklin wrote: "For my own part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; he is a bird of bad moral character. For in truth, the turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America. Eagles have been found in all countries, but the turkey was peculiar to ours." ** Today, turkey consumption is at an all-time high, with the average American eating 15.3 pounds of turkey per year. Age is a determining factor in taste and older, large males are preferable to young toms, as the tom meat tends to be stringy. The opposite is true for females: old hens are tougher birds. A turkey under sixteen weeks of age is called a fryer, while a young roaster is five to seven months old. ** Turkeys are the only breed of poultry native to the Western

Hemisphere. The birds have a reputation for being dumber than most of their fowl counterparts, however, the turkey makes up for its lack of intelligence with sharp vision and exceptional hearing. Turkeys have excellent eyesight and a wide field of vision. They also hear well, despite the fact they have no external ears. ** Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month (or whenever enough tips are received) will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints! Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Latest antique and collectibles auction news



This week's article will focus on major auction news coming out of Europe, specifically. Some Titanic artifacts and a piece of Star Wars memorabilia sold in England and one of the most expensive diamonds on Earth, which was auctioned in Geneva, Switzerland. A menu from the Titanic and a passenger's pocket watch recently sold at an auction in the United Kingdom. The menu was from the first-class passengers' dinner on April 11, 1912,

three days before the ship hit an iceberg and sank. The menu shows some water staining that occurred the night the ship sank. Some of the items on the menu included Squab a la Godard, Spring Lamb and Mint Sauce, Apricots Bourdaloue (a type of tart), and Victoria Pudding. The menu was found in the estate of Canadian historian Len Stephenson, according to CBS News. It's not known how Stephenson acquired it, but he lived in Nova Scotia, where many of the victims' bod-

ies were brought after it sank. The Guardian reported that the menu sold for £83,000 (\$101,450 U.S.) on Nov. 11. Also offered in the same sale was the pocket watch of passenger Sinai Kantor. He was 34 years old when he and his wife decided to emigrate from Russia. He died when the ship sank but Kantor's wife, Miriam, survived the tragedy. She received his personal effects including a silver watch with Hebrew characters on the watch face. The watch was heavily corroded from the salt water but still had an auction estimate of £50,000 (more than \$61,000 U.S.). Sticking in the UK, the actor who played "Star Wars" character C-3PO sold the head from the popular character this month. I had discussed the head was going to auction in a previous column. Anthony Daniels is 77, and decided "to sell the costumes, props and scripts he kept from the iconic films," according to the BBC. Daniels told the BBC that they were in his "sitting room" and he want-



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ed them to go to someone who will cherish and display them. The auction featured over 200 items from his collection, including some parts from the Millennium Falcon spaceship. He said he rescued them from being burned in a bonfire at the movie studio after the "Return of the Jedi" was filmed. There were some items that he decided to keep, though. He's not selling a Lego figure of his character given to him for his work in a Star Wars Lego movie or a C-3PO statuette made to look like an Oscar award, which he received from the production company Lucasfilm. Daniels told the BBC "I'll take those to the grave." The auction house reported that it sold for £687,500 (\$840,330 U.S.). A fancy flawless vivid blue diamond just became one of the most expensive diamonds in the world when it sold at auction in Switzerland. The 17.61-carat diamond was so desirable because of its deep, rich blue color and

unmodified pear shape design, according to Reuters. The diamond easily outshined its estimate of \$35 million, selling for \$44 million. For those of you looking to spend a lot less than \$44 million, we have a large quantity of gold, platinum, and silver jewelry with diamonds and other gemstones in our next auction. We also have the best collection of art we've ever offered, along with many sets of sterling silver, mid-century modern furniture and accessories from multiple estates and a wide variety of other items. We plan to begin the online event later this month or early in December. We also have an online estate auction of a Concord home beginning soon and ending in December. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events. Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111).

The Law of Averages

For many of us, a never-ending stream of worries dominates our thoughts. These persistent fears disturb our peace of mind and impact our ability to enjoy life.

Will the economy crash? Are we headed for nuclear conflict? Is my partner going to leave me? Will my child be lost to addiction?

It's one worry after another, a never-ending cycle, like a hamster running on a wheel.

Yes, it's normal to worry at times, but there is a point where it can impair your physical health, causing you to be worried sick!

Imagine a universal law that can help manage these fears. If you're constantly burdened with fear and worry, keep reading because this law is so simple and easy to understand that you don't need anyone to teach you how to use it.

When fear overwhelms you, you must ask yourself, "What are the odds?"

Why, you ask? Because the law I'm talking about is called "The Law of Averages."

This principle, described by Dale Carnegie in his book "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living," is a pragmatic approach to tackling the worries that plague our minds.

The Law of Averages teaches us to analyze our fears logically and statistically.

Carnegie once said, "Ninety-nine percent of the things we worry about never occur!"

Imagine Sarah is about to board a flight for a long-awaited vacation. She should be excited, but a nagging worry clouds her: the fear of a plane

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crash. Each sound during takeoff and bit of turbulence inflates her anxiety.

Now, let's apply the Law of Averages to Sarah's situation.

This principle suggests evaluating the likelihood of an event based on statistical probability, rather than subjective fears. So, what do the numbers say?

Plane crashes are rare, with odds of about one in 11 million. To put this into perspective, you're more likely to be struck by lightning or win a major lottery jackpot than experience a plane crash.

Knowing these stats, Sarah can see her fear doesn't match how safe flying is. Like millions before, the Law of Averages tells us that her flight is overwhelming-

ly likely to be safe and uneventful.

Let's consider John, a dedicated employee at a large corporation. Recently, there have been rumors of layoffs, and John is increasingly unable to focus, plagued by the fear of being laid off.

Every meeting invite or email from his boss heightens his anxiety, and he starts imagining the worst-case scenarios.

Now, let's apply the Law of Averages to John's situation. This principle encourages us to evaluate the likelihood of an event based on statistical data and realistic assessment rather than fears and rumors.

First, John can look into the economy and his industry's stability. Are widespread layoffs happening in his field, or is it relatively stable? Next, he should consider his posi-

tion within the company. Has he received positive performance reviews? Does he have unique skills or experiences that are valuable to the team?

Suppose John finds that his industry is stable and his performance has been consistently strong. In that case, the Law of Averages would suggest his chances of being laid off are relatively low. While it's not impossible, the probability doesn't warrant the level of worry he's experiencing.

This approach doesn't dismiss your fear but puts it into a rational framework. The Law of Averages is a powerful tool to counteract our exaggerated anxieties about rare events.

The Law of Averages is beautiful for its simplicity and usefulness.

It doesn't ask you to stop worrying cold turkey, which is near-

ly impossible. Instead, it offers a pathway to reframe your worries into something manageable. By analyzing the probabilities, we often find that many fears are less likely to materialize than we think. And even if they do, you're mentally prepared to handle them and work towards a better outcome.

"By the law of averages, it won't happen." is the phrase Carnegie said has destroyed ninety percent of his worries and made years of his life beautiful and peaceful beyond his highest expectations.

Next time you find yourself in the grip of fear, pause, breathe, and embrace the Law of Averages to transform fear into a catalyst for confidence and clarity.

Must-have gifts for your favorite gardener



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Weed knives, like this Hori Hori knife, are multi-purpose as they can be used for cutting through sod and roots, planting bulbs, digging weeds, and more.

Every gardener, new or experienced, appreciates tools to help them better enjoy their hobby. Some may be looking for ergonomically designed tools to help them garden longer while newbies may need some basic tools as they are getting started. A peek in their shed may help you decide which must-have tool to give them this holiday season.

Every gardener needs a bypass pruner for deadheading, trimming and pruning stems between a quarter inch and one inch. Bypass pruners have two sharp blades like scissors, making a clean cut that closes quickly.

Bypass loppers allow your gift recipient to cut larger diameter branches and long handles for greater leverage and long reach. The extra reach makes it easier to prune all parts of small trees, shrubs and roses. Consider gifting one with a compound cutting action that boosts cutting power with less

effort.

If your favorite gardener doesn't have one, your gift of a weed knife also known as a Hori Hori knife will soon become a favorite tool. It is useful for cutting through sod and roots, planting small bulbs, digging weeds and so much more. Select one like Corona's Hori Hori Garden Knife with a ComfortGel grip (www.coronatoolsusa.com) to help reduce muscle fatigue. The metal runs all the way through, providing added durability and leverage. Include a sheath so they can keep this universal tool handy whenever working in the garden.

Digging small holes for planting in containers and garden beds is a seasonal reality and a hand trowel is the perfect tool for the job. Gift a new durable trowel or upgrade the existing one. Look for one that is sturdy, lightweight and has an ergonomic grip.



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A long-handled pointed shovel is a versatile tool. You can plant, transplant, dig holes and more. Look for one with a foot pad to help reduce foot fatigue and shoe damage. Avid flower gardeners may prefer a short-handled spade that makes working in tight spaces easier. Perhaps your gift recipient needs both.

With an expandable leaf rake, you can adjust the width of the teeth, allowing you to reach into tight spaces or cover larger areas. An iron rake is great for moving soil and one with a bow head makes it easier to adjust the depth.

from stray branches and debris when in the garden. Tinted ones will also protect eyes from UV light, providing an added layer of safety when gardening in the bright sunlight.

Make it easy for them to keep their tools sharp with the gift of a tool sharpener. Sharp tools make cleaner cuts and require less effort, allowing them to garden longer. A small sharpener with a cap allows them to keep it handy in their tool caddy or scabbard. If they have easy access, they are more likely to use it to keep their tools in the best cutting order.

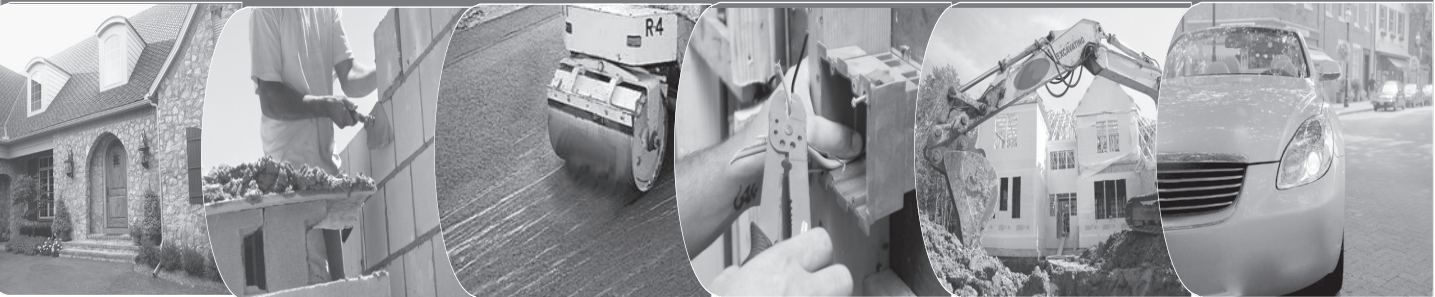
Drop a pair of snips in their stocking and they are sure to thank you any time they deadhead a flower, snip off a wayward or dead stem, or harvest herbs and flowers. This is another tool gardeners appreciate duplicates of – one for the kitchen and one for the garden.

Keep them gardening longer throughout the day and for years to come. Gift a kneeling pad or knee pads that protect young and old joints while kneeling in the garden to plant, weed, and more.

Tools make a wonderful gift that will provide years of enjoyment and benefit. Whatever gift you select, your favorite gardener is sure to thank you each time they head to the garden.

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SPORTS

Crusaders apply enough offense to take down pesky Quaboag

WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN THEN TOPS MILLIS TO REACH STATE SEMIFINALS



Quaboag's Liz Tetlow, left, makes a play on the ball, bringing it backward to keep it away from Whitinsville Christian's Meadow O'Connell.

BY NICK ETHIER
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NORTHBRIDGE — When the Whitinsville Christian girls' varsity soccer team hosted Quaboag at the Peter T. Koopman Athletic Complex on Wednesday, Nov. 8, Beth Cutler — head coach of the Crusaders — perfectly described the action.

"Today was a playoff game. You could feel it. The kids could feel it. Both teams were physical on the field," said Cutler. This Round of 16

matchup in the Division 5 State Tournament brought out the best in both teams, with top seeded Whitinsville Christian applying plenty of offense looking to score goals, and the 16th ranked Cougars playing strong defense as they tried to stay within striking distance.

In the end the Crusaders scored once in each half to close the door on Quaboag's season, 2-0, as the Cougars finished 7-9-3.

"It's an excellent effort.

Sometimes you just have to admit what it is, and we knew we were going to be against a team that was more talented top to bottom, and they were going to control play most of the time and they were going to get more shots," said Quaboag head coach Norm St. Denis. "My team was prepared for that. But the better team doesn't always win, and we were right there."

The Crusaders got on the scoreboard in the game's ninth minute. There, Amanda Cinelli



Maddie Potvin of Quaboag makes a run past a Whitinsville Christian defender.

followed a rebound and potted the ball into the net.

"She was following (the ball), and she did everything," Cutler said of Cinelli's scoring play. "She was in the right spot, she attacked the ball and it was a great goal."

The game remained 1-0 at the half and also past the midway point of the second half, mainly because of the play of Quaboag's defense, which was backboned by keeper Paige Leach (16 saves).

"She was awesome. She has been awesome all year. Against a team like this where she was facing it, she stepped up no doubt," St. Denis said of Leach's play.

Defenders Riley Sloan, Asher Sargent, Olive Moulton, Lauren Grover and midfielder Parker Tunley (who reverted to more of a defensive role) did their absolute best to contain the Crusaders.

"We preached defense, we preached containment and making them work for everything and, for the most part, we did that," said St. Denis. "We were not going to win a 5-4 game today. If we were going to win, it was going to be a 0-0 tie into overtime or a 1-0 game — something along those lines."

Whitinsville Christian, meanwhile, didn't panic while their shots were hitting crossbars or being saved by Leach.

"You had to be patient with the way we played. We kept our composure, which is really important in playoff soccer, and that's because we have a veteran team," explained Cutler.

The Crusaders near-

ly made it a 2-0 game in the 56th minute when Hannah Lashley was awarded a penalty kick, but her shot to the left side missed. Lashley made up for it though when, in the 65th minute, she had another chance at a PK. This time, again to the left side, she didn't miss.

"I have confidence in Hannah to finish a PK. She can go anywhere: left, right, up, down; it doesn't matter," said Cutler.

Whitinsville Christian advanced to the Quarterfinals, where they hosted No. 9 Millis. "We are super excited. We're ready," Cutler said after the Quaboag victory.

And the Crusaders were apparently more than ready when facing the Mohawks on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Northbridge's Lasell Field. Whitinsville Christian won the game, 8-2, with Margaret Johnson providing a hat trick, Lashley scoring twice and adding two assists, Kate Crowley adding a goal and two assists, and Cinelli and Ava Ibrahim also scoring. Hannah Waldo and Meadow O'Connell added assists.

The Crusaders (20-2) then played No. 5 Douglas in the Final Four State Semifinals. That game took place after press time.



Quaboag's Madelyn Bagg hustles after a loose ball.



Whitinsville Christian's Ava Ibrahim chases the ball down.



Lauren Grover of Quaboag sends a free kick down the field.

STATE TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD

All scores are through Monday evening, Nov. 13

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Division 4 Girls' Soccer Round of 16
(6) Littleton 3, (11) Leicester 0 — The Wolverines had a very successful season, but it came to a close after not being able to get past the Tigers. Leicester wound up with a record of 10-6-3.

Thursday, Nov. 9

Division 5 Girls' Soccer Round of 16
(4) Mount Greylock 4, (13) David Prouty 1 — The Panthers battled but ultimately fell short against the tournament's fourth seed. Prouty played a fantastic first 10 minutes, pressured Mount Greylock deep into their zone multiple times but could not capitalize on scoring.

Greylock scored once before halftime and added three more goals in the second half to surge ahead, 4-0. At that point, the Panthers' captain, SWLC All-Star, and All-State player, Eliana Barnett, broke Mount Greylock's tough defensive line with a beautiful pass forward by Lily Spahn, which led to Prouty's lone goal with 13 minutes remaining on a beautiful shot, near post to the right, upper corner.

After going 1-1 in the playoffs, David Prouty finished its season with a record of 7-8-3.

SPORTS

Shiers' late overtime strike propels Warriors past Danvers

Tantasqua's season then closes in State Quarterfinals to Medfield

STURBRIDGE — On Wednesday, Nov. 8, one of the Division 3 girls' soccer Round of 16 contests took place at the Reservation as No. 8 Tantasqua hosted No. 9 Danvers. To get here, the Falcons took on No. 24 St. Mary's in the Round of 32, winning 6-1, while the Warriors beat No. 25 East Bridgewater, 2-0.

This biting cold night brought out the best in these two teams, with similar playing styles, as a great matchup was present on the pitch. Halfway through the first 40 minutes, both teams challenged for that first goal. Tantasqua would go end-to-end with a shot on goal, then Danvers would turn around and do the same. This first half battle ended 0-0. Strong goal-tending by Tantasqua's Elizabeth Thompson and Danvers' Maddie Dembowski kept both teams with clean sheets.

The second half began with more of the same

attacks and defending from both teams. Tantasqua was able to get on the scoreboard first, as Lilina Shiers worked the ball from left to right just outside the 18-yard box and hit one into the top of the net just beyond the keeper's reach.

Tantasqua didn't get a chance to relish their goal, though, as Danvers took the ball off the re-start and, less than 20 seconds later, Brooke Wynott slid one into the back of the net. After a very fast pasted second half, the score remained 1-1 at the regular-time whistle.

The 20 minutes of overtime was no different for these two teams; Danvers just missing with a shot hitting the crossbar and another skimming over the top of the post, and Tantasqua had similar results with a shot just over the crossbar and another hitting the side netting.

Fans were on the edge of their seats as the overtime clock wound down. Tantasqua was awarded a corner kick with less



Tantasqua's Eleanor Colati battles to keep the ball in play.

than a minute to go in overtime. Danvers tried

to clear the ball, and as the referee began the final 10 second countdown, the Warriors gained control of the ball and put it back toward the Danvers goal. Shiers timed her run toward the goal and made sure this one was going in. This last second strike cemented the 2-1 win for the Warriors.

Unfortunately for the



Tantasqua's Lilina Shiers works the ball down field.

Warriors, their postseason run ended in the Quarterfinals against top seeded Medfield on Saturday, Nov. 11. Tantasqua lost the game, 1-0, as their record wound up being 16-5.

At right; Ava Chevalier looks to pass the ball for Tantasqua.



Hayden O'Malley of Tantasqua battles for control of the ball against a Danvers opponent.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK — TANTASQUA FOOTBALL FALLS IN LAST TEST BEFORE THANKSGIVING

On Thursday, Nov. 9, the Tantasqua varsity football team hosted North Middlesex in the Warriors' final tune-up before taking on Shepherd Hill on Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, visiting Tantasqua lost to the Patriots, 42-13.

Adam Howe threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Logan Arrastia, with Luke Marvin booting the extra point, and Jack Alexander tossed a 14-yard scoring pass to Lucas MacNevin for the Warriors' points.

Tantasqua will host Shepherd Hill on Thanksgiving at 10 a.m.



The Tantasqua defense and goalie Elizabeth Thompson prepares to defend a Danvers corner kick.

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- **1946:** THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FUND (UNICEF) IS ESTABLISHED.
- **1972:** APOLLO 17 BECOMES THE SIXTH AND FINAL APOLLO MISSION TO LAND ON THE MOON.



THIS FOOD IS OFTEN THE
MAIN COURSE AT HOLIDAY
MEALS.

ANSWER: TURKEY



MENU

a list of dishes
available in
a restaurant

How they
say that in...

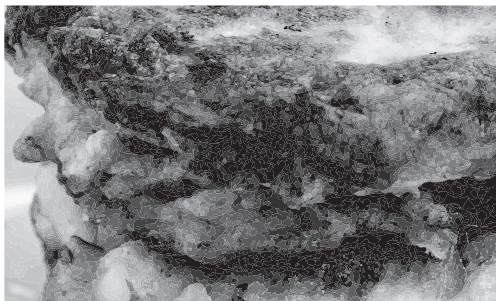
- ENGLISH:** Dinner
- SPANISH:** Cena
- ITALIAN:** Cena
- FRENCH:** Dîner
- GERMAN:** Abendessen

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know?

EGGNOG IS A BEVERAGE SERVED
DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON THAT
IS MADE FROM EGG
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AROMATIC SPICES.



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PICTURE?



Can you guess what
the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: LATKES

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to holiday decorating.
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(Hint: 18 = I)

A. 16 18 25 23 26 4

Clue: Metallic strips

B. 8 24 25 7 4 26 23

Clue: Wax illumination

C. 4 18 14 17 16 23

Clue: Strings of bulbs

D. 1 11 26 24 16 17

Clue: Evergreen door or wall hanging

Answers: A. tinsel B. candles C. lights D. wreath

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

POLICE REPORTS

Leicester Police Logs

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
12:48 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 2:36 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), report taken; 6:40 a.m.: disturbance (Denny Place), unfounded; 7:07 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:25 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 9:57 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unfounded; 10:40 a.m.: investigation (Auburn Mall, Auburn) report taken; 12:42 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 2:16 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), resolved; 3:35 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street), served; 4:19 p.m.: neighbor dispute (West Street), report taken; 5:33 p.m.: welfare check (Rawson Street), services rendered; 5:35 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), peace restored; 7:10 p.m.: investigation (West Street), report taken; 8:20 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:48 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
5:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:41 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:22 a.m.: investigation (West Street), report taken; 12:24 p.m.: notification (South Main Street), message delivered; 1:55 p.m.: neighbor dispute (West Street), report taken; 2:13 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), unable to locate; 3:52 p.m.: lobby service (South Main Street), report taken; 4:10 p.m.: welfare check (Burncoat Lane), services rendered; 4:41 p.m.: investigation (Franklin Street), report taken; 5:50 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 6:25 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
12:03 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:12 a.m.: ambulance (Gleason Way), transported; 10:09 a.m.: assist citizen (Pine Street); 11:39 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Drive), transported; 12:08 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 1:03 p.m.: investigation (Craig Street), report taken; 3:29 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Street), spoken to; 3:51 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:22 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Tobin Road), unable to serve; 6:10 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to; 9:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:35 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), served.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
1:04 a.m.: disturbance (Craig Street), resolved; 3:50 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 7:06 a.m.: welfare check (Peter Salem Road), services rendered; 9:30 a.m.: threats (Main Street), report taken; 2:15 p.m.: trespassing (Rawson Street), services rendered; 3:01 p.m.: mv stop (Rawson Street), written warning; 3:05 p.m.: ambulance (Apricot Street, Worcester), transported; 3:07 p.m.: RV complaint (Towtald Street), unable to locate; 4:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 4:52 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 4:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:05 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 6:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 7:56 p.m.: ambulance (Lincoln Street, Spencer), transported; 8:07 p.m.: lockout (Mannville Street), assisted; 8:11 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Spencer), assisted; 8:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:48 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), assisted; 9:44 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Erica Michelle Clay, 39, 31 Louise Street, #3, Worcester, op w/ suspended license/subsequent offense, number plate violation, failure to appear upon recognizance, suspended license, arrest; 10:55 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:00 p.m. hit/run accident (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, leaving scene of a property damage accident (guardrail), leaving scene of a property damage accident (dept. yard), littering from mv, marked lanes violation, criminal application issued.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6
1:14 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 1:25 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), Christopher M. Sullivan, 42, 32 Burncoat Street, Leicester, OUI liquor, arrest; 4:11 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), report taken; 8:10 a.m.: assist citizen (Siani Road); 8:13 a.m.: transport (Spencer/Spencer PD), transported; 8:32 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:42 a.m.: assist citizen (Cemetery Road); 2:12 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), report taken; 2:22 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), report taken; 2:59 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), report taken; 4:01 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:56 p.m.:

accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:02 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:02 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), resolved; 7:29 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Spencer), transported; 9:07 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7:29 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), assisted; 7:32 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 7:47 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:06 a.m.: assist citizen (Siani Road); 10:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Hillside Road), referred to ACO; 10:48 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 12:23 p.m.: mv stop (Mulberry Street), spoken to; 1:49 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), report taken; 2:01 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), transported to hospital; 3:18 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 4:29 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), report taken; 6:17 p.m.: accident (Main Street), unable to locate; 6:49 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 7:05 p.m.: ambulance (Ingram Road), transported; 7:31 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 9:19 p.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 9:39 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), resolved; 11:06 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
12:03 a.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 12:40 a.m.: mv stop (King Court), verbal warning; 2:01 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 4:43 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 4:56 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 5:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:24 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:29 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 5:35 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 5:46 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:50 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 6:21 a.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), resolved; 7:28 a.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), referred to ACO; 7:41 a.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 9:22 a.m.: ambulance (Packachog Street, Auburn), transported; 9:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:58 a.m.: investigation (Marshall Street), report taken; 10:33 a.m.: ambulance (Siani Road), transported; 10:54 a.m.: mv stop (Oak Bluff Lane), citation issued; 1:21 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:16 p.m.: investigation (Clark Street), report taken; 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (Burncoat Street), spoken to; 4:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 4:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:54 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:25 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:40 p.m.: investigation (Lake Drive), report taken; 6:15 p.m.: summons service (Henshaw Street), served; 7:03 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:15 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:28 p.m.: keep the peace (Stafford Street), resolved; 8:30 p.m. mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:36 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 10:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

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Spencer Police Logs

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
12:26-1:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:24 a.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), referred; 4:20 a.m.: medical/general (Wilson Street); 4:55 a.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), bear stuck between doors; 5:30 a.m.: medical/general (Briarcliff Lane); 5:57 a.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), speeding/crossing marked lanes; 7:18 a.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), assist car carrier turnaround; 7:49 a.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 7:49 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:34 a.m.: fraud (Wire Village Road), re: debit card use; 10:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Delude Avenue), loose dog; 10:48 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ash Street), misdial; 12:21 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 1:11 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), elevator phone test; 1:47 p.m.: fraud (Rene Drive), re: msg. rec'd via internet; 2:07 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 4:08 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 4:30 p.m.: mv complaint (Church Street), mv blocking d/way; 5:58 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:14 p.m.: juvenile matter (Charlton

Road), question re: cannabis; 7:46 p.m.: DPW call (Temple Street), re: low water pressure; 8:10 p.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), trash bags side of road; 8:49 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 10:40 p.m.: 911 call (Pleasant Street), accidental; 11:03 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), UMass/Worcester PD bolo; 11:14 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Mechanic Street), resolved; 11:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (total daily mv stops – 2).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
12:56-3:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:13 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), rep. of death; 5:03 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 7:27 a.m.: parking complaint (Elm Street), mv blocking d/way; 8:40 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:26 a.m.: accident (School Street), report taken; 9:43 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), resolved; 12:00 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 12:09 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Kittredge Road); 12:19 p.m.: mv repossessed (Mechanic Street), info rec'd; 12:25 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Maple Street), misdial; 12:30 p.m.: mutual aid (South Spencer Road), hit/run accident, East Brookfield PD bolo; 12:37 p.m.: disturbance (Jones Street), landlord issue; 1:05 p.m.: medical/general (Dale Street); 1:39 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:59 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 3:36 p.m.: juvenile matter (Condon Drive), rep. assaulted by son; 4:00 p.m.: fraud (Williams Drive), report taken; 4:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), calves loose; 4:35 p.m.: mv complaint (Jolicoeur Avenue), mv slow/brake checking; 4:46 p.m.: fraud (Howe Village), re: check fraud; 6:22 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (North Spencer Road), dog stuck under shed; 7:28 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 7:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), req. assistance; 7:52 p.m.: hit/run accident (West Main Street), report taken; 10:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Street), rep. skunk stuck on branches; 10:06 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 11:13 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 11:27 p.m.: fire alarm (Paxton Road), referred; (total daily mv stops – 0).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
1:06-2:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:18 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 4:27 a.m.: medical/general (Sunset Lane); 5:11 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 5:34 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 6:14 a.m.: req. o/night property check (West Main Street), info taken; 8:05 a.m.: medical/general (Wilson Avenue); 8:22 a.m.: animal complaint (Roys Drive), re: social media post; 8:41 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 9:05 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 9:41 a.m.: DPW call (Chestnut Street), hanging wire; 10:00 a.m.: citizen complaint (Roys Drive), dumpster in street/2 days; 10:29 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 11:26 a.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 11:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Wilson Street), req. welfare check; 2:15 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 2:48 p.m.: restraining order service (Pearl Street); 3:07 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 4:46 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 5:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Temple Street), dog bit puppy; 5:18 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), mv blocking hydrant; 5:44 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:01 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), resolved; 6:30 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 7:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), spoken to; 10:08 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo; 10:16 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 11:55-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (total daily mv stops – 1).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
12:06-5:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:27 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), rep. break-in; 9:29 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 9:46 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 10:04 a.m.: illegal dumping (Pleasant Street), roofing tar container; 11:08 a.m.: citizen complaint (Maple Street), paving co./no traffic detail; 11:21 a.m.: juvenile matter (Bixby Road); re: incident w/daughter; 6:05 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 6:16 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), kids throwing rocks at window; 8:11 p.m.: residential alarm (Cherry Street), referred; 8:47 p.m.: disabled mv (Meadow Road), assisted; 8:47 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 8:53 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); (total daily

mv stops – 2).
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
12:19 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 1:26 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), gf left in mv/drunk; 1:27 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:07 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:58 a.m.: fire (Church Street), referred; 9:53 a.m.: medical/general (Sunset Lane); 10:57 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose dog; 12:21 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 3:10 p.m.: residential alarm (Kingsbury Road), services rendered; 4:43 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 5:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), re: info for PD; 5:29 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 7:46 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 11:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), poss. pkg. to wrong address; 11:53-11:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (total daily mv stops – 0).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6
12:13-2:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:41 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 1:12 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Mechanic Street), status not noted in police log; 1:32 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 2:13 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 5:11 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 5:14-5:45 a.m.: parking violations/5 (Main, Church, Sullivan, Walnut, Valley streets), flyers issued; 6:40 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Oakland Drive), transformer pop/no power; 7:14 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose cow; 7:25 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:09 a.m.: harassing calls (Vista Lane), report taken; 9:00 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 12:17 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 12:29 p.m.: residential alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 12:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Condon Drive), re: domestic rabbits in area; 12:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), req. welfare check; 2:51 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 3:04 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Jolicoeur Avenue), smell burning plastic; 3:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 4:06 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 4:14 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 5:02 p.m.: restraining order service (High Street); 5:12 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo/erratic operator; 5:19 p.m.: suspicious mv (Ash Street), investigated; 6:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), step ladder in roadway; 6:05 p.m.: parking complaint (Maple Street), re: pu trucks improperly parked; 6:31 p.m.: medical/general (Sherry Lane); 7:13 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 8:48 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 10:28 p.m.: mutual aid (Ash Street), Hardwick PD req. welfare check; (total daily mv stops – 4).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
12:26-2:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:33-5:09 a.m.: parking violations/17 (various streets), flyers issued; 3:43 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 5:22 a.m.: disabled mv (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 7:36 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:37 a.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), info rec'd; 8:44 a.m.: medical/general (Dale Street); 9:17 a.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 9:20 a.m.: disabled mv (Maple Street), resolved; 10:45 a.m.: fire alarm (Paxton Road), referred; 11:00 a.m.: medical/general (North Brookfield Road); 11:03 a.m.: officer wanted (Clark Road), assist citizen; 11:41 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), dead skunk; 12:28 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), TT in w/ bound lane; 12:55 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 1:41 p.m.: accident (Cherry Street), report taken; 1:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), re: jewelry missing; 2:16 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), re: bicyclist; 2:32 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), mv in hdcp spot; 2:45 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:13 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road) erratic operator X 4; 3:18 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 3:25 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), resolved; 4:12 p.m.: mv complaint (Meadow Road), erratic operator; 5:59 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), re: tenant; 6:30 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), resolved; 6:47 p.m.: medical/general (Sullivan Street); 6:53 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 8:21 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wall Street), investigated; 8:22 p.m.: disabled mv (Bacon Hill Road), resolved; 9:37 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 10:52 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Smithville Road), Rebecca Sue Eccleston, 34, 134 Smithville Road, Spencer, warrant, arrest; (total daily mv stops – 1).

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KLIMAVICH

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friends on set, and I got a firsthand look at the state of filmmaking in Massachusetts.”

When the phone rang again in 2022, it was Worcester comedian and filmmaker Tom Dwyer who had been Klimavich’s student at Worcester State University, asking if he would take on a small, non-speaking role as a producer in the pilot for his new comedy series, “Hollywoo,” the story of Tommy McCann (Dwyer), an actor who was caught in a scandal and forced to return back home to Worcester. (“Can he make it back to the top? Or will he be forever stuck in Hollywoo?”) Filmed in Worcester; that pilot is premiering at Worcester’s Mechanics

Hall on Friday, Nov. 17.

“I didn’t get any lines, but I did get my very first IMDB listing,” Klimavich joked.

In June, 2023, Klimavich and his wife, Barbara, joined other background actors from the Brookfield community as “wedding guests” in Birthrite, a film shot at Elm Hill Farm by Hollywood director Ross Partridge, and his wife, actor Jennifer Lafleur.

Finally, in July of this year, Klimavich got the call he’d been waiting for; a speaking role in Kristin Koliss’ short film, “Madigan’s Again,” which Koliss describes as “a story about compassion, connection and loving ourselves no matter what we’ve done.” In the film, Klimavich plays the featured role of “Bud,”

the amiable bartender to Koliss in the main role of “Marie.”

Much of “Madigan’s Again” was filmed at the St. Charles Hotel, in Millbury. The film is co-directed by Tom Dwyer and Koliss, who wrote the script 20 years ago when she lived in Los Angeles. Milford native, Joseph Anthony Marcello is the director of photography. All three produced the film together through their production companies—Greatest Gram Productions, LYM Productions, and Angel Entertainment.

Klimavich admits, “It felt good to step out of the background and into a speaking role again. Kristin has had a dream of making movies for over 30 years, so I feel honored to have played a small role in helping to

make that dream come true. Best of all, it’s made in Massachusetts!”

“Madigan’s Again” makes its world premiere

at The Hanover Theatre, in Worcester, on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m., followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers. General admission tickets are \$25. Contact

the Hanover Theatre box office at 877-571-7469 for more information.

Paxton Friends of COA announces trip to Merry Country Christmas at Danversport

PAXTON — What could be a happier way to usher in the 2023 Christmas Season than a day trip with friendly Paxton area seniors Wednesday, Dec. 6, to Danversport for a Merry Country Christmas luncheon and concert? The luncheon is followed by a Nashville Country band featuring music of Brenda Lee, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Carrie Underwood, Garth Brooks and countless others. Favorites like “Frosty the Snowman,” “White Christmas,” “Oh Holy Night,” plus songs of faith and family for a very complete preview of the season ahead!

The entrée choices are Stuffed Chicken Breast or Baked Scrod. Both entrees include salad, potatoes, vegetables, breads, desserts, coffee and tea.

Please mail your check in the amount of \$132 per person, made payable to Paxton Friends of COA, or simply FOCOA. Mail to Nancy Wilby, 11 Tanglewood Rd., Paxton, MA 01612 as soon as possible as the bus is filling fast. Payment is non-refundable unless ticket can be resold. Tour includes luxury Wilson Bus motor coach. If questions, please call Nancy at 508-792-4662 or via mobile phone 508.414.0261.

We leave Dec. 6 from the Paxton COA (Senior Center), 17 West St. (Route 31 South, just south of the Paxton Common traffic light), Paxton, at 9 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Just a handful of tickets remain. Get yours first!

LEGALS

**TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD
OFFICE OF THE
COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

11/16/2023
The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located with the municipality of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD and WORCESTER County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2023 as committed to the Collector of Taxes by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid and the property herein described will be taken by the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD on NOVEMBER 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for non-payment of taxes including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon unless the property shall be previously discharged.
Lisa Taylor
Collector of taxes

Property Location: 63 SUMMER STREET
Assessed Owners: BATCHELOR, PAMELA & BRANDON E.
Bill Number: 122
2023 SEWER LIEN 607.08
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 3,234.46
3,841.54

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.320 acres described as parcel 1060 0039 00630 in the office of the Assessors of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 60533 298,^ the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location:63 BATES STREET
Assessed Owners: CHAFFEE, RICHARD
Bill Number: 387
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 824.31
824.31

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.53 acres described as parcel 0310 0050 00630 in the office of the Assessors of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 63301 187,^ the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 9 OLD W. BROOKFIELD ROAD
Assessed Owners: CHAFFEE, RICAHRD
Bill Number: 388
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 824.31
824.31

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.530acres described as parcel 0310 0051 00090 in the office of the Assessors of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 63301 187,^ the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 13 OLD W. BROOKFIELD ROAD
Assessed Owners: CHAFFEE, RICHARD
Bill Number: 389
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 824.31
824.31

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.530 acres described as parcel 0310 0051 00130 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 63301 187 , WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Property Location: 15 OLD W. BROOKFIELD ROAD
Assessed Owners:

CHAFFEE, RICHARD
Bill Number: 390
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 416.83
416.83

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.610 acres described as parcel 0310 0051 00150 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 63301 187, WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 8a BRICKYARD ROAD
Assessed Owners: HAVENS & KNEELAND;
SUBSEQUENT OWNERS MCNULTY, MADISON AND DAY, ALEX J.
Bill Number: 935
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 6.37
6.37

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.150acres described as parcel 0480 0106 0008A in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 63423 384, WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 8B BRICKYARD ROAD
Assessed Owners: HAVENS & KNEELAND; SUBSEQUENT OWNERS MCNULTY, MADISON & ADAY, ALEX
Bill Number: 936
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 11.26
11.26

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 3.000 acres described as parcel 0480 0106 0008B in the office of the Assessors on the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 63423 384, in the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 92 OLD E. BROOKFIELD ROAD
Assessed Owners: HOWARD, OREN & MARION A.
Bill Number: 1010
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 799.93
799.93

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.410 acres described as parcel 0440 0008 00920 in the office of the Assessors of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 5302 76, in the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 98 OLD E. BROOKFIELD ROAD
Assessed Owners: JOHNSON, SCOTT K & CANTWELL, KIMBERLY A.
Bill Number: 1072
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 3,819.62
3,819.62

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 9.28 acres described as parcel 0440 0008 00980 in the office of the Assessors on the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 45786 272, in the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 142 SUMMER STREET
Assessed Owners: LAMBERT, JAMES P & DAPHNE;
SUBSEQUENT OWNER LAMBERT, JAMES P.
Bill Number: 1182
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 207.64
207.64

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.790 acres described as parcel 1020 0039 01420 in the office of the Assessors of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 67903 290 in the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location:25 OAKHAM ROAD
Assessed Owners: NOONAN, ELIZABETH M & JOSEPH M.
SUBSEQUENT OWNER: SCHLEGEL, WAYNE
Bill Number: 1544
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 2,980.58
2,980.58

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 16.858 acres described as parcel 0210 0083 00250 in the office of the Assessors on the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 68305 276, in the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 9 MILL STREET
Assessed Owners: NORTH BROOKFIELD RAILROAD
Bill Number: 1552
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,322.64
1,322.64

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 23.196 acres described as parcel 1070 0028 00090 in the office of the Assessors of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 971 26,^ the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 10 MILL STREET
Assessed Owners: NORTH BROOKFIELD RAILROAD
Bill Number: 1553
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 769.54
769.54

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.794 acres described as parcel 1070 0028 00100 in the office of the Assessors on the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 971 26, in the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 19 NORTH COMMON STREET
Assessed Owners:ORNE, NATHAN D
Bill Number: 1599
2023 SEWER LIEN 1,275.75
1,275.75

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.070 acres described as parcel 1040 0022 00190 in the office of the Assessors of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 50958 254, in the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 65 BELL STREET
Assessed Owners: PASIERB, PAUL J & KATHLEEN M. MURPHY
Bill Number: 1633
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 757.84
757.84

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.44 acres described as parcel 1010 0078 00650 in the office of the Assessors of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 13021 142, WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 13 OLD W. BROOKFIELD ROAD
Assessed Owners: PONTBRIAND, RYAN & FORGIT, HANNAH
Bill Number: 1706
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 691.97

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 4.610 acres described as parcel 0310 0051 00110 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 64651 314 , WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Property Location: 10 ST. CLAIR AVENUE
Assessed Owners: ROMAN, DANIEL
Bill Number: 1801
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 689.38
689.38

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.160 acres described as parcel 1040 0016 00100 in the office of the Assessors of the TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 63490 40,^ the WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 24 KING STREET
Assessed Owners: SHEA, CHRISTOPHER & AMY
Bill Number: 1892
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 338.55
338.55

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.490acres described as parcel 1110 0032 00240 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 65622 191 , WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Property Location: 17 EDNA CIRCLE
Assessed Owners: STEWART, GAIL, TRUSTEE OF ANDE REALTY TRUST
Bill Number: 1970

2023 SEWER LIEN 1,015.86
2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES 2,663.98
3,679.84

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.000 acres described as parcel 0320 0114 00170 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 48489 171 , WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS
November 16, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO23C0576CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME**

In the matter of:
Cindy Lee Przystas
A Petition to Change Name of Adult **has been filed by Cindy Lee Przystas of Brookfield MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Cynthia Lee Joubert

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/05/2023. 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.
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Stephanie Fattman,
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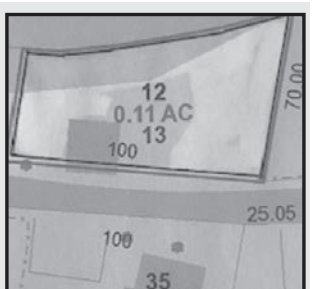


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VETERANS

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Senior Center officials thank all veterans, volunteers, local leaders, staff members, and guests for making the event a success for another year.

Among the local officials in attendance were newly elected State Senator Peter Durant, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, School Committee Chair Donna McCance, Senior Center Director Rachelle Cyr and her team, Police Chief Ken Antanavica, the Worcester County District Attorney's Office, and town committee and department leaders, among several others.

"Thank you for everything you have done for our country. That is why we are where we are today," Antanavica told veterans.

Special thanks were offered to Director Cyr and her team for their efforts in putting the event together each year.

DURANT

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Durant and Zlotnik was set against a backdrop of several contentious issues unfolding statewide, including the migrant crisis and controversial proposed gun reform legislation. Affordability in the Commonwealth was also a major point of discussion for voters heading into the election.

"In the last year, Massachusetts lost over 54,000 residents—people who decided that their best option was to leave the state for greener pastures. That equates to about 1,100 people per week," Durant told the New Leader in a statement prior to the election. "We have to make Massachusetts affordable for working families."

Durant also emphasized the need to increase the housing stock statewide to help improve affordability.

At the Nov. 7 election, residents from throughout the Route 9 corridor propelled Durant to victory with overwhelming support. Spencer voters favored Durant by a margin of 1,165-639, and in Leicester Durant carried nearly 67 percent of the votes (794-393).

Durant even turned in competitive numbers in Zlotnik's hometown of Gardner, falling only 358 votes short of the Democrat in a town that saw nearly 3,400 residents



Local veterans, officials, and residents await the National Anthem.



Veterans and local officials watch a ceremony performed by the Air Force JROTC of South High Community School in Worcester.

The program takes several months to organize

hit the polls.

Zlotnik could not be reached for comment on the election results by press time.

Looking ahead, Durant is eager to continue familiarizing himself with the towns, residents, leadership structures, and organizations within his new district.

"I look forward to getting to know all of the town leaders, school committees, and residents—and learning what their needs are," Durant said.

Prior to serving as a State Representative, Durant was a selectman in Spencer for six years. He also served on the town's Finance Committee from 1999-2006.

The Worcester and Hampshire Senate District is comprised of 22 communities, including Spencer, Leicester, Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, and West Brookfield.

It is possible that Durant could be officially seated in his new position as early as this month, depending on Senate leadership decisions and scheduling.

As for Durant's imminently vacant House seat, his successor will be determined either by a special election or the 2024 general election. The process has yet to be announced.

and always includes multiple community volunteers.

"This was a well-attended ceremony to honor the generations of those who served. It was a recognition of the sacrifices they made for our freedom," said McCance, who also serves as Vice Chair of the Council on Aging. "The veterans were so very grateful for the honor that was shown to them. Our story would be much different today if it were not for the valor of our soldiers."



Area officials thank veterans and their families.



Lieutenant Colonel Shannon McLaughlin, a State Judge Advocate with the Massachusetts National Guard, serves as guest speaker.



A special ceremony honors veterans and their families.



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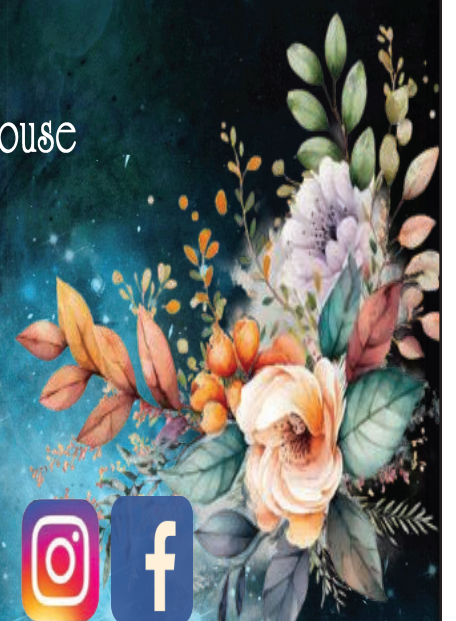
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