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## Festival season coming soon

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION — With May rapidly approaching, local residents and crafters alike are looking forward to the return of festival season.

Several fairs, festivals, and other outdoor events will take place throughout the area next month. For shoppers seeking springtime selections and Mother's Day gifts, area festivals provide the perfect venues to get great deals while supporting local.

In North Brookfield, local families and guests are invited to attend Haston Free Public Library's annual May Festival. Set for Saturday, May 4, the beloved community celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The festival will celebrate our area's wonderful agricultural, food craft, horticultural, and other enterprises," read a statement released by event organizers.

Each year, May Festival organizers provide exhibitors with spaces on the lawns of the library and the Congregational Church across North Main Street.

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

"The North Brookfield Cultural Council conducts its annual Plant Swap, and local musicians entertain visitors who stop by," read the statement released by organizers.

Vendors participate in the festival in a number of ways. These include setting up a display to promote their businesses, organizations, or services; providing informational materials for guests to pick up; offering samples and/or coupons; or giving a short talk, presentation, or demonstration.

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

The library is located at 161 North Main St.

Officials thank the Friends of the Haston Library, the Friends of the Town House, the North Brookfield Cultural Council, and the North Brookfield Fire Department for teaming up to make the event possible.

To learn more about the event and how you can get involved, check out the library's website: [www.northbrookfieldlibrary.org](http://www.northbrookfieldlibrary.org).

For additional information about the May Festival, please send an email to Dawn Sedlier at [dawnsedlier4@gmail.com](mailto:dawnsedlier4@gmail.com).

Meanwhile, West Brookfield residents and business owners are eagerly anticipating the annual Asparagus and Flower Heritage Festival. The fair will once again draw thousands of guests from throughout the region and the country.

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## DPHS community honors Distinguished Alumni



Kevin Flanders

Spencer Fire Chief Robert Parsons, right, and Connecticut Superior Court Judge Thomas O'Neill were honored as DPHS Distinguished Alumni.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — The David Prouty High School community honored a pair of accomplished graduates last week during the annual Distinguished Alumni program.

Spencer Fire Chief Robert Parsons and Connecticut Superior Court Judge Thomas O'Neill were celebrated as this year's DPHS Distinguished Alumni selections. The annual award recognizes Prouty graduates whose outstanding achievements serve as inspiration for current students.

Held on April 12, the

Distinguished Alumni program was attended by students, staff leaders, and fellow alumni members.

"Being recognized as Distinguished Alumni is a great honor—and one that I hope our current students strive to achieve one day," said DPHS Principal Nathaniel Malone.

Having graduated two years apart, Parsons and O'Neill told guests about the memories and bonds they share from their days at Prouty. Both honorees also spent their high school careers building on foundations of hard work and ded-

ication that continue to serve them well in their respective positions.

"I enjoyed my time here at Prouty. The teachers will always have a special connection to my life," said Parsons, who has led the fire depart-

ment since 2002.

A member of the DPHS Class of 1982, Parsons began his firefighting career in East Brookfield, rising through the ranks before becoming that

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## Swan Tavern Museum announces summer event lineup

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The Swan Tavern Leicester Historical Museum has announced a busy lineup of spring and summer events, including its Speaker Series schedule.

On April 21, the museum will be open for tours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Moving forward, the museum will be open on the last Sunday of each month (same time).

Currently, a museum display titled, "Manufacturing in Leicester," features artifacts from the early 1800s through the 1970s.

"Visitors always seem amazed at the influence Leicester had on the Industrial Revolution," read a statement released by museum leaders.

The manufacturing exhibit will be on display through the end of August.

Additionally, 2024 will feature several new events. A busy May starts off with a "Tea Party" on Sunday, May 5, which will tie into Mother's Day. Bring your favorite ladies for teas and pastries served in the front rooms of the venue.

A busy June slate will open with a spring auction, featuring items focused on summer months.

In celebration of Father's Day, a "Beer Tasting" program will be hosted. Beers from local breweries will be paired with different foods on the menu. All guests participating in this event must be at least 21 years of age.

For guests attending this summer's Concerts on the Common program in town, the tavern will be open every Wednesday before each concert from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

In late June, the museum will partner with the celebration honoring the 250th anniversary of the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

"For our part, there will be a reading of the 'Leicester Resolves', the earliest written response to the Intolerable Acts," read a statement released by museum leaders. "We have many more events planned and will be sharing more information as we come closer to the event dates."

Leaders are also looking forward to their lineup of speakers and presentations. On Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m., join author Andrew Noone as he discusses his book about the conviction and execution of Brookfield's Bathsbeba Spooner—the first woman to be executed in the new United States of America.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. The event is presented by the Friends of Swan Tavern.

On Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m., learn about Clara Barton and her life dedicated to helping others. From teaching children, to caring for soldiers during the Civil War, to founding the American Red Cross, her legacy of giving back to those in need continues to inspire.

To learn more about programs and activities taking place at the museum this spring and summer, check out the Facebook page run by the Friends of Swan Tavern.

## Leicester students shine at All-State Chorus Festival



Courtesy

From left: Leicester Elementary School students Tylor Moorghen, Carter Roberts, Emmaline Milgate, Rosalie Hayes, and Skylar Backstrom.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Five Leicester Elementary School students recently showcased their skills as part of the All-State Treble Chorus Festival.

Students Skylar Backstrom, Rosalie Hayes, Emmaline

Milgate, Tylor Moorghen, and Carter Roberts were recommended by their music teacher, Alyssa Hiltz, for participation in the ensemble.

The All-State Treble Chorus is an ensemble sponsored by the Massachusetts Music Educators Association.

This year's ensemble was made up of more than 150 students in grades 4-6, representing 40 schools and 24 communities from across the state.

"I am so proud of our students who attended All-State this year. It was a great way to reward our students for their

hard work and leadership in our own Leicester Elementary School Chorus, and they did a wonderful job representing the musicians from our school," Hiltz told the New Leader.

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# Nurse educators learn about hardwiring diversity, equity, & inclusion into clinical teaching

WORCESTER — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty, in photo from left, Dr. Adelina Healy, DNP, MSN, RN, Professor Barbara Martel, BSN, RN, and Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN Ed, RN and not in photo Dr. Ana Liza Olivar, EdD, MSN, RN, CRRN, all completed the MARILN (Massachusetts Rhode Island League for Nursing) Spring Conference on Friday, April 12 at the Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross, all earning five contact hours. The conference was “Hardwiring Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion into Clinical Teaching.”

The purpose of the program is to help prepare practice-ready graduates by providing a framework for their curriculum. The program offered educators an adapted model of clinical judgment with diversity, equity, and inclusion (DED) principles that can be woven into their clinical teaching. Discussed were clear principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion which are imperative to prepare a nursing workforce to care holistically for diverse populations.

The speakers were Janet Monagle PhD, RN, CNE SON Director of Quality and

Compliance at Northeastern University, Lisa Gonzales, MSN, RN, Professor of Nursing, College of Southern Maryland, and Rachael Salguero PhD, RN-BC, CNEcl Instructor, Track Coordinator of Nursing Education Department of Labor Grant, MGH Institute of Health Professions.

Conference learning objectives included the discussion of the need for modification of the clinical judgment model and the addition of diversity, equity and inclusion principles, an exploration of clinical education techniques to promote clinical judgments and keep DEI principles at the forefront, an analysis of how learning can be incorporated to enhance teaching practices, and an examination of a method to promote clinical judgment teaching by clinical faculty.

About MARILN  
The Massachusetts Rhode Island League for Nursing (MARILN) is a constituent of the National League for Nursing. MARILN aims to improve nursing at hospitals, public health, and other organized nursing services by encouraging nursing through nursing education and awarding scholarships to encourage their education.

About Bay Path  
Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy runs a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health, Board of Registration in Nursing

(www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn). The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education (www.council.org).



**ATTENTION WEST BROOKFIELD RESIDENTS**  
**Hydrant Flushing**



The West Brookfield Water Department will be flushing hydrants April 22 through May 3rd during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Flushing will cause some disturbance in the water mains. The water may appear cloudy but will eventually dissipate. Please plan water use accordingly.

## West Brookfield resident Ariana Masterjohn performs in “Rocky Horror Show” at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — West Brookfield resident Ariana Masterjohn performs in spring musical “The Rocky Horror Show” at Western New England University on April 12-14. In this 1975 cult classic that features memorable raunchy rock ballads such as “Time Wrap,” “Damn It Janet,” and “Science Fiction Double Feature,” the audience is offered a wild and electrifying journey filled with audacious plot twists and infectious energy.

“The Rocky Horror Show” story follows Brad and Janet, who get stuck with a flat tire during a stormy night, leading them to seek refuge in Dr. Frank-N-Furter’s eerie mansion. As they enter the mansion, they are met with a houseful of wild characters, including the servants Riff Raff and Magenta and the muscle-bound Rocky Horror. Throughout the night, Brad and Janet are exposed to the eccentric lifestyle of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, which challenges their perceptions of sexuality and morality. As one of the longest-running musical theater productions, “The Rocky Horror Show” continues to be celebrated for its celebration of diversity, sexual liberation, and the freedom to be oneself.

In her second production with Stageless Players, Ariana Masterjohn took on the pivotal role of House Manager. Her experience as the set coordinator for “Twelve Angry Jurors” in the fall semester highlighted her organizational skills. Her passion for theater dates back to middle school, where she contributed to various productions in roles ranging from scenic designer to ensemble performer. Ariana is pursuing a degree in Psychology.

The production, written by Richard O’Brien, is directed by Eric Boucher, choreographed by Karen Anne McMahon, and musically directed by Graham Christian. The Student Senate, the Office of Student Involvement and Connections, and the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts made the performance possible.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE’s 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

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**Friday's Child**



**Hi! My name is Dante and I love wrestling!!!!**

Dante is a sweet, affectionate young man who loves hugs. He is great at interpreting facial expressions and identifying emotions. Dante has a strong interest in wrestling and is the proud owner of several wrestling action figures that he spends a great deal of time playing with. He also loves playing video games, listening to music, and dancing. Dante enjoys playing with other children and caring for the goats and the donkey who belong to his residential care facility. He also enjoys playing on the swings and riding on scooters outdoors.

Dante is navigating the complexities of middle school with the support of an IEP. Dante has a great relationship with staff and is working on developing strong peer relationships.

Dante’s social worker is looking for a devoted family who will provide him with the love and guidance he needs. Interested families need to be firmly committed to providing appropriate ethnic and cultural role models and information with respect to his birth cultures which includes discussing racism and discrimination. Developing and fostering a relationship with his big brother and former foster family is very important, this includes calls and visits.

<https://adopt.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/7323>

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

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

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

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# Trout fishing takes center stage



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This week's first picture shows Erin Kossuth with a nice rainbow trout she caught at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club annual trout derby this past Saturday.



This week's second picture shows Rene with a nice stringer of rainbow trout he and his fishing partner Ken caught at Wallum Lake opening day last Saturday.

Trout fishing took center stage for many anglers that enjoyed catching them this past weekend. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club had a good turnout of anglers lined up around their trout pond early, waiting for the 8:00 am opening! Fishing was slow for most of the fishing derby, but many anglers managed to catch their two fish limit, prior to the 10 a.m. deadline. Erin Kossuth managed to catch her first prize winning fish early. The 19 inch rainbow trout was a fish any angler would enjoy catching. Scott Graham took second place and Corey Lepage took third.

A great breakfast was enjoyed prior to fishing by many anglers. Steve Bedard does a great job as kitchen chairman along with his committee. Thanks, guys and gals.

Wallum Lake opened this past Saturday with an extremely small turnout. The main parking lot was not full at 8 a.m. For those that did attend the opening day at Wallum, fishing was good for most, with many anglers catching their five trout limit. Law enforcement from both Mass. & Rhode Island were on hand early to check for boat registrations and fishing licenses. Safety equipment was also inspected. The weather was cooperating this year, with light winds and favorable temperatures. Unfortunately, very few youngsters were present to enjoy the day. Major rivers and streams should be stocked by now, with the swollen rivers receding from the heavy rain in the last few weeks.

Over the past few months, weather conditions have raised havoc across the country killing many residents and destroying property and wildlife. These weather conditions continue this week across the Midwest, with fires, tornados, flooding, etc.! Unfortunately, it seems as though this will be the norm for our country for years to come because we failed to heed the warnings of Scientist. Global warming?

Cod fishing in Rhode Island waters is improving when the boats can get out. Tautog fishing remains slow, but should blow wide open in a couple of weeks.

Take A Kid fishing & keep Them Rods Bending!

# Community shows support for the arts in Leicester schools



Courtesy

Leicester students showcased their hard work and creativity during the annual Evening with the Arts program.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — In a celebration of art and creativity across all grade levels, community members recently showed strong support for students at the Evening with the Arts program.

On April 10, Leicester Public Schools hosted the 26th annual Evening with the Arts event at Leicester Middle School. Each year, the program showcases artwork created by students in grades K-12.

"It's the biggest event of the year, and there are always tons of kids proud of their artwork, plus bands, choruses, and theater groups performing," said Leicester Middle School teacher Kristina Looney, who instructs band, chorus, and general music.

The program featured students' artwork across several formats, with pieces displayed in the gymnasium and cafeteria.

Additionally, student performers showcased their talents throughout the evening. Groups included the elementary school chorus; the high school chorus; the middle school concert band; the high school concert band; the Tri-M Music Honor Society; the middle school symphonic band; and the high school drama club.

"Having observed many mediums of art on display during Evening with the Arts, it is evident that we have talented teachers guiding our multi-talented students," said Leicester Middle School Principal Douglas Daponte, Jr. "It is inspiring to see works of art from our youngest to oldest students in the district. Evening with the Arts is an amazing event that draws our families together to celebrate the special people in our community."

Each year, the event is a fun way for parents, siblings, grandparents, friends, and community members to see the projects students have been working hard on throughout the year. The program also provides a great opportunity for younger students to be inspired by viewing the work of middle school and high school students, officials said.

"The live performances from our students blew me away. We have so many talented students, and this evening is an enormous hit every year," said Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian.

School officials thank all students and teachers who worked hard to prepare for the event. The program requires several months of preparations.

"Leicester art teachers Kristen Pike (K-4), Melissa Parent (5-8), and John Yarrows (9-12) have been hard at work helping students prepare their creations throughout the school year," read a statement released by school officials.

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# Officials offer earthquake safety tips

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION — After residents throughout central Massachusetts felt the effects of an earthquake centered in New Jersey this month, emergency officials have released tips for preparing your home for tremors.

On April 5, a 4.8 magnitude earthquake, centered in Lebanon, N.J., was felt as far away as New Hampshire. Residents in several Worcester County towns, despite being over 200 miles from the epicenter, reported feeling tremors from the quake.

No significant damage was reported in Massachusetts as a result

of the quake.

For emergency officials, earthquakes present several major challenges due to their unpredictable nature. Unlike thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and winter storms, which trigger advance alerts when conditions are favorable for such events, earthquakes generally strike infrequently and without warning.

“Initial mild shaking may strengthen and become extremely strong within seconds. Additional earthquakes, called aftershocks, may occur for hours, days, or even months,” read a statement released by the Massachusetts Emergency Management

Agency (MEMA).

Most aftershocks are smaller than the initial earthquake, but larger magnitude aftershocks can also occur, officials warned. Moreover, earthquakes can happen at any time of the year, and even though the northeast sees far fewer quakes than out west, it’s advisable for residents to prepare their homes, MEMA leaders said.

“Massachusetts is located in a moderate earthquake zone. Although these quakes typically cause only insignificant or mild damage, larger earthquakes are possible, and could cause serious damage to buildings and public infrastructure,”

the MEMA statement read. “Because of this, it is important to know some simple safety rules if the ground begins to shake.”

During an earthquake, drop to the ground and cover your head and neck with your arms, experts said.

“Stay away from glass, windows, doors, and items that could fall,” the MEMA statement read.

Residents are also urged to create a family emergency plan, not just for earthquakes but all weather incidents and manmade emergencies.

“Identify safe places to take cover, such as under a sturdy piece of furniture in your home, office,

or school,” the MEMA statement read. “Practice how to ‘Drop, Cover, and Hold On,’ and participate in the Great Northeast Shakeout each October (earthquake drills).”

Residents can also prepare their homes for quakes by taking the following steps: assemble an emergency kit; fasten bookcases and freestanding shelving to walls; and place large, heavy, or fragile objects on lower shelves.

Additionally, residents should know the locations of electricity, gas, and water switches and valves—and how to shut them off.

If you are outside during an earthquake, move away from build-

ings, streetlights, trees, and utility wires. If you are inside a vehicle, pull to the side of the road and stay in the vehicle until the earthquake is over. Do not stop under overpasses or power lines.

Following an earthquake, residents are encouraged to check chimneys for visual damage and have a professional inspect the chimney for internal damage before lighting a fire.

Residents are also encouraged to sign up for municipal alerts and updates from local public safety agencies.

To learn more about preparation tips, visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

## Meet the candidates Monday at East Brookfield Public Library

EAST BROOKFIELD — The East Brookfield Public Library is hosting a Meet the Candidates night in the library!

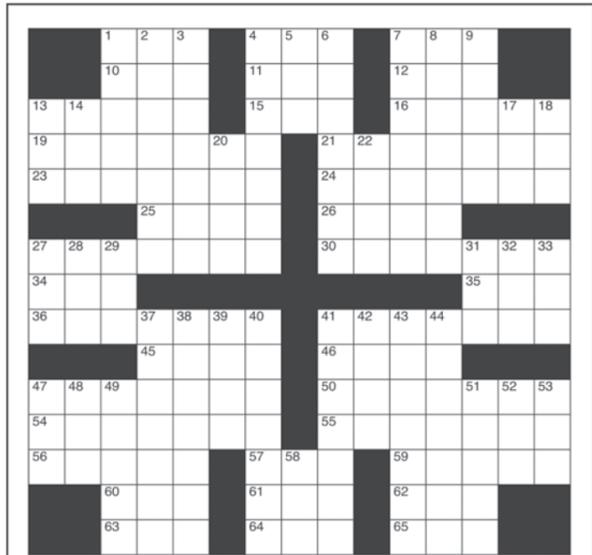
Candidates seeking election or write-in candidates seeking election for town

office on Tuesday, May 14 are welcome to attend. Each candidate will have five minutes to talk and answer questions. Please contact Library Director Carolann with any questions or for further information.

## Capital campaign to fund church heating system and steeple repairs completed

WEST BROOKFIELD — The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield (UCC) capital campaign to fund the purchase and installation of a mini-split heating system and repairs to the steeple came to a successful conclusion March 31 with total donations exceeding \$51,000. The new heating system has kept the congregation warm this winter season and the steeple on this historic building has been saved from potential collapse.

Donations for the campaign came not only from the congregation but also from many community businesses and individuals. Thanks to everyone for their support.

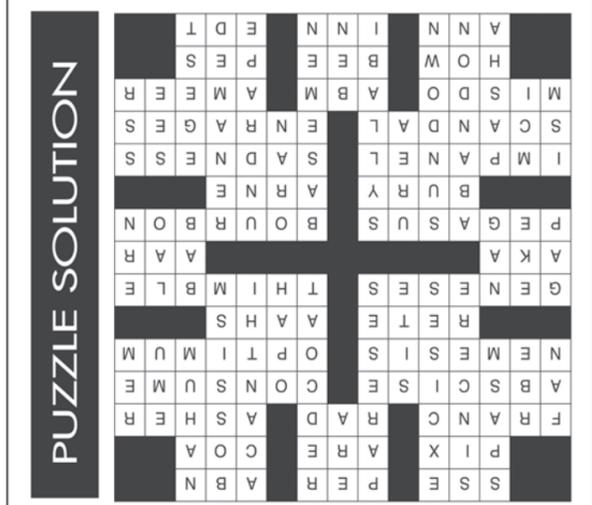


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between south and southeast
- 4. For each
- 7. Airborne (abbr.)
- 10. Photographs
- 11. They \_\_\_
- 12. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- 13. Monetary unit
- 15. Cool!
- 16. A son of Jacob
- 19. Cut off
- 21. Devour
- 23. Agent of one's downfall
- 24. Best
- 25. Network of nerves
- 26. Partner to "oohs"
- 27. Origins
- 30. Sewing utensil
- 34. Alias
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. Greek mythological figure
- 41. Type of whiskey
- 45. Lay to rest
- 46. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 47. Select jury
- 50. Feeling
- 54. Action regarded as morally wrong
- 55. Makes angry
- 56. Act incorrectly
- 57. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 59. Class of escort aircraft carrier
- 60. To what degree
- 61. Buzzing insect
- 62. The human foot
- 63. "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
- 64. A place to stay
- 65. Sun up in New York

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. An involuntary muscular contraction
- 2. Earnest
- 3. Cuts out surgically
- 4. Can't move
- 5. Baseball stat
- 6. British soldier
- 7. Traditional medicine plants
- 8. Political party controlled by managers
- 9. Hebrew prophet
- 13. Supporter
- 14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 17. Liberty Mutual mascot
- 18. Georgia rockers
- 20. A place where building is done
- 22. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 27. Clothing retailer
- 28. Supplement with difficulty
- 29. Annoy constantly
- 31. Founder of Babism
- 32. Indigenous person in parts of Asia
- 33. Sea eagle
- 37. Leave behind
- 38. Time of day
- 39. Colorless crystalline compound
- 40. They lay out course requirements
- 41. A diamond has three
- 42. Algerian coastal city
- 43. Remove cover
- 44. Rechristened
- 47. Distinctive practice
- 48. Defunct phone company
- 49. Turkish officer of high rank
- 51. Eliminate from the body
- 52. Witness
- 53. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 58. Founding Father Franklin



The public is highly encouraged to attend!

## Rochdale author to hold book signing

LEICESTER — Readers and writers are invited to attend an event led by a local author next month at Leicester Public Library.

Author Ron Martin, of Rochdale, will hold a book signing at the library on Saturday, May 11. The program will run from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Martin will discuss his book, "Apples and Oranges," with guests in attendance.

"Apples and Oranges is a story taken from the Bible and made new and alive," read a book description posted to Amazon.com. "It's a story that begins with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, Eve's encounter with the evil serpent, and the eating of the forbidden fruit that would eventually cause Adam and Eve's departure from Paradise."

Guests will have the opportunity to purchase copies of the book and get them signed by the author.

To learn more about the book and purchase a copy online, visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and search for the title and author.

The book is available in both Kindle e-book and paperback formats.

Leicester Public Library is located at 1136 Main St. To learn more about upcoming events at the library, or to sign up for a program, call 508-892-7020.

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# Leicester Summer Concert Series dedicates 34th season to George E. McKenna, Jr.

LEICESTER — George E. McKenna, passed away on Nov. 29, leaving a legacy of Community service. He served for 16 years on the School Committee, several terms as a Selectman & later volunteered for the Hillcrest Water District & the Moose Hill Water Commission. He was also a member of the Leicester Business Assoc. and the Board of Trustees of Country Bank & lifelong member of St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish. George loved to sing & had a great voice. His love of music & community translated into being an initial supporter in building the Bandstand and his continued support until retirement, of sponsoring a concert each year. That tradition of Community spirit has been carried on by Stephen Corely at the

helm of The McKenna Insurance Agency who continues to sponsor a concert each year for the people of Leicester. We are so grateful to George & now Stephen Corely at the McKenna Insurance Agency for their generosity to the people of Leicester.

Leicester's annual Concerts on the Common Series returns for the 34th year, July 3 with Dan Gabel & The Abletones, an 18 piece big band featuring vocalist Kimberly Hawkey featuring music of the 1930's and '40's. They will be presenting their "Let's Get Away From it All" — a musical trip! Also featured our VFW Flagg presentation. It will be a fantastic show. (No rain date set yet)

Eldon James and the One Eyed Cat appears

July 10, combining Roots, Rockabilly, and Twang with Classic Rock, Blues, Surf and Soul to provide a vintage-vibed mix of classic American Music — Don't miss this fun night! ( Rain date July 11th.) Sponsored by Cornerstone Bank.

July 17 brings The Smack Dabs, specializing in good-time swing & blues originally performed by legends like Tampa Red & the Harlem Hamfats. Don't miss their raucous renditions of this 1930's music. (Rain date July 18.)

Moondance, the ultimate Van Morrison tribute concert will take the stage on July 24th! An incredible tribute to the Irish legend. The show is packed with one VM classic after the next. (Rain date July 25.)

On July 31, we wel-

come Stomp 'n Holler-named "Best Country Act" by Worcester Music Awards! Foot-stomping feel-good Classic Country Rock! What a great night of fun for all. (Rain date August 1st)

On Aug. 7, Viva Las Elvis. Dan Fontaine & The Memphis Sun Marfia Band! Get your Elvis fix tonight! A great show & tribute to the King of Rock n Roll. (Rain date August 8th) sponsored by Country Bank for Savings.

On Aug. 14, Changes in Latitude — premier tribute show to "Jimmy Buffett". Come to the beach party. Get your "latitude adjusted here." Wear your Hawaiian shirt, kick off your shoes & join a conga line! (Rain date Aug. 15.) sponsored by G.E. McKenna Insurances Agency & Mapfre Insurance.

The 2024 Series will come to a close on Aug. 21 with the great band Blind Tiger Swing Posse, serving up a blend

of great jazz, blues, soul, pop, rock & swing. Dynamite band to end our 34th Summer Series. Concert times are 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The project supported, in part, by a grant from the Leicester Arts council, (a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council). The Leicester Savings Bank Fund & The Fontaine fund @Greater Worcester Community Foundation, and your donations.

## Knights of Columbus to hold family dinner

LEICESTER — The Knights of Columbus invite guests to attend a family dinner next month.

The dinner is set for May 9 at 6 p.m. Menu options include chicken parmesan, or baked fish.

The cost is \$15 per person, which includes a salad, entrée, and dessert.

The Knights of Columbus is located at 90 Manville St.

To learn more about the dinner, or to reserve your

spot, call Don at 508-615-8434. You may also send an email to ohno7g7@yahoo.com.

Please make your reservations by Friday, April 26.

## Cherry Valley Post 443, Leicester Girls Softball launch of state's first Legion fastpitch softball team

LEICESTER — Cherry Valley Post 443 American Legion Family and Leicester Girls Softball have announced the creation of the first-ever Legion Fastpitch Softball Team in Massachusetts, placing the state at the forefront of youth sports innovation. This initiative is a significant milestone in the history of Massachusetts sports, helping to lead the way into a new era of athletic excellence and community engagement.

"Being the first Legion Fastpitch Softball team in Massachusetts is a testament to our commitment to youth development and community involvement," said Sue Sears, Manager of Cherry Valley Post 443 Legion Softball Team and President of Leicester Girls Softball. "We are honored to pioneer this program alongside Leicester Girls Softball and provide young female athletes with opportunities for growth and competition. This historic partnership with Cherry Valley Post 443 demonstrates our dedication to empowering young female athletes and promoting a culture of excellence. As the pioneers of Legion Fastpitch Softball in Massachusetts, we are proud to lead by example and inspire future generations of athletes."

Legion Fastpitch Softball embodies the core values of American Legion youth programs, promoting sportsmanship, character, and community service. By fostering connections with local veterans and the community, the program offers players a platform to excel both on and off the field.

The establishment of Massachusetts' inaugural Legion Fastpitch Softball team represents a momentous milestone in the state's sports scene. Cherry Valley Post 443 and Leicester Girls Softball extend an open invitation to communities throughout Massachusetts to join them in shaping the future of youth sports and cultivating a tradition of excellence. To broaden participation statewide, Cherry Valley Post 443 and Leicester Girls Softball actively seek additional teams to join the Massachusetts American Legion Lady Fastpitch League. Interested teams are urged to reach out and become members of this historic initiative.

## Spencer Senior Center to hold open house

SPENCER — The Senior Center will host its third annual open house this month. The program is set for Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each program instructor will provide a half-hour class, and the event will also include tours of the building.

Ed the Wizard will perform some magic for guests at 11 a.m. Meanwhile, the Friends group will provide a free breakfast of pastries, as well as a free lunch (pulled pork sliders with coleslaw and hotdogs).

The Senior Center is located at 68 Maple St.

## Girl Scouts to hold plant sale

LEICESTER — Spring is here, and what better way to welcome it in than plants for your garden or home. The Central- Western Girl Scout Adult Alumnae Troop 2016 will be holding a plant sale on Saturday, April 27 at the

Leicester Senior Center at 40 Winslow Ave. from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be a variety of indoor and outdoor plants to choose from annuals and perennials.

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## EDITORIAL

# Rediscovering the lost art of manners

In an era characterized by hurried interactions and digital communication, it's not uncommon to hear lamentations about the decline of manners in modern society. Indeed, it often seems that the gracious etiquette of our ancestors has been relegated to the annals of history. Perhaps it is worth taking a moment to reflect on the timeless wisdom embodied by the manners of yesteryear.

Our ancestors lived in a world where courtesy and respect were not mere niceties, but fundamental principles that governed social interactions. Whether it was a firm handshake, a heartfelt expression of gratitude, or a genteel gesture of chivalry, manners served as the currency of civility.

One need only look to the etiquette manuals of bygone eras to gain insight into the elaborate codes of conduct that governed everyday life. From the intricacies of formal dining to the protocols of courtship, these guides offered a blueprint for navigating the complexities of social interaction with grace and poise. Moreover, they underscored the importance of empathy and consideration for others.

In contrast, the frenetic pace of modern life has often led to a blurring of boundaries and a loss of interpersonal decorum. In our quest for efficiency and convenience, we risk sacrificing the human connection that lies at the heart of meaningful communication. The rise of digital communication, while undeniably convenient, has also eroded the nuances of face-to-face interaction, leading to a decline in empathy and understanding.

Furthermore, the erosion of traditional social structures has contributed to a sense of individualism that often prioritizes self-interest over communal harmony. In an increasingly atomized society, the concept of manners can seem antiquated, relegated to the realm of quaint nostalgia rather than a relevant guiding principle for modern life.

Just as the customs of our ancestors evolved in response to the challenges of their time, so too can we adapt and redefine the concept of manners for the 21st century. Rather than lamenting the loss of a bygone era, we can draw upon its timeless principles to cultivate a culture of respect, empathy, and civility in our interactions with others.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Ethan Crumbley's parents sent to prison for involuntary manslaughter

To the Editor:

Should parents be responsible for the actions of their children? This is a question that has been frequently asked pertaining to the case of Ethan Crumbley's parents who were convicted of involuntary manslaughter and being sent to prison for the crime committed by their son. In 2021, Ethan was sentenced to life in prison for the killing of four classmates and seven other people at Michigan's Oxford High School.

This is a tough one, but this just goes to show you that when someone or a

couple has a child, they are responsible for that child until they are an adult. It's the parents' responsibility to know what is going on in their child's life, good or bad. It is their responsibility to bring the child up correctly, teaching good values, citizenship, love, care, responsibility and more. If they don't, unfortunately they must also be responsible for the consequences. I do believe this case can be made an example of to all parents and caretakers. Parents, take note and responsibility!

Sincerely,

KATHY ISRAELIAN-FLEMING  
ROCHDALE

### Kelly's comments are hearsay

To the Editor:

This is to address two letters recently published, one from Mr. Johannesen and the other from Mr. Kimball.

Mr. Johannesen's letter citing Jake Tapper's interview with former General and White House Chief of Staff Gen. Kelly amounts to nothing but hearsay.

Jake trapper, who's employed by the left leaning CNN, is a lead Journalists who is also by definition a left leaning progressive Liberal and a well-known anti-Trump.

Could you say the deck is stacked against Trump?

Hearsay is not admissible in any court, as the information (conversation in this case) cannot be adequately substantiated. So, the claim that Trump called military service members "suckers and losers" is unprovable, as it's from the mouth of one person who perhaps was adequately described by Trump as a "lowlife with a small brain and big mouth."

The fact that he was Trump's former Chief of Staff and a lifelong Republican means very little in today's Republican Party. There were many so called Republicans who worked actively along with their cohorts in the Democrat Party to take down President Trump.

Mr. Johannesen cites the heart-rending fact that Kelly's son, First Lt. Robert Kelly, was killed in service to this country in Sangin, Afghanistan. Robert Kelly is a hero; his death must have had a profound effect on his parents and loved ones.

I thank Mr. Johannesen for reminding me of this. Perhaps his death, along with thousands of others, could have been prevented with Trump's policy of ending the "never ending and useless wars" that are currently happening under Biden's administration.

I will never apologize for being a proud supporter of Donald Trump, the best President in decades. And for the record, I did not serve in the Military. However, many members of my family did and still do. Many of my friends served as well. They were never suckers and losers and I do not for one moment believe the hearsay of former Chief of Staff Kelly. Shame on him and all who perpetuate the hearsay.

Now for Mr. Kimball's letter.

Mr. Kimball was brave enough to admit that he incorrectly identified two world leaders, for which he deserves credit. However, Mr. Kimball continues to expound the same old

### Israel is promised to the Jewish people

To the Editor:

The land was promised to the Jewish people through Abraham way back many years ago in Genesis 32:28 & 15:18 and Joshua 1:4.

I, God, will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. Genesis 12: 2-3, & 7 God is very explicit; God will bless and or curse those who come against the people of Israel.

Genesis 12: 7: to your offspring's I [God] will give this land to His [God's] people and Abraham built altars symbolizing communion with God and commemorating God's promise. The land God promised was the land of Canaan along the Southeast coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

Genesis 15:18 — the covenant God made with Abraham God said to your descendants I give I give this land from the river of Egypt to the great river; the Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites.

Genesis 26: 3, 4-5 — God appears to Isaac and teaches Isaac the promises God made with Abraham informing Isaac he had to learn to live by God's promises. The important part of the covenant promises was the personal relationship Isaac and the people must have with God. God promised to

Abraham and the descendants that He {God} will be with him, Isaac, as I [God] have been with Abraham.

God used Abraham as a model of obedience that comes from faith, without faith we will receive nothing. Abraham had made a sincere effort to keep the Lords law and commands "and" because of this, God blessed Isaac and all believers must follow Abrahams faith and obedience if they, we hope to participate in God's covenant promises.

Genesis 28:13-15 — this concludes God's promises to Abraham and his followers.

God offers to Jacob the message that the blessings promised to Abraham would be carried on through him, Jacob and with this blessing comes the promise of God's presence, guidance and protection. Amen!

I am suggesting it is foolish, it is futile to make any effort to try and change God's Word, contract God made with Abraham and the descendants. You will not change God's heart and or defeat God. It is my suggestion that you accept and support God's people the people of Israel, the Jewish people. Amen!

Dwell in peace!

ROLAND BLAIS  
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## What should you know about long-term care?



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We all hope to remain healthy and independent throughout our lives – but life can be unpredictable. If you were ever to need some type of long-term care, would you be financially prepared?

Long-term care encompasses everything from the services of a home health aide to a stay in an assisted living facility to a long residence in a nursing home. You may never need any of these kinds of care, but the odds aren't necessarily in your favor: Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70 percent chance of needing some type of long-term care services and support in their remaining years, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

And all types of long-term care can involve considerable financial expense. The median annual cost for a home health aide's services is more than \$60,000 per year, and it's more than \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Furthermore, contrary to many people's expectations, Medicare usually pays very little of these costs.

Of course, some people expect their family will be able to take care of their long-term care needs. But this may not be a viable strategy. For one thing, your family members simply may not have the skills needed to give you the type of care you may require. Also, by the time you might need help, your grown children or other family members might not live in your area.

So, you may need to protect yourself and your loved ones from the potential costs of long-term care. Basically, you've got two main choices: You could self-insure, or you could transfer the risk by purchasing some type of long-term care insurance.

If you have considerable financial resources, you might find self-insuring to be attractive, rather than choosing insurance and paying policy premiums. You may wish to keep an emergency savings or investment account that's earmarked exclusively for long-term care to help avoid relying on your other retirement accounts. But self-insuring has two main drawbacks. First, because long-term care can be costly, you might need to plan for a significant amount. And second, it will be quite hard to predict exactly how much money you'll need, because so many variables are involved – your age when you start needing care, interest rates or inflation, the cost of care in your area, the type of care you'll require, the length of time you'll need care, and so on.

As an alternative to self-insuring, you could purchase long-term care insurance, which can provide benefits for home health care, adult day care and assisted living and nursing home facilities. However, you will need to consider the issues attached to long-term care insurance. For one thing, it can be expensive, though the younger you are when you buy your policy, the more affordable it may be. Also, long-term care policies typically require you to wait a certain amount of time before benefits are paid. But policies vary greatly in what they offer, so, if you are thinking of buying this insurance, you'll want to review options and compare benefits and costs.

In any case, by being aware of the potential need for long-term care, its cost, and the ways of paying for it, you'll be able to make the appropriate decisions for your financial situation, your needs and your loved ones.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Victory garden!

To the Editor:

How you grow your life and family is analogous how you grow your garden. You pick out a nice area and till the soil. You add nutrients and plant seeds that will grow and sport fruits that sustain you and your family. You put a fence around the garden to keep the pests that will eat your plants as they grow. You daily pull out the weeds that sprout. To have a successful crop you have to pull out the weeds that use the soil's nutrients but provide no fruits to your endeavors to feed and nourish your family.

Your garden is your home, family, and work. You build a home to raise your children so they can prosper and grow. That is your fruit from your garden. Your nutrients to this garden are your work. You work hard to get the necessary money to support the growth of your fruits. As parents, you pay taxes to support the police to keep pests out of your garden. Weeds are those people who want to take your hard-earned money and nutrients and grow at your expense. As a community, we need to remove these weeds from our garden as they have no value in our garden. They take and provide nothing in return. They take what you earned for your children to give to those that refuse to do the work. You pay taxes to your federal government to maintain our country's border as a fence around your garden to keep these pests out. If you have no border or fence there is no reason why pests will not take advantage of the opportunity. They see the work you have done in your area and want to do it. What you're growing is sweet and tasty. It's a lot easier to just eat what someone else has grown instead of putting it in the work to grow your own garden. They will tear down weak fences to get your fruits of labor. To protect your garden and your future, you

need to build a better fence (border wall) and eliminate the pests (deport them).

It seems that Biden and his progressive Dem handlers have sided with the pests and weeds. Biden is controlled by those who wish to destroy our communities. They see your garden and have decided the pests and weeds have a right to grow in your garden. If you try to remove them, you are a hater and must be punished. Under Biden, the weeds have overtaken your garden and are weakening your plants and fruits. Biden has taken down the fence around your garden and let the pests just walk right in. The illegal aliens are trampling into your garden and devouring the fruits of your labor. Try kicking them out and they lash out at you, with the Biden DOJ backing them up. Biden's rallies are full of chants of "Death to America" from his supporters, whereas Trump's are filled with "Make America Great Again." Which rally do you prefer?

It's time to get to vote Trump back in and grow a Victory Garden again. One that grows fruits and nourishment for the American citizen who puts in the hard work. Tell the illegals to do the work to build a garden in their own countries the same as our ancestors did with the American Revolution. To grow a garden requires hard work and defending your rights. If you want a president who will help you grow a successful garden for your family the vote Trump. If you want someone that's going to trample your garden, vote Biden. If you want your children to flourish, vote Trump. If you want the weeds to take over vote Biden. I'm voting for Trump because my garden flourished when he was President.

MARK ROBILLARD  
SPENCER

## In response to dueling letters

To the Editor:

Dueling letters – "What would you do?" & "Confusing opinion with fact" – one could benefit from some fact checking; the other only pretends to be fair.

On March 29, the New Leader published a letter titled "What would you do" by Mr. Kimball. One week later, it published a response to this letter "Kimball is confusing opinion with facts" by Mr. Belton.

The longish "What would you do" letter made many points, most of which landed on target. These include (a) a now higher stock market (b) Trump withdrawing from the Iran nuclear freeze and Paris agreements, (c) Trump threatening leaving our strongest and largest military alliance for a mistaken reason, (d) Republicans gerrymandering, purging voters, and restricting voting access, (e) Trump's lack of Christian or any other morals (e) Trump mishandling and sharing secret national security documents f) Trump accepting bail money from a very questionable loan shark, (g) Trump banned from doing business in New York, (h) Trump urging and attempting insurrection to overcome certified election results and so on.

However, speaking from experience, without a good editor mistakes can appear in print.

I noticed three errors in "What would you do."

The first concerns mixing up one corrupt authoritarian minded leader with another – Hungary's Orban and Brazil's Bolsonaro. This kind of mix up happens a lot. As examples Trump more than once mixed up two women, Nancy Pelosi and Nikki Haley and somehow, on many occasions, Biden with Obama. Biden once called the President of Egypt the President of Mexico. These kind of simple mistakes aren't unusual.

The second concerns an error of omission. Here the "What to do" indicates that the Special Counsel considered Biden mentally sharp etc. but did not indicate the Counsel also said Biden was a limited old man with a poor memory, etc. However, for one reason or another the "opinion with facts" letter omits or chooses to ignore key facts. These include first that the Council is a specialized lawyer, not a doctor of the elderly. (Being in my "upper middle age" and having used the services and a doctor for the elderly, I assure you there exists great differences between the two.) Those who specialize in the elderly indicate (a) that this lawyer would not know how to judge the mental ability of the President and (b) the time between the interviews etc., which took place a few days one after another when months need to pass, would make a sound judgement impossible even for a trained specialist.

To this I would add that, both interviews took place soon after the Hamas October massacre of innocent Israeli civilians. Meaning that President Biden might have had a mind crowded with other thoughts.

Lastly, I agree that "traitors" isn't the best word for the persons who, egged on

by Trump, violently invaded and tried to stop our Congress's approval of democratic election results. So rather, "those who violently rebell against the our Constitution" and now often "convicted criminals" for seem better words to use.

So let's add up the scorecard. "What would you do" makes a dozen or so factually accurate points, and makes that three that require improvement.

Yet "Confusing opinion with fact" focusses on the three. Why could be that be? This is like someone recommending a farmer to cut down a fruit loaded apple tree because a few apples aren't well formed. This makes sense only if you don't like apples (the accurate points) or the farmer (the writer).

Time and space permitting let's briefly examine the "opinions" and "facts" of the letter with a similar name.

To begin it discusses "Zelensky's corrupt government." First it is rather the democratically elected of Ukraine headed by a President named Zelensky. Second, more than one solid source says that the freely elected government has across the board become far less corrupt than the Russian puppet like government it replaced (who had employed the corrupt now convicted criminal Paul Manafort). On the other hand, the same solid sources indicate that in "the murder the opposition to Putin" Russia, across the board corruption gets far worse and exceeds that in Ukraine.

Then, in a moment, the letter moves onto voting rights and attempts to indicate that (MAGA) Republicans are not purging voting rights. It uses the example of taking dead people of the voting roles. Here again see the false approach of using a particular example to make a general statement.

Then note that voting fraud in the United States is very, very rare.

However there exist numerous and wide spread examples of MAGA Republicans making it more difficult to impossible for likely Democratic citizens to vote. To mention a few - reducing mail-in voting, limiting voting hours and locations, requiring official identification, denying some citizens the right to vote and creating intimidation and fear of arrest for accidentally wrongly voting.

Finally General Kelly has never denied Trump calling fallen soldiers "suckers and losers" However, time and time again -- and like more than 40 other mostly conservative senior officials - he indicates Trump unfit for the Presidency.

In an opposite way, I think the points made here indicate in "confusing opinion with fact" a desire to mislead and, even worse, divide.

An update: official data out last week indicated while the economy and employment grows, inflation continues. This means mortgage and other interest rates are unlikely to decline, at the least for the next few months.

KEVIN KANE  
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## Celebrating Chocolate!



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is found in chocolate.

\*Chocolate syrup was used for blood in the famous shower scene in Alfred Hitchcock's movie, Psycho.

\*On his fourth voyage to the New World, in 1502, Christopher Columbus was the first European to taste chocolate.

\*The average American eats about 11 pounds of chocolate a year.

\*The Midwest and the Northeast consume more candy per region than the South, Southwest, West or Mid-Atlantic states.

\*Chocolate in a blue wrapper does not sell in Shanghai or Hong Kong because the Chinese associate blue with death.

\*The best selling candy bar in the U.S. is Snickers.

\*Chocolate was once considered a temptation of the devil.

\*It takes 400 cacao beans to make one pound of chocolate.

\*The melting point of cocoa butter is just below the human body temperature (98.6 degrees), which is why chocolate literally melts in your mouth.

\*Although chocolate is not an aphrodisiac, as the ancient Aztecs believed, chocolate contains phenyl ethylamine (PEA), a natural substance that is reputed to stimulate the same reaction in the body as falling in love. Hence, heartbreak and loneliness are great excuses for chocolate overindulgence.

\*Napoleon carried chocolate with him on his military campaigns, and always ate it when he needed quick energy.

\*Great Late Chef James Beard used to toss a grating of bitter chocolate into chili to give it body and mellow the flavors.

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

Chocolate. It's the universal symbol of good taste and indulgence. A heart shaped box of hand packed chocolates shows one's affection, just as a rich chocolate dessert serves as the perfect end to a fancy meal. Good chocolate, much like fine wine, is now being chosen by vintage years, elevating the sweet, rich confection to status symbol level.

But what if the delicious sweet treat, long enjoyed by kings and royalty, had even more impressive attributes? What if the dark, creamy candy was actually good for you? While it may seem too incredible to fathom that a guilty conscience is no longer a requisite for indulging in the pleasures of chocolate, it's true! Thanks to medical studies that prove chocolate can be an aid to health, enjoying a chunk of the sweet stuff is now a shameless pleasure!

In celebration of chocolate, this week's column will promote the chocolate revolution with a roundup of fun and informative chocolate-ology!

Take Two Bon Bons and Call Me in the Morning: Hershey bars as health food? No, you're not dreaming. Read on for the fascinating facts why chocolate is touted as a valuable health booster!:

The Chocolate Factor: Chocolate lovers, rejoice - here's a great excuse to enjoy everything from a cup of cocoa to hot fudge. Research now shows hot cocoa has more disease-fighting antioxidants than tea or red wine. In fact, the heat may help propel those health boosting compounds into the bloodstream. The study, which appears in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry finds cocoa has the highest levels of antioxidants, twice as high as red wine, and nearly three times stronger than green tea: Extensive studies have shown that black tea, green tea, red wine, and cocoa are "major" sources of antioxidants called phenols and flavonoids - antioxidant chemicals found naturally in foods that can help prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease and cancer. Now you really can say "yes" to a cup of hot chocolate and dollop of hot cocoa fudge - with less guilt!

Cough Cure: If you thought nothing could be better than discovering chocolate is good for your heart -here's a new excuse to break out a bar of Hershey's Dark. A study at the National Heart and Lung Institute in London reveals dark chocolate is better than codeine for suppressing coughs! While codeine was effective at preventing coughs, theobromine, a compound in dark chocolate proved to be 33 percent more effective, preventing coughs for four hours, with no side effects! Dark chocolate can have up to 450 milligrams of theobromine, but milk chocolate has much less.

So how much choco-

late should you self-prescribe? Experts say about two ounces for an adult should tame both your cough- and your cravings!

Mood Food: The creamy, sweet taste of chocolate has long been the prescription for a bad mood - but now it seems medical experts agree chocolate really can elevate our moods! It seems the combination of fat, sugar and an endorphin releasing substance called phenylethylamine, raises both serotonin and endorphin levels in the brain. That double dose of feel good compounds banishes our bad moods.

Milk Trick: The cure for lactose intolerance could be as close as your next glass of milk - chocolate, that is. Research conducted at the University of Rhode Island suggests chocolate milk may have surprising benefits for individuals who are lactose intolerant. In a case study, those who consumed chocolate milk showed significant reductions in their symptoms.

Choco-Therapy: Your chocolate of choice's shape and filling as well as how it is wrapped and disposed of, reveals personality clues, says Psychotherapist Murray Langham, author of "Chocolate Therapy: Dare To Discover Your Inner Self." Here are some of his chocolate claims: Love milk chocolate? You, tend to be an innocent person who likes to live in the past. Prefer dark chocolate? You are likely a materialistic, problem solvers who is excited by the future. White chocolate fans have an innate sense of fairness and believe they have the power of the universe at their command. Langham also claims your choice of filling and shape can also reveal much about your nature and state of mind. He says those who favor oval shaped chocolate candies are social and sensual, while those who prefer chocolate covered coffee filling candies are open-minded, but also impatient, anxious and immature. But perhaps the most astounding claim from Dr. Langham is that a person's attitude about romance is revealed in the way he or she disposes of the chocolate wrapper: He claims a person who crinkles up a wrapper before tossing it away has so much on their mind that they can't concentrate on romance. Worse yet, those who roll the wrapper into a ball have a boring romantic life, according to the doctor.

Chocolate Fun Facts:

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town's fire chief in 1999.

Throughout his career, Parsons has also worked as a fire instructor, fire investigator, and EMT, in addition to several other roles in fire and emergency medical services.

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Set for Saturday, May 18, the festival will take place on the Town Common from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dozens of vendors, crafters, and growers from across New England will take part in the event. The festival will also include signature soups and other foods; appearances from local organizations and businesses; and special activities for families and children.

The event will take place rain or shine. After a soggy festival last year, residents are hoping for some sunshine in 2024. The event is also a major boon for local restaurants, shops, and other downtown businesses.

For a list of additional fairs and festivals near you, check out your town website and social media pages run by municipal agencies.

"I love helping people, and I love my job," added Parsons, who met his wife of 30 years, Darlene, when they were students at DPHS.

Chief Parsons currently serves as Vice Chairman of Massachusetts Fire District 7, the organization which coordinates mutual aid and training for fire and rescue services among 28 cities and towns.

During the Distinguished Alumni program, Parsons emphasized the importance of being active in the community and remaining lifelong learners.

"I believe that you should try to learn something new every day,"

said Parsons, who enjoys reading books about history, the military, and meteorology. "Always give back in honor of what you have received."

The Honorable Thomas O'Neill is celebrating the first anniversary of his appointment to the Connecticut Superior Court, where he presides in the Family Division in Bridgeport.

Prior to his appointment, O'Neill was a partner with a Connecticut-based law firm. Over his 25-year career with the firm, he represented clients in a variety of civil and commercial litigation matters.

Since 2019, O'Neill has served as the State of Connecticut

Victim Compensation Commissioner.

A 1984 DPHS graduate, O'Neill studied business and economics at Stonehill College, earning his bachelor's degree in 1988. Returning to Prouty for Distinguished Alumni Day, he imparted to students the power of hard work and determination.

"I was an average student and athlete in high school, but no matter what I did growing up, I always put the effort in," O'Neill told students. "You will never regret working hard and taking pride in what you do. It opens more doors for you and will not go unnoticed."

Even before O'Neill

stepped through Prouty's doors for the first time, he dreamed of one day becoming a judge. Forty years after graduation, he was thrilled to return home and share with students the journey of working hard to make his dream a reality. The process wasn't without many setbacks, he reminded, but with each challenge he persisted and remained steadfast.

Like Parsons, O'Neill also enjoyed a strong support system of friends and teachers at Prouty.

"I love this town and this school. I have great friends that I met here, and we made many wonderful memories," said O'Neill, who resides in Fairfield, Conn., with his

wife Suzanne.

Both Parsons and O'Neill have two children, and they were joined by family and friends at the ceremony.

The DPHS Distinguished Alumni Awards have been presented for over 25 years to more than 40 recipients. This year's honorees received citations from Senator Peter Durant and State Rep. Donald Berthiaume, both Prouty grads themselves who've gone on to inspire their community.

DPHS leaders thank Cornerstone Bank for sponsoring the alumni program.



Students from throughout the state perform.

**CHORUS**

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year that Leicester Elementary School has had students accepted to the prestigious ensemble. To prepare for their performance, students put in significant practice time outside of school. Students even stayed after school with their music teacher weekly to prepare music for rehearsal, in addition to a pair of Saturday rehearsals.

On March 23, the ensemble performed a concert for their friends and families at Worcester Technical High School under the direction of conductor Rebecca Kenneally.

"Students were able to learn so much about vocal technique and performance, which they brought back to our own Leicester Elementary Chorus. We are very proud of their accomplishment," Hiltz added.

Students were thrilled to take part in an unforgettable experience. They also enjoyed meeting other student-musicians from across the state.

"It was a great experience that got me one step closer to achieving the goal of becoming the best singer I can be," Moorghen said.

Added Milgate, "It was really fun to be able to sing with more skilled singers."

Program leaders enjoy the opportunity to unite students through their love of music each year.

"It is an opportunity like this where our students can create larger communities of music-making from across the Commonwealth—and meet other students who share similar interests," read a statement released by festival coordinator Matthew Buono.

Students had fun sharing their talents with an audience of family mem-

bers, friends, and fellow students.

felt like I accomplished something," Roberts said.

"I was proud to go and

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# OBITUARIES

## Carl H. Wilson, Sr., 77



**W E S T**  
**BROOKFIELD-** Carl H. Wilson, Sr., 77, of W.Brookfield, died very unexpectedly, Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024 en route by ambulance to Harrington Memorial Hospital after being stricken ill at home. Carl had suffered many illnesses these last few years.



He leaves his wife of 56 years, Mary S. (Los) Wilson, his daughter Michelle R. Chavez and her husband Michael of Portsmouth, N.H.,

his son, Carl H. Wilson, Jr. and his wife, Andrea of Auburn, his grandchildren; Manny Chavez, Madelyn and Abigail Wilson, Kade, Keegan and Kessa Moore and Stephen Massarone, as well as many cousins, friends, former colleagues and students.

He was born in Worcester; the son and only child of G.Harwood and Madeline A. (Desrosiers) Wilson. Growing up on a farm, he had a love of wildlife and nature. His favorite places to be, up until his passing, were with his wife, Mary at their home and on their farmland. The farm was sacred to him and gave him peace of mind. Carl loved poetry which he enjoyed sharing with his family and students whom he loved and respected. He had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. He was constantly reading and was fearful that he would die before he could read everything that he wanted to. Carl usually had a book in his hand everywhere he went.

Carl was a true educator in every way. He graduated from David Prouty High School in 1964, received his Bachelor of Arts from Assumption College in 1968 majoring in European History and Political Science, his Master of Arts in History from Assumption in 1974. Carl then attended Clark University in Worcester, MA, earning his Masters in Russian and European History in 1981, and completed Advanced Studies to earn his Ph.D., (ABD) in Russian, Chinese English and German History.

Carl was a teacher at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury for 47 years, where he also served as Academic Dean, Director of Admissions, Instructor of History, established and coordinated the first Advanced Placement Program at St. Johns, was Department Chair of History and founded the Model United Nations Program which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. He began the first Advanced Placement Program of studies at St. John's and Notre Dame Academy. He taught Advanced Placement Modern European History and Russian History. After teaching for 47 years, he retired from St. John's, but his love for teaching brought him back for another 6 years at Notre Dame Academy in Worcester where he established the first UN Program and taught History and English. He taught at Assumption College, Anna Maria College, and Clark University. Carl thoroughly enjoyed and respected each individual student for the person

that they were. He retired from all teaching at the age of 74. He continued conversations by email and in person with former students and colleagues. "Mr.Wilson", "Professor Wilson", was loved by so many, and touched the lives of 1,000's of students, making such a huge impact on their lives and was so inspirational to so many.

Carl was passionate about teaching and he shared that passion with his students. He practiced his faith through every word he spoke and actions. He was a kind, honest, unassuming man and was truly interested in others. He was a gracious, loving man, husband, father, grandfather, teacher and friend. Carl was heartbroken when he was forced to retire because of illness.

Carl met Mary, the love of his life, when they were 16 years old, attending David Prouty High School. Their 56th wedding Anniversary was going to be on April 27th, 2024. He and Mary loved their life together, and treasured every second of their lives in love together. He enjoyed just being with Mary, having quiet times alone. In total, they were together for 62 years. The other loves of his life were his children, Michelle and Carl. He was so proud of his children and then found his other loves in all of his grandchildren. He was so admired and loved by his family, his friends, students and his colleagues.

Carl was the most compassionate man who had such a positive outlook on life. Even if he was not well, he would still always say "I am doing fine". He never wanted anyone to worry about him, or inconvenience anyone in any way. He always put others first, and took care of family and friends. He would never let anything slow him down, had the biggest heart and was always helping others. A kind man, soft spoken, with the biggest heart, he had the ability to make anyone he met feel like they had already known him for a lifetime. He knew someone everywhere he would go, whether it be a former student, parent of student, friend or colleague. He had multiple generations of students and their families. His smile and his sense of humor were contagious. If you knew him, you loved him. This world will not be the same without him.

Carl belonged to myriad professional organizations. He also served as Consultant for the Advanced Placement division of the College Board; was recipient of the National Endowment For The Humanities Grant, recipient of 3 year summer grant at Harvard University; Member of the Pushkin Sister City Project; Executive Committee; Instructor of Advanced Placement Workshops in AP Modern European History 1993-94

The family will have a private service to honor Carl at a date yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Carl H. Wilson, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Saint John's High School, 378 Main St. in Shrewsbury, Ma.01545 and The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, 72 River Park St Suite 202 Needham Heights, Ma 02494

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## Paige E. Smith, 60



North Brookfield – It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our daughter, sister and friend, Paige Elizabeth Smith, on November 24, 2023. She leaves behind her loving family, her mother Rita Auchy of Agawam, her brother Brian and wife Jaime of West Springfield, her sister Ericka and husband Neil of Worcester, England and her sister-in-law Tracy and husband Paul of West Springfield. She leaves her much loved nieces and nephews Trent and Leannah of Worcester, England and Payton, Amelia, Ian and Hailey of West Springfield, a step-brother Matt and wife Lisa and their children of Suffield, CT, her step-sister Lisa and husband Frank and their children of Sudbury. She also leaves a close extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins in Ohio, New York, and Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her loving father, the late Harvey H. Smith. Throughout her lifetime, Paige was pas-

sionate about nature and all creatures great and small, from the Maine moose, to the eagerly awaited hummingbirds on the front porch of her log cabin. Paige moved to her log cabin in North Brookfield, to create from scratch and to nurture her flourishing dog training and kennel business, Paige's Basic Obedience Training. For 20 years she supported and developed close relationships with her clients, both human and canine. She held all of them close to her heart, especially the four-legged ones, and they held her heartfelt support and advice close to them.

Paige had a great sense of adventure and fun. She loved traveling and camping, especially time spent at Birch Island. Paige was dedicated to the Big Brother Big Sister Program and her Little Sister, Adamaris, has remained an important part of Paige's life. Paige had close friends who were like family who loved her dearly. We will all miss her sense of humor and infectious laugh. She is crossing Rainbow Bridge to be with our dad and join every dog, pet, family and friend, all whom she loved. Paige will be deeply missed and is forever in our hearts.

In memory of Paige, you are welcome to donate to Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue

110 Chapin Rd., Hudson, MA 01749 which was a rescue she was especially close to, or you can donate to any animal shelter or rescue close to your own heart.

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Have fun and enjoy picking fresh fruit right outside your door thanks to compact varieties you can grow in containers. Just clear some space on your patio, deck, balcony, or front steps that receives at least six hours of sunlight and get busy planting.

Consider starting with strawberries. They provide seasonal interest with their white flowers, red berries, and brilliant fall color. Day-neutral and everbearing strawberries produce fruit throughout the summer and grow well in strawberry pots, containers, and hanging baskets. Place the containers where you can enjoy their beauty and easily harvest and enjoy a few berries on your cereal, as an afternoon snack, or atop your favorite dessert.

Include a few of the relatively new compact berry bushes suited to containers and small spaces. Raspberry Shortcake grows two to three feet tall and wide and is thornless which makes harvesting a breeze. They produce a bumper crop on new plant growth each season.

Baby Cakes blackberry is another thornless space-saving berry plant. Like Raspberry Shortcake it grows two to three feet tall and wide and is thornless. The white flowers and tasty fruit that form on old growth make Baby Cakes a nice addition to any outdoor space.

Grow compact blueberries in pots adding pretty flowers, edible fruit, and great fall color to your patio, deck, or balcony. Blueberries prefer moist, well-drained acidic soil that many of us do not have in our gardens but can provide these ideal conditions when growing



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in containers. You only need one plant to have fruit but growing two will more than double the harvest.

Use narrow and columnar dwarf apples as a living screen or vertical accent. The Urban Apple series, Spirea apples, North Pole, and Sentinel varieties are all suited to growing in containers and small spaces. The trees grow about eight to ten feet tall and only several feet wide. The trunk is loaded with short branches and lots of fruiting spurs for easy harvesting. You will need two different varieties of most apples, including these, for cross-pollination to occur and fruit to develop.

Grow your compact berry bushes in pots 12 to 16 inches in diameter and at least ten inches deep. As the plants grow and mature, move them into larger, 20 to 24 inch containers. Your columnar apples will appreciate a bigger container that is 20 inches wide and deep.

Use pots with drainage holes and fill them with a quality potting mix. Check soil moisture daily and water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are starting to dry. Reduce ongoing maintenance by incorporating an organic moisture-retaining product like Wild Valley Farms wool pellets ([wildvalleyfarms.com](http://wildvalleyfarms.com)) into the potting mix. This sustainable product reduces watering by up to 25 percent and increases air space for healthier growth.



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Compact varieties of raspberries and other fruit are well suited to being grown in containers and small spaces.

Supplement the nutrients in Wild Valley Farms wool pellets as needed with a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer and eliminate weekly fertilization. Add the slow-release fertilizer soon after planting and again mid-season if needed. Do not fertilize in late summer as that can stimulate late-season growth that can be damaged in winter.

Those gardening in cold climates will need to provide extra winter protection. Insulate the roots by grouping plants together and surrounding them with bales of straw, bags of potting mix, or similar materials. Or move plants to an unheated garage for winter and water whenever the soil is thawed and dry.

Another option is to grow these plants in nursery pots and set them in decorative containers for summer. When winter arrives, move the potted plants out of the decorative containers and sink the nursery pots in a vacant part of the garden. Lift the plants out of the ground in spring and set them back in their decorative containers for the growing season.

As you master these fruit plants, and if space allows, expand your small-scale orchard to include citrus, figs, dwarf cherries, plums, and peaches. You'll enjoy the flowers, shade and of course the tasty fruit.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



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**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**  
 12:28 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:04 a.m.: disabled mv (Rawson Street), assisted; 7:03 a.m.: wires down (Parker Street), resolved; 7:04 a.m.: wires down (Lake Drive), resolved; 7:13 a.m.: debris in road (Winslow Avenue), resolved; 7:19 a.m.: wires down (Burncoat Lane), resolved; 7:45 a.m.: wires down (Whittemore Street), resolved; 8:01 a.m.: wires down (Henshaw Street), resolved; 9:44 a.m.: mv off road (Paxton Street), assisted; 10:25 a.m.: accident (Henshaw Street), report taken; 11:26 a.m.: assist citizen (Hyland Avenue); 12:28 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:49 p.m.: larceny (Pitcairne Avenue), report taken; 1:35 p.m.: welfare check (Flint Way), transported; 4:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Maighan's Way), referred; 7:15 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 7:30 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 7:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:04 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, lights violation, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 8:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:50 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), written warning; 9:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:39 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**  
 12:20 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:01 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:45 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 8:55

a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:03 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Riley Thomas Hartnagel, 28, 88 Pine Street, #2, Southbridge, operating mv w/license revoked as habitual traffic offender, improper op of mv, arrest; 9:40 a.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 11:38 a.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 1:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:53 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Jesue R. Reyes-Ayende, 35, 75 West Street, #3, Southbridge, unlicensed operation, noncompliant aftermarket lighting, criminal application issued; 3:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:18 p.m.: disabled mv (Mulberry Street), resolved; 3:23 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 3:27 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 3:35 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), verbal warning; 3:40 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 3:50 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 4:02 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 4:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:30 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:08 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 8:52 p.m.: disturbance (Collier Avenue), transported to hospital.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**  
 1:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:05 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 8:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:42 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 11:04 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:30 p.m.: fraud (Town

Beach Road), report taken; 1:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 1:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 2:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 2:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, number plate violation to conceal ID, unregistered mv, uninsured mv, criminal application issued; 2:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 2:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:09 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 3:44 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), area search negative; 3:54 p.m.: unknown alarm (Marshall Street), no action required; 4:22 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Crestwood Road), peace restored; 4:59 p.m.: trespassing (Craig Street), spoken to; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 7:18 p.m.: summons service (Tobin Road), unable to serve; 7:25 p.m.: summons service (Redfield Road), unable to serve; 7:35 p.m.: summons service (Harding Street), served; 7:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, mv lights violation, criminal application issued; 8:15 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), peace restored; 8:48 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), resolved.

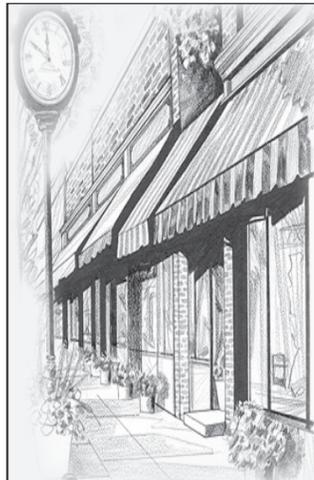
**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**  
 12:37 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), resolved; 12:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:17 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 2:20 a.m.: disturbance (Brickyard Road), services rendered; 3:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:31 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 9:35 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), writ-

ten warning; 12:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, use of electronic device while operating mv/1st offense, criminal application issued; 1:26 p.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street); 1:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:51 p.m.: accident (Rawson Street), report taken; 2:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 2:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:14 p.m.: assist citizen (Crestwood Road); 4:54 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:00 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 9:16 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:20 p.m.: ambulance (King Street), transported.

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**  
 1:13 a.m.: mv stop (Town Beach Road), verbal warning; 5:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:10 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:16 a.m.: suspicious person (Locust Street), gone on arrival; 10:38 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:41 a.m.: ambulance (Foster Court), transported; 11:49 a.m.: fraud (Lake Avenue), report taken; 1:06 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 2:01 p.m.: welfare check (Bunker Hill Road), assisted; 3:49 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:52 p.m.: ambulance (Marble Street, Worcester), transported; 5:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:05 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, criminal application issued; 6:36 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 8:20 p.m.: mv stop (Collier Avenue), verbal warning; 8:24 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), transported to hospital; 9:08 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), peace restored; 9:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**  
 5:30 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon

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Memorial Highway), transported; 5:51 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), gone on arrival; 6:25 a.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 8:37 a.m.: investigation (out of town, Spencer), report taken; 9:50 a.m.: suspicious mv (Reservoir Street), resolved; 9:57 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 10:10 a.m.: drug violation (Main Street), report taken; 10:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:19 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), report taken; 10:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:25 a.m.: investigation (out of town, Spencer), report taken; 11:38 a.m.: mv stop (South Main

Street), written warning; 11:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:07 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 12:20 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 12:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:02 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 1:12 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), Nicholas A. Trotta, 55, 77 Seymour Street, Worcester, failure to appear upon recognition, arrest; 1:24 p.m.: assist other agency (Sargent Street), services rendered; 1:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:20 p.m.: malicious mischief (Crestwood Road), assisted; 3:32 p.m.: welfare check (Virginia Drive), resolved; 3:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:08 p.m.: mv

stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:59 p.m.: investigation (Hemlock Street), report taken; 5:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 6:07 p.m.: ambulance (Winslow Street, Worcester), transported; 6:33 p.m.: accident (Waite Street), unfounded; 9:29 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unfounded; 10:37 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:46 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), assisted.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

12:11 a.m.: erratic operator (Woodland Drive), spoken to; 2:53 a.m.: mv stop

(Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, criminal application issued; 8:05 a.m.: assist other agency (West Main Street, Spencer), no action required; 8:42 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:23 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), report taken; 12:08 p.m.: malicious mischief (Towtaid Street), report taken; 12:51 p.m.: ambulance (Mount Pleasant Street, Worcester), transported; 2:12 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Flint Way), unable to serve; 2:33 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), resolved; 2:52 p.m.: ambulance (Marble Street, Worcester), transported; 3:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:41 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), written warning; 3:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:01 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), assisted; 4:10 p.m.: mv stop

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# LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate  
and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. WO24P1187EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
Michele A. Potter  
Date of Death: 10/07/2023**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Paul Steiger of Charlton MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

**Paul Steiger of Charlton MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/14/2024.**

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

### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 10, 2024  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
April 19, 2024

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Andrzej Conner to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, dated May 7, 2012 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48935, Page 367, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated September 1, 2017, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57718, Page 180, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded on December 8, 2014, in Book No. 53122, at Page 238

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, recorded on January 16, 2020, in Book No. 61752, at Page 66

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on May 6, 2024,

on the mortgaged premises located at 5 Treadwell Terrace, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,  
TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the easterly side of a proposed road n/k/a Treadwell Terrace, in Spencer, Massachusetts, being Lot #18 on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots 13 thru 23 drawn by Berry Engineering, Petersham," recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 383, Plan 72, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northwesterly corner of the within described premises said point also being the southwesterly corner of Lot #17 as shown on said plan;

Thence S. 60° 02' 06" E. 232.20 feet along the southerly line of lots #13 and 17 to a point at land now or formerly of Ryan;

Thence S. 21° 50' 12" W. 100.30 feet on said land now or formerly of Ryan to Lot #19;

Thence N. 71° 39' 55" W. 251.55 feet along Lot #19 on said plan to a point at said proposed road;

Thence N. 29° 57' 54" E. 150.00 feet along said road to the point of beginning.

Containing 30,007 square feet of land, more or less.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48935, Page 365.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
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25168  
April 5, 2024  
April 12, 2024  
April 19, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Docket No. WO14P2830EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF  
SUCCESSOR PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Estate of:

Myland F McRevey  
Date of Death: 07/21/2014

To all interested persons:

A Petition for has been filed by

**Matthew McRevey of Mill Valley CA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that:

**Matthew McRevey of Mill Valley CA** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

**10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/07/2023.**

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

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 02, 2024  
Stephanie Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
April 19, 2024

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

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

To wit:

Property Address: **505 Main Street, Spencer, Massachusetts 01562**

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

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

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

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Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Three Trust  
u/d/t dated May 2, 2022  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By his Attorneys,  
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1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610  
Quincy, MA 02169  
April 12, 2024  
April 19, 2024  
April 26, 2024

### Notice of Public Hearing

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 6:05 pm on Wednesday 1 May 2024 at the Brookfield Police Station conference room at 7 Prouty Street. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application from Charles Wilson requesting a Special Permit for a sign advertising his business at 25 Fiskdale Road in Brookfield according to Brookfield Zoning By-Law Section 10, B-3. Applications can be reviewed at the Town Hall located at 6 Central Street, Brookfield MA 01506.

Tim Simon- ZBA Chairman  
April 12, 2024  
April 19, 2024

### Notice of a Public Hearing

Removal of Public Shade Trees  
May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm  
Brookfield Town Hall

6 Central Street Brookfield, MA 01506  
Denis Tucker  
denistucker@yahoo.com

Tree Warden  
(508) 736-7425

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the banquet hall of Brookfield Town Hall, to consider the removal of the public tree located in front of Brookfield Town Hall: **Species Diameter (DBH)**  
Crabapple (*Malus spp.*)  
14"

The tree identified above has been posted for public inspection. This tree is being considered for removal to accommodate a new landscape design. Objections to the removal of this tree must be received in writing by the Tree Warden, at the above listed e-mail address prior to / or in person at the hearing.  
April 19, 2024s

# POLICE REPORTS

## LOGS

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Street), citation issued; 4:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 6:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 6:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:47 p.m.: larceny (Dale Court), report taken; 8:00 p.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), assisted; 8:55 p.m.: investigation (Dale Court), report taken; 9:21 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 9:51 p.m.: assist citizen (Sojians Drive); 10:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), spoken to.

## Spencer Police Log

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

12:14-1:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:06 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 2:39 a.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info rec'd; 7:44 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), re: earlier dog complaint; 10:30 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 11:01 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:14 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:02 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 12:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Jolicoeur Avenue), req. welfare check; 2:13 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:35 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 4:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), ex violating no contact order; 4:37 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:41 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 5:31 p.m.: DPW call (Howe Road), tree blocking road; 7:55 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:58 p.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), wire down in road; 8:25 p.m.: accident (Browning Pond Circle), report taken; 9:55 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 10:20 p.m.: accident (Paxton Road), mv vs deer; 11:51 p.m.: officer wanted (School Street), sister not see for a day; (total daily mv stops - 0).

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

12:44 a.m.: DPW call (Ledge Avenue), tree/wires down; 1:34 a.m.: medical/general (Richland Avenue); 1:59 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), c/o sleet building up; 4:23 a.m.: DPW call (Ash Stret), tree blocking road; 5:08 a.m.: 911 call (Lloyd Dyer Drive), rep. power outage; 5:09 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), burglar alarm; 5:12 a.m.: DPW call (Meadow Road), tree blocking road; 5:14 a.m.: DPW call (Howe Village), power out; 5:26 a.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), no action required; 5:27 a.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), tree/wires down; 5:34 a.m.: DPW call (Grove Street), tree/wires down; 5:40 a.m.: DPW call (Oakland Drive), tree/wires down; 5:48 a.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), schools rep.

no power; 5:58 a.m.: DPW call (Paxton Street), tree/wires down; 6:02 a.m.: DPW call (Brooks Pond Road), tree/wires down; 6:07 a.m.: DPW (Thompson Pond Road), tree/wires down; 6:20 a.m.: DPW call (Gauthier Road), trees/wires down; 6:30 a.m.: TT accident/jackknife (North Spenser Road), report taken; 6:34 a.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), tree across road; 6:41 a.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), tree in road; 6:49 a.m.: fire/woods/grass/other (Paston Road), tree fell on house; 6:49 a.m.: DPW call (Old East Charlton Road), tree/wires down; 6:58 a.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), tree/wires down; 7:03 a.m.: DPW call (Gold Nugget Road), trees leaning on wires; 7:30 a.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), services rendered; 7:36 a.m.: DPW road (Bixby Road), trees/wires down; 7:37 a.m.: DPW call (Cooney Road), tree in road; 7:44 a.m.: DPW call (Martin Road), tree across road; 7:45 a.m.: DPW call (Highland Street), tree on wires; 7:54 a.m.: citizen complaint (Charron Street), c/o how road is plowed; 8:02 a.m.: DPW call (Lambs Grove), trees down; 8:03 a.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), tree across road/driveway; 8:08 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), State Police bolo; 8:16 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:18 a.m.: DPW call (Thompson Pond Road), PD rep. primary line down; 8:30 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 9:04 a.m.: DPW call (Gale Drive), lg. branch down; 9:21 a.m.: DPW call (Clark Road), tree down/low-hanging wires; 9:38 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), missing dog/Leicester; 9:39 a.m.: parking complaint (Municipal Drive), DPW needs mv moved; 9:40 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:46 a.m.: chemical/fuel spill (Mechanic Street), rep. diesel spill; 9:57 a.m.: DPW call (Vine Street), tree down; 10:04 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street), 10:09 a.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), re: mv parked roadside; 10:14 a.m.: suspicious persons (Route 49), investigated; 10:43 a.m.: DPW call (High Street), del. truck struck/req. assistance; 10:56 a.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Street), violations reported; 11:07 a.m.: restraining order service (Elm Street); 11:08 a.m.: fire/woods/grass/other (Parent Street), referred; 11:13 a.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 11:37 a.m.: medical/general (Richland Avenue); 12:38 p.m.: fraud (Charlton Road), report taken; 12:43 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), change info; 2:05 p.m.: parking complaint (North Spencer Road), rep. abandoned mv; 2:08 p.m.: 911 call (G.H. Wilson Road), accidental; 2:58 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 3:15 p.m.: medical/general (Adams Street); 4:46 p.m.: DPW call (Clark Road), N-Grid blocking lane; 5:35 p.m.: accident (Church Street), report taken; 6:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Rene Drive), loose dog; 6:13 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:57 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 7:35 p.m.: fire/woods/grass/other (Donnelly Road), wires on fire/sparking; 8:45 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Road), assisted; (total daily mv stops - 0).

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

12:06-12:36 a.m.: intelligence/parole/3

(West Main Street), info rec'd; 12:10 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 12:52 a.m.: fire alarm (Sherry Lane), referred; 1:07-2:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:10 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 5:32 a.m.: DPW call (Lakeshore Drive), road not plowed; 8:06 a.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), unauthorized use of mv; 9:27 a.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), spoken to re: text rec'd; 9:30 a.m.: DPW call (Taylor Drive), still w/out power; 10:46 a.m.: disabled mv (Maple Street), assisted; 11:46 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:20 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 2:54 p.m.: restraining order service (Sullivan Street); 3:40 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), re: previous incident; 4:18 p.m.: larceny (North Spencer Road), dine & dash/report taken; 4:59 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:48 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 9:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), rep. violation/license restrictions; 11:44/11:57 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 11:59 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; (total daily mv stops - 0).

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

2:19-2:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:52 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:43 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 9:15 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 10:15 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Street); 11:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), inquiry re: options for the homeless; 2:37 p.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), misdial; 2:59 p.m.: medical/general (Ashview Drive); 3:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Street), req. welfare check; 3:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Woodside Road), req. welfare check; 4:28 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 7:02 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info rec'd; 7:51 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Nottingham Circle), family dispute; 8:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:31 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 8:31 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:53-8:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:16 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), hang-up; 10:26 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; (total daily mv stops - 0).

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

12:56 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 1:01 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), req. welfare check; 1:41-2:47 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:26 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 7:27 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 8:19 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:55 p.m.: residential alarm (Hastings Road), services rendered; 2:32 p.m.: illegal dumping (West Main Street), pallet/fencing in w/bound lane; 3:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), req. welfare check; 6:57 p.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road) rep. dog bite; 7:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), re: pvt. parking issue; 7:06 p.m.: 911 call (Lyford Road), hang-up; 7:25 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 7:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Water Street), poss. alarm activation; 8:01 p.m.: fire alarm

(Howe Village), referred; 8:12 p.m.: officer waned (Ash Street), rep. fire alarm at school; 8:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), req. welfare check; 8:46 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:56 p.m.: 911 call (East Charlton Road), accidental; 10:00 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: triple shooting/Worcester; (total daily mv stops - 3).

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

2:21-3:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:38 a.m.: mutual aid (Wire Village Road), assist Orange PD/verify items; 9:25 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:25 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. sale/multiple firearms; 9:55 a.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 11:11 a.m.: citizen complaint (Chestnut Street), re: tents along rail trail; 11:22 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), rep. dog bite; 11:43 a.m.: mv repossessed (Elm Street), info rec'd; 12:58 p.m.: medical/general (Wilson Avenue), lift assist; 1:08 p.m.: fraud (G.H. Wilson Road), report taken; 3:32 p.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 4:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 4:22 p.m.: animal complaint (High Street), injured cat; 4:25 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), report taken; 4:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), bricks falling from bldg.; 5:10 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo; 6:05 p.m.: medical/general (Wilson Avenue), lift assist; 6:36 p.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), utility pole leaning; 7:37 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), o/sized load damaged street light; 7:50 p.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 10:41 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; (total daily mv stops - 1).

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

12:22 a.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), accidental; 12:22-2:05 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:11 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:26 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street), lift assist; 9:02 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 9:17 a.m.: juvenile matter (Northwest Road), re: bullying; 9:28 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 10:13 a.m.: disturbance (Wall Street), verbal dispute; 10:21 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Pearl Street), Joyce I. Pinard, 69, 9 Pearl Street, Spencer; warrant, arrest; 11:55 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 12:42 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:11 p.m.: fire/woods/grass/other (South Spencer Road), referred/brush fire; 3:42 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:46 p.m.: DPW call (Highland Street), cover to manhole moved; 3:51 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 4:52 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. Chime Bank card fraud; 5:41 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), can't contact sister; 4:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), trees down/skate park; 5:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Grant Street), rep. dog bite; 6:01 p.m.: officer waned (McDonald Street), closing road; 6:11 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 9:24 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 10:20 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), DA referral; 11:53 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; (total daily mv stop - 0).

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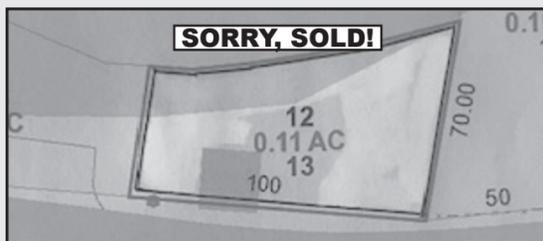
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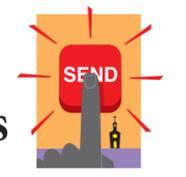
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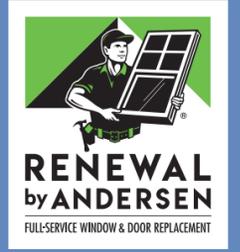
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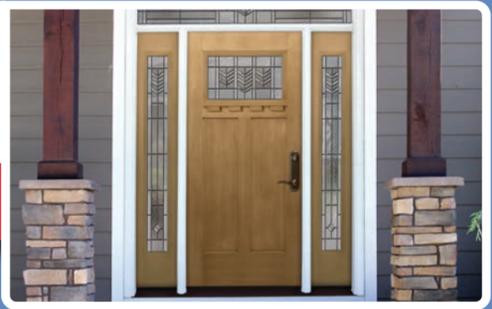
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