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NFL standout returns home for fundraising breakfast

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – From his earliest days on the David Prouty High School football team all the way to M&T Bank Stadium as a member of the Baltimore Ravens, Patrick Ricard has always received strong support from his community. Next month, he looks forward to giving back with a special fundraising event.

On Saturday, July 16, Pancakes with Pat Ricard will take place from 8-11 a.m. at the Spencer Fire Station. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child.

Proceeds will support the DPHS Booster Club and the Spencer Fire Association.

For Ricard, who graduated from Prouty in 2012, it's a thrill to give back to the community. Entering his sixth season as fullback for the Ravens, the three-time Pro Bowler always enjoys coming home to be with family and friends.

"Since I have had my career with the Ravens since 2017, the outpouring of support from my hometown and the surrounding areas has been greatly felt," said Ricard, who recently bought a home in the area. "I am grateful to be in the position that I am in and living out my dream. I want to be able to give back to the community who has given me everything growing up

and has shown me nothing but constant unwavering love."

Born in Spencer, Ricard received his only Division 1 football offer from the University of Maine after graduating from Prouty. At Maine, he started at defensive tackle/end, helping the team to a standout 2013 season in which it won the Colonial Athletic Association. Academically, he graduated with a degree in Economics and a minor in Business Administration.

During his final playing season at Maine, Ricard connected with recently retired NFL player Mike DeVito, who'd just moved back to Maine to broadcast

college games after enjoying nine NFL seasons.

"Mike took me out to breakfast one morning and gave me a ton of guidance about how he made it in the NFL as an undrafted defensive lineman," Ricard told the New Leader. "He was able to connect me with his agents from Exclusive Sports Group based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Once my last season ended, I signed with Buddy Baker at ESG. I then started my pre-draft process by training at Saint Vincent Sports Performance in Indy that my agent sent me to for two months."

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LUCKY DAY



Raffle basket winners Theresa Londergan and Lillian Ricard from Spencer are pictured with Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis were among the attendees at the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic held recently on June 4 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.

School Committee candidates make their case in Leicester

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – In their final appeal to voters before the election, four School Committee candidates took part in a community forum last week.

Held at Leicester High School, the June 7 Candidates Night program was hosted by members of the school's AP U.S. History class. The candidates answered questions on four main topics: the school department's plan to transition students to the former Becker College campus; the relationships among town boards; overall student performance following the COVID-19 shutdowns; and equity, inclusion, and diversity within the

schools.

Candidates include incumbent School Committee members Tom Lauder and Stella Richard, as well as challengers Dylan Lambert and Scott Weikel.

All four candidates spent a considerable amount of time discussing the proposal to move students in grades 9-12 to the former Becker College campus in the fall. This would allow the school department to move students out of the aging middle school, which several officials have said is unsafe and should be condemned.

"We need to get into Becker – that has to get done," Lambert said. "The middle school is not in good shape, and frankly, it scares a lot

of people. I went through that same building 15 years ago [as a student], and some of the problems we're seeing with the mold now were there back then."

Regarding the transition to Becker, Lambert said it's important to clearly define building maintenance and usage expectations as part of the agreement with the Select Board.

"We have to make sure everyone is on the same page so that we can get the work done," Lambert said.

Lauder focused heavily on student safety during his response to the Becker question:

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Duff named interim Quaboag superintendent

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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WARREN – The Quaboag Regional School Committee has chosen high school Principal Steve Duff to serve as Interim Superintendent of Schools.

During the May 23 School Committee meeting, members unanimously appointed Duff as Interim Superintendent. He will begin serving in this role on July 1.

Duff takes over for Brett Kustigian, who was selected by a 4-1 vote as Leicester's next superintendent.

"Mr. Duff has been an outstanding principal at QRMHS, and his promotion leaves big shoes to fill," Kustigian wrote in a letter to the school community, which includes students from Warren and West Brookfield. "The search for a new interim principal will begin immediately."

A resident of Warren, Duff brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new role, school officials said.

"Mr. Duff is an outstanding educator, and I have no doubt that he will be successful in his new role. I will continue to work with him through the transition and over the next year," Kustigian added. "Quaboag is fortunate to have a capable and competent leader ready for the next challenge. As I move forward in my professional career, it is comforting to know that the QRSD is in great hands."

Earlier this spring, Kustigian was chosen by Leicester officials to lead their district after a competitive interview process that included multiple local superintendents as candidates. After the decision was made, Kustigian informed the QRSD community that he would resign from his role as superintendent of the district.

"While I am excited about this new challenge, I will miss the Quaboag School community," Kustigian wrote. "Please know I am determined to support Quaboag through this time of transition."

Looking back on his time at the helm of the QRSD, Kustigian has several fond memories. He enjoyed working with staff members, students, and families to continue advancing the district.

"The average tenure for superintendents in Massachusetts is about five years. With your support, we have more than doubled the average and accomplished so much," added Kustigian, who led the district for more than 13 years. "We built an outstanding school system, and I will be forever grateful to the communities of Warren and West

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Volunteers work to raise awareness of Red Cross programs

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Even though residents often think exclusively of blood drives when asked about American Red Cross community efforts, volunteers are raising awareness of several additional missions led by the organization.

The American Red Cross Massachusetts Region serves all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. From emergency preparedness initiatives to disaster relief efforts, volunteers are always ready to step up and help. One of the most common daily responses for Red Cross volunteers is fire calls when residents have been displaced.

"We have volunteers who respond to home fires every day across the state," said Jeff Hall, a spokesperson for the Red Cross's Massachusetts Region. "We try to take care of folks the best we can when they lose everything."

As part of each fire response, Red Cross volunteers help victims secure clothes and supplies, temporary housing, mental health counseling, and an array of other resources.

Volunteers also help residents who have been forced from their homes by weather events and other disasters. Whether it's a fire, an ice storm,

a hurricane, or a tornado, New England residents have to be ready for anything. Even seemingly innocuous thunderstorms can cause wind and flooding damage that makes homes temporarily uninhabitable.

"It's important to get people to think about how to prepare for disasters. Education is a huge component," Hall added.

As part of the organization's preventative efforts, volunteers travel to locations across the state to lead educational programs and install smoke alarms.

"The Red Cross would not operate without volunteers. People are always willing to give their time," Hall said.

The Massachusetts Region of the Red Cross is 95-percent volunteer-led. Specifically, Worcester County towns are covered by volunteer members of the Disaster Action Team (DAT) with the central chapter of the Massachusetts Red Cross.

"As a longtime volunteer with the American Red Cross, I have had the honor to interact with, work with, and learn from many others in the Red Cross and in our communities, who share a commitment to help our neighbors during and after disasters," said Ralph Swick, the

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES KICKS OFF JUNE 26



The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission's 2022 Summer Concert Series kicks off from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 26 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer, with the Deloreans. The Deloreans is a seven-piece horn band that performs mostly pop, rock and soul hits of the 70s and 80s. The instrumentation is guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, sax, trumpet and trombone. Four members sing and create great harmonies and backups. The series continues every Sunday from July 10 through Aug. 21. The concert series is proudly sponsored by Cornerstone Bank. Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster and Worcester.



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Longtime Lions recognized for service

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Two members of the Brookfields’ Lions Club recently became their district’s first ever recipients of the Progressive Gold Joseph J. Camarda Fellowship Award.

Glenn Waugh and Gary Fuller previously won different versions of the award, but the May 19 ceremony at the American Legion represented the first time a “Progressive Gold” version of the award was given to any member of a District 33A Lions Club.

“The title ‘fellow’ implies that the person so named has done something special or has fulfilled certain conditions, which entitles him/her to special recognition as a member of that group,” read an informational statement provided by event leaders.

For Waugh and Fuller, both longtime Lions, their strong commitment to service has earned them repeated recognition. They have been humbled and thrilled by each award ceremony, but the most recent honor was especially meaningful.

“Every time you get one, it is even more rewarding and exciting. I’m very privileged to get this award,” said Waugh, a member of the club for 47 years.

District 33A includes Lions Clubs throughout Worcester County. As members of the Brookfields’ Lions Club, which serves New Braintree and the Brookfields towns, Waugh and Fuller enjoy leading fundraising events and other programs that give back to their



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Brookfields’ Lions Club member Glenn Waugh, left, with former club president Andy Caron.

community. These include an annual ice fishing derby, golf tournament, and the Apple Run/Walk for Diabetes held at Brookfield Orchards in North Brookfield.

For Waugh, it’s always an inspiration to earn the Joseph J. Camarda Fellowship Award because he personally learned from Mr. Camarda during his early days of service.

“This is quite an honor. Joe Camarda taught me everything I know about Lionism and was a great inspiration to

all Lions,” Waugh said.

Camarda, a previous international director of the organization, was respected by Lions throughout the area. He passed away in 2005 at the age of 74.

A Progressive Joseph J. Camarda Fellowship Award is available to past recipients of the award who continue to provide distinguished service. Because the volunteer efforts of Waugh and Fuller were so exemplary, the “Progressive Gold” version of the award was added.

On the plaques received by Waugh and Fuller, a message reads: “The highest level of distinction for dedicated humanitarian service toward the principles of Lionism through home and community affairs.”

Fuller, who was unable to attend the May 19 celebration due to unforeseen circumstances, received multiple accolades from guests.

“He is great to work with, and he always goes above and beyond,” Waugh said of Fuller, who won previous versions of the award in 2006 and again in 2018.

Fuller was celebrated for his decades of dedication to the organization. He presently helps lead the distribution of scholarships awarded by the Brookfields’ Lions Club.

“This is the first time they’ve ever given this award for the third time [to the same individuals] in the history of the district,” said Andy Caron, a former club president. “If you ever have a question, you call Glenn or Gary.”

Both recipients were honored by District 33A Governor Cindy Mainini, who was in attendance on May 19.

To learn more about the Brookfields’ Lions Club and how you can get involved, visit www.brookfieldslionsclub.org.

Internationally, Lions Clubs are known for their dedication to blindness prevention. Locally, collection boxes are available at libraries, post offices, and other locations for residents to donate used eyeglasses.

Local author examines Bathsheba Spooner case

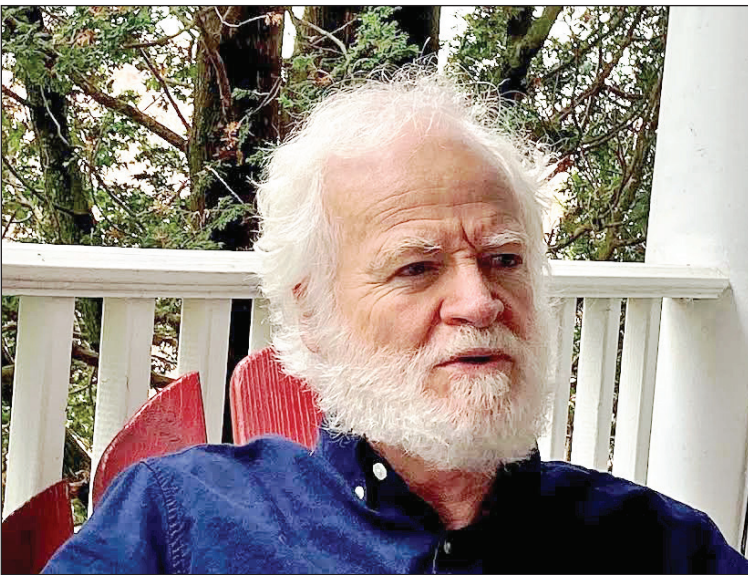


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Author Andrew Noone is leading several local presentations this summer.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Local author Andrew Noone is bringing history to life with his book presentations at area venues this summer.

Noone has already discussed his book, “Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy,” at several libraries and historical societies throughout the area. Most recently, he was slated to present at Leicester Public Library

on June 16.

A Worcester resident, Noone’s residence often evokes geographical reminders of the dark history of Bathsheba Spooner, the first woman in the nation to be executed. In 1778, she was hanged in Worcester for her role in plotting her husband’s murder.

“After moving into our home on Green Hill Park, a friend at dinner reminded us that Bathsheba was buried across the street. No book had yet been written,” said Noone, who published his book in 2021.

One of seven children born to Timothy Ruggles and Bathsheba Bourne Newcomb, Bathsheba Spooner married Joshua Spooner, of Boston, a businessman and lumber salesman. The couple settled in Brookfield, not far from nearby Hardwick.

“The marriage may have been an arranged one—a marriage which gossipers usually characterized as inharmonious,” read a statement released by the author.

In 1777, 16-year-old militia-

man Ezra Ross left his hospital camp in Peekskill, N.Y., to venture home to Topsfield, MA. En route, he was taken in by Bathsheba Spooner in Brookfield and nursed back to health. He returned to Topsfield, then headed west again that fall to join what would become the Battle of Saratoga.

Months later, Ross became involved in a plot with Spooner and two other men to murder Joshua Spooner.

On the evening of March 1, 1778, Joshua Spooner returned home alone through the snow and was subsequently beaten to death by one of the suspects.

The four conspirators were arrested the next day after a series of careless blunders, and the trial took place in late April.

“With a trial lasting just over a day-plus, all were found guilty. The date of execution was originally set for early June, but the four received a stay until July 2,” Noone wrote.

Bathsheba Spooner told officials she was pregnant, but

authorities did not change the execution decision, despite an exam confirming her pregnancy.

All four accomplices were hanged on July 2 in Worcester. An autopsy requested by Bathsheba Spooner confirmed her pregnancy of five months, with a male child.

To this day, the burial site of Spooner and her unborn son in Worcester’s Green Hill Park has never been located.

“It remains Worcester County’s favorite mystery,” Noone wrote.

Noone’s upcoming book presentations will take him to Lexington, Northampton, Hardwick, Brookfield, Ashburnham, Wayland, Southbridge, Rochester, Blackstone, and Lancaster. If you would like to learn the rest of Spooner’s macabre chapter in history, check out one of the presentations.

Looking ahead, Noone’s next book will focus on a series of court cases in the 1780’s in Worcester which ended slavery in Massachusetts.

Area students receive degrees from Clark University

WORCESTER — Clark University awarded 577 Bachelor’s, 489 Master’s, and 25 doctoral degrees, and conferred four honorary degrees during the University’s 118th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 22. Graduates were urged to always ask questions, move forward with confidence, and have the moral clarity to make courageous and meaningful decisions.

Among the graduates were:

Quintin Kevin Aubin, of Brookfield, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in interactive media.

Sean Oum Sarmiento, of Spencer, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in interactive media.

Hank von Hellion, of Leicester, graduated with a Master of Arts in Community Development and Planning.

Joshua Cole, of Spencer, graduated with a Master of Business Administration.

Sue Sleight, of W Brookfield, graduated

with a Master of Public Administration. Sleight is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda honor society.

Carley S. Cascione, of Rochdale, graduated with a Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy.

Delaney Anne Giguere, of Spencer, graduated with a Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy.

President David B. Fithian, who received his degree from Clark in 1987 and is the first alumnus to lead the university, implored the graduates to always be curious.

“You came to Clark looking for answers - about subjects that interest you, about yourself, and about the world - and I hope you found some,” he said. “But as you leave here, I hope Clark has helped you to ask more, different, and better questions. Every question is a chance to hear something you may never have heard before. This iterative process of questions and answers is cru-

cial to your lifelong journey of learning and will enrich your life at every stage along that path.”

Mary Frances Berry, a renowned scholar, civil rights activist, and the Geraldine R. Segal Professor Emerita of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania, delivered the commencement address. Berry told the graduates that they have a moral obligation to contribute to society.

“There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politick, nor popular, but you must take it because it is right,” she insisted.

In addition to Berry, honorary degrees were granted to David P. Angel, who led Clark as its ninth president (2010 to 2020) and whose academic and administrative career at the University spanned 33 years; Annette Gordon-Reed, the Carl M. Loeb University Professor at Harvard University whose Pulitzer Prize-winning book “The Hemingses

of Monticello” forced a reconsideration of accepted historical narratives; and Doug Wright, the playwright, librettist, and screenwriter whose works include “I Am My Own Wife,” which won the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize.

For more information, visit www.clarku.edu/commencement/.

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Special Town Meeting set for June 23

SPENCER — Spencer will hold a Special Town Meeting on June 23 at 6:55 p.m., just prior to the Annual Town Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of Spencer Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main St., Spencer. Both Town Meeting Warrants may be found in the “News” section on the town’s Web site at spencer-ma.gov, or by calling the Town Administrator’s Office at 508-885-7500, ext. 155.

How does a Maine lobster sound?

PAXTON — Join Bob Wilby and Wilson Bus Lines on a trip to Southern Maine to shop and enjoy a Maine fresh Lobster on Wednesday, July 13.

Our first stop will be When Pigs Fly Bakery, where you choose to sample and purchase among their 25 varieties of breads and pastry. We will receive a complimentary loaf of sourdough bread to take home.

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cream on hot blueberry crisp. Non-lobster eaters will have a choice of prime rib or cranberry stuffed chicken breast.

After this delightful Lunch, the bus will take us to a photo op at the famous Nubble Lighthouse.

Our next stop will be at Stonewall Kitchen, where we can sample and purchase any of their wonderful products. Again, we will receive a complimentary jar of their famous jam.

Reservations, menu choice and payment are due by June 22 to Bob Wilby, at 11 Tanglewood Rd., Paxton, MA 01612. The checks of \$92 should be made payable to Wilson Bus Lines, but mailed as above.

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Collecting local memorabilia

Many people are interested in their local history, so it's no wonder collectors often focus their collections on items from their own town or city. They may hone in on one type of collectible, such as postcards, or they may seek out a wide variety of items that have a connection to their area.

I'll focus on Worcester related items in this column given its large size and significant history, and the fact that much of my collection features items that were produced and sold in the city.

If you are just starting out collecting, you may want to start with postcards and other smaller items, which you can purchase for 25 cents and up. Vintage matchbook covers advertising Blue Moon Stockings being sold at Vera Green Inc. in Worcester and TO Flynn's Restaurant each recently sold in the \$2 range. A Victorian trade card for Palace Organs manufactured by Loring and Blake Organ Company of Worcester went for \$4. A small German made souvenir porcelain pitcher of Worcester City Hall sold for \$10 in 2019.

If you're looking to go bigger, many pieces of local memorabilia could bring you a windfall. It should be noted, however, that many top selling items are cross collectibles. This is when items have characteristics that appeal to mul-



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multiple collectors. For example, Oilzum motor oil was manufactured in Worcester, so there are local people who collect Oilzum advertising. There are also petroliana (gas station and petroleum industry) collectors interested in Oilzum, making their products even more desirable.

As for earlier local history, Isaiah Thomas was an anti-British journalist and publisher from Worcester who published the Worcester Spy. The Spy and Thomas' close connections with other patriots helped fuel the American Revolution. Many of his books can sell in the hundreds, but one book brought a huge figure at auction. A Narrative of the Excursion and Ravages of the King's Troops under the Command of General Gage, on the Nineteenth of April 1775 sold for \$19,550 in 2010.

Almost 200 years after Thomas' book was printed, A 1964 "Caravan of Record Stars" poster advertised a concert featuring 15 performers at the Worcester Memorial Auditorium. The Supremes and the Drifters were two of the headliners. Despite pinholes and over 20 staple holes, it sold for \$9,540.

1930s cone top cans from Worcester's Brockert Ale are popular with breweriana collectors and collectors of local



memorabilia. The brewery opened in 1935, according to the Worcester Sun. They sold their first beer on St. Patrick's Day 1936. Oscar Brockert left a year after founding the business, but the company kept selling beer as Brockert until after World War II. It then became the Worcester Brewing Company. Brockert cone top cans can sell in the hundreds to the thousands. A can in pristine condition sold for \$3,000 last year. I'm sure the consignor raised a glass to that. I'm always looking for Worcester related items for my collection. I am particularly interested in Worcester County sports memorabilia and railroad memorabilia from local railroads.

We continue to pick up items for our major fall multi-estate auction. The

sixth session of model trains, die-cast cars, models and other toys is running now and will end on July 13th. We will also be starting the Beacon Street, Boston online estate auction when the sale of the home is finalized. I'll be appraising items at the Leicester Senior Center as a fundraiser for the Leicester Historical Society on Nov. 5. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

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well to pruning at this time of the year. You'll just eliminate some of the spring flowers. Summer blooming shrubs like potentilla, beautyberry, and Annabelle-type hydrangeas flower on new growth. Prune these, when needed, in late winter or early spring before growth begins or anytime during the dormant season.

Make sure you have the proper tools and safety equipment before making the first cut. Protect your eyes and hands with safety glasses and gloves. Then make sure your pruning tools are clean and sharp. Using the right pruning tool for the job helps ease muscle strain and fatigue while making proper cuts that close quickly. This will reduce the risk of insects and diseases moving into the plant.

Use bypass pruners to cut small stems that are 1/2-inch

diameter or less. These have two sharp blades, like scissors, and make clean cuts that close quickly. Employ a bypass lopper like Corona® Tools' ClassicCUT® SL15167 with soft grips that fit well and will cut limbs up to one and three quarter inches in diameter. Loppers have long handles that give you greater leverage and extend your reach.

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Once you have your tools, you are ready to start pruning. Reduce the height and leggy growth on overgrown sucker-



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Use bypass hand pruners on smaller stems of spring flowering shrubs.

ing shrubs over the next three years. This type of renewal pruning is better for the plant

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Hannah Clayborne of West Brookfield awarded degree from UA

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Knights of Columbus hosting spaghetti dinner

WEST BROOKFIELD — Knights of Columbus Council 11080 is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, June 25. The event will take place in Dugan Hall at Sacred Heart Church (10 Milk St.). Proceeds will benefit charities that the Council supports.
Dinner includes pasta fagioli, garden salad, meatballs and sausage, spaghetti and sauce, bread, dessert, water, soda, and coffee. The cost is a \$10 donation (\$8 for children under 12 years old).
Take-out is available at 5:30 p.m., and the sit-down dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Admission tickets are also good for entry for a special door prize.
A 50/50 raffle and additional events will also be available.
Advance ticket purchase is encouraged. Tickets are available from any Knight, or by calling 413-813-8100. You can also send an email to wallycon-nor122@gmail.com.
Tickets purchased for the May 14 dinner that was postponed will be accepted. Tickets will only be available at the door while they last.

East Brookfield Library launches summer reading program July 11

EAST BROOKFIELD — The East Brookfield Public Library is pleased to announce its summer reading program, "Let's Have Fun!" This program will begin on July 11. We will also be offering a story-hour on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. that runs for about an hour. It is geared primarily for preschoolers and early elementary students but toddlers are also welcome. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children and participate in our songs, stories, activities and crafts.
Please call the library (508) 867-7928) to register as we are limited for space and materials. Come in now to sign up for your reading record and pick up a calendar that lists our entertaining Thursday afternoon programs. In addition, we have "drop in" crafts, new books, DVD's, etc. All are welcome, and we are air-conditioned!

Upcoming town meetings and state elections

SPENCER — The Spencer Town Clerk's office urges residents to be aware of the following election dates.
Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23. Special Town Meeting will begin at 6:55 p.m. Annual Town Meeting will be held immediately following.
Wednesday, Aug. 17, the Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept voter registrations. Last day to register to vote in the State Primary on Sept. 6.
Early voting for State Primary Aug. 27 – Sept. 1, times TBD
Tuesday, Sept. 6: State Primary, polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Moved quickly

4. Ocean temperature

7. Scholarly book series

12. Irregular

15. Hairstyle

16. Indigestion fixer

18. Special therapy

19. Mock

20. Partner to Pa

21. Strays

24. Swedish currency (abbr.)

27. Desired

30. Soap product

31. Traditional fishing boat

33. No (Scottish)

34. Spy organization

35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

37. Married woman

39. Blood relation

41. German river

42. Genus of clams

44. Parts of a movie

47. Residue

48. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand

49. Atomic #77

50. Where wrestlers work

52. Northeast

53. Type of lettuce

56. Abstain

61. Communication between two

63. One who administers medicine

64. Sun up in New York

65. Having eight

CLUES DOWN

1. He played "Milton"

2. Elsa's sister

3. Digital wallet

4. About backbone

5. Type of weapon

6. __ Turner, rock singer

7. Microgram

8. Hair product

9. Health care pro

10. Holy fire

11. Military ID (abbr.)

12. __ the ante

13. Containing nitrogen

14. Green citrus fruit

17. Male parent

22. Bring up

23. Murdered

24. Soviet Socialist Republic

25. Supreme ruler Genghis

26. Social media hand gesture

28. Semitic Sun god

29. Land

32. Database management system

36. Similar

38. Nice to look at

40. Covered with mud

43. Simple dry fruit

44. Title of respect

45. Type of footwear

46. Most lucid

51. Exam

54. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

55. "Rule, Britannia" composer

56. Small Eurasian deer

57. "Within"

58. Insures bank's depositors

59. A pause for relaxation

60. Social insect

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\$345,000, 27 Warren Ave, Robidoux, Brian, and Robidoux, Jennifer, to Laino, Kimberly J.
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NORTH BROOKFIELD
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\$326,000, 40 Irving St, McGinn, Howard, and McGinn, Jayne, to Hamel, Joseph, and Hamel, Dorothy.
\$203,495, 12 N Brookfield Rd, Sherman Jr, John R, and US Bank NA Tr, to Dwelling Prop 4 LLC.
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“The transition to get into Becker is complicated. I agree we need to get out of the middle school, but we can’t put kids at risk at Becker just to get them there,” Lauder said. “We need a strong safety and security protocol over there for our kids. To make it safe for the kids is our first priority.”

Lauder also discussed the importance of establishing a comprehensive agreement with selectmen.

“What we sign is going to outlive us,” Lauder said of the agreement. “There’s lots to do, and we’re going as fast as we can with it.”

Added Richard, “This is a contract we’ve been working on since March, and we’ve come a long way with regard to the negotiations. This is something we can’t just jump into and sign right away. We have to make sure all parties are on board and understand what’s said.”

Weikel accentuated the logistical challenges of transitioning students to Becker and the importance of uniting all stakeholders in the preparation process, including the police department.

“Talking with some of the teachers and the parents, they just want to know where they’re going to be next year. Unfortunately, that might be a little hard to say,” Weikel told guests. “It’s going to be hard to get everything in there ready for the beginning of the school year next year. There should be a backup plan for a couple months, just in case we can’t get [the students] in there. It’s going to take all committees working together to pull this off.”

On the subject of strained relationships between various town committees and boards over the past year, the two incumbent candidates attempted to downplay the situation. Selectmen and residents have expressed mounting frustration for several months over a lack of transparency from the school department—as well as its extended use of PR services—but the incumbent School Committee candidates tried to minimize the issue ahead of the election.

“It maybe looks worse than it is from

the outside,” Lauder said. “We’re all trying to do the right thing, and we’re all working hard to do it. We don’t always agree, and we are passionate about our work. We all want the same thing—there’s just some little differences in the details.”

Added Richard, “I think what we all have to do, regardless of the board we’re on, is we need to listen, communicate, and listen some more. We need to go to each other’s meetings, ask questions of each other, and do so in a respectable manner.”

Lambert, who has publicly questioned the school department on its transparency and PR usage over the past year, once again condemned the district’s decision to spend school money on public relations services.

Among the many PR services provided to the school district over the past year was assistance in answering questions from selectmen.

“People value authenticity. We don’t need two PR firms in our back pocket to whip out at every opportunity,” Lambert said. “If you know someone is saying something that they really mean and it’s not someone paid to write it, then you’re going to know where they stand. Then you can have an honest conversation.”

When discussing the need for improved relationships among town boards, Weikel shared a memory of how he worked constructively with the police department years ago to allow visitors to continue safely enjoying the Christmas light display at his home.

“We all need to work together to make it better,” Weikel told guests before sharing his story about communicating with police leaders over various issues of concern regarding traffic management during the light display. “We worked it out, and we have a terrific relationship. We could not do what we do without the police department helping us. That’s one example of how you have to work together.”

School Committee candidates also talked about the challenges students have faced since the pandemic struck, as well as the need to provide various supports for social and emotional learning.

We are rerunning this again as #9 was omitted from last week’s run. Please use this one to enter the contest; last week’s entries will be considered as well. Thank you.



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EDITORIAL

Make the most of the life ahead of you

Students around the region are flipping tassels this week, participating in a traditional rite of passage, generally symbolizing their transition to adulthood. With more and more people becoming vaccinated, ceremonies are looking a bit more traditional than they did last year.

Many seniors and their underclassmen counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world after a global pandemic. This time in an 18-year-old’s life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following:

1. Don’t smoke
2. Drink plenty of water every day
3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you)
4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and
5. Watch the Back to the Future trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there, the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn’t mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it’s hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it’s what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it’s really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self-awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and you need to make it what it is and what it will be.

Congratulations to the class of 2022!

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Brookfield. Quaboag will always hold a special place in my heart.”

The Quaboag Regional School Committee has begun its search for the next permanent superintendent. Additional information on the process will be forthcoming, officials said. Meanwhile, Duff is ready to begin as Interim Superintendent next month.

“We are very excited to have Steve as our Superintendent,” said Andrew Schwenker, the Chairman of the Quaboag Regional School Committee. “Over the past ten years, Principal Duff has showed his tremendous work ethic and commitment to the district. From principal of Warren Elementary to principal of Quaboag Middle-High School, Steve has showed his leadership and dedication to the staff, families, and most importantly the students of the district.”

Duff could not be reached for comment before this week’s edition went to press.

VIEWPOINT
OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bridges Over Walls! - Pride Week in West Brookfield!

To the Editor:

This year, June 25, the Rural Justice Network is once again sponsoring the “Small Town Pride” event for, about, and in celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community, and we, not of that community, again have the honor of being supportive observers! For those of you who shared the joy last year, this year promises to be even better!

West Brookfield’s first Pride Week! Members of BFF, wanted to provide even more this year! We are seeking to not only appreciate, but to participate and educate those who may not be LGBTQIA+ but who may want to be better allies, or who may simply want to understand and empathize! Facing the fact that small, more rural, towns are not always perceived as “safe”

places for those who are different, they hope to help build bridges out of the walls we tear down. So, the “BRIDGES OVER WALLS!” events came to be!

The Four events are as follows:

- June 21 - Craft and Book Fair and Presentation: ABCs of LGBTQIA+ at the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield
- June 23 - Creativity Night (for kids) at Ye Olde Tavern
- June 24 - Bridges Over Walls Pride Week GALA at Ye Olde Tavern

This is our “Field of Dreams!” We did “build it.” We hope “they will come!”

ERIC STEPHEN VON BLEICKEN
WEST BROOKFIELD

Get serious

To the Editor:

Although I skipped making any submission last week, I enjoy following other writers. In reading the words of Roland Blais, sans the normal barrage of biblical references, it does tie into the words of Kevin Kane, who makes the observation that operation of vehicles on public roads is, to a large extent, a matter of faith that those with whom you share the road will not be impaired, and will successfully perform customary road rules. Being formerly employed by multiple state contractors who oversee vehicle inspections, I often had to explain to irate drivers whose vehicle had failed inspection that they were given time to repair emissions issues, but not safety issues, because they share the road with my children and grandchildren, whose safety I place even above my own.

This also has an aspect that relates to Mark Robillard’s comments on weapons. In much the same manner that we hope that the vehicle barreling towards us at our same 55 mph will safely remain in their own lane, not blow a tire or drop a tie rod and swerve into us, so too do we hope that owners of assault rifles who woke in a bad mood do not choose to put us in one, or worse. Unfortunately, there will always be drivers and gun owners whose condition and state of mind are not society’s best choice. It is quite clear that there will be those who will operate, both legally and illegally, who put us in positions where we wish they hadn’t.

I hope everyone is watching the January 6th hearings testimony. If you are wasting your time watching Fox entertain you with their opinions of people hiring Hunter Biden, a Yale educated attorney and son of a former VP and now POTUS, because it makes sense to pay him millions for his expertise and contacts, but see no problem with Jared Kushner and Trump’s Secretary of the Treasury accepting \$5 billion investments from those who butchered a US journalist, your cult membership is current.

My son thinks that our current gas prices are just the oil companies recovering losses during the Covid shutdown. I think it to be gouging as much as the traffic will bear using the 4 percent loss of Russian oil in the lie. I would bet we are still subsidizing them with tax dollars while they pay big executive bonuses. The Dem house passed a resolution to stop it, but no Republican supported it and it died in the senate. By now, it is clear that oil impacts the cost of everything. I assure you that the absolute last thing the Biden administration wants is out of control inflation in front of the midterms. If they could stop it, they would. Conversely, if it pushes us to recession, and they can make you think Keystone or drilling in the arctic reserve the Republicans will offer, is the right answer, this conspiracy will just lead up to the planned next one.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

True threat to our eemocracy

To the Editor:

In the last few years, we have learned a lot about our America and what we thought that it was. We thought it was a land of freedom with your protected rights. Now we know the truth. We live in a country controlled by political institutions that can override the Constitution at will.

The biggest eye opener was the treason played on a duly elected leader voted in power by the people. That being Donald Trump. We now know the facts. He was targeted by the political system and their institutional police forces to take him down at any costs. His Democratic challenger used her contacts at the FBI and CIA to use fabricated lies in the famous Steele Dossier to obtain an illegal warrant to spy on the president. This was then used by Pelosi and her colleagues to try to impeach our president. Just look at the actors, the FBI and CIA. These aren’t institutions put in place by our Constitutional laws. These are political police organizations created by the two political parties in the last century. The FISA court where they got the warrant from was intended to surveillance foreign spies. This court wasn’t established by the Constitution. It was put in place by the political parties, supposedly to stop terrorism. Not to be used by the opposing political party to attack a sitting president. Then we have a supposedly free press which is openly owned by this same group so it can be used to spread and disseminate lies and misinformation. They were fed information directly from Pelosi, Schumer, Schiff, and the likes. Top it off with DOJ and court system that is so filled with political appointees who only owe their allegiance to the party. This, my friends, is not what we were taught about in school. We thought we had a land of freedom and rights guaranteed by the Constitution. We now see that it is a farce. We are controlled by political institutions whose only

goal is fealty to the party and its leaders. Not much different that we were taught China and Russia had.

Now we see with the Jan. 6 commission what happens to you when the average American tries to fight back and say enough. The political party will unleash its wrath on you and force you into submission. This commission in nothing more than a continuation of the treasonous elements against our duly elected president. The commission handpicked by none other than Pelosi herself. No voices of dissent allowed. We saw the defendants of Jan. 6 imprisoned without due process as per our constitution. Tried and convicted in front of a Democratic judge with handpicked juries full of Democratic leaning jurists. To say this is American justice is a farce. Their rights trampled over without the slightest outcry. The old saying goes, when they came for my neighbor, I said nothing. When they came for me, no one said anything.

The hardships being forced on us now are for a reason. Break the will and backs of the people. Once they feel the pain and suffering, they will be forced to cry out for help and assistance from those in charge. It’s part of the process that makes you apathetic. They all want you to think I can’t change anything, so it’s best just to take what they will give me. Don’t stand by without letting your voices be heard this fall. Shout out loud and clear at the polls. Vote in those that feel the same way you do. Vote out those that are nothing more than mouthpieces for the political controlling class. We know that in this area its means voting in Republicans or Libertarians. Those on the Democratic party only have fealty to Pelosi and the Swamp politicians. It’s a time we can all rise and say free, free at last, Hallelujah.

MARK ROBILLARD
SPENCER

What’s your investment risk tolerance?

Risk is a normal part of investing. If you didn’t take on any risk, you wouldn’t have the potential to achieve higher returns. But how much risk should you accept?

You don’t want to incur unnecessary risk. So, you’ll need to assess the amount of risk you’re comfortable taking and then determine if this risk level supports your ability to achieve your long-term goals.

Here are some of the key factors in determining your own capacity for investment risk:



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Personality – We all have different personalities. And your individual personality can certainly affect your comfort level with risk. If you enjoy taking chances or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone in other aspects of your life, you could be more likely to accept greater investment risk, too, because you know that greater risk means greater potential reward.

Conversely, higher-risk investments also carry greater potential for volatility, including steep short-term declines.

Time – Risk tolerance can change over time. When you are first starting out in your career, with decades to go until you retire, you may feel comfortable with a certain degree of investment risk, knowing you have time to potentially overcome the inevitable downturns in the financial markets. But as you near retirement, you might consider lowering your risk level and investing more conservatively, because once you do retire, you’ll likely have to start withdrawing money from your retirement accounts, which means you may need to liquidate some investments – and, ideally, you won’t want to have large fluctuations in value at that time. However, even during retirement, you may want your portfolio to include some growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Type of goal – You might have different risk tolerances for different goals. For example, if you know you need a specific amount for a particular goal in two years – such as buying a new car or taking an overseas vacation – you may want to put away money in a low-risk, liquid vehicle. This type of investment might not have much growth potential, but for this goal, you are less interested in achieving a high rate of return than you are in being reasonably sure the money will be there when you need it. So, in this instance, you may have quite a low tolerance for risk. But for a long-term goal, such as a comfortable retirement, you may be prepared to take more risk in the hopes of greater returns, given the longer time horizon.

By understanding your risk tolerance and knowing how it can change over time and under different circumstances, you can be better prepared to face investment volatility. And there are certainly things you can do to mitigate risk. By owning a variety of investments – domestic and international stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on – you can reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can’t prevent all losses or guarantee profits.)

In any case, the biggest risk of all is simply not investing. If you are going to achieve your financial goals, you need to invest for them. By understanding your own risk tolerance, and by making wise choices along the way, you can stick with an investment strategy that can work for you in the long run.

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POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
12:14 a.m.: medical/general (Cedar Road); 12:48-2:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:01 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 5:02 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), unspecified PD bolo; 5:56 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:51 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 9:07 a.m.: officer wanted (South Street), req. VIN verification; 9:54 a.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), lifelike doll in road; 10:26 a.m.: mv complaint (Northwest Road), septic truck leaking; 11:13 a.m.: vandalism (Park Street), attempted break-in of shack; 1:19 p.m.: sex offender registration/annual (West Main Street), assisted; 3:09 p.m.: 911 call (Lincoln Street), misdial; 4:27 p.m.: disturbance (Gold Nugget Road), noise complaint; 6:04 p.m.: 911 call (Ash Street), open line; 6:58 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), MSP bolo; 9:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Holmes Street), resolved; 9:06 p.m.: fire alarm (High Street), referred; 9:49 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 11:24 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); (Total daily mv stops – 1).

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
12:54-2:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:54 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:50 a.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), loose dogs; 9:26 a.m.: parking violation (Casey Street), ticket issued; 9:41 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:44 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 10:41 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), hang-up; 11:59 a.m.: RV complaint (Temple Street), dirt bike in road; 12:32 p.m.: lost/found (Mechanic Street), wallet found; 2:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Fourth Avenue), req. welfare check; 2:12 p.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), investigated; 2:19 p.m.: residential fire (Main Street), referred; 3:37 p.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 4:38 p.m.: accident (Main Street), hit/run; 4:40 p.m.: suspicious persons (Salem Street), investigated; 6:18 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), mv doing donuts in intersection; 7:10 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), services rendered; 7:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Brooks Pond Road), loose dog; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
12:39 a.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), re: texts from sister; 12:40-2:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:54 a.m.: suspicious mv (Greenville Street), investigated; 2:45 a.m.: mv lockout (Meadow Road), services rendered; 11:27 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: unusual item found; 12:04 p.m.: fraud (Smithville Road), re: scam call; 1:00 p.m.: vandalism (Grove Street), plants vandalized; 2:07 p.m.: parking violation (Lake Street), ticket issued; 5:23 p.m.: disabled mv (R. Jones Road), no action required; 5:27 p.m.: residential fire (Cherry Street), referred; 5:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Road), bear attacking chickens; 5:52 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:02 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:56 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Maple Street), unattended fire pit; 8:25 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 10:59 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 11:07 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), William T. Roberts, 24, 56 Mechanic Street, Spencer, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, arrest; (Total daily mv stops – 5).

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
1:38 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), noise complaint; 1:51-2:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:56 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), vandalism/windows broken; 4:23 a.m.: medical/general (Pearl Street); 5:02 a.m.: medical/general (Pearl Street); 9:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 9:34 a.m.: lost/found (Elm Street), wallet found; 2:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Briarcliff Lane), spoken to; 7:40 p.m.: RV complaint (West Street), dirt bike on roadway; 7:52 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 7:57 p.m.: parking violation (Valley Street), ticket issued; 9:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Chestnut Street), resolved; 9:52-9:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Chickering Road),

investigated; 11:30-11:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 6).
SUNDAY, JUNE 5
12:01-1:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:54 a.m.: residential alarm (North Brookfield Road), services rendered; 1:20 a.m.: suspicious mv (Park Street), investigated; 2:08 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:21 a.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 6:51 a.m.: suspicious persons (Church Street), investigated; 10:30 a.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), services rendered; 12:50 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 1:17 p.m.: 911 call (Thompson Pond Road), accidental; 3:43 p.m.: mv complaint (Howe Road), mv in beach area; 4:10 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Brookfield PD bolo; 4:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), re: mv possibly towed; 5:13 p.m.: mv complaint (Chestnut Street), dirt bike damaging trail; 5:54 p.m.: fire alarm (Town House Court), referred; 6:42 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:16 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Auburn PD bolo; 10:01-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 0).

MONDAY, JUNE 6
12:07-1:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:31 a.m.: medical/general (McDonald Street); 8:22 a.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), re: text rec'd by daughter; 8:35 a.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), initial registration; 9:00 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 9:27 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), req. welfare check; 9:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Wire Village Road), welfare check; 9:51 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 12:25 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:22 p.m.: juvenile matter (Langevin Street), re: threat to son; 2:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), bear in area; 3:37 p.m.: accident (Northwest Road), mv into swamp; 4:15 p.m.: RV complaint (Temple Street), dirt bike/speeding; 5:38 p.m.: commercial alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 5:39 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), unwanted parties; 5:53 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Briarcliff Lane), no contact; 6:09 p.m.: medical/general (Ledge Avenue); 6:26 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), K9 needed for Webster/Oxford search; 7:04 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), mv w/heavy exhaust; 7:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Bell Street), barking dog; 8:29 p.m.: disturbance (Donnelly Road), gf not letting caller leave; 10:38 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

TUESDAY, JUNE 7
12:11-12:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:18 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road), Jonathan A. Cantone, 32, 3 Water Street, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, speeding, marked lanes violation, arrest; 12:23 a.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), loose dogs; 1:30 a.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 2:50 a.m.: medical/general (Debbie Drive); 5:56 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:12 a.m.: sex offender registration/annual (West Main Street), assisted; 9:09 a.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), misdial; 10:18 a.m.: disorderly conduct (Park Street), resolved; 11:08 a.m.: fraud (Oakland Drive), DHS scam; 11:25 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog left in mv; 12:17 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), intoxicated male; 2:33 p.m.: juvenile matter (Cherry Street), jumped out of transport vehicle; 3:58 p.m.: RV complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), dirt bike/speeding; 4:32 p.m.: suspicious persons (Hastings Road), investigated; 6:11 p.m.: suspicious mv (I. Capen Road), investigated; 8:13 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Wilson Avenue), resolved; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
1:04 a.m.: illegal dumping (Main Street), resolved; 5:49 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:11 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:26 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford

Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, citation issued; 6:35 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), unfounded; 8:11 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:37 a.m.: assist citizen (Paxton Street), services rendered; 2:14 p.m.: investigation; Pleasant Street), services rendered; 2:26 p.m.: suspicious activity (Forest Street), services rendered; 4:06 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 4:55 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 5:20 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 5:54 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), unable to locate; 7:01 p.m.: assist other PD (Rural Drive), gone on arrival; 7:09 p.m.: suspicious person (Charlton Street), gone on arrival; 7:43 p.m.: ambulance (Rural Drive), transported; 10:15 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 11:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:29 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 11:51 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
12:29 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:53 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, speeding, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 2:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:56 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), services rendered; 6:15 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 6:37 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 7:21 a.m.: ambulance (Tobin Road), services rendered; 8:03 a.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:29 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:08 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:17 a.m.: investigation (Craig Street), services rendered; 10:12 a.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 11:24 a.m.: larceny (Hyland Avenue), report taken; 1:38 p.m.: ambulance (Harberton Road), transported; 3:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:20 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), call canceled; 5:04 p.m.: disturbance (Mulberry Street), gone on arrival; 5:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 7:11 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 7:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 9:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:47 p.m.: parking complaint (Towtaid Street), gone on arrival; 11:51 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
12:09 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:10 a.m.: ambulance (Woodland Street, Worcester), transported; 8:33 a.m.: summons service (Spring Street), unable to serve; 8:33 a.m.: summons service (Lexington Avenue), served; 1:21 p.m.: disturbance (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 3:23 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), call canceled; 5:02 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 5:59 p.m.: welfare check (Charles Street), resolved; 7:11 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 7:38 p.m.: disturbance (Charles Street), unfounded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5
1:30 a.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), resolved; 12:14 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 1:10 p.m.: accident (Marshall Street), report taken; 1:21 p.m.: harassment (South Main Street), report taken; 4:04 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 4:18 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, number plate violation to conceal ID, unregistered mv, uninsured mv, criminal application issued; 5:11 p.m.: ambulance (Highland Street, Worcester), transported; 5:23 p.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), resolved; 5:40 p.m.: accident (Green Street), report taken; 6:10 p.m.: ambulance (Mt. Pleasant Avenue), transported; 6:58 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 7:32 p.m.: ambulance (Greenville Street,

Spencer), transported; 9:06 p.m.: ambulance (Brookside Avenue, Worcester), no action required; 9:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:14 p.m.: disturbance (Boyd Street), unable to locate; 10:18 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported.

MONDAY, JUNE 6
12:32 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), resolved; 1:41 a.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Circle), transported; 1:51 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), resolved; 2:11 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 2:44 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 6:30 a.m.: ambulance (Leela Lane), transported; 6:54 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 7:39 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 10:12 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:09 a.m.: vandalism (Main Street), report taken; 12:21 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (Mayflower Road), spoken to; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), resolved; 4:56 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 6:57 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 8:33 p.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), spoken to; 9:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:23 p.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), resolved.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7
12:15 a.m.: disturbance (Church Street), resolved; 1:10 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), resolved; 5:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), resolved; 9:26 a.m.: assist citizen (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 10:50 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Stafford Street), no details provided on police log, arrest; 2:00 p.m.: accident (Marshall Street), report taken; 2:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwin Street), referred to ACO; 2:32 p.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), spoken to; 3:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Ismael Rivera, 28, 14 Ethier Street, #1, Worcester, failure to appear upon recognition, arrest; 4:29 p.m.: ambulance (Broad Street), transported; 5:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Tobin Road), referred to ACO; 6:17 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), no action required; 6:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:30 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 7:27 p.m.: suspicious mv (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 11:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
12:35 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 4:42 a.m.: debris in road (Pleasant Street), resolved; 4:58 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 5:29 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), verbal warning; 5:50 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), verbal warning; 7:33 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 8:21 a.m.: ambulance (Hemlock Street), transported; 8:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred to ACO; 9:25 a.m.: fraud (Winslow Avenue), report taken; 9:30 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:37 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 10:00 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), transported; 3:13 p.m.: trespassing (Charles Street), spoken to; 4:28 p.m.: welfare check (Deer Pond Road), services rendered; 4:45 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), resolved; 5:01 p.m.: accident (Lake Sargent Drive), report taken; 6:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), referred to ACO; 6:16 p.m.: investigation (Sunset Lane, Spencer), services rendered; 6:54 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 6:57 p.m.: disturbance (Chapel Street), spoken to; 8:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Oak Bluff Lane), referred to ACO; 8:06 p.m.: accident (Soojians Drive), report taken; 8:28 p.m.: disturbance (Craig Street), unfounded.

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Where would I be without my friends? The answer is nowhere good.

My dad had a lot of friends, and as we approach the anniversary of his death, I'm reminded of all the people who supported him in his final months. Every day, he had 10 to 15 people come to the house to be with him. They came so often that getting alone time with him in his final days was hard. They loved him, and it helped me understand the value of friendship.

It took me a long time to learn the value of friendship.

I am blessed to have a couple of friends who were there for me in my darkest times. They were there for me even when I had nothing to offer but depres-

sion and despair. During those moments, I realized I needed to be a friend to them just as they were to me.

Sometimes you meet a person, and you know instantaneously there is something about them that you like. Is it possible to have friends at first sight? I've never experienced love at first sight, but I have met a couple of people with who it seemed we had an instant bond. It's hard to explain, it doesn't make sense, but it's like you've known them all your life. That feeling wasn't wrong; those people turned out to be lifelong friends.

I used to work as a model doing print and runway jobs. It's fun work but also very lonely traveling from city to city working with strangers. One time I was doing a runway job for a big client in the Midwest.

There were about thirty other models there too. I didn't know any of them. On my first day, I met another model named Bret. Instantly we were friends. Everything he said was hilarious. He wasn't even trying to be funny, but he had me laughing at every word.

We kept in touch and traveled throughout Europe, doing modeling jobs and having the time of our lives.

Through the years, we stayed friends; even when he married and started a family, we stayed close. There have been long periods when we didn't see or talk to each other, and when we finally got a chance to hang out again, we picked up right where we left off.

When good things happened, he was always there to celebrate. He was there for the bad times too. During the most

challenging times in my life, when it seemed like all was lost, Bret was there. He'd buy a plane ticket to fly across the country to listen to me express my heartache. I'd tell him how bad of a situation I was in, and he'd listen without being judgmental.

It reminds me of the Beatles lyrics, "I get by with a little help from my friends."

He's always been quick to forgive me when I was at fault; he's the perfect example of a friend.

While developing the concept for my business, I knew I would need to raise capital to get it started. Who was first in line? Bret. I didn't even want money from him, I was explaining the concept, and he wanted to be a part of it.

How could I ever repay him for his friendship? By being a

friend in return. If you have a Bret in your life, go out of your way to nurture that relationship, that kind of friendship doesn't come along every day.

I know some people don't have a lot of friends, but you can create a friendship at any age. I have become friends with a man almost twice my age; we meet every Saturday and have coffee to talk about the spiritual side of life.

Sometimes you have to be a friend if you want a friend. Choose wisely, and make friends with people who want the best for you and for whom you want the best. Celebrate their good times and be there for them in their hard times, don't judge them for their mistakes. Listen, help out, answer their phone calls, and be empathetic. If you want to be a good friend, be like Bret.

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SPORTS

Hornets' O'Leary throws no-bitter to knock Wolverines out of State Tournament



Nick Ethier photos

Matt Drenzo started on the mound for Leicester in the Wolverines' Division 4 Round of 8 game against Manchester-Essex.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

ESSEX — With only five batters reaching base all game — without the benefit of a hit — the Leicester High varsity baseball team was up against it when taking on Manchester-Essex Regional and senior pitcher Vaughn O'Leary at Memorial Park's Annie Gosbee Field on Sunday, June 12.

O'Leary's outing came on the big stage of a Division 4 State Tournament Round of 8 matchup, which propelled the fifth seeded Hornets past Leicester, 11-0, and into the Final Four against Abington High, after press time. The 13th ranked Wolverines finished with a record of 14-7.

"The kid was on his game," Leicester head coach Peter Fenuccio said of O'Leary and his no-hitter. "Offensively, he shut us down pretty good. I think he's probably one of the better pitchers we've seen this year. He had a decent changeup that fooled some of our hitters. He kept everybody off-balance and had a good fastball as well."

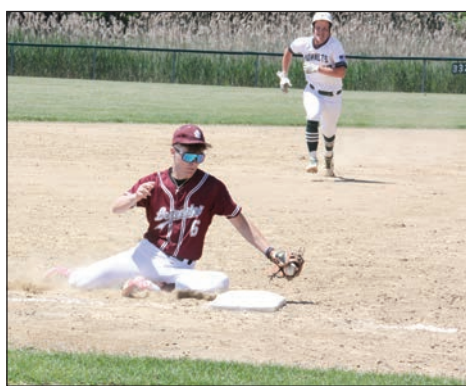
Manchester-Essex head coach BJ Weed noted that it was O'Leary's first high school no-hitter. The outing featured 16 strikeouts, including the final four batters of the game.

"He has close to 80 strikeouts in 60 innings. He's a battler," Weed said of O'Leary. "He had his 'A' game today with nasty movement on his ball. That's the most movement I've seen him have."

O'Leary, who finished 2-for-3 with a walk at the plate, provided the only offense he needed in the bottom of the first inning. There, O'Leary smashed an RBI single into right field to plate



Leicester shortstop Mike Mero gives a throw over to first base all he has in order to gain an out.

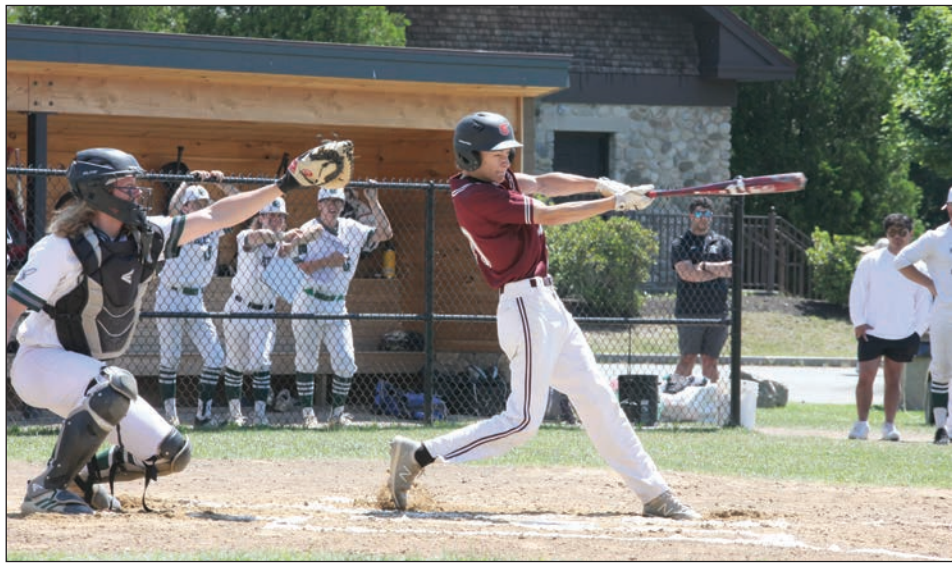


Leicester's Alex Russo makes the defensive play at third base and then tags the bag for a force out.

Colin Coyne.

Then, in the home half of the second inning, the Hornets scored three more times when Leicester committed an uncharacteristic error. With one runner on base, Manchester-Essex's AJ Pallazola sent a towering pop fly just past second base and into shallow center field. The Wolverines' Caden Birtz and Griffin Metcalf then congregated around the ball, but neither made the play. The ball dropped in, which allowed a run to score. Coyne (3-for-5) and Andrews then followed with RBI singles to make the score 4-0.

"We didn't play our typical game. We haven't done that all year," explained Fenuccio of the costly miscue. "It stinks that it's one moment, but the reality is if you make the play it's a different inning. But that's baseball. I think it was a little bit of a miscommunication and the wind was blowing."



Leicester's Derek Mahoney takes a healthy hack at a pitch versus Manchester-Essex.



AJ Drenzo of Leicester waits at first base to catch a pickoff attempt while a Manchester-Essex runner slides back to the bag.

The first two innings were all Leicester starting pitcher Matt Drenzo worked before being relieved by his brother AJ. Matt Drenzo allowed the four runs, but only one was earned. AJ Drenzo then tossed effective third and fourth innings, allowing one more than the minimum amount of batters.

"He came in during a tough situation and shut things down for the time being," Fenuccio said of AJ Drenzo. "That's what he's been doing all year for us."

The Hornets did put the game away with two more runs in the fifth and an additional five in the sixth, though. Metcalf relieved AJ Drenzo (seven runs, three earned) midway through the sixth.

Leicester's Derek Mahoney (first inning walk, sixth inning walk), AJ Drenzo (second inning walk), Birtz (third inning reach on error) and Mike

Mero (sixth inning walk) were the base runners. Only Mero reached scoring position.

Nonetheless, Fenuccio was pleased with the Wolverines this spring while also looking forward to the future.

"I'm very proud of these kids. They played well all year," he said. "I'm excited for the baseball program at Leicester. To get to the Elite Eight is quite an accomplishment and we've got a good core of kids coming back."

To reach the quarterfinals, Leicester beat No. 4 Hamilton-Wenham Regional, 4-3, in the Round of 16 on Wednesday, June 8.

"Hamilton-Wenham was a fantastic game. We [Mero] pitched very well and had some timely hits. Then we held on defensively," said Fenuccio.

Mero, AJ Drenzo and Seth Larson are the three Leicester senior starters that will need to be replaced in 2023.



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Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit, for Thomas & Jane Gately for the property located at 11 Lake Shore Drive Ext., West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to add a second floor and remodel the interior of this single family home in Neighborhood Residential District. This requires a Special Permit as per section(s)
-1.52-Nonconformity: \$1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al)
June 10, 2022
June 17, 2022

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD INVITATION FOR BIDS FY 23 ROAD MATERIALS

The Town of Brookfield will receive bids for furnishing road materials as needed, for the period from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. Specifications and Bid Forms may be picked up at the Brookfield Highway Department, 56 Mill Street, Brookfield, MA or requested via email from highway@brookfieldma.us. Bids are to be submitted addressed to the Highway Superintendent and marked "FY 23 Road Materials Bid". Bids will be received in the Highway Department Office until 12:00 PM, Wednesday, June 29, 2022, when they will be opened and read aloud in the Highway Department Office. The Town of Brookfield reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Contractors are required to comply with Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries Prevailing Wage Rates. Contractors desiring to bid on road repair and reconstruction, and/or sidewalk construction must have Mass Department of Transportation prequalification. A 5% bid bond is required. The Town of Brookfield is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.
June 10, 2022
June 17, 2022

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 27 Woodside Road, Spencer, Massachusetts
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard P. Witz to Santander Bank, N.A., said mortgage dated November 23, 2015, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 54645 at Page 152 and now held by Santander Bank, N.A. for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on July 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO-WIT:
A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE WESTERLY PART OF SPENCER, ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF A TOWN ROAD, NOW CALLED GREEN LAUNDRY ROAD, FORMERLY

AND MORE PROPERLY CALLED PARADISE ROAD, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER THEREOF, AT A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID ROAD, AND AT LAND OF WILLIAM J. ZUKAS; THENCE N. 84° W. ON A STONE WALL BY SAID ZUKAS LAND, 341.81 FEET TO A CORNER OF WALLS; THENCE N. 6° E. STILL ON A WALL BY SAID ZUKAS LAND, 208.71 FEET TO OTHER LAND OF THE GRANTOR; THENCE S. 84° E. BY SAID GRANTORS LAND 286.21 FEET TO THE AFORESAID ROAD; THENCE SOUTH BY SAID ROAD 16° 48' E. 62.65 FEET, AND SOUTH 8° 43' E. 47.27 FEET AND SOUTH 4° 33' E. 106.53 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING ABOUT 1.5 ACRES OF LAND AND BEING THE SAME THE PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE GRANTOR HEREIN BY BERNARD NOWAK AND ANNA M. NOWAK DATED MAY 4, 1956 AND RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 3772, PAGE 349. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO RICHARD P. WITZ BY DEED FROM HERMAN HENRY WITZ AND EMMA M. WITZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE RECORDED 11/07/1969 IN DEED BOOK 4991 PAGE 48, IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS PLAN FOR WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS. PARCEL ID: R31/ 7/ / / PROPERTY ADDRESS: 27 WOODSIDE ROAD, SPENCER, MA 01562 USPS ADDRESS: 27 WOODSIDE RD, SPENCER, MA 01562-1330

he description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 4991 at Page 48 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Attorney for Santander Bank, N.A.

Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868

June 10, 2022
June 17, 2022
June 24, 2022

Leicester Water Supply District Invitation to Bid

The Board of Water Commissioner's request sealed bids to provide Electrical Work for the Headworks Bar Screen Replacement Project; Contract 2022-1. Bidding Documents may be obtained at the Leicester Water Supply District offices, 124 Pine Street, Leicester, MA 01524 or by calling 508- 892-8484 between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. after **Friday June 10, 2022.** Leicester Water Supply District will receive bids at 124 Pine Street Leicester, MA 01524 until **11 A.M. Tuesday July 12, 2022** prevailing time at which time bid documents will be publicly opened and read.

The Board of Water Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed not in the best interest of the Leicester Water Supply District. Board of Water Commissioners
Leicester Water Supply District
June 17, 2022
June 24, 2022

**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. WO22P1960EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
William R. King
Date of Death: 05/01/2022**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Brendan J. King of Worcester MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Brendan J. King of Worcester 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 07/05/2022.**

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: June 07, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

June 17, 2022

Brookfield Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

At a regularly scheduled Brookfield Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, a public hearing will be held starting at 6:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard at the Banquet Hall of the Town Hall, 6 Central Street, to review the following, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 40, Section 15C:

The applicant of record, David A. Terry, Jr. of P.O. Box 4, Brookfield, MA, seeks permission to remove portions of existing stone walls on the Town of Brookfield's right of way fronting property at 3 Long Hill Road, a Scenic Road, to facilitate the creation of a curb cut onto the property. Said property is owned by David A. Terry and Marcia M. Terry, Brookfield, and is shown on the Town of Brookfield's Assessor's Map 5B, Parcel 18.B.

Any persons interested in or wishing to be heard on this application should appear at the time and place designated.

Sharon Mahoney, Chair
Brookfield Planning Board
June 17, 2022
June 24, 2022

MEYERS

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Remove one third of the largest and oldest stems to ground level each year for three years with renewal pruning. If your shrub has twelve stems, you will prune four of these back to the ground this year, four more the following year, and remove the last four older stems the third year. By the end of the three years, you have a smaller shrub with leafy stems from ground to tip and flowers at a level you can enjoy.

Start by removing any crossed or dead branches. Disinfect tools with a 70 percent alcohol or disinfectant spray between cuts, if you suspect the plant is suffering from disease. This will help reduce the risk of spreading the

disease throughout the plant.

You can stop pruning at this point and continue renewal pruning next year in late winter. If you decide to continue, remove a few more of the older stems to ground level. Taking these stems back to the ground encourages new growth at the base of the plant.

Minimize additional pruning at this point. You can reduce the height on any wayward branches as needed. Make your cut on a slight angle above an outward facing bud or stem. This encourages growth away from the center of the plant, reducing the risk of crossing branches in the future.

Maintain the size and prevent leggy growth with regular pruning in the future. Just remove a few older stems to ground level every year or two. Investing a

bit of pruning throughout the life of your plants helps boost their health, beauty, and your enjoyment.

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" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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OBITUARIES

George David Dandurand, 96

LEICESTER/CHERRY VALLEY- George David Dandurand passed away on June 11 at the age of 96 surrounded by his loving family. He joins his beloved wife of 70 years, Estelle (Raymond) Dandurand (2019). George was born on July 13, 1925 to Nelson and Angeline (Aucoin) Dandurand in Shrewsbury MA where he grew up as the youngest of 5 children. He started work at an early age on a farm and then as a bowling alley "pin boy". George attended high school at Worcester Boys Trade studying mechanics and gear making. Like many other high schoolers at that time, he traded a diploma for enlistment papers, enlisting in the US Navy at the age of 17. George served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Hemwas a Machinist's Mate 1st class and was then chosen to be part of an elite group of divers, becoming a Deep-Sea Salvage Diver. During WWII he took part as a diver in the D-Day invasion at the Beach Head in Normandy moving on to the Battle of the Bulge then later completing tactical missions in Japan. During the Korean War he was assigned to the USS Cadmus. After returning home George began his over 40-year career at Bancroft Motors, pumping gas and then working his way up to Service Director until retiring in 1990. It was at Bancroft Motors where he met Estelle Raymond whom he married on Feb 19, 1949. The couple would eventually move to Cherry Valley where they raised 7 children. Family was the most important thing to them as well as their greatest joy and accomplishment. They were so proud of their children, 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Their home was the place for family gatherings of cookouts, pool parties and celebrations with family and friends.



George spent his free time gardening, growing enough vegetables to feed the neighborhood. George and Estelle would make and freeze their special tomato sauce as well as a variety of vegetables. George was always working around his home and helping his kids with their home projects. He even earned the nick name "MacGyver" because he could always figure out the tough or impossible situations. George Dandurand was a loving husband, dad, père, and grand père. He was a loyal friend, fair boss and a brave veteran who was loved and will be missed. He was a hero to all.

George leaves seven children. George Jr. of Cherry Valley, MA, Kenneth and wife Patricia of Plymouth, MA, Richard and wife Martha of Cornelius, NC, Elaine Beattie and husband Mark of Westwood, MA, James and wife Dana of Mooresville, NC, Lisa Fitzpatrick and husband James of Wrentham, MA and Thomas and wife Kristen of Wilmington, DE. He leaves 12 grandchildren Jeffrey and wife Emily, Marcus and wife Katy, Stephen, Joseph, Chloe, Ava and William Dandurand, Allison, Caroline, and Jack Beattie, Aidan, and Isabelle Fitzpatrick. Three great grandchildren Benjamin, Charles, and Lucille Dandurand. George was predeceased by his grandson Matthew Dandurand (2005). A Funeral Service will be held Thursday, June 16 at 12 noon in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester.

Burial with military honors will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 5-8 P.M. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Quilts of Valor Foundation <https://www.qovf.org/donate/> or by mail: Quilts of Valor at Charlton Sewing Center (Group 15307) Charlton, MA 01507 or the Dana Farber Cancer Institute 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 <https://www.dana-farber.org/how-you-can-help/ways-to-give/make-a-memorial-or-tribute-gift/>

Karen T. Gregoire, 52

SPENCER: Karen T. (Gigante) Gregoire, 52, of Spencer, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 5 in her home surrounded by her family, after a courageous battle with cancer. She leaves her loving husband of 19 years, Matthew R. Gregoire, her daughter Avianna L. Gregoire of Spencer, her son Tyler Kane-Gregoire of Laughlin, Nevada, her mother, Lillian Delude and her husband Bruce of Spencer, her father Domenic Gigante and his life partner Della Doe of Holden, brother Stephen Gigante of Shrewsbury, sister Christine Gigante of West Brookfield, a step-brother William Delude and his wife Christine of Spencer, her step-sister Danielle Delude of Sweet Briar, Virginia, and her loving dog Bella. She is predeceased by her son Nicholas Kane-Gregoire who died in 2018.



Karen was born in Worcester, and later graduated from David Prouty High School in Spencer. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Worcester State College. Karen was a school teacher in the Spencer-E. Brookfield School System and taught at E. Brookfield Elementary School and Wire Village School in Spencer prior to her illness. Karen loved camping in Maine and

days at the beach. She was a free spirit who knew how to live life to the fullest. She enjoyed so many great times with friends at country festivals and concerts. She had a special presence amongst her closest friends that no matter who you were, she would make them feel special enough to be her best friend. She would always go out of her way to make any person close to her feel loved and important. Most of all Karen loved spending time with her family. Prior to her passing, Karen expressed the importance of all her loved ones celebrating her life. She insisted in a letter she wrote that she wants everyone to wear their favorite attire and "Throw me a party".

Burial in Mary Queen of the Rosary Cemetery is private for the family. A Celebration of her Life will be held on Thursday, June 16th. at 1p.m. at The Spencer Country Inn, 500 Main St., Spencer. There are no calling hours. The J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, the Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136 East Brookfield, MA 01515. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Drew Patrick Leonard, 28

NO. BROOKFIELD- Drew Patrick Leonard, 28, of North Brookfield, died Friday, June 10th with his parents by his side.



He leaves his parents Dennis P. and Sheila E. (Perkins) Leonard, Jr., with whom he lived; his sisters, Lt. Commander Nicole K. Leonard of San Diego, CA and Melissa E. Leonard of San Diego, CA; his maternal grandparents Linda M. Bauman and her husband, Steve, of Port Charlotte, FL, and maternal grandfather Robert A. Perkins of North Brookfield, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Dennis P. and June A. (Martone) Leonard.

Drew was born in Worcester and graduated from David Prouty High School, Spencer, Class of 2011. He was a member of the David Prouty golf team. He later graduated from Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, in 2015.

Drew worked in land surveying, renovated houses to sell or rent, rental property maintenance, and as an intern at OFS in Sturbridge during his college

years. Ultimately, his compassion and natural affinity for animals inspired him to first volunteer at Second Chance Animal Shelter in East Brookfield and then start his own pet sitting and dog walking business. He was looking forward to starting on a path to become a certified dog trainer.

Drew loved snorkeling, gaming, playing Texas Hold'em, and watching documentaries. He was known for his quick wit and great sense of humor, but most importantly, he was known for his kindness and empathy towards others. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, including his furry friends.

His funeral will be held on Friday, June 17 from the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial will follow in St. Marys Cemetery, Holden. Calling hours are Thursday from 4 to 7p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136 East Brookfield, MA 01515 or Abby's House, 52 High St., Worcester, MA 01609. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

BREAKFAST

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After going undrafted in 2017, Ricard kept working hard and ultimately signed with the Ravens. He's accumulated some impressive stats since breaking into the NFL, and he always appreciates the support from back home.

In recent years, Ricard and his wife Hayley have been committed to hosting a large local fundraising event. Now that pandemic restrictions have been lifted, he is looking forward to a fun time in his hometown.

"The last two years with Covid have made it very challenging to have an event like this. My wife and I are very excited to finally be able to see so many people, some familiar and some new faces on July 16," Ricard said. "On top of seeing everyone, we are most proud of having all the proceeds from the event go toward the DPHS Booster Club and the Spencer Fire Association."

Added Ricard, "Never in a million years did I think that I would be in the position that I am in today. Spencer is the place that I call home, and is a part of me wherever I go. I feel it is my duty to give back to the community that gave so much to me growing

up, and continues to support me and my career. We're super excited for this event, and I can't wait to eat some pancakes, see the community, and raise a ton of money."

Tickets are only available in advance for this event. No sales will take place at the door.

Three seatings will be offered: 8-9 a.m., 9-10 a.m., and 10-11 a.m. The event will also include raffle items, giveaways, and autographs.

Additionally, Ricard has offered to stay and sign autographs for one hour from 11 a.m.-noon, after the pancake portion of the event has ended. Donations will be accepted, and the silent auction and raffles will remain open until 11:50 a.m.

Ricard and his wife will also donate \$5,000 to be split between the DPHS Booster Club and the Spencer Fire Association. Matching funds of \$5,000 have been arranged from the NFL.

To secure your tickets for the event, make checks payable to: DPHS Booster Club c/o Todd Civin, 2 Robbins Rd., Winchendon, MA 01475. Please include the time slot desired, and your ticket will be mailed to you.

Community members can also Venmo Todd-Civin for tickets.

Red Cross have provided me opportunities to grow in many ways as a person at the same time as I am giving back to our communities."

To learn more about how you can get involved and assist residents in need, visit www.redcross.org. The organization is always seeking to recruit more members, especially with a busy wild-fire and hurricane season predicted this year.

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Kalyn is a very bright, sweet and caring girl of Caucasian descent. Proficient in school, Kalyn loves books and writing. She would love to write and publish a novel some day. As of school year 2021-2022 she attends the 8th grade. She can create an array of elaborate art projects with much detail. Kalyn participates in an "after school" program four nights a week which includes volunteering at a Humane Society and participating in a theater group. Outdoor activities like hiking also of interest Kalyn. Her favorite indoor activity in her group home setting is cooking. She has dry and witty sense of humor. She would like attend college in the future.

Legally freed for adoption, Kalyn has expressed that she is ready to be matched with her forever family and that she would like to be part of her adoption process. She feels that she would fit in best with a single or 2 mom family. She would do well in a home with older children or no other children. She should also be allowed to make mistakes, learn from them and be forgiven for them. She will need to maintain contact, including monthly "in person" visits, with her siblings living in western and eastern MA.

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SPORTS

Minutemen advance to State Final Four after holding off Joseph Case rally

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SWANSEA — Uncharted territory is where the Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team, the No. 14 seed in the MIAA Division 4 State Tournament, is headed after knocking off No. 3 AMSA (Advanced Math and Science Academy) on Wednesday, June 8, 4-1, in the Round of 16 and then 11th-seeded Joseph Case High, 4-3, on Saturday, June 11, in a Round of 8 matchup.

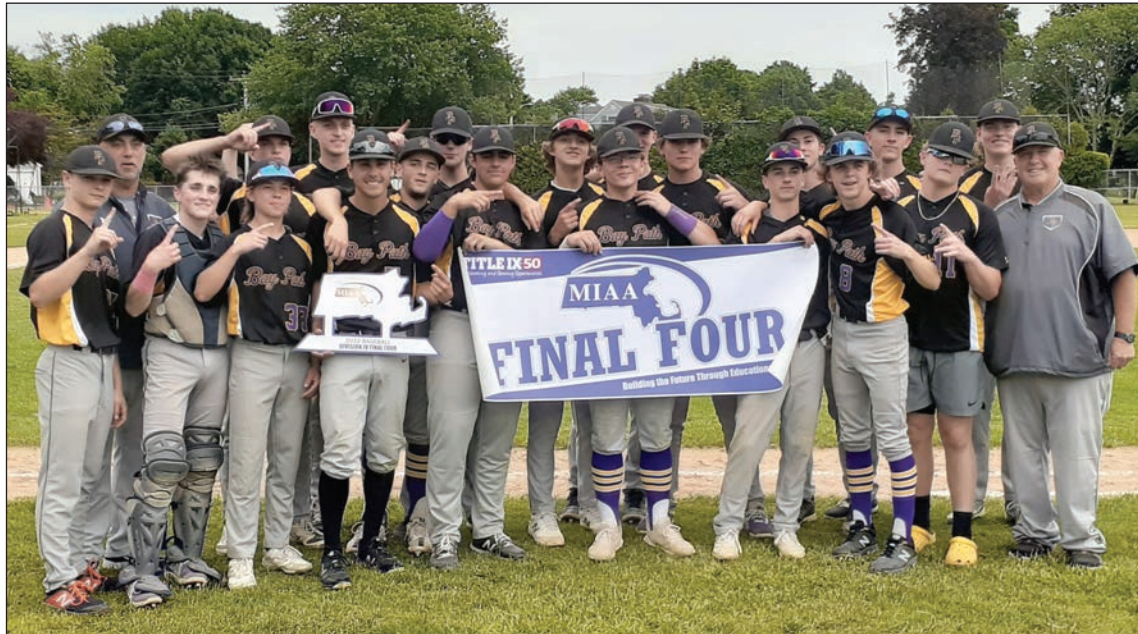
With the win over Case the 19-5 Minutemen advanced to the Final Four semifinal round, where they faced No. 7 Seekonk High, scheduled to be played on June 14, which came after this publication's press deadline.

The semifinal round is the furthest a Bay Path baseball team has advanced in school history. In 2019 the Minutemen played in the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament championship game, losing 3-2 to Hudson High.

"I don't know, it hasn't sunk in yet," Bay Path head coach Mark Sansoucy said when asked how it felt to be one of the final four teams still playing in the Division 4 Tournament. "The only thing I'm thinking about is when and where are we playing next."

The Minutemen were able to play that June 14 game against Seekonk after the win over the Cardinals because of an efficient and opportunistic offense — which led 3-0 after two innings and 4-0 after four — and a tremendous pitching performance from Zack Fritze.

The 5-foot-9, 170-pound junior pitched all seven innings, allowing three runs on eight hits while striking out six and



Ken Powers photo

The Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team is Final Four bound in the Division 4 State Tournament after defeating Joseph Case High, 4-3, on Saturday, June 11.

walking one. He threw a total of 105 pitches.

"Zack pitched well. We gave them some outs, too, but Zack's a gamer; he's a good one," said Sansoucy, now in his 25th year at the helm at Bay Path. "In the fourth and fifth innings it seemed like he slowed down in his delivery to the plate. He usually works pretty quickly. He seemed to pick his pace back up in the sixth and seventh innings."

From start to finish Fritze said his objective was a singular one.

"I just wanted to come out and throw strikes," he said.

The Bay Path offense got rolling in the second inning when with one out Brandon Martocci drew a walk and then advanced to second base when Joe Fritze reached on an infield single

to third base. Martocci then scored to give the Minutemen a 1-0 lead when Jake Delvalle singled to left field. Joe Fritze moved to second on the play. Joe Fritze then moved to third and Delvalle to second on a wild pitch.

Zack Moody followed with a comebacker to Cardinals' pitcher Tyler Cabral for the second out of the inning, but Joe Fritze hustled home on the play to push the Minutemen lead to 2-0. Delvalle went to third and then scored on a wild pitch to extend the Bay Path lead to 3-0.

The Minutemen increased their lead to 4-0 in the top of the fourth inning, Zack Fritze reaching on a fielder's choice to second base. He advanced to second base on an RBI single to center field by Johnny

Schramm and scored on an RBI double off the bat of Matt Rousakos.

Case cut the Bay Path lead to 4-1 in the bottom of the fourth. With one out Braden Ventura doubled to the fence in left field, went to third base on a ground-out by Jacob Poitras, and then scored on an RBI single to left field by Cooper Khoury.

The Cardinals pulled to within a run in the bottom of the fifth inning. After Zack Fritze got two quick outs on ground-outs, Gracie singled to left field and went to third on a ringing double by Aidan Bates. Jake Pontes scored Gracie to make it a 4-2 game when he singled just past Zack Fritze and just in front of shortstop Dale Nussey. Bates went to third on the play.

Bates then scored to make it 4-3 on a bloop single to left-center field by Ventura. Zack Fritze escaped further damage when he fanned Khoury with the bases loaded.

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Zack Fritze and Dylan McDonald, his catcher, became frustrated in the fourth and fifth innings by Case's deliberate — and effective — attempt to slow the game down and get Zack Fritze out of his pitching rhythm. Both players threw their hands up in the air several times when Cardinals' hitters frequently called for time between pitches.

"Our emotions were starting to get to us at that point," Zack Fritze said. "Everybody starting getting down on themselves after we made a mistake or an error."

Sansoucy said he saw that Case's antics were getting to his players, especially Zack Fritze.

"Their batters were stepping out on him a lot and breaking his rhythm and he was getting pretty agitated because of that," Sansoucy said. "But he fought through it. That's what good players do."

Schramm, the lone Bay Path player who was a member of the 2019 District finalist team, said he knew early on that this team was capable of a long tournament run.

"We have a great group of young guys; they're going to be good for a few years," said Schramm, who is a tri-captain of the team along with Zack Fritze and Martocci. "From the first day of practice I knew this was a group of special kids. This is just a great team. Everybody works hard, everybody's into it. I couldn't be more proud of these kids."

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SPORTS

Poor first inning enough to end Tantasqua's season in State Tournament Round of 16

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

DIGHTON — When asked about the three key components of a softball game — hitting, pitching and defense — and what the potential weakness of his team was, Tantasqua Regional varsity head coach Nate Orzech acknowledged that it was defense.

"We're pretty good but we make some errors," said Orzech.

Three first-inning errors proved costly for the Warriors when they played Dighton-Rehoboth Regional in a Division 3 State Tournament Round of 16 game on Tuesday, June 7. Although No. 19 Tantasqua scored two runs in the top of the first inning, the third ranked Falcons countered with four runs on only two hits.

The end result saw Dighton-Rehoboth defeat

the Warriors, 6-3, and advance to the Round of 8. There, DR defeated No. 6 Austin Prep, 4-2, to improve to 17-5 and face No. 2 Greater New Bedford in the Final Four. Tantasqua finished 16-6.

"I was really proud of the way they competed for six innings, [but] you can't give a team that's good the extra outs," said Orzech.

The Warriors struck

first, though, when Elyse Geneway singled. Two batters later, Katelyn Schneider launched a hard-hit line drive between first and second base. The ball also got past the right fielder, and when all was said and done Geneway and Schneider had scored on her inside-the-park home run.

Dighton-Rehoboth then took advantage of Tantasqua's miscues to grab a 4-2 lead and never look back. Haleigh Kelley hit a Schneider pitch up the middle for an RBI single, but all other runs were scored on errors.

Eliana Raposo, Schneider's counterpart in the circle, then hit an inside-the-park homer of her own in the bottom of the third inning to stake the Falcons to a 5-2 lead.

Dighton-Rehoboth added one more insurance run in the sixth inning on a Caleigh Cloonan RBI single to up the home team's advantage to 6-2.

Meanwhile, Raposo was dealing for the Falcons. She finished with 16 strikeouts, including 1-2-3 frames with a trio of punch-outs in the second and fourth innings.

"This girl was obviously very good," Orzech said of Raposo. "I thought we did a great job approaching her, [but] we tend to



Nick Ethier photos

With head coach Nate Orzech watching on, Tantasqua teammates celebrate with Katelyn Schneider, second from right, who just touched home plate and completed an inside-the-park home run.

overswing when pitchers are faster instead of trusting our mechanics."

Nonetheless, Tantasqua battled until the bitter end. In the top of the seventh, Alex Manley drew a one-out walk. Then, with two outs, Geneway (2-for-4) singled into left field. A coinciding error then allowed Manley to score. Next up was Taylor Bronner and her flare seemed destined to drop into shallow center field. But Kelley, DR's shortstop, ranged to the outfield and cradled the ball into her bare hand and then to her glove for the final out.

Had that ball dropped Schneider, who was 2-for-3, was due up and would have brought the tying run to the plate.

"That's a heck of a play by their shortstop, isn't it?" said Orzech. "If that drops, we're in business and Schneider's up."

Schneider's pitching performance included six runs — two earned — on five hits with eight strikeouts and three walks. She pitched in every Tantasqua game this season and was in the circle for all but six innings.

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SPORTS

Registration now open for inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge

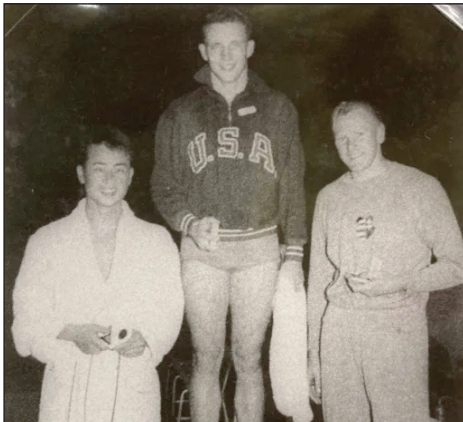


BROOKFIELD — Registration is now open for the inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge being held at Lake

Quacumquasit (aka South Pond) in Brookfield/Sturbridge on Sunday, August 7, according to event organizer Jennifer Yorzyk-Triger. The Wild Bill Swim Challenge includes events open water swimming races for all ages and ability levels, including a three-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start and a maximum swim time of two hours and 30 minutes, a one-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start, a one-mile paddleboard/swim relay for two entrants with a 10:30 a.m. start, and a one-way 400-yard swim with an 11:30 a.m. start. Entry fees and registration information can be found on the event website at wildbillswim.org. There will also be fun activities for the family, entertainment, food trucks, and a Vintage Bathing Beauties & Blokes Pageant. The event will conclude with a

celebration of winners on the South Pond beach at 12:30 p.m. Yorzyk-Triger created the event as a tribute to her father, Olympic Gold Medalist Dr. William “Bill” Yorzyk, who died in 2020. Dr. Yorzyk, a long-time resident of South Pond, took the gold in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College. He was a five-time NCAA All American who set a total of 11 World Records. Yorzyk swam competitively into his 70s and passed on his love of the sport to his sons and daughter. Proceeds from this first Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge will help fund a matching grant to benefit the Quacumquasit Pond Phosphorus Inactivation Project that was recently approved and fund-

ed by the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Program. The Town of Sturbridge, which is managing the project, is working with the Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association (QQLA), the ESS Environmental Group, and Solitude Lake Management to conduct an alum treatment targeting deep phosphorus-rich sediment in South Pond that could be completed as early as spring 2023. “With the Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge we’ve created an event where people will enjoy the beautiful water of South Pond while this year supporting a project that will ensure its sustained cleanliness,” explains Yorzyk-Triger. Starting with the 2023 event, she plans to use the proceeds from future challenges to create and fund a permanent scholarship for competitive swimmers in Dr. Zorzyk’s memory. Yorzyk-Triger says volunteers and sponsorships are also needed. For more information, email Jenn Yorzyk-Triger at jenn@wildbillswim.org. Additional updates will be available on Facebook (The Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge), Instagram (@wildbillswim), and the QQLA website at qqqla.org. Donations are also being accepted at gofundme.com/the-wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge.



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A young Bill Yorzyk took the gold in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College. (Left: Silver medalist Takashi Ishimoto, Japan. Right: Bronze medalist György Tumpek, Hungary)

MILLER HIGHLIGHTS LEICESTER’S IMPRESSIVE SHOWING AT DISTRICT E DECATHLON



Courtesy photo

The Leicester High track and field team recently had four athletes compete in the District E Decathlon. Teddy Miller won it the entire event. Cooper White took home a plaque for 22nd place and the team took third place overall. The participants were Teddy Miller, Cooper White, Brett Carroll and Dylan Delage.

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All results include games played through Monday, June 13

Tuesday, June 7
Division 2 Girls’ Lacrosse Preliminary Round
(30) Marblehead 18, (35) Tantasqua 6 — With a halftime score of 7-6, the Warriors were very much in the game. But Tantasqua was outscored in the second half, 11-0, to finish its season with a record of 10-8. Maeve Ashworth scored three times for the Warriors, while Sophia Parker (two) and Kaydie O’Neil also scored.

Wednesday, June 8
Division 2 Boys’ Lacrosse Round of 32
(2) Duxbury 22, (31) Tantasqua 1 — The season came to a close for the Warriors, as the super strong team from Duxbury won going away. Duxbury won its next playoff game against No. 15 Westfield High, 19-13. Tantasqua finished with a record of 14-6.

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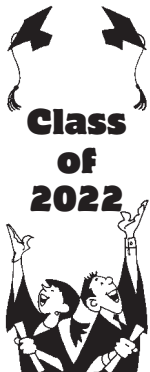
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