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Friday, September 9, 2022



Photo Kevin Flanders

The school community comes together for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

## LHS students set foot on Becker campus for first time

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Some said it wouldn't happen for at least another year. Some said it would never happen. But after months of hard work from local leaders and volunteers, a once lofty ambition became a reality last week, when LHS juniors and seniors enjoyed their first day of studies at the Fuller Campus Center.

During an Aug. 31 ribbon cutting ceremony held inside the campus center on the grounds of the former Becker

College, community leaders joined students and school officials in celebrating a new era for Leicester Public Schools.

"This remarkable moment in the history of Leicester would not have been possible without the incredible joining of minds and hands within this town," said School Committee Chair Donna McCance. "This is a fine example for our students to see what can be accomplished when people are courageous, determined, and focused on succeeding."

Over the last few months,

Superintendent Brett Kustigian and LHS Principal Ted Zawada have led the transformation of the Fuller Campus Center into a high school building. With full support from the School Committee and Select Board, administrators were heavily assisted by teachers and staff members; student volunteers; local officials and municipal departments; and Leicester families and businesses.

On Aug. 31, stepping

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## Voters to have their say on DPHS renovation project

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Over the next month, residents in Spencer and East Brookfield will take a series of votes to determine the fate of the David Prouty High School building project.

In order for the \$111.6 million addition-renovation project to move forward, successful votes must be secured at town meetings and elections in both towns.

East Brookfield's Special Town Meeting will take place on Sept. 13, with Spencer's Special Town Meeting set for the following day on Sept. 14.

Both towns will hold elections on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

"This project is critical for these towns we serve for several reasons. First and foremost, our students deserve better. David Prouty is extremely outdated for 21st century learning. We can't continue to just put band-aids on a building of this age," said Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee member Jason Monette.

Built in the 1960s, DPHS suffers from numerous problems, including issues with mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems; roof and accessibility issues; and outdated classrooms and equipment. In early March, the school was closed

for several days following a burst heating pipe that caused steam and water damage.

If the project is approved by voters, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) would cover \$46.8 million, while the towns would be responsible for the remaining \$64.8 million.

Voters in both towns will be asked at Special Town Meeting to approve a debt exclusion for the total project budget. The MSBA reimbursement would then be paid out in the form of a facilities grant.

If passed as a debt exclusion for each community, the project would raise the residential tax rate by \$2.42 in East Brookfield and \$2.57 in Spencer.

Supporters of the project said it will draw more families to the district and create an economic boost for both towns. It will also help reduce the number of students choosing to leave the district, proponents told the New Leader.

"The DPHS renovation-addition project will give our high school students a building that will give them many opportunities for better learning," said Spencer Selectman Ralph Hicks, who served as a liaison to the district's DPHS Building Committee. "The new science

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## East Brookfield readies for centennial celebration

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – After patiently waiting for two years, residents are counting down the final days before one of the town's largest events in recent memory.

Celebrating East Brookfield's 100th anniversary, a parade and family fun day will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17.

The parade will start at 9:30 a.m. at Bay Path Estates on North Brookfield Road, then turn onto Route 9 before ending at East Brookfield Elementary School. The parade is expected to include multiple vehicles and take a significant amount of time to complete, officials said.

From 9 a.m. to noon, detours for general traffic will be set up on Route 9. Westbound traffic will be detoured onto Route 49 in Spencer, while eastbound traffic will be detoured onto Quaboag Street in Brookfield. Local traffic will be allowed to access the out-

skirts of this area, but a hard closure will take place from Harrington Street to Blaine Avenue in East Brookfield (9 a.m. to noon).

Only emergency vehicles will be allowed to enter the hard closure area between 9 a.m. and noon.

"People will not have vehicle access to that area unless there is an emergency. We want to let people know well in advance to minimize the inconvenience for travelers in the area," said East Brookfield Police Chief William Gregoire.

The best viewing spots for the parade will be anywhere along North Brookfield Road and Route 9, officials said. If you plan to drive to the area, please arrive well before the road closure to ensure you have access. No motorists will be permitted to enter the hard closure area after 9 a.m.

The Holland Aqua Skiers will put on a show on Lake Lashaway directly after the

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## Last chance to sign up for charity mini-golf tournament



Photo Courtesy

From left, LHS students Tyler Herron, Annie Hunt, Izabella Kulla, and Cole Delage recently organized a community fundraiser.

LEICESTER – Local residents are invited to take advantage of the final hours to sign up for a charity mini-golf tournament supporting UMass Memorial Children's Hospital.

Four Leicester High School seniors organized the tournament, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crystal Caves Family Entertainment in Auburn.

The event was spearheaded by LHS National Honor Society members Cole Delage, Annie Hunt, Izabella Kulla, and Tyler Herron.

All money generated by the event will benefit the children's hospital.

Additionally, the students will organize a raffle basket on the day of the event that guests can win by purchasing raffle tickets.

If you would like to attend the event, tickets must be purchased in advance by the evening of Sept. 9.

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# “Opening the doors to opportunity”

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS HONORS  
OUTSTANDING TUTOR AND STUDENT



Angela Gonzalez (left) and Emily Farrell

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBIDGE — As anyone who has visited another country knows, it can be challenging to get things done if you don't know the language. For short vacations, that's one thing. But for many in our community, it's a long-term issue.

Some of them end up taking low-paid jobs despite having been educated professionals in their former homelands. Others weren't even truly literate there.

Both groups turn to Literacy Volunteers of South Central Massachusetts for help with learning English. Last week, the non-profit agency honored this year's outstanding student Angela Gonzalez and tutor Connie Montross in a gathering at the Ruth Wells Art Center.

According to Executive Director Emily Farrell, both categories saw “lots of nominations” of past and present people, so she narrowed it to just this

past year. Among them, Gonzalez stood out for her dedication.

“She was going to four English classes a week” and was the only student who “always showed up,” even when classes were on Zoom, Farrell said.

She's actually been a student for four years, previously taught high school in Puerto Rico, applied to be a Spanish and Math teacher here, and is working to transfer her teaching credentials here.

“I've heard wonderful things from her tutor” about how Gonzalez helps other students, she added.

Gonzalez herself declined to speak at the event, and departed before I could get a chance to talk to her afterward.

Sturbridge resident Montross, on the other hand, said she has “a great deal of respect for people who overcome so many challenges” to come to the US. She's retired from 40 years of teaching at several area colleges, including Clark and Holy Cross.

Since becoming a tutor, Farrell noted,



Connie Montross (left) talks to LouAnn Corkum, with Helen Thompson in the background.

Montross shined as “one of the best kind of teachers because you're a life-long learner,” who routinely says yes to offers of continuing education “that are best for her students.” As an example, Farrell said Montross started with Literacy Volunteers as an English as a Second Language teacher, but when she realized her student didn't have basic literacy in his first language, she dove into training to address that, too.

To Montross, the most interesting experience in tutoring has been helping students prepare for citizenship, for which they have to take an oral exam in English and submit a “really detailed application. Both of those pieces are really a lot for people to do.”

“They've done the hard work, and it's a privilege to help people advance their goals,” Montross said, noting she attended a citizenship ceremony at Old Sturbridge Village and found it “very moving.”

Webster's Helen Thompson is hoping to have that kind of experience. She finished tutor training in May, but has not yet been assigned a student. Like Montross, she has an education background — years ago, she taught basic literacy with Outward Bound, before shifting into public health work and years as an acupuncturist.

“As a teacher, I was driving most of what the students needed to learn,” Thompson recalled. “But working with adults, I can tap more into their interests.”

Charlton's Rich Prager agreed. He's had about 10 students with Literacy Volunteers over the last few years (two now), but also taught languages in Hartford for several years before that. One of his current students is a lawyer from Brazil who spent time here working as a house cleaner before changing to an office job, but is aiming to get into a US law school.

“I'm amazed because she's so motivated,” he said. “That's what I like about this organization. People don't come if they're not motivated.... To me, this is opening the doors to opportunity.”

Mary O'Coins said Literacy Volunteers' work represents “a perfect marriage of a member agency and United Way,” of which she's Executive Director. United Way's “three pillars” are health, education and financial literacy, and she praised the tutors for “raising people up ... because nobody succeeds in life if they're given everything.”

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## Leicester Harvest Fair seeking exhibitors

LEICESTER — The 22nd annual Leicester Harvest Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Mark your calendar and plan to join the festivities on the Leicester Common, in the Town Hall and adjacent buildings!

The Harvest Fair committee welcomes exhibit entries from adults and youth of Leicester and the surrounding towns to enrich the Fair and display local handiwork. You can enter your garden vegetables and flowers, and eggs laid by your backyard hens. Food artisans can bring canned and baked goods. Artists and craftspeople can display photography and fiber arts including quilting, sewing, knitting and crocheting, spinning and

weaving, rug hooking, embroidery and tating works. Adults 21 and older can enter home-brewed beer, wine, cider/perry or mead. More information with class lists, exhibit entry rules and helpful hints for a skilled display can be found on the Leicester Harvest Fair Facebook page and in brochures available at the Leicester Town Hall, Senior Center, Public Library and at local businesses.

Exhibitors should bring their entries to the Town Hall on Friday, Sept. 16, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. for registration and judging. Ribbons will be awarded to the best three entries in each class. The exhibit display will be open to the public on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Exhibitors of vegetables, flowers,

baked or canned goods may choose to donate their entries to a silent auction held from 2:30 to 3 p.m., with proceeds helping to defray Fair expenses.

Saturday activities on and around the Town Common will entertain Fair goers of all ages. Skilled artisans will demonstrate historic crafts, and local crafters will sell their wares. Food booths will offer a tasty selection of lunch choices, beverages and sweets. The Leicester Tri-M school band will perform, and there will be games and activities for children. Traditional folk music performances at the band stand will feature The Doolin Lads, Yankee Notions, and Slo-Grass. Don't miss this annual community gathering!

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# Leicester resident honored for efforts to promote recycling

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – A founding member and current director of the Leicester Recycling Center, Ruth Kaminski, recently earned a distinguished award for her longtime service to the community.

Nominated for the MassRecycle Award by the local Deja New team, Kaminski has spent decades helping residents save money while protecting the environment.

“Over the years, Ruth has always sought to educate people about the importance of recycling, and it has made a huge cultural change in town,” read a nomination statement submitted by Deja New.

In operation since Feb. 1991, the recycling center is an all-volunteer organization that charges individuals a nominal fee to purchase a vehicle tag. On average, the center sells 500 stickers each year to town residents, businesses, and out-of-towners who have limited recycling options in their own communities.

Since the earliest days when the recycling center was just getting off the ground,

Kaminski has served as a dedicated leader, volunteer, and advocate.

“Thirty years ago, when the local landfill was scheduled for closure, Ruth and a group of Leicester residents researched the issue and decided to open a recycling center,” the Deja New statement read. “Ruth and her team wanted to reduce overall trash removal costs for town residents by offering recycling as an alternative.”

In the beginning of the recycling center’s operation, volunteers met at the landfill site with members of local sports teams, individuals from half-way houses, and Leicester residents to organize town-wide clean-ups. Those efforts resulted in significant amounts of roadside trash being recycled.

Later, Kaminski applied for various grants to purchase equipment to facilitate operations. Volunteers then began



Photo Courtesy

**Leicester Recycling Center Director Ruth Kaminski recently earned a major award.**

recycling items for town departments and processed all hazardous waste at no cost to the town.

“Ruth’s dedication and hard work have led to a very robust recycling operation. The variety of items recycled by this program is beyond compare, and Leicester is often used as a model by other towns when they are opening their own recycling programs,” the Deja New statement read. “In addition to selling vehicle tags, Ruth actively seeks grants to supplement the income needed to run the center.”

Beyond its regular recycling operations, the center also conducts special events. The town recently held its second Leicester Rain Barrel effort to help residents find alternative solutions during water restriction periods. This event was based on the Great American Rain Barrel Program.

The center also works with the Leicester Police Department to sponsor prescription drug take-back days.

Volunteers who work at the recycling center come from a variety of sources. Many Leicester residents work regular shifts at the center, and groups such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participate on occasion. Kaminski also recruits volunteers from groups like Hope House, an organization offering substance abuse treatment while providing emergency housing to clients in need.

Yet another community partner is More Than Words, a job training and youth development program for vulnerable young adults who are in the foster care system, court-involved, homeless, or out of school.

“For the past 30 years, these volunteers have not received any compensation. Many of them say that their reward comes from the smiles they get from families who have benefited from the work they do,” the Deja New statement read.

Volunteers regularly collect and deliver clothes to area recovery houses and homeless

shelters. Moreover, various equipment has been given to Leicester’s schools, businesses, and community members.

Town officials thank Kaminski for her decades of service to her community.

“Every now and then, we are lucky to find a volunteer who steps up to do a job, not because it is glamorous but because it is necessary. Ruth clearly has a passion for doing what needs to be done,” said Select Board Chairman Allen Phillips.

The Deja New Board of Directors, in its nomination statement, submitted several additional examples of Kaminski’s commitment to her role.

“Ruth’s innovative approach and dedication to this project over many years have resulted in a huge shift from being a throw-away community to one that is living sustainably,” the nomination statement read. “Ruth opened the center, kept the town in compliance with the Solid Waste Act, saved the taxpayers some money, and helped keep a number of small businesses afloat—all while protecting the environment.”

# Quaboag district starts new year with new leadership

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER



Photo Courtesy

**Longtime Worcester education leader Maureen Binienda recently headed west to become the Quaboag Regional School District’s Interim Superintendent.**

WARREN – In addition to welcoming students back to class, the Quaboag Regional School District also recently began a new chapter at the administrative level with the hiring of Interim Superintendent Maureen Binienda.

After spending a 46-year career in various positions at Worcester Public Schools—the final six years as superintendent—Binienda arrives at the QRSD eager to take on new projects and challenges.

“It is a great school district with a personal approach to education,” Binienda told the New Leader.

After former QRSD superintendent Brett Kustigian left the district this past summer to take the school chief position in Leicester, officials led a comprehensive process before naming Binienda to the interim role.

Binienda’s tenure with the QRSD began on Aug. 29. School officials were thrilled to hire a leader who brings nearly five decades of experience in education.

“Within the next month, Mrs. Binienda will share district goals for the 2022-23 school year,” read a letter sent to the school community by Quaboag

Regional Middle-High School Principal Steve Duff, who served as interim superintendent during the transitional phase. “Mrs. Binienda looks forward to working with Quaboag Regional School District families, staff, students, and community members.”

Over the next few weeks, the Superintendent will hold office hours to meet with parents and community members. She looks forward to connecting with the entire school community, as well as residents and leaders in Warren and West Brookfield.

“I will be meeting with staff, students, School Committee, and community members to identify areas of emphasis,” Binienda added.

The superintendent said her favorite part of educational leadership is working with students, staff members, and community members to address every student’s needs. And after a lengthy tenure in Worcester, Binienda will now adjust to life at the helm of a small rural district. Several new opportunities and goals lay ahead for the district, and officials are encouraged by the momentum heading into the year.

There are also plenty of challenges innate to smaller districts, including lower Chapter 70 funding and fewer

large business partnership opportunities and resources than those of city districts. But Binienda is well-prepared to tackle each obstacle during an important transitional year, as local schools move away from pandemic restrictions and head toward a new normal.

Away from work, Binienda enjoys swimming a mile every day, traveling to the Caribbean, gardening, and community service. For the past 13 years, she has been a volunteer lead usher at Hanover Theatre. She also serves on many Worcester community committees.

## Leicester Women’s Club to celebrate 50th anniversary

LEICESTER — The Leicester Women’s Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Pine Ridge Country Club at 6 p.m. We will celebrate our 60th

Anniversary. Dinner cost is \$25. Please call reservations to Maureen at 508-864-6871 by Friday Sept. 16. New members always welcome.

### TOURNEY

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To purchase tickets for the event, visit <https://support.umassmemorial.org/MiniGolf>. Tickets are \$20 per person.

If you are unable to attend the event, you can still donate to the cause using the above link.

If you would like to know more about the event, contact Liz Parker-Gagne from UMass Memorial. She can be reached by email at [liz.parkergagne@umassmemorial.org](mailto:liz.parkergagne@umassmemorial.org).



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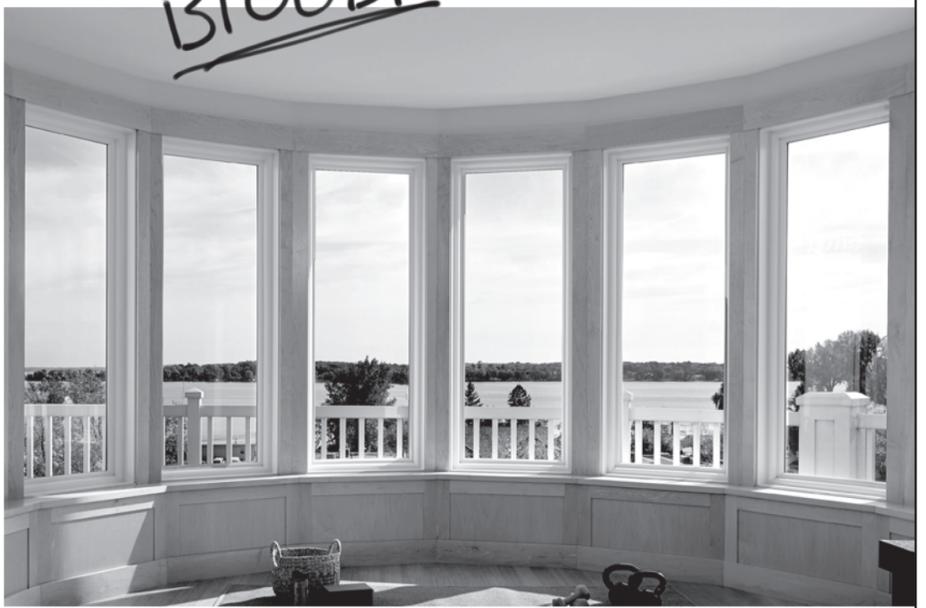
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# Authorities continue search for missing Warren man

WARREN – Police spent several days last week scouring the woods in search of a missing River Street man.

As of our press deadline for this week's edition, Robert Holleran, 57, had not been located by authorities. Police first received a report that he was missing on Aug. 30 at approximately 10 a.m.

He was last seen at his residence on Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.

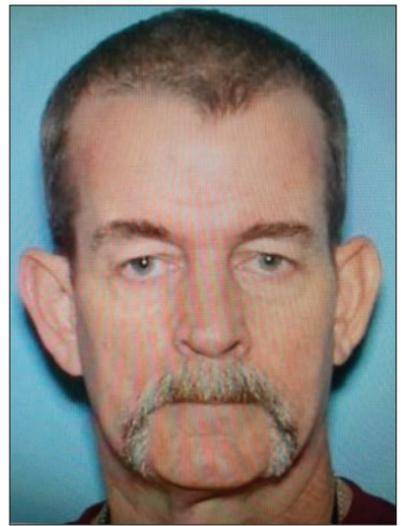
As part of their multi-day search, police combed over 1,700 acres of heavily wooded land near Holleran's residence. Searchers employed drones, canine units, horseback crews, foot patrols, ATVs, and kayaks.

Search results did not give any indications of Holleran's direction of travel, police said.

In a letter to the community, the Warren Police Department requested the public's help in reviewing both residential and commercial video footage of the area.

"Multiple agencies searched a vast wooded area in West Warren to attempt to locate the missing individual," read a statement released by the police department. "As there is no information regarding the direction of travel, any business or residence with cameras are urged to review footage from Monday,

Photo Courtesy  
As of press time, Robert Holleran, 57, of Warren, had not been located by police. He was reported missing on Aug. 30.



August 29, after 7 p.m. until Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. If the individual is located on camera, please contact the Warren Police Department."

If you have a lead that could potentially assist police, call the Warren Police Department at 413-436-9595.

"We appreciate and thank the efforts of the first responders who have been

involved in this search," the WPD statement read.

## College of the Holy Cross welcomes Class of 2026

WORCESTER — The College of the Holy Cross congratulates the 904 new Crusaders who are starting at the College in Fall 2022. The following local students will be part of the Class of 2026:

Tatiana Coolbaugh of Spencer

Jenna Dupell of North Brookfield

Jorji LaViolette of N Brookfield

Timothy St. John of Leicester  
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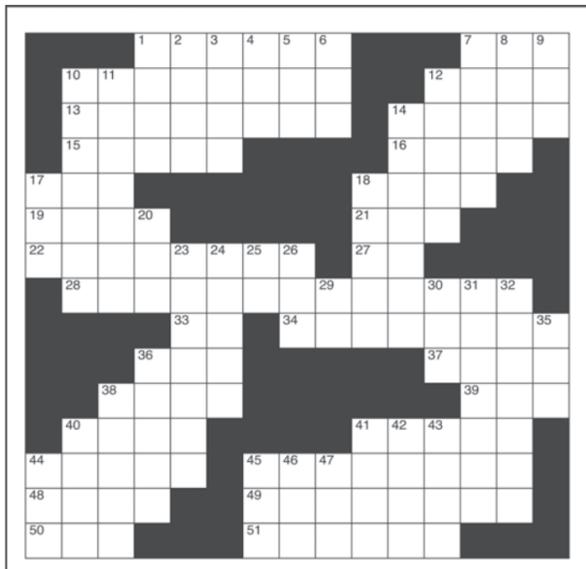
dom, empathy and generosity. And we are confident that they will thrive here."

The new Crusaders arrived on campus and moved into the residence halls on Saturday, August 27th, where they were welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni. Fall classes began on Tuesday, August 30th.

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Grievous
- 7. Queens ballplayer
- 10. Honorable title
- 12. Created
- 13. Grillmasters do it
- 14. Wartime German cargo ship
- 15. Cocoplum
- 16. Hebrew calendar month
- 17. British thermal unit
- 18. Brews
- 19. One of Thor's names
- 21. Decorative scarf
- 22. Clothes
- 27. - : denotes past
- 28. A way to address a lover
- 33. Commercial
- 34. Utters repeatedly
- 36. Google certification (abbr.)
- 37. Taxis
- 38. Belgian village in Antwerp
- 39. Talk excessively
- 40. Broad volcanic crater
- 41. Surgical instrument
- 44. Listens to
- 45. Revelation of a fact
- 48. Paddles
- 49. Heard
- 50. Tooth caregiver
- 51. Metric capacity units

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Protein-rich liquids
- 2. Musician Clapton
- 3. Wine
- 4. When you hope to arrive
- 5. Something one can get stuck in
- 6. Midway between east and southeast
- 7. Mothers
- 8. German river
- 9. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- 10. Discharged
- 11. Areas near the retina
- 12. Greek mythological sorceress
- 14. Very unpleasant smell
- 17. " \_\_ Humbug!"
- 18. White poplar
- 20. Journalist Tarbell
- 23. Teachers
- 24. One older than you
- 25. Long Russian river
- 26. Run batted in
- 29. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 30. Holiday (informal)
- 31. Furniture with open shelves
- 32. Argued
- 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 36. Cars have them
- 38. Volcanic craters
- 40. Made of fermented honey and water
- 41. Shelter for mammals or birds
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- 43. Moves swiftly on foot
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**EDITORIAL**

# Fall is upon us

The first day of fall is upon us. Sept. 23 will mark the first day that it is deemed socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Coffee shops and bakeries are already 'busting' out the fall flavors.

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, however; on the flip side, there are several people who think it is too soon. A survey that posed the question, 'When is it ok to start drinking and eating pumpkin?' produced the following responses--'Right now!' 'First day of fall,' 'I always strive for after Labor Day but often start on July 12,' 'I'm waiting until Sept. 1,' and 'After zucchini season.'

It is true, there are more people in New England who are holding onto every last bit of summer than those looking forward to fall. To those people, we get it. Some people refuse to swap their flip flops for boots until the first snow fall. The end of the summer season really isn't so bad. With fall comes, hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. What could be better?

Perhaps the best part about fall is foliage. The leaves are already changing and soon New England will be swarming with tourists, cameras in tow. Peak foliage will hit during the last week of September through the first week of October.

Within the next four weeks temperatures will drop drastically, with some hot days still sprinkled in for balance. The good news is, there is still plenty of time to sneak in a few more summer hikes, a kayak on the lake, a few more barbecues or a day reading out on the hammock.

The Old Farmer's Almanac said of winter 2023, "Got flannel? Hot chocolate? Snowshoes? It's time to stock up! According to our extended forecasts, this winter season will have plenty of snow, rain, and mush—as well as some record-breaking cold temperatures! We are warning readers to get ready to "Shake, shiver, and shovel!" The first bite of winter should come earlier than last year's. December 2022 looks stormy and cold nationwide with an active storm pattern developing and hanging around for most of the season over the eastern half of the country. (Maybe there will be a white Christmas in some areas?)"

So, whether you're still sipping pina coladas or drinking a pumpkin spiced latte while dreaming of Jack O'Lanterns and the smell of wood stoves, this is the perfect time of year for you.

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# VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Are you a MAGA fan? I know I am!

To the Editor:  
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JEN GAUCHER  
 SPENCER

### We have a chance to enhance the learning experience for our students

To the Editor:  
 The DPHS Project has generated a lot of debate, and rightly so. We need to consider all the angles before giving the green light to such a mammoth undertaking. But if we delay the inevitable, the inevitable will be more costly and more challenging years from now.

The students and teachers in this district deserve to have the best and most up-to-date facility if they are to compete in our society. It's an embarrassment to have outdated tools and equipment in a school that purports to prepare our children for a future that calls for advanced technology and high-tech skills.

The physical enhancements proposed for the school should not be thought of as unnecessary cosmetic frills. Studies have shown consistently that a pleasant workplace and comfortable surroundings increase the efficiency of the workers. Why should not our teachers and students enjoy a pleasing environment with plenty of light, space, and modern equipment? We owe this to our teachers who give their utmost every day to prepare our students for the future. And we owe it to our students to provide them with comfortable surroundings that will give them a greater incentive to do their best work.

We live in community and not in isolation. John Donne, the 17c. English poet, said it best with the famous line,

## Definitions

To the Editor:  
 I am really having trouble sorting through the chaff of usurped definitions. I have previously mentioned that Overnight Transportation does not necessarily mean anything gets delivered overnight.

The definitions I am seeing for 'woke' indicate that truth, compassion, logic and common sense (which is no longer common) are bad. Acting in agreement with the teachings of Jesus, used to be called Christianity, but what now goes by being called the Christian Right, acts more like the Christian wrong.

MAGA is the acronym for 'Make America Great Again.' How many think that poll workers quitting fearing they will be held responsible for results MAGA does not like or accept. How about the writer who preferred not to attach a name to her letter, fearing backlash, but deemed her thoughts worth the risk, so signed as required for publication. Only MSNBC covered the President's important speech last [week] in Philadelphia, but, I assure you that everyone covered Senator Lindsey Graham threatening violence and rioting, in the streets, should the justice department actually arrest Trump, who may well have violated more laws than we even know about. I would sure like to hear why his cult is sending him money for being caught lying again and ignoring laws. I guess it reinvigorated contributions to overturn the election.

Polls are indicating that Hershel

"No man is an island." Sometimes we have to make decisions that require personal sacrifice because the benefit of the whole community outweighs individual concerns. This is one of those times.

A new and improved building will have a positive impact on the way in which people view this school district and this town. We would like to see more parents with young children move into Spencer and East Brookfield to keep our numbers healthy. One of the first things prospective families do is inquire about the school system.

It's true that we have outstanding teachers; unfortunately, that's not what shows on the outside. Say what you will, people are influenced by exterior facades. If our high school were more modern - looking and physically appealing, I believe we could retain more of our students in this district. Furthermore, we would be welcoming students from other towns through School Choice. I know students who truly look forward to attending David Prouty High School every day. They're happy with their teachers, they enjoy their courses, they cherish their friendships. We can make their experience even more fruitful if we give them the physical tools they need and a more pleasing environment in which to learn.

PHYLLIS LAMONTAGNE  
 SPENCER

Walker is ahead of Raphael Warnock in Georgia. Warnock preaches at the same Baptist church as Martin Luther King did. He has been a stellar senator these last two years. Walker played football and got hit in the head a lot. His claim of being the valedictorian at his college graduation is two lies. His spousal abuse and child support avoidance would keep him out of the NFL today. He refuses to debate Warnock as his cluelessness would shine through. Most damning, he is Trumps choice.

I realize that I am just an old baby boomer, who, like Joe Biden, thinks we can do much better if we do it together. My sister in law retired last year from an award winning career as an elementary school teacher. Yesterday was her daughters first day teaching first grade.

With a granddaughter at Hickam AFB and a grandson at Ft. Bragg, N.C., I come from a family who has believed in America since arrival in 1634, and plan to continue doing so.

America is great, and accepting people telling you it isn't, is a big part of the problem.

When we were attacked on 9/11, we were all together and patriotic. Even though the response was misguided, we pulled together. The MAGA attack has more potential to take freedoms away, than to restore them. Vote blue.

KEN KIMBALL  
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We live in challenging times, and while that is true, the United States has seen more demanding times in its history. It isn't the worst of times, but I agree that it might not be the easiest of times.

With inflation on the rise, people seem more concerned about staying ahead of the curve and ensuring they and their families are financially secure.

What can we do to stay ahead? What must we do to ensure we have a promising career and can provide for our loved ones?

There are many different ways to improve your situation, but if you want to make sure you're doing well at your job and considered for the next promotion, creating harmony at the workplace may be one thing of which to be conscious.

I'm not trying to say that promoting harmony in the workplace will replace getting results. Someone who gets results will always get promoted; that goes without saying.

Most of us don't work alone and need to interact with other employees and customers. In this environment, you'll need some agreeable and conscientious qualities; creating strife is the last thing you want to do.

When some people think of an agreeable person, they think of a doormat who doesn't have opinions and is highly manipulatable. Some believe that being agreeable won't get you what you want and that agreeable people are those who won't say what is on their minds. Is that true?

A research group examined the results of millions of people who participated in thousands of different studies. The research suggested that agreeable people are happier, promote positive relationships with others, encourage cooperation, are motivated and effective, are mindful of the community's needs, and are highly productive. Learning to be agreeable can help you be successful!

Sometimes the trait of being agreeable can be confused with conscientiousness. There is a difference; conscientious people can have amiable characteristics but tend to judge someone based on their accomplishments. In contrast, an agreeable person may tend not to be as judgemental.

Being judgmental won't get you anywhere, whether you're agreeable, conscientious, or a mix of both. Unless you're a manager or a boss, it's not your place to judge others; working with other employees and helping customers in the spirit of cooperation is always better.

Are there downsides to being agreeable? There is! There was a famous study called, The Milgram Experiment. The experiment revealed that agreeable people were more willing to press a button and electrically shock someone hooked up to electrodes in another room when an authority figure told them to do so. While being agreeable and conscientious in the workplace is good, although tempting, if you find yourself in a situation where your boss wants to hook other employees up to electrodes so you can shock them, say no! It's not very nice.

Is it possible to be a disagreeable person and successful? Yes, most definitely. A highly competent disagreeable person can be valuable if their negativity is limited, and they get results. If you're an unfriendly person who doesn't have the knowledge, skills, or desire to get results, you probably won't be employed for long.

It's not that surprising when you think about it. Someone disagreeable and incompetent creates more problems than solutions, stifles production, and promotes negativity. For obvious reasons, managers typically don't want to work with these personalities.

If you're starting a new career and are just learning how things are done, being conscientious and agreeable is the best way to be. Most likely, your employers didn't hire you, so you can tell them how to do things better, especially when you've only been there for a short time. Hold your tongue, and be someone with whom people like to interact.

Promoting harmony and cooperation is an effective way to get things done! Become a person who gets along and works well with people. Don't be judgmental, and keeps your negativity out of the workplace. It will help with job security and significantly boost your chances of success!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## What does God declare detestable?

To the Editor:  
Kudos to Judy Rose on her letter, "What If?" in the Sept. 2 edition. There are seven things God declares detestable. They can be found in God's Word, the Bible, and if for whatever reason you do not believe the Bible, that is your choice; however, it is still a fact, truth, and you may someday experience a rude awakening for not believing.

The first is haughty eyes representing arrogance, self-centered vanity. That is found in the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 6, Verses 16-19.

The second is a lying tongue, deceiving tongue. That is found in the Book of Psalms 120:2 and John 8:44 and 14:6.

The third, hands that shed innocent blood (murder), violence, revenge, outrage; these actions often lead to murder that leads into an eternal grave, Hell. This is found in the Book of Proverbs 1:16 & 28:17 and Romans 12:19.

The fourth, a heart that encourages wicked schemes. Found in Book of Matthew 15:19 and Galatians 5:19-21.

The fifth, feet that are quick to rush into evil. Proverbs 10:23 & 24, Isaiah 59:7, Romans 10:15. These scriptures are warning us that we are individuals and responsible to avoid evil, sin or we will one day experience a rude awakening that will sentence you to eternal death. These scriptures are warning us that we, as individuals, are responsible to avoid evil, sin or we will one day experience a rude awakening that will sentence you to eternal death.

Sixth, a false witness, one who lies, liars, found in the Book of Proverbs 6:17 and Matthew 26:59 and John 14:6, warning us today that He, Jesus, is the only way, truth and eternal life, God.

Seventh, a person who stirs conflicts in a community; this is in the Book of Proverbs 6:14 and Romans 16:17-17; we the people are being warned today it is time, it is our responsibility to avoid those who are quick to lead us into evil, encouraging some or many of us to make the wrong choices.

You don't have to be very smart to see and realize that what we are being warned by God we are presently experiencing today from our government, that we today need to make serious decisions, choices, and we need to start today by making a choice to follow God's moral values, laws and we need to elect a government that respects us, the legal citizens of this country, and we must not allow our government to treat us like second class citizens, second to the thousands of illegal immigrants who are given privileges without having to go through the legal process we, the legal citizens, were subjected to.

It is our responsibility and duty to support our republic Constitution that represents the people's freedom, choices, values, happiness under God's moral values that was established by our found fathers, and we need to elect a government that represents God, the people and our republic Constitution and recommending we start with the coming election and that you consider re-electing Re. Donald Berthiaume, Jr. and his reliable, confident, caring staff whose goal is to help the people and support our republic Constitution. Do you want to live in freedom or dictated by socialism? The choice is yours.

ROLAND BLAIS  
BROOKFIELD

## Thanks to all who supported our National Night Out

To the Editor:  
While this letter is late in writing, my heartfelt gratitude towards all who donated, planned, and participated is still overflowing with joy!

For years, I had wanted North Brookfield to host a National Night Out, like other communities in the Quaboag Hills Community Coalition and Substance Use Task Forces for which I have been an active member for almost a decade. NBPD Chief Mark Smith said yes, and in May a group of passionate NB women came together, formed the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield, and the national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships was off and running.

North Brookfield was one of 58 towns/cities in Massachusetts that hosted an evening of fun, food, games, resources, and community! It could not have happened without tremendous support from many!

And of course, not without our amazing police department front and center manning the grills, while Officer Michael Splaine and My Other Band provided the musical ambience for the whole evening!

North Brookfield Savings Bank donated stunning (and huge) promotional banners for donors to hang in their places of business. Hannaford Supermarket provided hotdogs and buns, condiments, snacks, and ice. North Brookfield Liquors donated snacks, ice, and all the beverages. Dollar General provided all the paper goods. Michelle Petraitis brought her popcorn machine and donated the most popular (and tastiest) snack of the night! Brandon Avery, the administrator of the North Brookfield Historical Society and Museum, painstakingly compiled a 100-year summary of the NBPD. I extend a very special thank you to our donors; we could not have made the evening free (and historical) without your help.

The roles of law enforcement and human service agencies consistently overlap. This is also true for the district schools. Several social service agencies that deal with substance use, child welfare, intimate partner violence, suicide, juvenile justice, emergency heating and other challenges to our health and well-being attended. NB Schools

superintendent Tim McCormick, and principals Sarah Priestley and John Gould met with each agency representative at NNO and a network of support is being built.

Thank you for providing invaluable resources: AL-ANON, Behavioral Health Network (DV), Compass and NAMI Massachusetts, DCF: Foster/Adopt, Genesis Club, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, www.NBCares2Help.org, New Hope Counselling Center, Pathways for Change, PPAL (Parent/Professional Advocacy League), Project New Hope (Veterans), QHSUA (Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance), Walden Behavioral Care (Eating Disorders), WCAC (Worcester Community Action Council), WIC (Women, Infants, Children), and the Worcester County District Attorney's office.

So many community organizations made the evening just plain fun by running activities and games; there were gigantic bubbles, corn hole, disc golf, face painting, sports and martial arts demonstrations, rock painting, scavenger hunts, and Sidewalk Picasso as well as many giveaways.

Thank you for making families laugh and learn: Brookfield Orchards, Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter-Day Saints, Coalition for a Healthy NB, Friends of the NB Town House, Girl Scouts, Hayden Masonic Lodge, Hoston Free Public Library, NB Board of Health, NBEMS, NBEMA (First Aid Tent), NB Holiday Decorating Committee, NBPTO, NB Senior Center, NB Youth Soccer, Quan Fa Martial Arts, Second Chance Animal Shelter, Town Forest Park Disc Golf, and the Woo Sox.

An extra shout-out goes to the NB Fire Department with their Touch-A-Truck – always a family favorite! The Police K-9 demonstration was also a hit. And there are also no words to describe the feeling when the State Police helicopter loudly hovered over the school complex in salute!

Again, thank you to the NBPD and the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield for taking my dream and running with it so spectacularly!

SUZANNE LEWANDOWSKI  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

## LETTERS

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

## Changing of the seasons



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The nice cool mornings of last weekend sure made most people happy that the last of the hot, humid weather is mostly behind us. My dogs have become a lot more energetic, and the Lab is chasing balls and retrieving them. She can sense that fall is almost here, and that means hunting birds is also. One local hunter that is training his dog during the early morning hours had his dog pointing a couple of woodcock, which is nice to hear. Native woodcock populations have dramatically dropped over the years, and their species are in big trouble in the valley.

Grouse are in the same trouble, and local sportsmen have asked the state numerous times to close the season in zones 8 & 9, to give the species a chance to get their populations up. Most bird hun-

ters that I have spoken with state that if they do encounter a grouse in the field during hunting season, they would not harvest the bird. When upland bird hunting opens on Oct. 15, it will only consist of pheasant that are stocked in open covers by the state and clubs that are raising pheasant under the pheasant program, put forward by the state of Massachusetts. Encountering a grouse or woodcock during the upland bird season is mighty slim. Destruction of prime habitat by construction, is mostly to blame for the sharp decline in wildlife species.

Bear season is now open in Massachusetts, and runs from Sept. 6-Sept. 24. There are three seasons to hunt black bear in Mass., with the second starting on Nov. 7 and the third on Nov. 28. A special bear hunting permit is required. Be sure to check your Fish & wildlife abstracts regarding all regulations and permits.

The early goose hunting season for Canada geese opened this past Friday Sept. 2, and will run to Sept. 24. Fifteen birds can be harvested daily. The special goose season is geared to eliminate as many nuisance geese in

the area as possible. They are responsible for fowling local beaches, water supplies, golf courses, etc.! Even with this action, their populations will continue to rise as they congregate in fields that do not allow hunting. In a few weeks, flight birds will be arriving on their journey South, as they do every year. These migrating bird populations are down over the years, and stricter regulations are in place to help restore their populations. Because of the geese that no longer migrate South because of the changing climate, goose problems will continue to be a problem to the sportsmen's delight!

Saltwater fishing in both Mass. & Rhode Island is good now, but will continue to improve in the coming days and weeks, as the waters cool and a number of species start feeding vigorously, to sustain their annual journey to their winter feeding grounds. Stripers, Tautog, & seabass should provide a bonanza, as the different species of fish go on a feeding frenzy! Do not get too excited about filling the freezer with fish, as the limits on most species have been cut every year. Limits are more liberal if



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Salmon fishing is starting to pick up on the salmon River! Read next week's column for more!

you are on a charter boat, but if you fish on a private boat or from shore, for some unknown reason, you cannot retain the

same limits.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## When should you adjust your investment mix?



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There are no shortcuts to investment success — you need to establish a long-term strategy and stick with it. This means you'll want to create an investment mix based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon — and then regularly review it to ensure it's still meeting your needs.

In fact, investing for the long term doesn't necessarily mean you should lock your investments in forever. Throughout your life, you'll likely need to make some changes.

Of course, everyone's situation is different and there's

no prescribed formula of when and how you should adjust your investments. But some possibilities may be worth considering.

For example, a few years before you retire, you may want to reevaluate your risk exposure and consider moving part of your portfolio into a more conservative position. When you were decades away from retiring, you may have felt more comfortable with a more aggressive positioning because you had time to bounce back from any market downturns. But as you near retirement, it may make sense to lower your risk level. And as part of a move toward a more conservative approach, you also may want to evaluate the cash positions in your portfolio. When the market has gone through a decline, as has been the case in 2022, you may not

want to tap into your portfolio to meet short-term and emergency needs, so having sufficient cash on hand is important. Keep in mind, though, that having too much cash on the sidelines may affect your ability to reach your long-term goals.

Even if you decide to adopt a more conservative investment position before you retire, though, you may still benefit from some growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you keep ahead of — or at least keep pace with — inflation. As you know, inflation has surged in 2022, but even when it's relatively mild, it can still significantly erode your purchasing power over time.

Changes in your own goals or circumstances may also lead you to modify your investment mix. You might decide to retire earlier or later than you origi-

nally planned. You might even change your plans for the type of retirement you want, choosing to work part time for a few years. Your family situation may change — perhaps you have another child for whom you'd like to save and invest for college. Any of these events could lead you to review your portfolio to find new opportunities or to adjust your risk level — or both.

You might wonder if you should also consider changing your investment mix in response to external forces, such as higher interest rates or a rise in inflation, as we've seen this year. It's certainly true that these types of events can affect parts of your portfolio, but it may not be advisable to react by shifting your investment mix. After all, nobody can really predict how long these forces will keep their momen-

tum — it's quite possible, for instance, that inflation will have subsided noticeably within a year. But more important, you should make investment moves based on the factors we've already discussed: your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon and individual circumstances.

By reviewing your portfolio regularly, possibly with the assistance of a financial professional, you can help ensure your investment mix will always be appropriate for your needs and goals.

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# Preserve your garden produce for delicious winter meals

All your hard work is paying off with a bountiful harvest. Fresh produce is filling your garden, countertops, and refrigerator while the garden keeps producing more. Preserve some of your harvest to enjoy throughout the winter with some tried-and-true or updated variation of food preservation techniques.



**GARDEN MOMENTS**  
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**MELINDA MYERS**

Store these in a plastic bag inside the vegetable crisper drawer in your refrigerator for several days.

Wait to harvest winter squash when the fruit is full-sized, and the rinds are firm and glossy. The portion touching the ground turns from cream to orange when the fruit is ripe. Use a pruner to harvest the fruit, leaving a one-inch stem on each fruit. Cure all winter squash, except for acorn, in a warm, humid location. Then move to a cool, dry, well-ventilated area to store for several months. In the past, gardeners stored these, potatoes, onions, and fruit in wooden racks that maximized storage space and allowed air to reach each layer of produce. An updated version, Gardener's Supply Orchard Rack, adds convenient drawers to this traditional storage system.

Hanging bundles of herbs to dry is a long-time practice that works. Harvest herbs in the morning just after the dew has dried off the leaves. Rinse, allow them to dry, and remove any damaged or dried leaves.

Gather the dry herbs into small bundles and secure with a rubber band. Use a spring-type clothespin to hang the bundles from a clothesline or hanger in a warm, dry, airy place out of direct sunlight.

A modern twist on this tradition is the space-saving StackIt Herb Drying Rack (gardeners.com) hung from the ceiling. You will be able to dry large quantities of herbs in any narrow, out-of-the-way space.

Extend the life, flavor, and nutritional value of squash with proper harvesting and storage. Only store blemish- and damage-free fruits and vegetables to reduce the risk of mold and decay developing during storage.

Harvest zucchini when the fruit is six to eight inches long and scalloped squash when three to six inches in diameter.

Boost your cabbage harvest with this trick. Remove firm full-sized heads but leave the lower ring of leaves and roots intact. The plant will form several smaller heads.

Harvest cucumbers based on how you plan to use them. Pick the fruit when it is 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches long if you plan on making sweet pickles. Allow the cucumbers to grow a bit bigger, three to four inches, if dill pickles are on the menu. Harvest those for slicing when the skin is firm, bright green and the fruit is six to nine inches long.

Turn a portion of your harvest into

something delicious. Fermentation is a relatively easy preservation technique used for thousands of years. Preserve some of your cucumbers as pickles, cabbage as sauerkraut, and berries as preserves with fermentation. Store fermented fruits and vegetables in a cool, dark place or extend their shelf life by canning the finished product. For most projects, you just need the fruit or vegetables, water, salt, and spices. The desired ingredients are placed in a covered vessel, like Gardener's Supply three-gallon Fermentation Crock. Weights are used to keep the fruit and vegetables submerged in water throughout the fermentation process.

If your garden is still producing when frost is in the forecast, extend the harvest season. Cold frames and cloches are tried-and-true techniques used for extending the growing season. A modern method employs floating row covers. These spun fabrics allow air, light, and water through while protecting plants from frosty conditions. Cover the plantings and anchor the fabric in place. Lift to harvest and enjoy several more weeks and even months of garden-fresh produce.

Select the storage and preservation methods that work best for your garden produce, growing location, and lifestyle. Once you enjoy homegrown produce in winter meals, you will start growing more produce to eat fresh, share and preserve.

Melinda Myers is the author of numerous gardening books, including *Small*

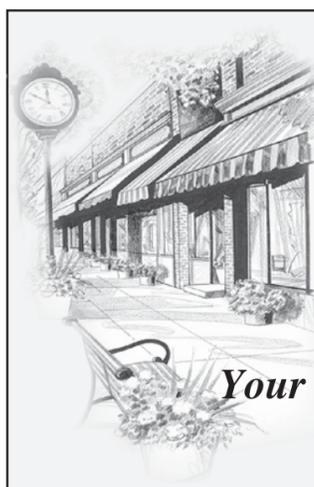


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Wooden orchard racks maximize storage space, while allowing air to reach each layer of produce.

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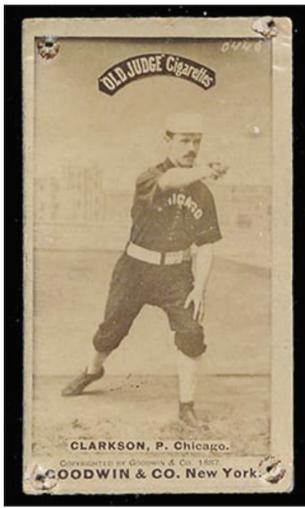
# Sports cards still winning at auction



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

WAYNE TUISKULA

A Mickey Mantle card that was discovered in a Quincy, Mass. attic in the 1980s recently set a record for sports cards and sports memorabilia at auction. Major League Baseball detailed the card's journey before reaching the auction block. Ted Lodge is the one who found the card in the Quincy attic. Ted's father was a delivery driver for Topps Trading Cards and had apparently forgotten about a set of cards he stashed away. Ted contacted a dealer who found "Christy Mathewson cards, Bill Dickey cards and nearly 40 Mantle '52s." The dealer sold the nearly perfect 1952 Mickey Mantle card for \$6,000 but bought it back for \$40,000 almost immediately thinking it could be worth more. Ralph Giordano was just a boy when he went to a card show with his father Anthony. Ralph spotted the Mantle card marked for \$57,500 on a dealer's table and told his father. Anthony



sent his son back to the dealer and asked Ralph to offer \$50,000. Anthony, Ralph, and the dealer agreed to \$50,000. When his purchase made the news, some people thought it was ridiculous to pay \$50,000 for a baseball card. Giordano told MLB "I think it may have been Howard Stern," Giordano remembered. "He called me a moron." As it turns out, Giordano made a great investment. The card sold for \$12.6 million at auction last month. The price surpassed the record set earlier this month when a Honus Wagner card sold for \$7.25 million. The Mantle card



also set a record for sports memorabilia, topping the \$9.3 million paid in May for a jersey Maradona wore when he scored his "Hand of God" goal. Central Mass Auctions made national news when Sports Collectors Digest reported on our upcoming November sports card and memorabilia auction. Local sports card dealer Jeff Weisenberg was interviewed about a collection of baseball tobacco cards he purchased and also shared details about our upcoming auction. T206 tobacco cards



were produced between 1909 and 1911. The aforementioned Honus Wagner card is one of the rarest. Sweet Caporal and Piedmont were two of the largest manufacturers. We will be offering several T206 Carolina Brights cards, made by Wells Whitehead Tobacco Company. Carolina Brights cards are considered very rare and can be worth over ten times the amount of a card made by a more common manufacturer. A Ty Cobb card that we sold for \$3,250 in one of our auctions could bring \$25,000 to \$50,000

with the Carolina Brights back. N172 Old Judge tobacco cards were produced in the 1880s and 1890s. Players are pictured in uniform, in suits and in "action shots." In the action shots, a ball would be hung down to make it look like a player was hitting or catching it. The cameras from that era couldn't capture pictures of the ball actually being caught or hit in real time. We will also be offering a group of these Old Judge cards. Even with the damage, some Hall of Famers could bring four figure sums. For over two years now, baseball cards have been a home run with collectors.

We are still accepting cards and other consignments for our November multi-estates auction. I'll be teaching My "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path High School on Sept. 13. I'll be at appraisal events at the Townsend Historical Society on Oct. 15, the Worcester Senior Center from Oct. 18, and the Leicester Senior Center on Nov. 5. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

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TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

## Quick Fixes for Flea Market Finds

It's Brimfield Antique Show week, and many of us find the thrice yearly event too tempting to resist. Taking home a well-loved vintage find is a lure of the market, but once home, the reality of sprucing up a less than perfect antique or collectible can be daunting. Read on, for some creative and clever ways to make the repair and care of your acquisitions less of a chore, which translates into more time to enjoy your fabulous finds!

Note: Only use these methods with a "nothing to lose" attitude, as there is no guarantee the fix will work!

Vinyl records are making a comeback, but there is something special about the real deals. There are a few theories on how to best repair a warped vinyl record album, but this method is by far the quickest. (This should only be used as a last result as it could further damage the item.)

Place the album between two sheets of glass and cook it on a baking sheet in a warm oven (160-175 degrees) for 6-10 minutes. Allow to cool and check the

warp. If it needs more pressing, repeat procedure with the oven a few degrees higher until the heat is effective.

For shallow warps, place the album between two pieces of glass in bright sunlight. Be sure to clean both the record and the glass before warming it up via either method.

Antique pewter can be successfully cleaned without the use of harsh (and expensive) chemicals. Try this "green" method to safely spruce up pewter: Dissolve one teaspoon salt in one cup white vinegar. Add enough flour to make a paste. Apply paste to pewter piece and allow to sit for up to an hour. Rinse with clean warm water, and polish dry.

Parchment lampshades are fabulous flea market treasures. However, cleaning the aged paper can be a challenge. To dust, take a new foam paintbrush slightly dampened and work your way around the shade both inside and out. For cleaning, experts advise wiping the shades carefully with a cloth soaked in milk. Wipe it dry with a clean cloth.

Note: Be sure to test these methods in an inconspicuous area and allow to dry before treating the entire shade.

Old wicker baskets can be fragile. To safely clean them without cost (and

effort) simply bring them into the bathroom with you the next time you take a shower. The hot, moist steam hydrates the baskets and prevents them from splitting. Just wipe them clean.

While some scratches and dings add to the charm of a vintage furniture piece, wood surfaces with deep gouges call for repair. Such defects are easily and inexpensively fixed with a wax stick or crayon in a color close to the wood (and a little elbow grease). Heat up the wax or crayon with a hair dryer and when pliable force it into the crack. For larger gouges melt the candle and carefully pour to fill the cavity. Allow to set, then wrap a lint free rag around a sanding block and rub the repair to make it even with the wood.

If you display small vintage collectibles on a shelf and find them difficult to dust, try this renovator's tip to prevent damaging the vintage valuables: Apply a dab of dental wax on the bottom of each object to stick them to the surface. This way, you can easily dust the area with a feather duster without the risk of knocking over the items.

To remove the musty smell from an old trunk or dresser drawer, try this old-fashioned method: Fill the item with

fresh grass clippings and close tightly. Stir the grass each day for a week. The chlorophyll from the grass absorbs the smell. Or, fill the drawer with an open can of used coffee grounds for several days.

Rust spots are a common stain on vintage linens. To remove the spots, mix up a past of salt and white vinegar and apply to the stain with a toothbrush until spot is gone. Rinse thoroughly. To whiten aged doilies soak them in a solution of three parts water and one part white vinegar.

Old aprons and pre "permanent press" items often require proper starching. Here's an old fashioned mixture for spray starch that grandma made for pennies, and it just as useful today: In a large spray bottle, mix together one heaping tablespoon corn starch and two cups cold water. Shake until thoroughly blended. If you want to add a touch of freshness to your starch, add a couple drops of non-staining lavender oil. Shake before each use, and spray items before ironing.

Aged, delicate chains can easily become knotted, especially in a jewelry box. To untangle a knotted neck-

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# FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

**BY PAUL HAUGHEY**  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
SPENCER-EAST BROOKFIELD  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Welcome back to the first day of school! Over the next few weeks, we are going to move forward with a focus upon teaching and learning with purpose. As the Superintendent of Schools, I am asking everyone to please to stay positive, supportive, understanding; and most of all, flexible throughout this fall.

**Shared Community Values**  
Since my arrival at the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, we have always emphasized the need to be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn! As we begin the new school year, we need everyone working together to model these values.

As well, through our districtwide work with TNTP, we have established a very clear set of Shared Community Expectations, which include but are not limited to:

Put grade-level, high-quality material in front of all students.

Ensure the students do the work and the thinking

Promote deep engagement in the learning through speaking, writing, and other performance tasks

Hold high expectations for all students and believe they can meet grade-level standards

**Enrollment**  
Our enrollment for September 2022 as a regional school district has gone up from last year from 1,408 to 1,463 at this time. As of this morning, David Prouty High School is 383; Knox Trail Middle School is 386; Wire Village School is 424; and East Brookfield Elementary is 244 - of which 112 students enrolled for fall in our Cubs Corner Preschool.

**Personnel**  
Presently, we are looking for a World Language Teacher (Spanish) at Knox Trail Middle School as well as a long-term substitute in middle school science.

**Fall 2022 COVID-19 Guidance**  
DESE and DPH issued a joint memo with COVID information for the upcoming school year aligned with the new CDC guidance released last week. This upcoming school year, districts and schools should focus their COVID mitigation strategies towards vulnerable and symptomatic individuals, while minimizing the need for more restrictive districtwide COVID policies.

The Commonwealth is not recom-

mending universal mask requirements, surveillance testing of asymptomatic individuals, contact tracing, or test-to-stay testing in schools. Districts and schools are reminded that there is no longer any statewide masking mandate in schools (other than school health offices) and there is no testing requirement for schools. As always, any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID-19, should be supported in that choice. DESE concluded their statewide testing program in the spring and have provided schools and districts with information about how they can purchase face masks and testing kits, if they choose to do so. DESE will continue to support school districts throughout the year with our Rapid Response Call-in Center - with any questions or concerns.

**Safety Drills**  
Please note that we will begin right away this school year with a number of drills to practice safety procedures for all of our administration, faculty, staff and students - to ensure that everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency... In brief, we plan to hold fire drills in each of our schools over the first few days of school; and soon, we will have bus evacuations, lockdowns and more taking place in partnership with our local and state officials from throughout the region. Safety and security of our schools is essential and is incumbent upon everyone to do their part; please continue to partner with us and support us in keeping everyone safe within our regional schools.

**Get Involved!**  
David Prouty High School and Knox Trail Middle School offer a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our young people, and we want them to get involved and become an active part of our traditions in sports, music and the arts to name just a few... To learn more about the extra-curricular opportunities at Knox Trail Middle School and David Prouty High School, contact the main office of each school.

We also have a number of opportunities for you through our parent organizations that partner and support us more directly in the PAWS and PIE groups of Wire Village and East Brookfield Elementary Schools, respectively. David Prouty High School also offers Advisory Groups for their Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, which include: Early Childhood, Business/

Marketing, Environmental Science and Technology, and Criminal Justice. As well, our Athletic Boosters and Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) remain quite active and supportive of our work as a district, and are always looking for parents/families to join them in the many events they hold each year. Please take some time for yourself and come out and join one of our parent organizations/groups this year.

**High School Building Project Update**  
Our High School Building Committee (SBC) has been hard at work over the summer months and has not missed a beat - spreading the word about our proposed "Addition/Renovation" of David Prouty. Please take time to learn more about our project by going to the dphs-building.com website or by attending one of our weekly meetings. Also, please save the following dates:

**Special Town Meetings:**  
Sept. 13: East Brookfield Special Town Meeting at 7 p.m. to be held at East Brookfield Elementary School, 410 East Main St., East Brookfield.

Sept. 14: Spencer Special Town Meeting at 7 p.m. to be held at David Prouty High School's McDonough Gymnasium, 302 Main St., Spencer

Oct. 4: Special Election (8 a.m.-8 p.m.); East Brookfield Town Hall, 122 Connie Mack Dr., East Brookfield.

Oct. 4: Special Election (8 a.m.-8 p.m.); Spencer Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main St., Spencer.

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It is sure to be an outstanding year ahead for our regional school district and all of our staff and students. On behalf of all of us, I thank you for your continued partnership and support of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District! I look forward to learning from, and with, all of you in the new school year ahead. @ChooseSEBRSD #ChasingExcellence4All #AllMeansAll

## Hank Phillippi Ryan speaks to The Communicators Club Sept. 14

WORCESTER — How does an Emmy-winning reporter become a USA Today best-selling author of fast-paced murder mysteries? And how does a just-the-facts journalist add mystery fiction to her resume - and juggle being a reporter, an author, a wife and a grandmother? Hank Phillippi Ryan will answer those questions in a virtual presentation, "An Inside Look at Fiction, Journalism, and the Mysteries of Both!" when The Communicators Club meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14.

The virtual program will be from noon to 1:15 p.m. Ryan will answer questions from the audience after her presentation. The fee for the Zoom-based program is \$10. To register, go to <https://conta.cc/3pHY0yE>

Ryan has managed to mix the worlds of fact and fiction - in an amazing career from radio reporter to Rolling Stone Magazine to undercover investigations at Boston's WHDH-TV. She'll discuss the obstacles and challenges of a newbie in 1971, as well as the risks and rewards of an experienced senior reporter. The

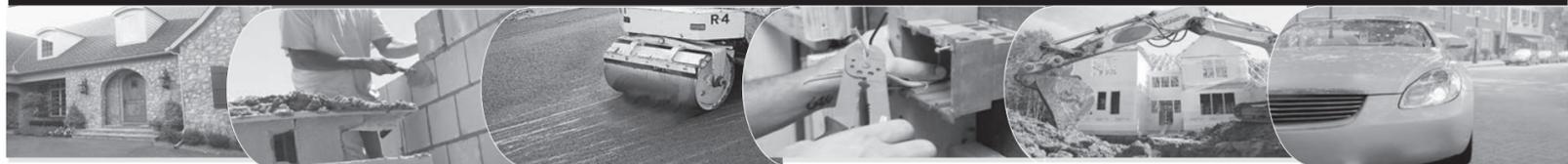
craziness, the fun, the stress - and how she ended up where she is at age 71.

She'll also reveal how she made a major career move at mid-life. Now an author of 13 novels, national reviews have called her "a superb and gifted storyteller." Hank's novels have been named Best Thrillers of the Year by Library Journal, New York Post, BOOK BUB, PopSugar, Real Simple Magazine and others. And she has won major awards - five Agathas, four Anthonys, two Macavitys, the Daphne du Maurier Award, and the Mary Higgins Clark Award.

Her current book is "Her Perfect Life," a chilling psychological stand-alone about fame, family, and revenge, with starred reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly, which called it "A superlative thriller. She'll even reveal how the book was inspired by a disturbing experience that took place early in her years as a news anchor.

Find out more about The Communicators Club at [www.communicatorsclub.org](http://www.communicatorsclub.org).

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# Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy accepting applications for 2023



CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is currently accepting applications — based on a selective admissions process — for practical nursing (PN) students that will begin the program in August 2023. The PN program prepares graduates to sit for the NCLEX-PN examination, enabling the graduate to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

The deadline for applications is May 3, 2023, and approximately 40 students will be chosen for the next class, graduating in June 2024.

“We are pleased to announce the application deadline very well in advance, for the incoming cohort starting in August 2023,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director. “This decision is based on how well the admission process went last year, the regional needs, and our capacity to place the students in clinical settings.”

Dr. Bolandrina added, “We continue with the revised selection criteria based on feedback from faculty, alumni, and communities of interest such as members of the advisory committee who better understands the rankings and criteria. We hope this will encourage both men and women, young adults, and second-career individuals to apply for the 2023 cohort and become LPNs by 2024.”

For Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) interested in becoming a Registered Nurse (RN) and pursuing an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or a bachelor’s degree in nursing (BSN), Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy maintains an affiliation agreement with Fitchburg State University (FSU) and Worcester State University (WSU) for the LPN to BSN bridge program. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni have been successful with Quinsigamond Community College’s LPN to RN bridge program.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing [www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn](http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn). The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350 [www.council.org](http://www.council.org). The Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd., Suite 201, Bedford, MA 01730-1433.

To apply for the August 2023 start, contact the Practical Nursing office by calling 508-248-5971, ext. 1674 or emailing [GBolandrina@baypath.net](mailto:GBolandrina@baypath.net).

## Vendors and crafters sought for successful nursing students’ fundraiser



CHARLTON — The season of crafts and vendor shows is upon us. For Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy this year marks the first organized

SkillsUSA Fundraiser.

The special event is a fundraiser for the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy SkillsUSA Team. The nurs-

ing students are seeking donations all in the name of competing for SkillsUSA all the way to Nationals.

According to Heidi Bedard, LPN, sub-secretary who is helping organize the fair, “if you are a knitter, a potter, a baker, a jeweler, a bedazzler, a candlestick maker, be it through food and bake sales, raffles, and drawings, join us on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022.”

The expectation is for all to work diligently to raise as much money as possible to support nursing student SkillsUSA champions. The nursing students will use the money raised for state and national competition if the five categories namely Medical Math, Medical Terminology, Health Knowledge Bowl, First Aid/CPR, and Practical Nursing.

The Craft Fair is slated for Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School gymnasium. Attendees will have ample time to peruse through booths, and tables, and make selections of their favorite items. While the spe-

cial event does not take place for a couple of months, Bedard revealed that the nursing students are looking for vendors to make the event an enormous success. Crafters, vendors, and artisans can set up in a 5-foot table space to sell their wares.

“The table and two chairs will be provided,” explained Bedard. “We are asking that vendors register by Oct. 14.”

Each space may be rented for \$60 and doubled up for \$100. Payment may be made in many ways to Bay Path, cash, check, or money order. Those wishing to use electronic payment may do so through <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx>. For more information contact Heidi Bedard, LPN 508-248-5971, ext. 1674 or via email [HBedard@baypath.net](mailto:HBedard@baypath.net).

“All money raised will go towards the nursing students’ SkillsUSA competition,” Bedard reminded. “So, if you’re a crafter or vendor, and an alumnus, join us for a day of fun and fundraising!”

## LEGALS

### Town of Spencer Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of Public Hearing for a Special Meeting – Planning Board The Spencer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, or remotely on the following item(s) starting at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

**Zoning Bylaw Solar Amendments: Zoning Bylaw Section 4.2 Use Table, Principal Uses Zoning Bylaw Section 4.8.9 Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations, Principal Uses, 4.4 Accessory Uses, 4.7 Prohibited Uses, 5.2 Interpretation notes for area**

Interested Parties may review the proposed changes at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services and Town Clerk’s office in the Memorial Town Hall during regular business hours.

Chairman, Board of Selectmen  
September 2, 2022  
September 9, 2022

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Matthew LaBaie and Stacey Carmichael to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, its successors and assigns, dated October 14, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56134, Page 148, subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61400, Page 378 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on September 23, 2022 at 41 School Street, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of School Street in Spencer, MA, now known and numbered 41 School Street, and being shown on a

plan of land owned by David A. Reno and Diana J. Reno dated May 23, 1986 by Donald A. Para, R.L.S., and being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 558 Plan 38, to which plan may be referenced for a more particular description. For title see Deed recorded herewith. Book 56134 Page 146. For a more accurate description see Affidavit recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 67897, at Page 159.

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**Docket No. WO22P2959EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**

David C. Montague  
**Date of Death: 6/15/2022**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of a Personal Representative** has been filed by **Luanne J. Montague of West Brookfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Luanne J. Montague of West Brookfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 09/20/2022**. 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: August 25, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate

September 9, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Docket No. WO22P2971EA**

**Estate of:**

Patricia Julia Tuttle  
**Also Known As:**

Patricia J. Tuttle

**Date Of Death: August 3, 2022  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner **Charles R. Tuttle, III of Warren MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Charles R. Tuttle, III of Warren MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

September 9, 2022

# Cornerstone Bank pledges \$20,000 to Quinsigamond Community College Foundation

**W O R C E S T E R** — Cornerstone Bank has pledged \$20,000 to the Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) Foundation Inc. to continue and enhance its higher education offerings to Southbridge and surrounding communities. Cornerstone will donate \$5,000 per year for four years, beginning in 2022.

“Since opening its Southbridge location in 2010, Quinsigamond has been the only brick-and-mortar higher education option in that town,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “A significant poverty rate in Southbridge and limited mass transit services present significant barriers to residents seeking higher education. We are proud to help support the foundation’s efforts to ensure

accessible and affordable educational opportunities to this community.”

QCC is a public higher education institution in Central Massachusetts providing post-secondary education and training to almost 8,000 students per year at its Worcester and Southbridge locations, regional satellites, and online. QCC students represent the communities they live and work in from first-generation, low-income college students, and racial and ethnic minorities, to full-time workers, non-native English speakers, parents, adult learners and traditional age college students.

“Our Southbridge location provides convenient and affordable college coursework to about 300 students each year and is expanding to

include transitional early college coursework at no cost to students in partnership with Southbridge Public Schools,” said Linda Maykel, president of the QCC Foundation. “Cornerstone’s generosity will support our college programming and early college initiatives for local high school students, strengthening and increasing retention and completion in general education, certificate, and degree-specific courses.”

QCC Southbridge provides general education courses and some lab courses towards an associate degree or certificate and/or transfer to a bachelor’s degree at a state college or university. In addition, QCC Southbridge offers pre-college programming for high school students in-person

and remotely. Day, evening, and weekend classes have been available since September 2020 from the college’s location at Southbridge High School, giving students access to add non-credit workforce development coursework. Student support services are also provided, including advising, tutoring, accessibility, and career placement services.

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## OBITUARIES

### Patricia A. Burdett, 86



**S P E N C E R** - Patricia A. (Cersoli) Burdett, 86, of Howe Village, died Sunday, Aug. 28 in CareOne, Millbury.

She was predeceased by her husband Leon J. Burdett. She leaves her son, Bruce E. Burdett of Leicester, her grandson; Jason Burdett and his wife Jennifer of Charlton, great grandchildren; Taylor, Natalie, Aria and Payton, her broth-

ers; Dennis Cersoli of Worcester and Michael Cersoli in Nev., her son in law; John Barrett of Worcester, several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her daughter Deborah Barrett and her brother Ronald Cersoli.

Pat was born in Worcester, the daughter of Americo and Beatrice (Leonard) Cersoli. She enjoyed playing the keyboard, spending time with her grandson, long car rides and going out to dinner.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m., following a calling hour from 5 to 6 p.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. Burial will be at a later date in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Greenville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 396, Rochdale, MA 01542.

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### VOTES

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labs will better prepare students for college, and the gym will finally allow for two teams to practice at the same time.”

Opponents of the project said its financial demands would be harmful to residents who are already struggling, especially seniors.

“Heating oil is through the roof and only going higher this winter, never mind the hardships people will be incurring with raised sewer costs in Spencer and water costs in East Brookfield. We should be looking out for the seniors and those on fixed incomes,” said Spencer resident Joel Hart. “Despite what has been said publicly and on social media, if the project is voted down, the taxpayers will not be forced to spend \$66 million with private funds to fix the school. If the project is voted down, the towns will need to seek state grants and utilize the MSBA accelerated repair program to fix issues such as roofs, windows, doors, and heating components. They are also able to utilize the Mass Save Program available to commercial entities, along with placing articles on town warrants to seek funds for certain aspects of needs.”

Added former Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee member Kurt Nordquist, “This project is fiscally irresponsible. This could easily end up costing taxpayers even more than what they are saying right now.”

Project opponents have also expressed concerns over maintenance operations at the school in recent years, as well as the district’s budget management. Opponents told the New Leader many of the issues at the building could have

been prevented with a better maintenance plan.

“During the last four years, this district didn’t address maintenance concerns in any way, but instead put the town in an all-or-nothing situation, forcing us to make a hasty decision,” said Spencer resident Bob Cirba. “Why is there not another option to vote on, and why is this an all-or-nothing proposition?”

School officials said the building is so old that attempting to continue maintaining it in increments could wind up costing taxpayers significantly in the long-term.

“We can’t even get parts to fix the unit ventilators within that school because of their ages,” Monette added. “The spaces between floors are not big enough to run a ventilation system or add up-to-date HVAC. There is asbestos still in B and C buildings, as well as the auditorium. There is a lot that an add-on renovation would fix. Our kids deserve a building they can be proud of that doesn’t cause an interruption to learning.”

School officials ask residents to reach out with questions and research all facets of the project prior to voting.

“My only ask of each member of the communities of Spencer and East Brookfield is to please learn as much as possible about the proposed project,” said Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Paul Haughey.

The East Brookfield Special Town Meeting will take place from 7-9 p.m. at East Brookfield Elementary School (410 East Main St.).

The Spencer Special Town Meeting is set for 7-8 p.m. at DPHS (302 Main St.).

~ Card of Thanks ~  
**Stephen A. Hubacz**  
May 2, 1961-December 19, 2021

The family of Stephen A. Hubacz would like to thank our family and friends for the outpouring of support, cards, flowers, and gifts, and donations to Second Chance Animal shelter in Stephen’s memory. You have been a blessing to us all. God bless you.

*With love, Andrew, Edith and family*

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## Friday’s Child

**Marissa D’Agostino**  
Age 14

**Hi! My name is Marissa and I am a talented singer!**

Marissa is a bright and inquisitive girl of Caucasian descent. Those who know Marissa say she is vivacious and has a good sense of humor. Marissa has a talented singing voice which she enjoys using when making up her own songs. Marissa likes to entertain others and be the center of attention. She also enjoys dancing, gymnastics and playing sports. Marissa has excellent verbal skills and is able to carry on an engaging conversation.

Marissa’s social worker is seeking a local family with a mom and dad, two moms or a single mother. Marissa will do equally well as an only-child or with older or younger siblings, preferably sisters. Marissa is legally free for adoption and will need to maintain four visits per year with her birth parents.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.

### TRAINOR

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lace chain, place a few drops of cooking oil on a piece of waxed paper. Lay the knot in the oil and use two common pins to work it loose.

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An ounce of prevention...

- \*Don’t display your vintage dishes on plate hangers unless the clips are covered to prevent scratches on china and porcelain plates.
- \*Prevent marble damage by keeping marble tables and sculptures away from fireplaces or heaters. The marble can discolor from smoke and could even crack if located too close to a heat source.
- \*Have an old barometer? Mercury will expand or contract according to temperature. To retain the accuracy of mercury barometers, they should not be positioned too close to central heating radiators.
- \*Never store antique glass ornaments in a damp basement or attic. Mildew can form and damage the glass.
- \*Prevent fading of vintage tin signs by avoiding the ultraviolet rays of the sun and fluorescent lights, both of which will fade tin pieces.
- \*Toys with batteries should only be stored with batteries removed. Be sure to check for corroded cells in old toys that have been in storage.
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*Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email [KDRR@aol.com](mailto:KDRR@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.*

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

12:05 a.m.: K9 call/search (West Main Street), to Dresser Hill, Charlton; 12:34 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 12:45-1:48 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:54 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), West Brookfield PD bolo; 9:04 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Wall Street); 9:06 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 9:30 a.m.: parking complaint (Howe Village), re: ongoing parking issue; 10:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Condon Drive), barking dogs; 10:14 a.m.: larceny (West Main Street), re: multiple thefts; 12:32 p.m.: fire/notified FD (Pleasant Street), re: smell in children's library; 12:34 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ash Street), no contact; 12:55 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 12:57 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 1:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), req. escort to residence; 1:24 p.m.: restraining order service (Pleasant Street); 2:50 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), kids/bikes in roadway; 3:23 p.m.: suspicious persons (Smithville Road), investigated; 4:38 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:16 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Whittemore Drive); 5:26 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), investigated; 6:11 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), services rendered; 6:24 p.m.: RV complaint (Roys Drive), speeding/motorbikes; 6:29 p.m.: citizen complaint (Adams Street), re: sewer line work; 6:42 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 7:10 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), yelling, threats; 7:21 p.m.: RV complaint (Mechanic Street), 4-whlr/minibike in road; 7:22 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), re: kids on bikes; 7:39 p.m.: mutual aid (Northwest Road), North Brookfield PD re: stolen dirt bikes; 7:52 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), re: lg. box truck; 9:17 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), poss. domestic dispute; 9:29 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 9:30 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); (total daily mv stops - 0).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

12:23-4:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:51 a.m.: 911 call (Elm Street), resolved; 4:31 a.m.: suspicious mv (Briarcliff Lane), investigated; 6:58 a.m.: residential alarm (Highland Street), services rendered; 7:19 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Cherry Street); 8:27 a.m.: medical/general (Cooney Road); 9:53 a.m.: medical/general (Sumner Street); 10:25 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), re: dirt bike/no plate; 10:55 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:11 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 11:53 a.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 3:10 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Main Street); 3:25 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), re: debris in road; 4:07 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Avenue); 4:29 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street), lift assist; 5:36 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), poss. drug activity; 5:58 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), testing; 6:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), mv locked in park; 7:33 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 7:47 p.m.: RV complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), kids/dirt bikes in traffic; 8:04 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), K9 to Hardwick/missing 3 yo; 8:05 p.m.: citizen complaint (High Street), low water pressure; 8:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), spoken to; 8:12 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Grant Street), child w/phone; 8:37 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 9:12 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 10:29 p.m.: mv lockout (Mercury Drive), services rendered; (total daily mv stops - 1).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

12:35-1:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:59 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 8:14 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), UMass/Southbridge CT down; 9:20 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 9:36 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:09 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: subject in custody; 11:17 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 12:43 p.m.: residential alarm (Treadwell Terrace), services rendered; 12:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 1:20 p.m.: 911 call (Pleasant Street), accidental; 1:56 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:05 p.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), call from sr. ctr.; 3:03 p.m.: DPW call (Northwest Road), lg. branch on wires; 3:05 p.m.: fire/residential (North Spencer Road), referred; 3:07 p.m.: DPW call (North Brookfield Road), services rendered; 3:17 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost EBT card; 3:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), req. welfare check; 3:50 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Kingsbury Road), loose dog; 4:58 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), re: charge on c/c; 6:17 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), resolved; 6:20 p.m.: DPW call (Clark Road), lg. branch fell; 6:51 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:20 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Maple Street), referred; 8:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), peace-keeping; 8:39 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 8:48 p.m.: officer

wanted (Jones Street), re: damage to mv roof; 9:40 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Mechanic Street); 10:12 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:48 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 11:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), loud crash hear; 11:42-11:53 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (total daily mv stops - 5).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

12:38-12:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:49 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:16 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Avenue), lift assist; 6:24 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 8:09 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 10:29 a.m.: harassing phone calls (North Spencer Road), rec. threatening msgs.; 12:26 p.m.: lost/found (Brooks Pond Road), ring found; 12:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), req. welfare check; 1:48 p.m.: fraud (Northwest Road), re: email scam; 2:54 p.m.: animal complaint (Bond Street), missing dog; 3:15 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:31 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:58 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:11 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Chestnut Street), resolved; 7:49 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), re: neighbor; 8:33 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:42 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 8:49 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 9:08 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Bixby Road), illegal burn; (total daily mv stops - 1).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

12:02-12:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:04 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 12:11 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 12:32 a.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), investigated; 3:49 a.m.: building checked, secure; 9:48 a.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 9:53 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 10:38 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 1:38 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), re: 14 yo son threatened; 1:48 p.m.: medical/general (Pond Street); 3:05 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), old ammo found; 4:26 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:26 p.m.: illegal dumping (Main Street), re: illegal use of dumpster; 4:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Old Meadow Road), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 5:26 p.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 5:35 p.m.: medical/general (Ashview Drive); 5:40 p.m.: disturbance (Thompson Pond Road), neighbors fighting; 6:09 p.m.: animal complaint (High Street), dog barking; 7:03 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 7:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), investigated; 9:46 p.m.: RV complaint (Main Street), UTV left in sanctuary; (total daily mv stops - 1).

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

12:55 a.m.: disturbance (Cherry Street), drunk male yelling; 1:06-2:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:13 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), re: kids on bikes; 2:17 a.m.: disturbance (Summit Street), Uber driver/refuses to leave; 2:58 a.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), investigated; 3:26-3:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:03 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 7:04 a.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), open line; 7:05 a.m.: larceny (Ash Street), dirt bike taken; 7:52 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 8:10 a.m.: vandalism (Highland Street), wall/mailbox knocked down; 8:44 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Greenville Street), no response noted on police log; 10:03 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Whittemore Drive); 10:54 a.m.: lost/found (Grove Street), license plate found; 11:10 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 12:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Kingsbury Road), poss. rabies exposure; 1:16 p.m.: disturbance (Irving Street), re: neighbor; 1:45 p.m.: suspicious persons (Borkum Road), investigated; 2:05 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 2:24 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 3:11 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Columbine Road), missing cat; 4:17 p.m.: medical/general (West Avenue); 4:35 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Cross Road); 5:01 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:29 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Thompson Pond Road), open line; 5:43 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), child alone in lot; 5:44 p.m.: fire alarm (Hastings Road), referred; 6:03 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), neighbor dispute; 7:06 p.m.: disturbance (Wm. Casey Road), violation of harassment prevention order; 7:15 p.m.: medical/general (R. Jones Road); 8:07 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Smithville Road), resolved; 11:17 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; (total daily mv stops - 3).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

12:14-6:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:28 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 12:36 a.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 1:30 a.m.: suspicious mv (G.H. Wilson Road), investigated; 10:10 a.m.: fraud (Main Street), poss. scam of elderly female; 10:20 a.m.: restraining order service (North Spencer Road); 10:31 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Warren PD bolo/poss. armed w/firearm; 11:07 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 12:12 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 12:14 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street),

resolved; 1:04 p.m.: school alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 1:11 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog in mv/windows closed; 1:45 p.m.: disturbance (Holmes Street), neighbor throwing rocks at dogs; 2:51 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:55 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 4:28 p.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), misdial; 4:32 p.m.: disturbance (Irving Street), re: text msgs.; 5:09 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), no contact; 5:35 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 7:12 p.m.: medical/general (Highland Street); 7:21 p.m.: medical/general (Buteau Road); 9:13 p.m.: suspicious persons (South Spencer Road), investigated; (9:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Meadow Road), investigated; (total daily mv stops - 2).

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## Leicester Police

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

12:07 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:23 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:41 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 12:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license; 6:12 a.m.: ma stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:57 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:01 a.m.: assist citizen (Waite Street); 11:50 a.m.: investigation (Howard Terrace), services rendered; 1:52 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:23 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street, Spencer), services rendered; 3:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Crystal Street), referred to ACO; 4:22 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), assisted; 4:57 p.m.: investigation (Belmont Street, Worcester), services rendered; 5:17 p.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), resolved; 6:11 p.m.: fraud (Brookside Drive), report taken; 6:14 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street, Worcester), call canceled; 6:19 p.m.: ambulance (Kenilworth Road, Worcester), transported; 6:20 p.m.: disturbance (Moose Hill Road), resolved; 6:31 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:44 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 11:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 11:51 p.m.: ambulance (Charlton Street), transported.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

12:53 a.m.: ambulance (Alsada Drive, Worcester), call canceled; 1:09 a.m.: ambulance (Maywood Street, Worcester), transported; 1:25 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 3:24 a.m.: family problem (Pitcairne Avenue), resolved; 5:13 a.m.: assist citizen (Pitcairne Avenue); 6:07 a.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 6:32 a.m.: suspicious person (Waite Street), unfounded; 10:21 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 10:31 a.m.: family problem (Pitcairne Avenue), services rendered; 10:42 a.m.: commercial alarm (Winslow Avenue), no action required; 11:23 a.m.: larceny (Water Street), report taken; 12:09 p.m.: ambulance (Reservoir Street), transported; 12:28 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:17 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:32 p.m.: restraining order service (Pitcairne Avenue), served; 2:07 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 3:14 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 3:25 p.m.: accident (Henshaw Street), mv towed; 5:07 p.m.: wires down (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 5:43 p.m.: debris in road (Waite Street), message delivered; 5:46 p.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 6:48 p.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 9:16 p.m.: suspicious mv (Carey Hill Circle), spoken to; 9:30 p.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 11:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:52 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), no action required.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

12:29 a.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 1:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:31 a.m.: welfare check (McCarthy Avenue), report taken; 6:51 a.m.: mutual aid (Town of Ashby), resolved; 7:59 a.m.: commercial alarm (Mill Street), unfounded; 9:06 a.m.: ambulance (Mannville Street), transported; 9:41 a.m.: welfare check (Pine Ridge Drive), resolved; 10:08 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 11:09 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), no action required; 12:04 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Avenue), transported; 12:07 p.m.: assist other agency (Stafford Street), resolved; 5:34 p.m.: hit/run accident (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, failure to stop/yield, criminal application issued; 6:41 p.m.: disturbance/gathering (Stafford Street), resolved; 8:03 p.m.: debris in road (Reservoir Street), referred; 8:45 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unfounded.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

3:39 a.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), transported; 8:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:46 a.m.: ambulance (Russell Street, Worcester), transported; 10:49 a.m.: suspicious mv (High Street), gone

on arrival; 11:00 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 11:41 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street); transported; 1:39 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:16 p.m.: welfare check (Lake Avenue), spoken to; 4:32 p.m.: ambulance (Brookside Drive), transported; 7:18 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), peace restored; 7:27 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), call canceled; 7:45 p.m.: trespassing (Parker Street), spoken to; 11:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

6:02 a.m.: ambulance (McCarthy Avenue), transported; 6:47 a.m.: hit/run accident (McNeil Highway), name and address redacted from police report, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, op w/suspended license [criminal, subsequent offense], speeding, reckless operation, marked lanes violation, passing violation, criminal application issued; 7:53 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:09 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 10:22 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 11:28 a.m.: residential alarm (Green Street), services rendered; 2:00 p.m.: hit/run accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 2:58 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unfounded; 3:29 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:34 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 4:10 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 4:16 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:34 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:41 p.m.: welfare check (Lake Avenue), resolved; 4:47 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unfounded; 5:16 p.m.: threats (Main Street), name and address redacted from police report, vandalism, assault/battery, report taken; 5:48 p.m.: welfare check (Beech Street), resolved; 6:09 p.m.: disturbance (King Street Extension), unfounded; 8:33 p.m.: welfare check (Monterey Drive), resolved; 8:35 p.m.: commercial alarm (Washburn Square), false alarm; 9:19 p.m.: municipal security alarm (Pleasant Street), resolved; 11:20 p.m.: disturbance (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

1:02 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), resolved; 6:40 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, marked lanes violation, criminal application issued; 10:06 a.m.: parking complaint (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 11:11 a.m.: vandalism (Washburn Square), spoken to; 11:25 a.m.: ambulance (Crystal Street, Worcester), transported; 12:28 p.m.: ambulance (Howard Terrace), transported; 3:32 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:20 p.m.: threats (Paxton Street), report taken; 4:21 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:55 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 5:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Rysophare S. Dom, 36, 110 Skyline Drive, #1, Dracut, suspended registration, uninsured mv, arrest; 5:31 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street, Worcester), transported; 6:24 p.m.: investigation (Lake Drive), services rendered; 6:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Towtaid Street), referred to ACO; 7:01 p.m.: malicious mischief (Auburn Street), assisted; 7:54 p.m.: animal complaint (Auburn Street), referred to ACO; 7:59 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:07 p.m.: ambulance (Breezy Green Road), transported.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

5:53 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 5:54 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:00 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:20 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:29 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:39 a.m.: suspicious mv (Waite Street), resolved; 7:52 a.m.: hazardous conditions (Peter Salem Road), services rendered; 9:24 a.m.: ambulance (Collier Avenue), transported; 10:08 a.m.: ambulance (Folsom Street), transported; 12:30 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), false alarm; 1:12 p.m.: investigation (River Street), services rendered; 2:11 p.m.: investigation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 2:28 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Street), gone on arrival; 2:48 p.m.: suspicious person (Moose Hill Road), spoken to; 3:39 p.m.: larceny (Mannville Street), report taken; 3:43 p.m.: investigation (Water Street), services rendered; 4:23 p.m.: mutual aid (Webster Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 4:34 p.m.: mv stop (Water Street), resolved; 6:45 p.m.: investigation (Collier Avenue), services rendered; 7:10 p.m.: mutual aid (Cambridge Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 7:15 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Breezy Green Road), spoken to; 7:16 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Pine Street), spoken to; 7:20 p.m.: keep the peace (Waite Street), resolved; 9:10 p.m.: mutual aid (Tucker Road, Charlton), resolved; 9:08 p.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 10:09 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), transported to hospital; 11:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued.

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**WEBSTER - 6 GREYSTONE AVE**



**SORRY, SOLD!**  
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**WEBSTER LAKE - 27 SOUTH POINT ROAD**



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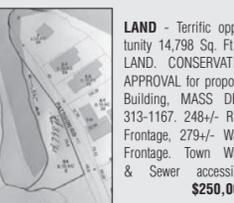
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**WEBSTER - 17 BRODEUR AVENUE**



Land only 21757 +/- sf. w/foundation, Town Water & Sewer, City Gas in street **\$140,000.** Option 1 - Custom Build your HOME! Option 2 - Build a 3 Family! Option 3 - Build a 2 Family!

**WEBSTER LAKE - 0 PATTISON RD**

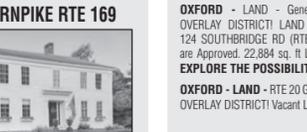


**LAND** - Terrific opportunity 14,798 Sq. Ft. of LAND. CONSERVATION APPROVAL for proposed BUILDING, MASS DEP# 313-1167. 248+/- Road Frontage, 279+/- Water Frontage. Town Water & Sewer accessible. **\$250,000.**

**WEBSTER LAKE - BLACK POINT RD**

**WATERFRONT LOT!** New to the Market! Hard to find 6500 +/-sf corner Lot. Beautiful view & setting. Sandy Beach! Few tall pine trees for shade. Town Water & Sewer Available! Will custom build if preferred! **\$333,000.**

**WOODSTOCK • 540 NORWICH WORCESTER TURNPIKE RTE 169**



**SORRY, SOLD!**  
ELEGANT, AUTHENTIC COLONIAL on HISTORIC WOODSTOCK HILL! **\$689,500.**

**LAND: WEBSTER/OXFORD/PUTNAM**  
**OXFORD** - LAND - General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! LAND with 4,095 SF Metal Building! 124 SOUTHBRIDGE RD (RTE 20). Town Sewer Project Plans are Approved. 22,884 sq. ft. Level Lot. 140 ft of road frontage. **EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES! \$795,000.**  
**OXFORD** - LAND - RTE 20 General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! Vacant LAND, Level & cleared. 39,549 SF. **\$419,000.**  
**PUTNAM** - LAND Zoned General Business. 29 acre 103' frontage. Water, Sewer, & city gas available. 2 street entrances. **\$125,000**  
**OXFORD** - 2 Merriam Rd 80+/- Wooded Acres in Oxford & Charlton. **ON DEPOSIT \$329,000**

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**WEBSTER LAKE 13 LOVELAND ROAD**

Eastern Exposure & Amazing Sunrises! Beautiful shoreline, on highly sought after South Pond. 3 bedroom Cape features eat in kitchen w/island, fireplace living & dining room. 2nd floor, 2 bedrooms with 1/2 bath! Lower Level walkout, fireplace Family Room! Half bath. A home for all seasons. New Shore Master Docks & Ramp. **NEW PRICE \$799,900**

**WEBSTER LAKE LOT- 22 SOUTH POINT RD**



Very Rare, Lot offering! Enjoy, Fun in the Sun! Swimming, snorkeling, kayak, ice fishing! Water & Sewer Laterals connections are on the lot! Betterments Paid! 5,029 S.F. +/- of land. You may even want to Build! Architectural Plans Included. **\$315,000.**

**WEBSTER LAKE 13 BATES POINT ROAD**



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**DUDLEY:** 1700 sq. ft. Expandable Cape, One level living with expansion possibilities, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, Fireplace, 1 acre lot, 2 garages, Inground salt pool, Great commuter location routes 20,12, 295, 146, & 395  
**169 Klondike Rd., ~ \$599,900**

**NORTHBRIDGE:** 4 full baths, finished lower level, 2 (1/2) baths, Anderson windows, 1.9 acres  
**219 Pollard Rd ~ \$694,500**

**DUDLEY:** 18 acres, MAKE OFFER! House, Garages w/ finish above, Workshop  
**126 Old Southbridge Rd ~ \$400's**

**THOMPSON:** Family room, 2 fireplaces, 6+ garages, 1.8 acres, in-ground pool, cathedral ceiling  
**126 Old Southbridge Rd ~ \$400's**

**CHARLTON:** Developers take notice, 40+ potential lots, Previously approved as a sub division, Call Jo-Ann for details  
**Freeman Road**

# SPORTS

## Charlton's Smith-White to honor late father at Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk



Courtesy photo

Cara Smith-White of Charlton, left, and her sister Deanne Smith of West Boylston will be participating in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk in honor of their father, who passed away from Non-Hodgkins Mantel Cell Lymphoma in 2012.

Charlton resident Cara Smith-White registered for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, presented by Hyundai, in honor of her father, who was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Mantel Cell Lymphoma back in 2007. After rounds of chemo and two stem cell transplants — one was with the help of an experimental drug to increase

the number of cells needed to make the transplant a success, and then another was given by an anonymous donor match from Australia when his cancer came back — Smith-White's father was in remission, along with many good years of living a relatively healthy life and being able to travel, golf and spend time with those he loved. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2012.

"He had an amazing group of doctors and nurses that took care of him while he was treated at Dana-Farber," Cara wrote. "Living one hour west of Boston, my mom didn't want to leave his side, none of us did, and Dana-Farber helped to set her up with hotel stay at a fraction of the cost of what one would normally pay, so we could be there with him as he was hospitalized."

Cara and her Dad, along with their

family and friends, came up with the team name Papa's Posse back when they walked a local 5-mile charity walk in Worcester.

"My dad was known as Papa, to his 11 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter," Cara wrote. "I chose posse because it sounded good with Papa, and we had a decent sized group of both family and friends that joined us in the walk. He did amazing. We got him to walk 5 miles while he was being treated early on in his diagnosis."

This year will be Cara's third year walking 26 miles in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk along with her sister, each time by her side.

"I had wanted to walk again and when I saw that the date of the walk fell the day after his 10 year anniversary to his passing, I thought it was a good way to honor my dad," said Cara.

To Cara, "defy cancer" symbolizes a battle word.

"I witnessed my dad try to defy cancer, I wanted to so badly for him to defeat it," she writes. "Any time something is a challenge to me, I think about how my dad was challenged and how courageous and strong he was. I walk because I adored my Dad and I admired the strength he put into everything he ever did in life, especially with his cancer diagnosis. I walk to show my appreciation to the medical professionals who cared for my dad while he was sick, they truly were amazing. I walk for those that are battling the disease today. I walk because I hope that one

day there is no more cancer, life without cancer."

The 2022 Jimmy Fund Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2, and raises funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Whether participating for themselves, loved ones, neighbors, or co-workers, each walker shares a common purpose: to defy cancer and support breakthroughs that will benefit cancer patients around the world.

This year, participants will return to the Boston Marathon course after two years of walking virtually. Participants choose from four distance options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton), Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley), or Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). All routes finish at the Copley Square Finish Line. Walkers can also participate virtually by "walking their way" from wherever they are most comfortable — whether that be in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history. To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.

### QUAIL HOLLOW GOLF CLUB RESULTS

#### Hole in One

Congratulations to Bill Babineau, who scored his second career ace. Babineau made the hole-in-one on the par-3 11th hole using a 6-iron. George Lawton, Jeff Burl and Dennis Marchand attested the ace.

#### Greendale Men's League

Ken Frost, Bob Gonyea, Ken Miller; -3  
Glen Wuerthele, Bill Gaudette, Kent Seith, Bill Parsons; -3  
Gary Fuller; -1  
Mike Dyer, Jim Hester; Even  
Steve Dame, Louis Lebel, John Tisdell; +6

#### Pit's Crew

First place (-9): Dennis Trela, Sean Baxter, Galen Johnson, Toby Snelson  
Second place (-8): Jim Kularski, Bill Hickey, Dave McClusky, Dave Lapoint  
Third place (-8): Hugh Buchard, Jim Stewart, Tom Barber, Rick Gendreau

#### Still Harts League — Week 17

First place (+12): John Schlosstein, Dean Malin  
Second place (+11): Kevin Berube, Darryl Miner  
Third place (+10): Darryl Furtado, John Schlosstein  
Most over quota: Darryl Miner (+8)

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

#### Monday, Aug. 29

Tantasqua 164, East Longmeadow 168 — Opening the high school sports season in style, the Warriors won their season-opening golf match at Hemlock Ridge. Medalist honors went to Tantasqua freshman Sam Pieczynski, who shot a 1-over par 37.

#### Friday, Sept. 2

#### Wachusett 152, Tantasqua 166

— The Warriors' Sam Pieczynski shot well at Hemlock Ridge, carding a 39 for Tantasqua's golf team, but it wasn't enough as the Mountaineers won and improved to 3-0. Wachusett's Perry Flagg was the medalist after carding a 2-under 34, including an eagle-3 on the final hole. The Warriors are now 1-1 on the young season.

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through the campus center's doors and seeing the facility for the first time, several officials were stunned by its amenities and versatile spaces. Students, meanwhile, are thrilled to be studying in a building that retains its college atmosphere and offers a glimpse into environments of higher learning.

"Without the School Committee, this project would not have happened," said Superintendent Kustigian, whose tenure began over the summer. "On day one, people were calling me and welcoming me to the district, and it is so reassuring to have that type of support."

Added Kate Campanale, a 2003 Leicester High School graduate who is currently running for lieutenant governor, "This is such a special day for the town, and the students must be so excited. Everyone has put in so much effort to make this happen."

Held in the campus center's amply spaced cafeteria overlooking the athletic field, the ribbon cutting ceremony also included State Representatives Donald Berthiaume and David LeBoeuf, Town Administrator David Geneux, School Committee members, selectmen, and several other municipal leaders.

"A year ago, I wouldn't have thought it was possible for everyone to be standing here today," said Select Board

Chairman Allen Phillips.

The campus center provides multiple spaces that can easily be sectioned off to accommodate academic, social, and community uses. Officials are looking forward to welcoming the community into the building throughout the year on nights and weekends.

Moreover, the facility features a media center, a guidance department suite, an activities room, a spacious nurse's office, and a weight room. Over the summer, student volunteers added to the existing equipment in the weight room by bringing in gear from LHS.

The campus center also offers impressive views of the stadium where Leicester's football, soccer, and field hockey teams will compete right away this fall.

For LHS freshmen and sophomores, they won't have to wait long before joining their peers at the former Becker campus. Officials are eager to see all students on campus by the 2023-24 school year.

"Buildings are just brick and mortar without students. It is great to have our students back on campus," said Superintendent Kustigian, who attended Leicester Public Schools growing up. "Our work is far from over, and I look forward to the next ribbon cutting ceremony opening the former Borger Academic Building and bringing grades nine and ten to the new LHS."

By next year, the entire LHS student population is slated to occupy the

Becker buildings in a campus-style high school environment. This will involve students moving between various buildings throughout the day, as one would see on a college or prep school campus.

The Fuller Campus Center will be a closed building this year, in terms of students' daily schedules and the facility's security protocols. In advance of the 2023-24 school year, when the new open-campus version of LHS will be launched, district leaders plan to work with a third-party consultant with expertise in campus security measures. Additionally, new personnel are expected to be hired to assist with monitoring students throughout the school day.

Leicester Police Chief Ken Antanavica and Fire Chief Michael Dupuis provided extensive guidance and assistance to school officials this past summer. Both chiefs and their departments were thanked by school leaders during the ribbon cutting program.

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**PARADE**  
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parade. Throughout the day, free parking and shuttles will be offered at Lamoureux Ford and Howe Lumber. The family fun day portion of the event will take place from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Connie Mack Field. Festivities will include a pie eating contest, games, food trucks and a beer garden, an old-time baseball game at 4 p.m., and appearances from first responders and other organizations. Musical entertainment will be provided in many forms throughout the

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day. "We have several bands, including high school marching bands from David Prouty, Shepherd Hill, and Auburn," read a statement released by East Brookfield 100th Anniversary Committee member Heather Gablaski. "Other bands include the Hot Tamales Brass Band, New Liberty Jazz Band, Holyoke Caledonian Pipe Band, Marquis of Granby Fife and Drum Corps, the Melha Shriners, and a Mummies group from Pennsylvania." The State Police Mounted Unit will also be participating in the event, along with antique fire trucks and tractors. Over 30 community groups and local businesses will also have floats, some with bands on them. Tethered hot air balloon rides will be offered, starting at 3 p.m. At 4 p.m., the old-time baseball game will feature a team from East Brookfield taking on a team from North Brookfield. Event organizers thank all sponsors and supporters who helped make the program possible. A rain date is slated for Sept. 18. Additional celebratory events this year include a historical tour and dinner at Podunk Chapel (Oct. 29); a trolley talk at Town Hall (Dec. 10); and a holiday decorating contest in December.

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**SEPTEMBER 18TH**

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**MARCHING BANDS** including: Auburn HS, David Prouty HS, Hot Tamales Brass Band, Holyoke Caledonian Pipeband, Marquis of Granby Fife and Drum Band, New Liberty Dixie Jazz Band, Shepherd Hill HS, Worcester Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums, AND MORE!

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The celebration will continue through the end of 2022 with these events:  
**October 29:** Town and Cemetery Historical Tour with Harvest Dinner at Podunk Chapel  
**November 5:** Central Mass during the Revolution (9:30 Town Hall)  
**December 10:** Trolley Talk (9:30 Town Hall)  
**December:** Light the Town Holiday Decorating Contest!

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East Brookfield  
100th Anniversary Celebration

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