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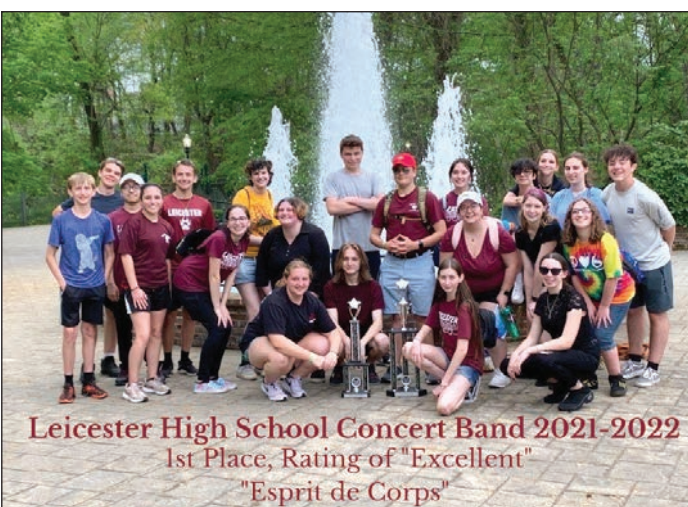
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Leicester Middle School Symphonic Band  
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Overall Middle School/Junior High Concert Band  
"Esprit de Corps"

Photo Courtesy

Bands representing Leicester Middle School and Leicester High School recently took home top honors from a major program.

## Summer Reading Program launches June 25 at Haston Library

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – As local schools close their doors and the weather heats up, students are invited to cool off with a good book this summer at Haston Free Public Library.

The library's summer reading program, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path," will begin on Saturday, June 25. Families are encouraged to visit the children's library to register for the program between now and then.

The June 25 kickoff program will be hosted by East Quabbin Land Trust (EQLT). Guests will learn about bees and other pollinators, as well as animals that live in ponds and beneath the earth.

"We have two other EQLT programs later on in the summer that are sure to bring out your child's curiosity and inner naturalist," read a statement released by library direc-

tor Dawn Thistle. "Weekly activities will also be offered. Participate in a science-based activity on STEAM Mondays, join us for a story and a craft on Crafty Tuesdays, and learn about different topics in kid-friendly, interactive nature-related courses on Wild Wednesdays."

The library's summer reading program will wrap up with a party on Aug. 20, featuring storyteller and musician Davis Bates.

When you stop by the children's library this month to register your child for the summer reading program, you'll be able to pick up a packet that includes a reading log, a list of upcoming activities, a nature board game, and a few extra goodies.

New this year, youth services librarian Brianna Lamb has partnered with the Nahant Public Library to host a kids' pen pal program from July 6 through Aug. 10. All letters will

be sent through the library's book delivery service. A signup sheet will be included in the summer reading packet, where children can choose to include their names, ages, and three things they like. This information will be used to match each child with a buddy.

At the library book group's next meeting on Tuesday, June 28, at 7 p.m., members will discuss "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson. The book chronicles Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz in World War II.

On Monday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m., the Haston Art Club will make hand-crafted greeting cards. Rhonda Brault, who has been crafting cards for several years, will teach guests her techniques and show them how to create their own cards.

If you have questions about upcoming programs at the library, call 508-867-0208 for more information.

## Leicester musicians compete in Music in the Parks program

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Student-musicians in the middle school and high school bands recently traveled to western Massachusetts to compete in a Music in the Parks program.

On May 13, the Leicester Middle School Symphonic Band (grades seven and eight) visited Holyoke and Agawam to participate in the Music in the Parks program. The organization is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and LMS students were thrilled by their success at the event.

Performing two pieces of music—"Above and Beyond: A Triumphant Fanfare for Band" by Brian Balmages,

as well as "Groovee!" by Richard Saucedo—the middle school students earned first place in their category.

The LMS Symphonic Band also earned a rating of "Excellent" at the event. Additionally, the band earned the highest overall score of the combined "Middle School and Junior High Band" category.

Equally impressive, Leicester Middle School received the event's prestigious "Esprit de Corps" award. Music in the Parks chooses one school out of the entire festival to receive this award, which is not a musical honor but instead a recognition of positive character.

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## DPHS alum returns as guest speaker

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Nearly two decades after graduating from David Prouty High School, Christine Chalifoux returned last week to inspire the next wave of Panthers.

On May 31, Chalifoux stepped back into the classroom of one of her favorite DPHS teachers, Nancy Gingras, who is retiring after 29 years of teaching English at Prouty. Gingras was thrilled to welcome back her former student as the final guest speaker of her teaching career.

Now a cultural anthropologist, Chalifoux told students about the many places across the globe she has visited for work and education. As part of her presentation, Chalifoux delivered a talk called, "Whose Shoulders Do You Stand On

Photo Kevin Flanders

Christine Chalifoux, a 2006 graduate of David Prouty High School, returned last week to present at her former school.

and What Do You Stand For?"

During her discussion, Chalifoux spoke about her adoptive parents, growing up in Spencer and graduating from DPHS in 2006, and the challenges of adjusting to life in cities and foreign countries. She also told students about the

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## DPHS e-sports team captures state championship

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – After falling just short in the 2020 state finals, the David Prouty High School e-sports team completed its mission of capturing a state championship in 2022.

Last month, Prouty's e-sports Rocket League team defeated Tewksbury High School 4-1 in a best-of-seven match. Featuring an all-senior lineup of Jake Bergeron, Brennan Ogert, and Joe Havalotti, the Panthers squad used their experience from past years to their advantage.

Rocket League, a three-on-three video game that com-

Photo Courtesy

From left: Joe Havalotti, Brennan Ogert, and Jake Bergeron with DPHS e-sports coach Tab Bassett.

bines cars and soccer, has escalated in popularity and competition in recent years. In the 2020 regular season for Rocket League, the DPHS trio posted a 7-1 record against area schools, good for second place in the standings. In the playoffs, the team made it to the state finals against Shrewsbury High School and came up just short of its goal.

This time around, bringing added confidence and experience to the state final, the DPHS team wouldn't be denied.

"It is great to see this goal come to fruition for these three. They were so close in the fall season of 2020 and lost the

state finals to Shrewsbury," said DPHS e-sports coach Tab Bassett. "They committed themselves to becoming more of a team and found success in the final season of their HS e-sports careers."

Looking back on their e-sports journey together, the Panthers are proud of the progress they made in a short time, culminating with the state championship title.

"Winning the state title is up there with my most proud achievements throughout my high school career," Havalotti said. "From our first season of e-sports, losing in the state

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# QCC announces spring semester Dean's and Merit Lists

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Spring 2022 Semester Dean and Merit Lists. A total of 435 students were named to the College's Dean's List and 834 students were named to the Merit List.

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester are named to the Dean's List:

All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).

Semester QPA must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level.

QCC's Dean's List Spring 2022

Auburn: Hanayah Barjolo, Cameron Baron, Devon Bruyere, Hansi Confer, Gracie Curtis, Colin Fitzgerald, Aidan Foley-Foster, Kevin Foley-Foster, Tiana Germain, Priscilla Kot, Hailey Martell, Emma Martin, Angel Mensah, Maria Misenti, Tien Luc Nguyen, David Tetteh, Giuliana Valera

Blackstone: Erin McDonald, Justyne Tellstoun

Charlton: Laurny Dawson, Johnson Ebe, Natasha Emco-Rollins, Chase McKenney

Cherry Valley: Joslyn Rutter

Douglas: Alorian Orcutt

Dudley: Isabella Freitas, Deirdre Grubb, Grace Jocson, Nicole Karp, Grace Nixon, Anthony Rivera, Denise Ryan Schwartz, Jade Shultz, Chris Surman, William Tashjian, Mehrael Towadros, Hannah Volpe

East Douglas: Caroline Beaird, Britni Conner, Benjamin Doyen, Joshua Gopin, Sage Hurteau, Trevor Jolin, Rheianna Messier, Ethan Soyinthisane

Fiskdale: Maxwell Bachand

Grafton: Jeremy Conti, Ryan Davidson, Christina Duggan, Lily Hunter, Olivia Lee, M'Leia Sweeney, Audrey Ziegler

Holland: Hunter Boudreau, Emma Bullock, Deniella Harwood

Leicester: Owen Boisvert, Bryson Bujak, Ryan Butler, Camden Crocker, Amanda Neil, Meghan Niddrie, Sam Rice, Cassidy Saksa

Leominster: Gillian Salafia, Jessica Stanton, Bianca Vaquerano

Milford: Angel Campos-Castellanos, Danielle Cerqueira, Xiang Chen, Livia DeMoura, Anastasia Francy, Natalia Maldonado, Joslin Pinto

Millbury: Casey Ampagoomian, Brenna Berube, Jacob Brodeur, Elizabeth Chagnon, Brandon Charbonneau, Kennedy Day, Ivie Lapointe, Natalie Lebo, Rosalie Powers, Sydney Westerlind

North Grafton: Fadi Alkoht, Sheraz Awan, Nicholas Calo, Julia Rooney

North Oxford: Salvatore DeMalia

Northbridge: Vivian Adams, Aaron Bishop

Oxford: Micaela Christenson, William Harvey, Amanda Listewnik, Rose Morin, Dillon Palmer, Jaedyn Starr, Jared Torosian

Rochdale: David Lavallee, Isabelle Maynard

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Southbridge: Zachary Egan, Rosalie Groleau, Giovanni Hernandez, Christina Ruberti, Justin Santiago, Jarianys Solero, Venus Streeter

Spencer: Mariannah Chase, Judith Hickman, Ashley Leighton, Kyle Paquette, Kyle Sadusky, Dustin VanDyke

Sturbridge: Brynlee Beaucage, Megan Curboy, Ryan Manners

Sutton: Aliyssa Courville, Katherine Fields, Angela Fiore, Disha Khanna, Nathan Postero, Katya Potkonjak

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Webster: Carin Bolos, Melissa DeLuca-Midgette, Adriana Duby, Natalie Duszlak, Sean Flynn, Dylan Grandmaison, Amber Hallaman, Anna Israelian, Cynthia Johnson, Klarissa Johnson, Hanna Kunkel, Chime Lama, Tenzin Lama, Arianna McCarthy, Elena Ralph

West Upton: Stephany De Souza, Collin Gorman, Jacob Patzer, Omer Rona

Whitinsville: Isabel Carroll, Jennifer Flanagan, Cora Gauthier, Travis Gould, Jibrin Khan, Rebecca Malo, Joshua Pinoos

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits, are named to the Merit List:

All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).

Semester QPA must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level.

QCC's Merit List Spring 2022

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Blackstone: Alexa Boyt, Thomas Deguire, Jordan Geoffroy

Brimfield: Haileigh Chase, Lyndsey Gamache, Lauren Jones, Jonathan Rubio

Brookfield: Jared Maldonado, Emily Pope, Emma Puishys, Tye Zola

Charlton: Cameron Allard, Yanellie Andino, Ashley Antkowiak, Leslie Chaves, Valic Fair, Abigail Joesten, Haley LaFortune, Heather McManus, Taylor Phoenix, Pedro Prieto, Dylan Smaltz, Christian Sokowaski, Oliver Weiland

Cherry Valley: Stephanie Grayum, Inutu Mwinga, Eden Riel

Dudley: Trinity Battista, Mia Bohanan, Yakeydy Calderon, Nicholas Champagne, Jenna Errico, Parker Filo-Loos, Conor Fitzgerald, Nayalis Gonzalez, Joseph Guaragno, Sharon Guidaboni, Heather Lamprey, Julie Milner, Abigail Northrop, Christina Richert, Molly Riley, Nicholas Ruo, Demyana Tekla, Laura Tetreault

East Brookfield: Nicole Boucher-Eccleston, Brian Messier, Kelsey Mitchell

East Douglas: Katelyn Ballou, Courtney Barch, Michael Purvis, Hannah Rosenkrantz

Fiskdale: Hannah Abubakar, Brianna Brothers, Autumn Cassell, Brianna Lawrence, Autumn Martelli, Tristan Shaw, Anna Simons, Lauryn Wandmacher, Warren Zelenak

Grafton: Alisha Braich, Andrea Carenzo, Grace Cummings, Hailey Dorazio, Wilson Fettig, Anneliese Oetsen, Debokkawe Pannasiri, Catherine Roseen, Elisabeth Spencer, Jayce Walker

Groton: Shay McGillivray

Holland: Beau Boudreau, Monica Confer, Seann Lauritsen, Julie Schutz, April Swanson

Leicester: Chad Campion, Amy Carr, Yarelis Cortes, Ashley George, Patricia Herholz, Kristina Jarobski,

Leskalie Rentas, Jonah Wicklund

Milford: Shawn Amiel Arquillano, Alex Begay, Joseph Cafarella, Maria DosReis Soares, Mariana Ferraz, Marina Mucera, Amanda Silva, Rebecca Silva, Emily Smith

Millbury: Alician Berenson, Katherine Bloom, Sandra Bravo, Indigo Cadorette, Christian Donaldson, Wesley Hutchinson, Karmela Krause, Delaney Mierzejewski, Alyssa Newman, Abdoul Aziz Salim Ouedraogo, Michael Quitadamo, Yidan Song, Jala Tadros, Hanifa Yusuf

Millville: Lillian Austin, Hannah Mullaly

North Brookfield: Harold Burroughs, Dawn Holmes, Jessica Lisi, Michelle Varrichione

North Grafton: Jose Salvador Aldana Pla, Matthew Bittel, Franklin Burkey, Tyler Dimond, Thomas Hamilton, Allie Lasoskie, Allyanna Lewis, Julia Pampalone, Tori Paulauskas, Aili Schiavoni

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# State's 'social crisis' the focus of Legislative Breakfast



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Left to right: Bill Fredericks of Sen. Ryan Fattman's office; Cindy Howard, CEO of the Center of Hope Foundation; and Rep. Joe McKenna.

WORCESTER — “We have a ‘Social Crisis,’ not just a work force crisis, here in the Commonwealth,” stated Mike Hyland of Venture Community Services, a private provider of residential and day services for people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities in Central Mass.

He, along with 10 other Central Mass providers serving many thousands of people sponsored the 31st Annual Central Mass Provider Legislative Breakfast

to an audience of legislators, families, state agencies, self-advocates and other stakeholders at the College of the Holy Cross last week.

Cindy Howard, moderator and CEO of the Arc-Center of Hope Foundation, welcomed the group with a video about the crisis. Leo Sarkissian, Executive Director of the Arc of Massachusetts gave an overview of the issues to the more than 200 people in the audience. Festina Julue of the

Arc of Opportunity, based in Fitchburg, gave a perspective as a staff member about the difficulty for people to work in these private provider environments with the inadequate pay that is allocated to the agencies to pay them. Many staff have to work more than one job in order to make ends meet. Self-Advocate, Jeremiah Jezierski shared with the gathering how important the Center of Hope is to him and his ability to work.

Stephen Celuzza, parent of a young lady who cannot return to her program because the agencies cannot attract and retain the Direct Support Professionals, Nurses and other staff needed to allow her and 7,000 others who were going to programs before the pandemic and the several hundred more who are waiting for services as they age out of public school are affecting his family in a distressing way, too. One parent must be home at all times, so someone cannot go back to work. The implications are devastating for the person stuck at home for two and a half years along with the loss of income to the family.

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, spoke to the audience about his understanding of the issues and how the House is working towards trying to find

solutions to this crisis.

A favorite part of the event includes awarding some of the heroes of each agency. Louisa Boamah of HMEA was awarded the “Exemplary Staff Award”; Serah Mururi received the “Seven Hills Care Crusader Award”; Lisa Morgan received the Life-Skills “Building Better Futures Award”; Melissa Childs of Wendy’s in Sturbridge became the “Employer of the Year” by the Center of Hope Foundation; Engle Torres earned the Venture Community Services “Program Leadership Award”; the “Distinguished Program Leadership Award” went to Walter Ross of Advocates, Inc. Angela McKeon and staff of 17/18 Golden Heights received the “Making a Difference Award” from Linda Cournoyer, founder of this event; Ruth Montgomery received an “Excellence in Performance Award” from CoHF and Mass. Rehab. Commission; Merari Alvarado of Thrive earned the “Community Impact Award”; Open Sky Community Services awarded a group of employees from the Malden Street home with the “Creative Support Award,” Emmanuel Kudjoe from Arc of Opportunity was given the “Life-Saving Advocate Award” and Cindy Howard

was surprised with the “Linda Cournoyer Excellence in Advocacy Award.”

This annual event’s mission is to allow a wide range of audience members from all walks of life, and especially the 35 legislators in Central Mass to learn what the issues are in human services each year. This has never been a more important time as so many industries cry for help. We are all talking about the work force crisis in every business, but as Mike said, we have a Social Crisis because the public does not understand what we do and how important our services are to human beings. The community understands and has sympathy for teachers, restaurants, hospitals, other health care environments and most other industries. The crucial work in the Intellectual and Developmental Disability field is not well understood and is not recognized and respected for the vital work we do for an undervalued population in our society.

It’s time for drastic change. We hope that this event helped, but more needs to be done. You can learn more by contacting any of these providers who participated in this event.

## Leicester’s Lauren St. John graduates from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Lauren St. John, of Leicester received a bachelor of arts degree from College of the Holy Cross.

St. John is among 755 graduating seniors Holy Cross celebrated at its 176th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 27 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Acclaimed writer and infectious disease physician Abraham Verghese delivered this year’s address to the Class of 2022 and received an honorary degree.

Vincent D. Rougeau, president of the College, presided over the celebratory event, bestowing the honorary degrees and greeting each graduate as they crossed the stage. This marks Rougeau’s first commencement exercises since being installed as Holy Cross’ 33rd president - the first lay and first Black president to lead the 179-year-old institution - back in October 2021.

In his remarks, Dr. Verghese, the best-selling author of “Cutting for Stone” and the Linda R. Meier and Joan F. Lane Provostial Professor and Vice Chair for the Theory and Practice of Medicine at Stanford University, asked graduates to consider how they will

define success in their personal stories after graduation.

“My advice to you would be: don’t set the bar too high,” Verghese told the graduates. “Don’t live your life waiting for the one magical moment when you achieve this or that, or have this much in the bank, or particular letters behind your name. You and I know too many people, often successful, famous, accomplished people, whose success was not enough to keep them joyful. I would urge you to define success for yourself simply such that on a daily basis you can feel joy.”

In addition to Verghese, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., the 32nd president of Holy Cross, a role he held from 2012-2021.

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# BBQ Recipes



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**All Purpose Barbecue Dry Rub for Chicken**  
Be sure to apply this rub to dry chicken for superior flavor! Ingredients: one quarter cup paprika; two tablespoons granulated garlic; two tablespoons granulated onion; two teaspoons peppercorns; one teaspoon dry mustard; one teaspoon chili powder; two tablespoons cumin seed, toasted; three tablespoons coriander seed, toasted; one quarter cup kosher salt; one quarter cup light brown sugar; chicken pieces. Directions: Combine all ingredients and mix very well. Rub on chicken directly or coat in a plastic storage bag. Makes about 1 ½ cups.

**Classic BBQ Sizzling Sauce**

This old fashioned sauce has been a favorite for decades. Best of all, it's made with common kitchen ingredients. Ingredients: One cup condensed Tomato Soup; one quarter cup vinegar; one quarter cup vegetable oil; two tablespoons packed brown sugar; one tablespoon Worcestershire sauce; one teaspoon garlic powder; one eighth teaspoon hot sauce (optional) Directions: In small bowl, combine soup, vinegar, oil, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder and hot sauce; set aside. Use sauce to baste ribs, chicken, hamburgers or steak during broiling or grilling. Makes about 1 1/3 cups sauce

**Onion Barbecue Glaze**  
If you like onion flavor, this glaze is the perfect mix of sweet and salty with an oniony edge.

Ingredients: one envelope Lipton onion soup mix; three quarters of a cup of chili sauce; two tablespoons vinegar; one (12 oz.) jar peach or apricot preserves Directions: In a small bowl combine all ingredients. Use as a glaze on spare ribs, chops, kabobs, steaks, burgers and chicken. Just brush on during last half of cooking. Makes 2 ½ cups.

**Low Carb BBQ Sauce**  
Low carb diets don't have to translate to boring meats on the grill. You can boost up

your BBQ flavor with this homemade sauce that is low carb and delicious. Make up a batch and store it in the refrigerator.

Ingredients: 2 strips of thick bacon, chopped fine; 1 small onion, minced; 1 clove garlic, minced or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder; 1 small can (6 oz) tomato paste; 1 can (12 oz) diet (sugar-free) cola – Splenda or Stevia sweetened preferred; 1/4 cup no sugar added ketchup; 3 T mustard; 1 Tablespoon Worcestershiresauce; 1 pinch ground cloves ; Hot sauce to taste

Directions: Fry and drain bacon;. Add the onion and cook over medium until soft - 3-5 minutes. Add garlic at this point if you're using fresh and stir it for half a minute or so. Add the rest of the ingredients, plus about half a cup of water. Stir well. Allow to simmer or a half hour to marry flavors (sauce will cook down). Season to taste.

The recipe makes approximately 10 servings of 1/4 cup each. Each serving has about 3 grams of carbohydrate plus 1 gram of fiber.

**Tenderizing Techniques:**  
Great grilling starts with meat preparation. Taking the time to tenderizing tough cuts of meat can make the difference between grilling success or failure. While the goal is to break down the muscle fibers in the meat, there are a few standard methods that have

been proven successful. The manual method employs the use of a kitchen mallet, which is used to "beat" down the fibers in raw meat. Also, there are several meat tenderizers available on the market that can be sprinkled onto the meat before cooking. Perhaps the most popular tenderizing option is the use of marinades, as these liquids not only make the meat tender but impart an important boost of flavor too. Add the fact overnight marinating can reduce cooking time by up to 35%, and it's no surprise the marinating method is a top choice.

**BBQ experts recommend** tender cuts of beef marinate for just a couple of hours, while tougher cuts may require overnight soaking. Keep in mind marinating should be used with zippered plastic bags or glass or plastic bowls as the acids in some marinades can react with metal. After marinating, be sure to pat the meat dry with paper towels to ensure it cooks evenly on the grill.

**No Fail Marinade:** This unconventional recipe from the retro era promises taste and tenderness.

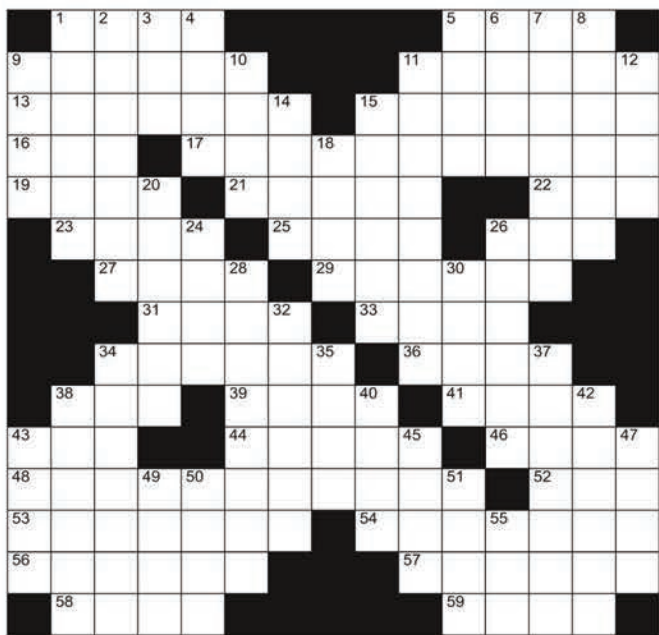
Ingredients: one third cup steak sauce; one half cup packed brown sugar; one twelve ounce can 7Up or Sprite; one half cup melted butter; four tablespoons red wine vinegar; one quarter tea-

spoon each onion powder, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Instructions: Combine all in a bowl or zip lock bag. Allow meat to marinate in mixture for at least an hour, or as long as overnight.

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- 1. Slovenian mountain
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- 9. Where things stand
- 11. Made a sharp sound
- 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore
- 15. Deteriorate with age
- 16. A way to save for retirement
- 17. The Big Apple
- 19. Intestinal pouches
- 21. City in New Hampshire
- 22. Giving a bad impression
- 23. Samsung laptops
- 25. Without (French)
- 26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)
- 27. System of one more computers
- 29. Captures
- 31. Authentic
- 33. Female mammal's nipple
- 34. Pandemonium
- 36. Satisfy
- 38. Arrived extinct
- 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Monetary unit
- 44. Showed old TV show
- 46. They help you hear
- 48. One who eliminates
- 52. Congress' investigative arm
- 53. Parties
- 54. Most supernatural
- 56. Takes illegally
- 57. Breathes while asleep
- 58. Sea eagles
- 59. German surname

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Looks at for a long time
- 2. Solution for diseases
- 3. Belonging to a thing
- 4. Former Packers fullback
- 5. Contemptible person
- 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 7. Helps
- 8. Final section of the large intestine
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 10. Look for
- 11. Unbeliefs
- 12. Susan and Tom are two
- 14. Female sheep
- 15. A poet writes it
- 18. Affirmatives
- 20. "Full House" actress Barber
- 24. Traveled rapidly
- 26. Long upholstered seat
- 28. Set wages
- 30. Peter Gabriel song
- 32. Sides of a jacket
- 34. More beautiful
- 35. Actress Kate
- 37. Furniture with open shelves
- 38. Indicate
- 40. The cost of a room
- 42. Gets rid of something
- 43. Impudence
- 45. No No No
- 47. Drunkards
- 49. Middle eastern country
- 50. High energy lasers (abbr.)
- 51. Primary component of ribosomes
- 55. An informal debt instrument.



## Spencer Senior Center's Memory Café reopens this month

SPENCER – The grand reopening of the Spencer Senior Center's Sunflower Memory Café is slated for this month.

The event will take place

on June 23 at 1 p.m.

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– Submitted by Lee Jarvis

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Amend the soil with compost or other organic matter to increase the soil’s ability to absorb and retain rain and irrigation water. More water is absorbed by the amended soil so less runs off your landscape and into the street. This means less fertilizer and pesticides wash into nearby storm sewers, rivers, and lakes.

Cover bare soil with a layer of organic mulch. It conserves moisture so you water less, prevents erosion and helps suppress weeds. As the mulch decomposes, it improves the soil by adding organic matter and nutrients.

Use rain barrels to capture rainwater that drains off the roof. Purchase a rain barrel or make your own from a recycled food grade container. Evaluate the functional design, appearance and space needed when making your selection. The Flat-Back Rain Barrel fits snugly against your house and holds 50 gallons of water. Add some storage or planting space with a rain barrel like the Madison Rain Barrel with space on top to hold watering accessories or flowering plants. Use the rainwater for watering gardens and containers. Start with a call to your local municipality as some have restrictions on water harvesting, while others encourage this practice and even offer rebates.

Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses for applying water right to the soil where it is needed. You’ll lose less water to evaporation and overspray. Avoiding overhead watering helps reduces the risk of disease. Irrigation systems also reduce your time spent watering and are especially helpful for container gardens and raised beds. Systems with closer drippers like the Raised Bed Drip Line Irrigation Kit (gardeners.com) are more effective at watering small areas like raised beds.

Plant native plants suited to your growing conditions and landscape design whenever possible. These deeply rooted plants help keep rainwater where it falls, reducing the risk of basement flooding and overwhelming storm sewers. The plants slow the flow of water, helping keep it on your landscape for the plants to use. Their deep roots create path-

ways for rainwater to enter and travel through the soil. Plant roots and soil help remove impurities from the water before it enters the groundwater and aquifers.

When adding walks, patios or other hard surfaces to your landscape consider enlisting permeable options. Permeable pavers allow water to infiltrate the surface rather than run off into the street and storm sewer.

Stepping stones placed in mulched pathways or surrounded by groundcovers make an attractive walkway or patio. Look for attractive, long lasting and easy to install products like the Rubber Leaf stepping stones. Plant groundcovers suited to the growing conditions and those that tolerate foot traffic. The planted spaces between the hard surfaces allow water to move into and through the soil.

Implementing just a few of these changes in your landscape design and water management can help increase your landscape’s sustainability while reducing your workload.

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an after-school dance program in Pokot, Kenya.

Most recently, she dedicated one year of fieldwork in Kampala, Uganda, which was funded by a National Science Foundation grant.

Beginning in September, Chalifoux will be a predoctoral fellow at MIT’s School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

“When I teach undergrads, I often say that anthropology makes the familiar strange and the strange familiar. I think there’s a great deal of beauty in that,” Chalifoux added.

Following her presentation, Chalifoux answered questions from students about her education and career. Students then wrote about the presentation as part of a final essay.

Tyla Barry, a DPHS junior with plans to study cultural anthropology, served as the Master of Ceremonies for Chalifoux’s visit.

Throughout her presentation, Chalifoux made sure to remind students of how much Gingras has meant to the school and the community. In addition to teaching all levels of English at Prouty, Gingras established a creative writing course and Writers Workshop. She also began the International Club and traveled to Paris, Barcelona, Italy, Greece, Costa Rica, Dublin, London, and several other locations. She even found time to create the Punch Bowl Book Club and bring a yoga and mindfulness program to the school.

“I could not be me without the help and support of so many who came before me, those who have retired, as well as all the new people joining our district,” Gingras said. “It is my hope that I have served the students and the community well.”

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inspirations she took from Gingras’s classroom and how they helped her in college and her career.

“One assignment I remember vividly from Ms. Gingras’s class was a paper about whether books should be banned,” Chalifoux said. “That particular assignment made me question a lot of things and gave me tools to think about the world in different ways.”

Throughout her 34-year teaching career that also included a stint at Ralph Mahar Regional High School in Orange, Gingras has utilized an eclectic lineup of guest speakers, thought-provoking lessons, and creative assignments. The combination has inspired students to consider new perspectives and challenge themselves to maximize their potential in all aspects of school. Last week, Chalifoux returned to Prouty as an example to students of how far a positive attitude and a strong work ethic can take them.

“Ms. Gingras was always pushing us to aspire to be the best versions of ourselves,” said Chalifoux, who speaks five languages. “By having high standards for us, she in turn gave us permission to have high standards for ourselves. I wouldn’t have had the courage to leave town, nor would I see the beauty that remains there, had it not been for her.”

Chalifoux’s career has taken her across the world. She resided in Karamoja, Uganda, for two years, working with an NGO focused on traditional birth attendants and midwives. She then enrolled in a PhD program in sociocultural anthropology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Additionally, she founded and taught at

# Strawberry Festival returns to Dudley

DUDLEY – After a Covid hiatus, the Dudley Grange is bringing back its Strawberry Festival June 16, and they need help.

According to event co-organizer Karen Gillon, such help can come in the form of volunteers for preparation and the day itself, plus early ticket purchase from various area locations and Grange members. Some of them will be available at Park & Shop June 4 and 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

On Festival day, the Grange's property and nearby areas atop Dudley Hill (139 Center Rd., next to Nichols College) will ring out with people celebrating summer and the berries that are ripening now. Events run from 4 p.m. until berries run out.

"It's the best old-fashioned

lawn party this town's ever seen," said Granger Ken Gillon. "It's just sort of connecting people ... You'll see people you haven't seen since the last Strawberry Festival."

This year will see some familiar events and some changes. Of course, the big draw is the same – strawberry shortcake – although inflation in supply costs has prompted the Grange to charge more this year (\$7 for the adult serving, \$5 for child size) and ask a little more for hot dogs, burgers and other fare.

Originally, those were locally grown berries, and Grange volunteers actually trucked down to Stafford Springs to pick them in person, Ken Gillon noted. As the event has grown, though, the Grange has had to turn to a California-based supplier for

both the sheer quantity (more than 1600 pounds) and timing of getting them here. But most of the other supplies are still locally-sourced.

The labor, of course, remains local, with many volunteers from area churches and schools staffing the event itself, as well as preparing the facility during prior weeks and cleaning and dicing up the berries the day before. This year, the latter group is gathering at the Grange June 15 from 9AM to 1 PM or so, and they're still seeking more participants.

Likewise, the music will be familiar, as the Old Time Fiddler's Club of Rhode Island sets the rhythm with bluegrass, Celtic and Americana. So will many of the groups tabling and providing activities, as various local non-profits and town



Photo Gus Steeves

Volunteers from the 2017 festival make the event's signature strawberry shortcake.

entities routinely attend. Plans are in the works for children's games, a frog-jumping contest by Dudley-Charlton teacher and coach Ray Sullivan, a Fire Department smoke house truck and other emergency service demonstrations, environmental groups and social services,

among others.

On the other hand, it's been a few years since they held a car show, and that's not on the docket this year either. But visitors might well see and hear Franny Mik's renditions of classic early rock'n'roll.

## MUSIC

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acter traits and student behavior on the day of the festival.

"Facilitators at the performance sites throughout the day take note of which schools are exhibiting pride, politeness, helpfulness, and appreciation, among other qualities," said LMS music teacher Kristina Looney. "Out of all of the schools involved with that day's festival, including bands, jazz bands, orchestras, and choruses, both middle and high school, Leicester Middle School received the Esprit de Corps."

For students, the event represented an unforgettable chapter in their musical journeys.

"Winning the Esprit de Corps award was very unexpected. It was a huge surprise and something we take pride in," said LMS seventh grader Kelsey Cole. "Out of everybody there, even high schools, we won this award and I am proud of all of the Leicester Middle School Symphonic Band members and friends along my side. Winning the Esprit de Corps award is a huge achievement, and it will always make me feel proud of myself and the entire band."

Added eighth grader Arianna Gonzalez, "To have won the Esprit de Corps award means a lot to not only me, but to the entire band. We get compliments as a band all the time, but to be complimented on our behavior and

manners on a much larger scale and over all the other schools feels amazing."

The LMS band has come a long way over the last decade, pushing through challenges small and large. One of the steeper hurdles involved the many canceled events and missed practice time due to COVID-19, but band members have worked hard throughout the pandemic to continue honing their skills. Students have also demonstrated a level of teamwork and unity rarely seen by staff members.

"I have never had such a tight-knit group of students. They are all so different from each other, but they have an amazing bond," Looney said. "They love to talk about the group chat they have. If someone is out of school, they all know if the student has a cold, an orthodontist appointment, or whatever the case may be."

Added Looney, "The LMS band program has had its share of struggles over the last decade, but with many improvements along the way."

Band used to be an after-school club at LMS, but it quickly began to flourish once the program was offered as a class. Before the pandemic struck, LMS was offering three levels of band—but COVID-19 took its toll beginning in the spring of 2020.

In the 2020-21 school year, band was relegated to an after-school club, this time offered virtually.

"This was very tricky for students, because music does not line up in

real time the way speech seems to," Looney said of the challenges of virtual programs. "The concerts were pieced together with each individual musician performing their own part. Then, the concerts were premiered on YouTube."

After so much time spent apart, it has been especially meaningful for the students to perform their music together again at events like Music in the Parks. Not only were the students able to deliver successful performances, but they also received valuable feedback from program adjudicators, who are often college music professors.

"Our entire day was spent doing the things we love, with the people we love, so the memories that were formed along the way are something that will last our entire lifetimes," said LMS eighth grader Dakota Zinkevich.

Added seventh grader Jacob Beaulac, "Music in the Parks taught me that together, as a band and when we work hard and work together, we can achieve amazing things. I also learned it is not about one person in the band—it is about everyone and we need to work as a team. When we work as a team, we achieve great things and will do amazing things in the future."

Fellow seventh grader Mary Van Hazinga said, "I feel honored that we have won the Esprit de Corps award because it means that our pride, fellowship, and common loyalty was recognized by others and really stood out to them."

During the May 14 session of the

Music in the Parks event, the Leicester High School Concert Band took full advantage of its turn to shine.

Consisting of student-musicians in grades 9-12, the LHS Concert Band performed "Metrodance" by Randall Standridge and "Kyiv, 2022" by Brian Balmages. The latter piece serves as a sequel to the composer's previous piece entitled "Moscow, 1941", which is set during World War II. Composer Balmages wrote "Kyiv, 2022" as a response to the current war in Ukraine.

The Leicester High School Concert Band was awarded first place in its category, along with a rating of "Excellent." Following their middle school counterparts from the day before, the LHS band was also awarded the "Esprit de Corps" award.

"I think Music in the Parks was a valuable experience because it allowed us to experience what it would be like to be judged by other people," said LHS senior Erin Arsenault. "With concerts, people don't really give feedback other than we did a good job as a band, but being able to hear feedback from professionals I think really makes a difference on what we can improve on, but also what we did well with."

Added sophomore Gabrielle Pietri, "I honestly couldn't believe it when it was announced that we won the Esprit de Corps. It feels amazing that we won this award."



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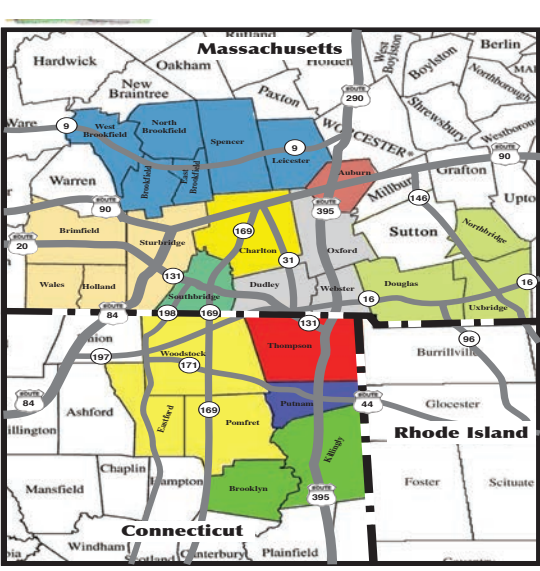
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EDITORIAL

# A time to take Pride in diversity

We've heard some rumblings about why a Pride Month exists, and how other groups of people should have a month-long celebration.

First, setting aside a month to recognize a certain group that has historically been discriminated against is intended to spotlight their situation, and theirs alone. It does not necessarily take away from the importance of, or the trials and tribulations faced by, any other group.

The reason we celebrate Pride is simply to applaud overcoming and still working to overcome hate and bigotry the LGBTQ community has received for hundreds and hundreds of years. The same goes for Black History Month. It's a time to celebrate the people who have been, and still continue to be oppressed. Whether or not you experienced it with your own eyes doesn't matter. It exists.

Simple rights like not being able to get married and afforded the same rights under federal law as straight couples, not being seated in a restaurant, getting gun downed for being in a gay nightclub, getting murdered for being gay, not feeling comfortable holding hands in public, fear of getting gawked at or harassed, not being able to rent an apartment or buy a house are a few things members of the LGBTQ community has faced.

Even though those things are legal now, it's still an uphill battle. Bad things happen to everyone sure but not because of who they love. It's discrimination that fuels that evil.

Pride is simply about being proud of who you are. The most important thing for any individual is to simply be kind, obey the law and focus on your own lives. To judge who another person loves would be odd at best.

Pride Month was initially inspired by the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, and works to achieve equal justice and opportunity for LGBTQ Americans. The purpose of the month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on society locally, nationally and internationally.

In some states, it is still illegal for same sex couples to adopt children or acquire fair employment.

The Stonewall Uprising took place on June 28, 1969, and was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the 1960s, the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village was a gay club and refuge for many in the LGBTQ community. On that day, the New York City police raided the inn, sparking a riot among bar patrons and neighborhood residents with the police.

The riot involved hundreds of people and led to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement outside the bar.

A year later, thousands of people marched from the Stonewall Inn to Central Park in what was then called "Christopher Street Liberation Day," marking what is now recognized as the nation's first gay pride parade. Since 1970, LGBTQ+ people and allies have continued to gather together in June to march with pride and demonstrate for equal rights.

We are all Americans, and we must continue to look out for each other and ensure that each and every one of us are treated equally under the law.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Stella Richard - experienced and qualified

To the Editor:  
Stella Richard, a longtime Leicester resident, is running to be re-elected to the Leicester School Committee. It is of the utmost importance to not only vote on Tuesday, June 14 in our town election, but to give one of your two votes to Stella, who is an experienced, thoughtful, and dedicated educator. She has been a Professor of Veterinary Science and Chair of Natural Science at Becker College for 25 years. She has worked as an Outreach Liaison, placing students on externships at clinics, hospitals and corporations. Stella is presently teaching at Bay Path Vocational School along with doing community service in the Leicester

and Worcester area.  
Having served for the past six years on our school committee, she understands the importance of evaluating student data from state testing and using data to make critical decisions. The safety and well being of students and staff, including their social emotional health, has always been a priority for her while serving on the committee. She is a team player, as evidenced by her work with the other members. Stella Richard is more than qualified and more than deserving of a vote on Tuesday.

SUSAN LAUDER  
LEICESTER

### Lauder has the experience and commitment Leicester's School Committee needs

To the Editor:  
I am writing in support of Tom Lauder for School Committee in Leicester. Tom is a candidate with a wealth of experience in education and a life-long resident who has invested so much of himself in our community. In his two terms on this school committee, he has been a strong advocate for our schools and a leader with integrity who promotes what is best for the future of Leicester.  
I have had the pleasure of knowing Tom both in his capacity as my son's principal and, after my husband passed, as someone who quickly became a friend for the many ways he and his family reached out to support ours. He has proven to be an incredibly loyal and genuine person who deeply cares about students as he is a consistent presence at school and community events.

It requires an enormous amount of time, knowledge, and heart to do what it takes to lead the schools. Our school committee has some challenging tasks ahead of them to continue to ensure our town provides the best educational experience possible for all our students in an environment where safety is a priority and budgets work with respect to other town needs. Tom has shown he has a vested interest in the growth and long-term goals of our school district and community, coupled with the experience and passion necessary to lead us over the next three years. I encourage you to come out and vote for Tom Lauder on June 14.  
Sincerely,

TRICIA TARENTINO  
LEICESTER

## Join me in supporting Tom Lauder

To the Editor:  
I am writing to ask the voters of Leicester to join me and support Tom Lauder in his re-election bid to the Leicester School Committee on Tuesday, June 14.  
As a lifelong resident of Leicester, Tom has devoted his career to our children. He has repeatedly demonstrated integrity, passion and dedication to the children of Leicester. Tom has the education background and career experience needed to bring our school system to the next level. Tom's vast experience fifteen years as a school administrator, nine of which in the position of Leicester High School principal along with his six years of serving as a member of the Leicester School Committee, has provided him with the foundation and level of professionalism to support his vision for the direction of the Leicester Public Schools. Among his outstanding qualities are his "even keel" attitude, not

changing his course on a whim as well as a very methodical approach to issues.  
In addition, Tom has consistently demonstrated his selflessness to his community, willing to take on three more years of serving on the school committee with truly nothing to gain personally. Tom is committed to making the newly acquired Becker campus a destination educational experience for our students, working to keep our outstanding teachers and administrators in the district, to continue to monitor student data and improving state test scores and continue focus on social emotional learning (SEL) to help all students to thrive personally and academically.  
While all candidates "want what is best for the children," Tom has the vision and experience to deliver.

KEN FRIEDMAN  
ROCHDALE

## Driver's license re-instatement process

To the Editor:  
Back in October about 10 p.m., I made a foolish decision, choice. I went to Harrington to be tested for Covid. I tested positive and was kept for about three hours and released about 1 a.m. and told to go home and quarantine myself.  
It was foggy that morning, and I was not doing well driving. I was infected, invaded by Covid. I was driving erratically, violating traffic laws; someone called the Sturbridge police. They stopped me and questioned me, examined me and decided I should not be driving. They confiscated my truck. I thank the Sturbridge police for their concern; they probably stopped me from causing an accident and injuring myself and someone else.  
Later that morning, Covid had taken control of my brain, speech; the ambulance is called, I am admitted on Oct. 15 for three days, released and quarantined for 15 days.  
On the 18th, I get a personal visit by the police informing me my license has been suspended indefinitely because of medical reasons, not taken or giving me any consideration that I had been a victim of Covid.  
A few days later, I made my appeal to the RMV. Six months later, April, still no hearing date notice, and my wife suggested I contact the state Rep., Donald Berthiaume, Jr.'s office. I called and spoke to his chief of staff; she related my problem and suggested I give her a few days, she would call back. A few days turned out to be a few hours, and the chief of staff informed me that I would be receiving a letter from the Board of Appeal informing me of my hearing

date.  
Six months of waiting and through the State Representative, I have a hearing on April 15. Amen!  
On the 15th, with the help of the chief of staff and a concerned contractor neighbor, we attend the hearing, and at the conclusion, I am requested by the Board of Appeals to obtain whatever information necessary to support my case against the RMV findings that I am not physically and/or mentally fit for driving.  
Again, the state representative's chief of staff was available and willing to help support my needs by processing the medical evaluation papers in support of my situation to the Board of Appeals staff.  
The May 15 hearing with the Board of Appeals went well with the support and concern of the chief of staff and the concern and support of a business construction neighbor. Now my next hearing is in June with the RMV.  
I am very grateful to the chief of staff; she was professional, tenacious, supportive in her effort to help in my effort to get my license re-instated.  
Whatever the outcome of these hearings, I am...we are, my wife and I...very grateful to the chief of staff and her tenacious, professional support, and the help of my neighbor.  
My next hearing is in June with the RMV, and not sure what after. What I am sure of is the grace of God. God knows the outcome, and I will keep you informed.

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## When you think you've got it made, keep striving



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Goal setting is essential to anybody who wants to get things done, but often, momentum is lost when we accomplish one goal but fail to set another. So often, people climb to the top, and they begin to tell themselves, "I've got it made." When this attitude creeps in, desire and motivation fade, and progress come to a halt.

One person I knew who became wildly successful told me that the best time in his life was when he was struggling, living on a dream, and barely making it. Once he had accomplished his goal, he was satisfied, but the feeling of accomplishment began to disappear. Something was missing from his life; he stopped striving, and the thrill of trying to make it to the next level was gone.

Although he had reached a high level of success, his life had become dull and uneventful because he didn't have any new goals to accomplish; he thought he had it made. He started doing drugs to try and recreate the excitement, but that only made things worse. He lost all forward momentum, and things began to fall apart.

We've heard it said it's not the destination that matters; it's the journey. I can say the same in my life. The most exciting times are always when I struggle to accomplish a goal. When I first decided to become an actor, I had no money; I could barely pay the rent. Dinner was a couple of cans of tuna and some saltines from the dollar store. I wasn't living a glamorous life, but I felt alive. There was nothing like those days.

Norman Vincent Peale said, "The true flavor, the real fun, the continuous excitement is in the process of making it rather than having made it."

It's been a long road, and many hard lessons I've learned since then. I've been guilty of accomplishing a goal and thinking, "I've got it made." The result was I lost all momentum and progress. The loss of momentum is a dangerous place to be. It means you've stopped. Losing momentum can mean the loss of a dream, the loss of a career, and maybe even the loss of a relationship.

One of the best ways to avoid losing your momentum is to set more goals. Once you accomplish your first goal, it's good to celebrate; it's good to be happy for what you've accomplished, but only temporarily. If you settle, you might find that everything you've worked for is gone one day.

Many things can bring happiness. Tony Robbin's has said, "Progress equals happiness." I know that might sound controversial to some. You might say, "My faith makes me happy," or, "My family makes me happy." I would agree that is true, but I ask you, "How happy are you when your faith isn't progressing?" or "How happy are you when your family relationships aren't moving in the right direction?" I think there is something to the idea that progress brings happiness. It may not be the root of all happiness, but it can undoubtedly make you happier.

If it's true that progress can make us happier, how hard is it to make progress? It depends, of course, but it's easier to make progress in any area of your life once you get the momentum going. It's always hard to start making significant progress when starting from a dead stop. The momentum builds once you get the ball rolling, and eventually, progress comes faster and faster.

Think of a weight loss goal. In the beginning, it's hard to make the necessary changes, but as the pounds begin to melt off, more motivation comes, you begin to make more changes, and soon you're on your way.

Next time your accomplishments start to make you feel like you've got it made, don't stop; keep going. Set your sights on ever higher goals. Just as a snowball gets bigger and faster as it rolls down the hill, as you build momentum, more opportunities will present themselves, and when you look back, you'll be amazed at how far you've come.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Did I do that?

To the Editor:

I just watched another news conference where our President looked confused and lost when asked about inflation. His handlers trot him out with a teleprompter to spout out their agenda, but when asked off the script, he is lost and confused with that “Did I do that?” look in his face. This is truly a sad day in America, where we have the White House controlled by progressive Democrats with a feeble-minded puppet.

We can clearly see that what’s happening is a planned reset of our society. The planned destruction of the middle class. The creation of an elite few controlling a lower class.

Empty the prisons of felons and predators on our society. Put progressive attorney generals who refuse to prosecute those caught, and demonize the police as white supremacists. If you try to protect yourself by purchasing a weapon, you are part of the problem. They cry out for gun control to take your self-protection away. The result is a lower-level population at the mercy of those in power. Those in power walk freely with armed bodyguards and protection. How are those in middle class neighborhoods supposed to protect their loved ones? The progressive agenda is to get the middle class disarmed by trotting out old Joe to say “We need to get guns off the street.”

We have witnessed the destruction of our economy and the resulting record inflation fueled by free government cash. We know the Covid morbidity was low for those 50 and younger. We could have left factories and stores in business with these workers. Those over 50 and with pre-existing conditions could have stayed home and isolated until the population was fully vaccinated. That was Trump’s plan. Instead, the progressive Democrats forced the businesses to close and then printed trillions of cash to be given out. Anyone with a lick of common sense knows that if you drop supply and give out free cash, what is going to happen?

The cost of those goods available is going to be inflated to what people will pay. We now have Yellen and Powell, who were put in charge by the progressive Democrats sitting around looking at record inflation saying, “Did I do that?” All part of the plan to redistribute the middle class wealth and reset the income distribution. That’s why if you’re in the middle class, you get none of Bakers Covid money currently being handed out.

Rising energy prices. This was part of the progressive Democrats’ plan to force green energy on you, it amazes me when you talk to the liberal Democrats out there who say: Biden has nothing to do with high energy prices! These are truly the brainwashed dopes of our society. Biden on his first day cut the Keystone pipeline, cut fracking on government land, and sent out policies that investment in fossil fuels was to be cut. Why would companies ramp up production with these governmental roadblocks? The answer was they would not. The result is the free markets saw this and adjusted accordingly by driving up oil futures. All part of the plan of the progressive Democrats to force you to spend your life savings on oil and gas to live on. This hits the middle class the most. Your savings and futures are being spent on the energy changeover to expensive solar and electric vehicles. They then trot out old Joe to blame big business.

The only good thing about this is these liberal Democrats, who for four years bashed Trump, are feeling the pain. Sure, they still get triggered when you bring up Trump. They have been brainwashed by the left. But they when they see Biden say “Did I do that?” they can now also look in the mirror and say the same thing. The only way to stop the destruction and begin to fix it is vote Republicans across the board this November.

MARK ROBILLARD  
SPENCER

## New limits expand 401(k), IRA opportunities

You could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement. So, to pay for all those years, you’ll probably need to take full advantage of your retirement accounts. And in 2022, you may have expanded opportunities to deduct retirement plan contributions on your tax return.

Before looking at what’s changed this year, let’s review the key benefits of these accounts:

**Traditional IRA** – You typically contribute pretax (deductible) dollars to a traditional IRA, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred.

**Roth IRA** – You invest after-tax dollars in a Roth IRA, so your contributions won’t lower your taxable income, but your earnings can grow tax free, provided you’ve had your account at least five years and you’re 59½ or older when you begin taking withdrawals.

**401(k)** – A 401(k) or similar plan (such as a 457(b) for state and local government employees or a 403(b) for employees of public schools or non-profit groups) is generally funded with pretax dollars and provides tax-deferred earnings. Some employers offer a Roth 401(k), in which employees contribute after tax-dollars and can take tax-free withdrawals if they meet the same age and length-of-ownership requirements as the Roth IRA.

So, what’s different about these plans in 2022? First, consider the traditional IRA. If you – and your spouse, if you’re married – don’t have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can always deduct the full amount of your contribution on your tax return, no matter what you earn. But if one or both of you are covered by an employer-sponsored plan, then your deductions could be reduced or eliminated based on your income.

Single taxpayers can claim the full deduction if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is \$68,000 or less (\$109,000 for married filing jointly), with deductibility decreasing at higher income levels and phasing out entirely at \$78,000 (\$129,000 for married filing jointly). But here’s the key point: Compared to 2021, these ranges are \$2,000 higher for single filers and \$4,000 higher for those who are married and filing jointly – which means that this year, you might have more opportunities to make deductible contributions.

And a similar type of increase applies to Roth IRA eligibility. In 2022, if you’re a single filer, you can put in up to \$6,000

(\$7,000 if you are 50 or older) in a Roth IRA if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is less than \$129,000 – up from \$125,000 in 2021. Allowable contributions are reduced at higher income levels and phased out if your MAGI is \$144,000 or more, up from \$140,000 in 2021. If you’re married and file jointly, the respective ranges are \$204,000–\$214,000, up from \$198,000–\$208,000 in 2021. Again, higher ranges may mean more opportunities for you. (Consult your tax advisor to determine your eligibility to contribute to a Roth IRA or make deductible contributions to a traditional IRA.)

And finally, the annual contribution limit for 401(k), 457(b) and 403(b) plans is \$20,500 – up \$1,000 from 2021. If you’re 50 or older, you can put in an extra \$6,500 this year, for a total of \$27,000.

These changes may not seem monumental, but when you’re saving for retirement, any opportunities to invest and potentially reduce taxes, of whatever size, can be valuable. So, review your options to determine how you can help yourself move closer to your retirement goals.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Trevor Nielsen, your local Edward Jones Advisor in Sturbridge at 508-347-1420 or [trevor.nielsen@edwardjones.com](mailto:trevor.nielsen@edwardjones.com).*

### SNL comparing public safety - Sturbridge then and now

To the Editor:

The New Leader May 26 Editorial gave us a haunting and heartfelt response to the brutal deaths by assault of 19 children and two teachers in Uvalde Texas – so brutal that what remained of the children could only be identified by laboratory testing. In the same edition, the “Mourning common sense” letter provided us with an excellent firsthand account of how young people should be introduced to and trained to use guns, whether they be for personal or military use.

These made me think of the Second Amendment to our Constitution, the Right to Bear Arms, and Sturbridge. We in Central Massachusetts are blessed in many ways, and Old Sturbridge Village – a neat and clean living example of America in about 1790-1830 – surely stands as one of them.

The US Congress approved the Second Amendment in 1791. This made me realize that in Sturbridge, we have a “living” example of both the time and lifestyle when the amendment was approved and of the same neighboring in today’s world the comparisons we this allows us to make.

First consider road safety. In 1791, the people of Sturbridge, when not walking, most were horse driven, either on the back of an animal or in wooden wheeled wagons along dirt or mud filled roads at “speeds” of less than five miles and hour.

In these circumstances, little regulation was needed.

Things changed in the early 1900’s, when automobiles and other similar vehicles hit the road. As traffic increased, these vehicles and the roads they traveled on became exceedingly dangerous for drivers and passengers and other people. It was not until the 1950’s deaths caused by vehicles started to steeply decline. The reason: the public sector, with private sector and the people’s support, introduced vehicle safety measures for drivers and passengers, the vehicles themselves and for the roads they travelled on. These included driver training and licenses, fines or lost licenses for abusing speed limits and or driving under the influence, vehicle inspection, seat belts, and other safety equipment, improved road, various signage and police monitoring, fines, and imprisonment for serious infractions. Today in Sturbridge, we can with a high degree of safety, make

use of interstate highway and town and country roads. For road safety, when needed we have as a country together improved regulations with the times.

Now let us consider gun safety by comparing and contrasting guns and gun use in 1791, when the Second Amendment was passed, and today. (The main source: Grace in a Medium 2019 article).

In 1791, guns were everyday tools that most families needed to put food on their table and protect crops and livestock. Today guns are rarely used for such tasks even most hunters fire them only 10-20 days a year.

In 1791, you couldn’t use a gun with training – the process was too complicated. Today anyone can pick up and fire a gun without formal use and storage training.

In 1791, you could fire only once in 30 seconds. Today, you can fire 15 times in a few seconds.

In 1791, a crazy person could kill only one person. Today, a crazy person can kill dozens of people – see Buffalo, see Las Vegas.

To summarize, in 1791, when the Second Amendment was passed, those Americans could never imagine what guns are like and how they are used today. They saw guns as single shot rifles used by trained, trained responsible people for serious purposes.

They couldn’t have imagined a world where untrained children, criminals, and lunatics would have easy access to weapons that could fire 50 rounds in only a few seconds, hitting targets a hundred or more yards away. They would have dismissed as craziness the thought that an untrained young teenager could pull out a concealed handgun and quickly fire 15 shots. They would have not believed that that many Americans could and would kill 10, 20, or more innocent children or other people not even known to them just because they wanted attention were angry.

So a question: why have we so well regulated and enforced road safety so that deaths have steeply declined, but so barely regulate gun safety when deaths by guns, on the rise, now at least equals deaths on the roads?

KEVIN KANE  
SPENCER

### E-SPORTS

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championship, and then to come back and win the state championship in our last season was one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done. I am very proud of what we accomplished, and I’m very happy we were able to bring a trophy back to the school.”

The title was especially thrilling for the seniors considering the increased competition from other schools. Each year, local schools build up their e-sports programs a little more, and many athletes turned to e-sports as a way to foster team unity during the pandemic when other sports were canceled.

And during their final opportunity to capture

the crown, Bergeron, Ogert, and Havalotti delivered clutch performances.

“It is a great honor for us and the school, and I am proud to be a part of it,” Ogert said. “It is an insane feeling, and it was an amazing experience. All season we strived to do better, and to accomplish the win was a great feeling.”

The athletes were also members of Prouty’s varsity soccer team. With their pioneering e-sports victory for the school, they have set the bar high for future team members.

“It is very rewarding to have finally won the state championship,” Bergeron said. “We have come a long way from our first season in the fall of 2020. We had lots of fun, and we are very happy to be able to bring home a

championship.”

Following their state championship victory last month, the DPHS team advanced to the national “PlayVs Cup” tournament, which featured fellow state champion schools from across the nation. In the first round of the tournament, the Prouty team was defeated four games to one by a team representing Arizona.

With their careers now concluded at Prouty, the seniors were wished well by their coach as they move into the next chapter.

“Congratulations, Jake, Brennan, and Joey—it has been a real pleasure watching you find success in Rocket League through the e-sports venue. Best of luck to each of you,” Coach Bassett said.

### Lasell University students named to Dean’s List

NEWTON — The following students were named to the Lasell Dean’s List in recognition of their spring 2022 academic performance:

Mikayla Bokis of Spencer

Connor Flynn of Spencer

To be named to the Dean’s List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at [smocle@lasell.edu](mailto:smocle@lasell.edu) or at 617-243-2386.

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# LEGALS

### Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday June 21, 2022 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, , 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, and the hearing will be conducted in person and remotely on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard: Special Permit– Applicant: Trinity Solar; Owner: Kim Snyder. Location: 36 Howe Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R19-15. The applicant is looking for a Special Permit under section 4.8.9 (Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations) to install small scale residential ground mount solar panels. The property is located within the rural residential zoning district.

Special Permit– Applicant: Freedom Forever, Aaron Wendt; Owner: Craig Lusignan. Location: 83 Northwest Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R50-3-1. The applicant is looking for a Special Permit under section 4.8.9 (Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations) to install small scale residential ground mount solar panels. The property is located within the rural residential zoning district.

June 3, 2022  
June 10, 2022

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Special Permit– Applicant/Owner: Theodore LaBonte. Location: 15 Roy's Drive, Spencer Assessor's Map U15-53. The applicant is looking for a Special Permit under section 4.3.1 (Two-Family Dwellings) to construct a two-family home. The property is located within the suburban residential zoning district.

June 3, 2022  
June 10, 2022

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

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Anne M. Canavan to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, dated March 4, 2009 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43916, Page 41 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, its successors and assigns, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC dated September 25, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 44972, Page 281, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns to CIT Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns dated February 8, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 55027, Page 172, and Assignment from CIT Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust dated June 20, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 60709, Page 374, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 26 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA 01562 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on July 1, 2022, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon located on the southwest side of Wilson Avenue in Spencer, Massachusetts, bounded and describe as follows: Being lots sixty-two (62) and sixty-three (63) as shown on a plan of land entitled "Wilson Grove, Stiles Lake, Spencer, Massachusetts, Map No. 1, dated July 23, 1931, E.A. Chamberlin, Eng. which is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 67, Plan 27.

The above lots are conveyed subject to the restrictions as set forth in the deed of Frederick E. Kroker to Margaret A. Reynolds, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2550,

Page 521, insofar as the same may still now be in force and effect.

Said premises are conveyed subject to rights of flowage to the Stiles Reservoir Company.

Borrower releases all Rights of Homestead as to this mortgage, but otherwise reserves all Rights of Homestead in the property.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors by Deed dated December 20, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 42212, Page 340.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42212, Page 340.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Canavan, Estate of Anne M., 21-038648  
June 3, 2022  
June 10, 2022  
June 17, 2022

(SEAL)

### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 22 SM 001029 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Faylene J. Bjorklund; Karl E. Bjorklund and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, not individually but solely as trustee for FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in East Brookfield, numbered 122 Podunk Road, given by Faylene J. Bjorklund, Karl E. Bjorklund to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Urban Financial Group Inc., dated June 21, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51104, Page 96, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before July 4, 2022, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on May 26, 2022.

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
20517  
June 10, 2022

### Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit, for Thomas & Jane Gately for the property located at 11 Lake Shore Drive Ext., West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to add a second floor and remodel the interior of this single family home in

Neighborhood Residential District. This requires a Special Permit as per section(s)

-1.52-Nonconformity: §1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al)

June 10, 2022  
June 17, 2022

### TOWN OF BROOKFIELD INVITATION FOR BIDS FY 23 ROAD MATERIALS

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

June 10, 2022  
June 17, 2022

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

Premises: 27 Woodside Road, Spencer, Massachusetts

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

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO-WIT:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE WESTERLY PART OF SPENCER, ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF A TOWN ROAD, NOW CALLED GREEN LAUNDRY ROAD, FORMERLY AND MORE PROPERLY CALLED PARADISE ROAD, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER THEREOF, AT A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID ROAD, AND AT LAND OF WILLIAM J. ZUKAS; THENCE N. 84° W. ON A STONE WALL BY SAID ZUKAS LAND, 341.81 FEET TO A CORNER OF WALLS; THENCE N. 6° E. STILL ON A WALL BY SAID ZUKAS LAND, 208.71 FEET TO OTHER LAND OF THE GRANTOR;

THENCE S. 84° E. BY SAID GRANTORS LAND 286.21 FEET TO THE AFORESAID ROAD; THENCE SOUTH BY SAID ROAD 16° 48' E. 62.65 FEET, AND SOUTH 8° 43' E. 47.27 FEET AND SOUTH 4° 33' E. 106.53 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING ABOUT 1.5 ACRES OF LAND AND BEING THE SAME THE PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE GRANTOR HEREIN BY BERNARD NOWAK AND ANNA M. NOWAK DATED MAY 4, 1956 AND RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 3772, PAGE 349.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO RICHARD P. WITZ BY DEED FROM HERMAN HENRY WITZ AND EMMA M. WITZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE RECORDED 11/07/1969 IN DEED BOOK 4991 PAGE 48, IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS PLAN FOR WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

PARCEL ID: R31/ 7/ / /  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 27 WOODSIDE ROAD, SPENCER, MA 01562  
USPS ADDRESS: 27 WOODSIDE RD, SPENCER, MA 01562-1330

he description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 4991 at Page 48 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC  
270 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for Santander Bank, N.A.  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868

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

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO22P1935EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Mary Karen Hasenfus Date of Death: 10/04/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by

**Sophia M Hasenfus of Boston MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Sophia M Hasenfus of Boston MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/05/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 02, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
June 10, 2022

### Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law:

**Heidi Whitehair** has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a 1500-gallon two compartment septic tank located at **23 Lake Avenue**, Spencer, MA.

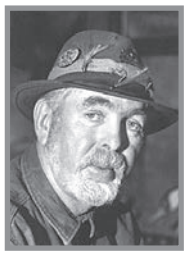
**Bruce Desrosier** has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a new septic system located at **107 North Spencer Road**, Spencer, MA.

**Roger R. Picard** has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to a dying maple tree at **37 Jolicoeur Avenue**, Spencer, MA.

**Kennen Irrevocable Trust, c/o Mike Kennen** has file a **Notice of Intent** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a new septic system located at **0-6 East Avenue**, Spencer, MA

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at which time all persons having an interest may be present or call in remotely to participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 6:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman  
June 10, 2022



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Fishing continues to provide plenty of action on the saltwater, if you are at the right place at the right time. This writer and Matt Fontaine made a trip to Buzzards Bay this past Saturday and absolutely hammered the seabass & Scaup. The seabass were being caught two at a time, as well as huge sea scaup, on a high and low rig that were baited with a small piece of squid and small green Berkley rubber grubs. At one point, I switched over to a Jig and a teaser rubber squid which they hammered as soon as it hit the bottom. At times, we used no bait at all, and continued to catch fish. We estimated catching over 100 seabass and as many jumbo scaup. What a day! Our limit of four seabass each were retained for the dinner table.

At the time of writing this column, striped fishing was red hot in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters. It should only get better in the coming days and weeks, providing no big storms being forecast. Fluke fishing in both Mass. & Rhode Island is improving every day, with a lot of undersize fish being caught. A nine-pound fluke was caught last week on one of the party boats out of Point Judith, R.I.!

There are plenty of bait fish in the area, including squid, that should keep fish around for a while. It was long win-

# Fishing Buzzards Bay

ter, but that is behind us now, so grab your rod & reel and go fishing!

Weakfish are still hitting in many parts of Narragansett Bay and at Block Island, which is good news! Apponaug Bay in Rhode Island is a great place to find some of these hard fighting fish, and you do not need a large boat to fish the area. As I said last week, the Apponaug Bay area is easy to get to, and easy to fish. There are numerous boat ramps to launch your boat, and is often fished by kayakers. Stripers are also abundant in the same area, but you need to go early morning for the best fishing.

Apponaug once had a big population of winter flounder there at this time of year, but is now absent of the once abundance great eating fish. Commercial fishing has depleted the fish in most of Narragansett Bay, and is now closed to flounder fishing! If you want to catch some winter flounder, you need to go to Quincy Bay where the action is really good. Seaworms are very expensive but nightcrawlers will work very nicely. Garden worms will also work very well, but you need to change them often if you do not get a bite from a fish in a short period of time. Flounder rigs work very well, but I prefer using a single flounder hook and weight.

This week's picture shows Bob Czupryna enjoying some fly fishing for trout at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week. Bob also enjoys fishing at



Photo Courtesy

This week's picture shows Bob Czupryna fly fishing at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club pond.

the Quabbin Reservoir and has become very good at catching salmon while trolling flies.

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## Durpy Patel earns Dean's List honors at University of Saint Joseph

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Durpy Patel of Spencer has been named to The University of Saint Joseph Spring 2022 Dean's list. To be named to the Dean's list, students must have earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester, with no grade lower than a "B." Durpy is studying Health Science.

"Students on the Dean's List exemplify academic excellence and their ability to achieve their goals. We are very proud of these students who join the network of accomplished USJ scholars competitively pursuing a range of studies from health sciences to criminal justice," said Provost Michelle Kalis, Ph.D.

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# SPORTS

## Bay Path baseball, softball compete in Division 4 State Tournaments

UPTON/CHARLTON — On Friday, June 3, Division 4 State Tournament season began for Bay Path Regional when the softball team played a Round of 32 matchup at No. 15 Nipmuc Regional.

In a rematch from the first round of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Class B Tournament, which the Warriors won 5-0, Nipmuc won again — although this time it was more of a classic, 8-7.

No. 18 Bay Path scored a run in the top of the first inning on a Leeann Dagnese RBI double, but the Warriors responded in the home half of the frame with a two-run homer off the bat of Ella Fernald.

The game turned into a back-and-forth affair with Nipmuc scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh to win in walk-off fashion.

Bay Path finished with a record of

10-11.

Then, on Monday, June 6, attention was turned to baseball when No. 14 Bay Path hosted No. 19 Ipswich High in the Round of 32. The local nine were able to keep their season alive thanks to an 8-3 victory.

Zach Fritze worked wonders on the mound for the Minutemen, tossing the first 6-1/3 innings and allowing a four-hitter with nine strikeouts.

Offensively, Brandon Martocci was 3-for-4 which included an inside-the-park home run.

Bay Path was next set to play at No. 3 AMSA (Advanced Math and Science Academy) in the Round of 16, after press time. AMSA defeated the Minutemen twice during regular season play.



Bay Path's Paige Osche opens the game with Nipmuc with a single up the middle.



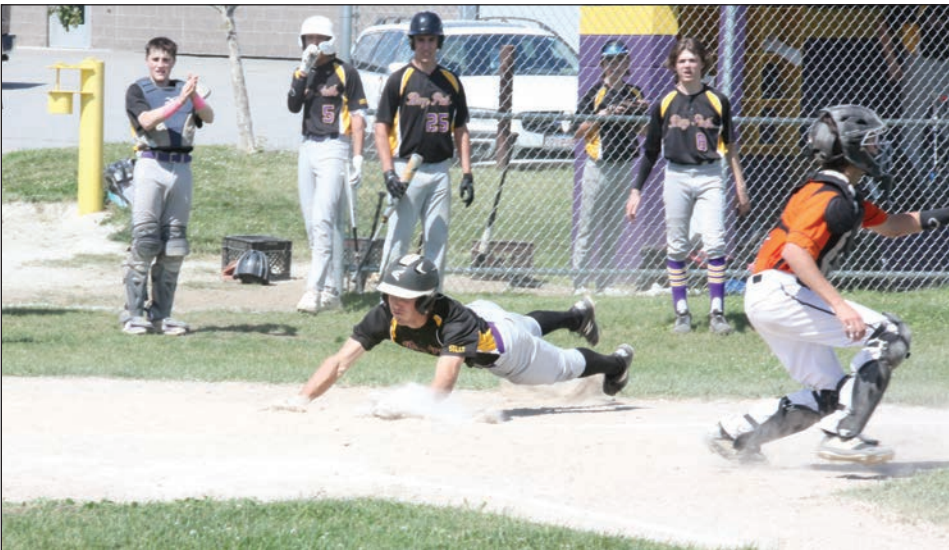
Bay Path shortstop Dale Nussey records a force out at second base and then looks over to first to see if a double play possibility is on the table.



Bay Path pitcher Sam Buchanan winds up and delivers to the plate.



Zach Fritze of Bay Path deals a pitch versus Ipswich.



Brandon Martocci of Bay Path slides safely into home plate for an inside-the-park home run.

### POSTSEASON SCOREBOARD

All results include games played through Monday, June 6

**Saturday, June 4**  
Division 4 Girls' Tennis Preliminary Round  
(27) Stoneham 5, (38) David Prouty 0 — The Panthers snuck into postseason play thanks to a record of 8-8, but they were unable to get past Stoneham in the State Tournament.  
(29) Winthrop 4, (36) Leicester 1 — The Wolverines did grab a point on Winthrop, but it wasn't enough as they finished their season with a record of 11-9.

**Sunday, June 5**  
Division 4 Baseball Round of 32  
(13) Leicester 23, (20) Cohasset 0 — A true offensive outburst was had by the Wolverines, as they marched on in the State Tournament. Their Round of 16 matchup, scheduled to be played after press time, was against No. 4 Hamilton-Wenham.

**Division 3 Softball Round of 32**  
(19) Tantasqua 14, (14) Apponequet 6

— The Warriors survived and advanced in their tournament opener. Tantasqua next took on No. 3 Dighton-Rehoboth in the Round of 16, after press time.

**Monday, June 6**  
Division 5 Baseball Round of 32  
(15) Saint Paul II 7, (18) Quaboag 0 — The Cougars were unable to generate any offense, as they fell in the State Tournament and finished their season with a record of 6-12.

**Division 4 Girls' Tennis Round of 32**  
(15) Hopedale 3, (18) Quaboag 2 — It may not have been the outcome the Cougars had hoped for, but Quaboag concluded its very successful season with an outstanding record of 15-2.

**Division 2 Boys' Lacrosse Preliminary Round**  
(31) Tantasqua 10, (34) Agawam 6 — The Warriors were able to reach the Round of 32 thanks to their preliminary round victory. Tantasqua next took on No. 2 Duxbury High, after press time.



Trish Gallien of Bay Path tries to score a run but is called out at the plate.

### Quail Hollow Golf Club Results

**Pit's Crew**  
First place (-8): Hugh Bouchard, George Lawton, Tim Hickey, Al Petkus  
Second place (-8): Stan Nolan, Bob DiMaio, Barry Jacques, Chuck

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(-4): Bill Gaudette, Bill Parsons, Mic Davis, Mike Thompson  
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SPORTS

Warriors outlast Boston Latin Academy for first playoff win since 2008

TANTASQUA THEN OUSTED BY NEWBURYPORT IN ROUND OF 32

STURBRIDGE — After a successful 16-4 regular season this spring, it was only fitting that the Tantasqua Regional varsity baseball team proceeded to grab its first playoff win since 2008. To do so, a total team effort was needed when the Warriors, seeded 23rd in the Division 3 State Tournament, hosted No. 42 Boston Latin Academy in the preliminary round on Friday, June 3.

The Dragons took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth inning, but Tantasqua rallied with a five-run sixth to win a 5-1 decision.

Lucas MacNevin started the rally with an RBI single. MacNevin then scored on a throwing error. Cole Nussey followed with a two-RBI single and he later scored on a wild pitch.

Miles Blake started on the mound for Tantasqua and worked the first 3-2/3 innings before giving way to Joe Amaru. Amaru earned the win in his 2-2/3 innings of relief as Aubyn Phillips got the final two outs to preserve the victory.

The Warriors then traveled to No. 10 Newburyport High in the Round of 32 on Monday, June 6. There, Tantasqua's season came to a close at 17-5 as they lost a 4-1 decision.



Tantasqua starting pitcher Miles Blake peers at the plate before delivering the pitch.



Lucas MacNevin of Tantasqua slides safely into third base for a triple.



Shortstop Devin Krochmalnyckj of Tantasqua makes the play on a hard-hit ball.



Tantasqua's Joe Amaru came on in relief of Miles Blake and earned the victory over Boston Latin Academy for the Warriors' first playoff win since 2008.

Nick Ethier photos

Registration now open for inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge

BROOKFIELD — Registration is now open for the inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge being held at Lake Quacumquasit (aka South Pond) in Brookfield/Sturbridge on Sunday, August 7, according to event organizer Jennifer Yorzyk-Triger.

The Wild Bill Swim Challenge includes events open water swimming races for all ages and ability levels, including a three-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start and a maximum swim time of two hours and 30 minutes, a one-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start, a one-mile paddleboard/swim relay for two entrants with a 10:30 a.m. start, and a one-way 400-yard swim with an 11:30 a.m. start. Entry fees and registration information can be found on the event website at wildbillswim.org.

There will also be fun activities for the family, entertainment, food trucks, and a Vintage Bathing Beauties & Blokes Pageant. The event will conclude with a celebration of winners on the South



Pond beach at 12:30 p.m.

Yorzyk-Triger created the event as a tribute to her father, Olympic Gold Medalist Dr. William "Bill" Yorzyk, who died in 2020.

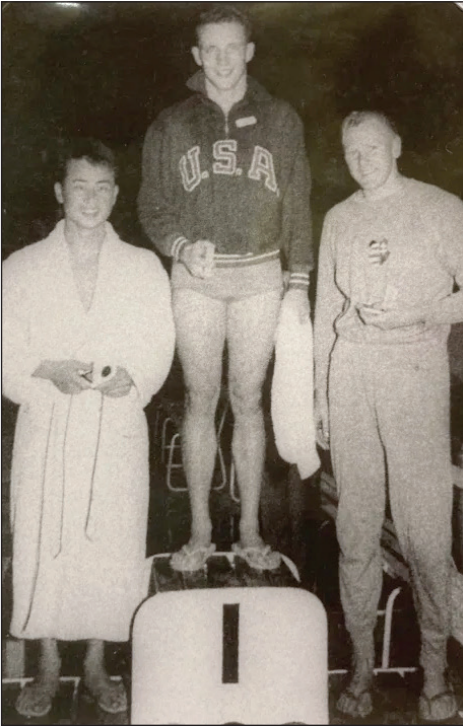
Dr. Yorzyk, a long-time resident of South Pond, took the gold in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College. He was a five-time NCAA All American who set a total of 11 World Records. Yorzyk swam competitively into his 70s and passed on his love of the sport to his sons and daughter.

Proceeds from this first Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge will help fund a matching grant to benefit the Quacumquasit Pond Phosphorus Inactivation Project that was recently approved and funded by the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Program. The Town of Sturbridge, which is managing the project, is working with the Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association (QQLA), the ESS

Environmental Group, and Solitude Lake Management to conduct an alum treatment targeting deep phosphorus-rich sediment in South Pond that could be completed as early as spring 2023.

"With the Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge we've created an event where people will enjoy the beautiful water of South Pond while this year supporting a project that will ensure its sustained cleanliness," explains Yorzyk-Triger. Starting with the 2023 event, she plans to use the proceeds from future challenges to create and fund a permanent scholarship for competitive swimmers in Dr. Yorzyk's memory.

Yorzyk-Triger says volunteers and sponsorships are also needed. For more information, email Jenn Yorzyk-Triger at jenn@wildbillswim.org. Additional updates will be available on Facebook (The Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge), Instagram (@wildbillswim), and the QQLA website at qqla.org. Donations are also being accepted at gofundme.com/the-wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge.



Courtesy photo

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

Spencer officials seek CDBG funds for infrastructure project

SPENCER – During the week of June 1, officials planned to submit a request to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds.

The block grant funds are scheduled to be used on a street infrastructure improvement project covering a wide range of upgrades. The project is slated to include the replacement of water lines on Valley Street with a new

eight-inch-diameter ductile iron pipe.

The project will also feature the installation of new fire hydrants, as well as the connection of the new water line to adjoining streets in a manner that allows future improvements to those systems without disturbance to street surfaces.

The project scope also includes the replacement of a storm drainage system, the relining or replacement of existing sanitary sewer laterals, and

the replacement or repairs to sanitary sewer manholes.

Proposed surface improvements include full roadway reconstruction, new curbing, sidewalk upgrades, roadside treatments, and new compliant roadway signage.

Approximately \$665,000 in CDBG funding is expected to be released by the state for the project.

An environmental review record for this project is on file at the Town

Administrator's Office, Spencer Town Hall, 157 Main Street. These documents may be examined or copied on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with prior arrangement made by calling 508-885-7500.

As of mid-May, the project was undergoing environmental reviews. Officials expect it to be bid out in July, with construction in August.

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# OBITUARIES

## Harriet E. Hubacz, 98

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Harriet E. (Shephard) Hubacz, 98, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022, at Brookhaven Assisted Living in West Brookfield after



an illness. She was born in Princeton, the daughter of Lucius and Harriet (Wilson) Shephard and had lived on the family farm which is now the site of the Thomas Prince Elementary School. She lived in North Brookfield and resided a few years with her daughter, Louise in West Brookfield before moving to Brookhaven.

Her loving husband of over 50 years, Paul F. Hubacz, passed away in 2006. She leaves her two children, Louise Byczek of West Brookfield, and Paul J. Hubacz of North Brookfield; four grandchildren, Adam, Jenna, Ross Hubacz, and Jacob Byczek; and two great-grandchildren, Charlotte Hubacz and Joseph Barton.

Harriet was the first woman in Central Mass to hold a dynamiters license which she utilized while working with her father clearing the way for construction of many roads and highways. Later, she became a registered nurse completing her training at Leominster and Boston City Hospital's. She worked for many years at Holden Hospital and Quaboag Nursing and

Rehabilitation in West Brookfield. She worked on the Hubacz Family Farm and as tiny as she was, she helped around the farm by driving farm equipment, tending the gardens, and canning fruit and vegetables for her family. She was proud knowing her father, Lucius graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst as did many of her family members following in his footsteps, including her grandson, Ross. In her leisure, Harriet enjoyed knitting, playing cards, music, and spending time with her family in Vermont.

Harriet and her family wish to thank and acknowledge the attentive care Harriet received from the staff at Brookhaven Assisted Living where she resided for the past few years. She often mentioned how happy she was living there. She said it was a "loving place". We are especially grateful to Laura O'Donnell for her attention to Harriet's personal and medical needs. We also would like to express our appreciation to the staff of Brookhaven Hospice.

A private graveside service will be held at Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield. There are no calling hours. Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main Street, Holden. To share a memory or offer an online condolence, please visit [www.milesfuneralhome.com](http://www.milesfuneralhome.com)

Co-president of the Communication Club, Captain of the Women's Soccer Team ( 2 time MASCAC league Champions), member of the Chi Alpha Sigma Athletic Honor Society

She received the Judith White Lafond awardforoutstandingserviceanddedication to the Communication Department, the President's Award for Excellence in Leadership, the Justine Crocker award for great soccer ability, dedication, commitment and Leadership, and was named to the MASCAC All-conference Sportsmanship team.

## Joseph D. Lupacchino, 93

WEST BROOKFIELD- Joseph D. Lupacchino, 93 of West Brookfield passed away peacefully on June 1st at the Community Living



Center of the Veterans Administration of Western MA, Leeds MA. surrounded by his loved ones -to include his compassionate and loving care givers of the last four years.



He is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years Theresa (Vezina) Lupacchino, his son Paul Lupacchino and his wife Lynn of West Brookfield. His daughter LeeAnne (Lupacchino) Herrick

and her husband Ray of Wilbraham. His 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Joe was predeceased by his son, Peter Lupacchino, his parents Gaetano and Mary (Dellaripa) Lupacchino; and as of recently his cousin Frances Gagnon and her husband Lee, had it not been for them, we would not be here.

Joe grew up in Manchester Ct. He enlisted in the US Navy where he proudly served his country during the Korean War and was honorably discharged with injuries that he would bear for the rest of his life. Joe came to West Brookfield for a visit where he met Theresa, they married, and raised their three children. Most of Joe's work life was spent as a detail draftsman for Perkins Press of Warren until his retirement. It was said he was one of the most talented draftsmen anywhere.

Joe was a devoted Catholic, a member of our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish of West Brookfield. He was a member of the DAV, VFW, and was a Fourth Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus in North Brookfield where he served in the Honor Guard. Joe was a man that would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need; a strong family man with a heart of gold.

The injuries from war that Joe carried were only made bearable by the loving care of his wife, his family and more critically the loving staff of the VA CLC in Leeds MA. Joe's family would like to extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to all who provided the exemplary care Joe received while there. Words cannot describe our appreciation for Dr. James Jewell and the entire staff who is, in our eyes, the best in the entire country. The respect they extended and the detailed care given to our Veteran and all Veterans is matched by no one; we will forever be grateful and keep you all in our hearts and prayers.

The funeral for Joe will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022 with a Mass at 11:00AM in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 22 W.Main St. West Brookfield. Burial with full military honors will follow in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: "Veterans Administration Note "CLC" Veterans Administration 421 North Main St. Leeds MA 01053 or Our Lady of the Sacred Heart or American Legion Post 244 or Wounded Warrior Project.

Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield. For an online tribute please visit: [WWW.Pillsburyfuneralhome.com](http://WWW.Pillsburyfuneralhome.com)

## Leicester's Madison Dufries graduates from Westfield State

WESTFIELD — Madison Dufries of Leicester graduated from Westfield State University, Summa cum Laude, with a Bachelor's degree in Communication.

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## Robert A. McEachern, 75

Warren - Robert A. McEachern, 75, of Warren, died on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.



He leaves his wife of 50 years, Angie E. (Panzer) McEachern; his daughter, Dora Anne Day and her husband Frank of Warren, as well as his sister, Marilynn Standhope of Providence, RI and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Chrissy in 1997 and his sister, Jackie Staff last year. He was born in Brockton, son of the late Donald and Adelaide L. (Pollock) McEachern.

Mr. McEachern was a United States Marine Corps. Veteran of the Vietnam War serving 2 tours in southeast Asia. Following his military service, Robert

worked at Optivac in Southbridge as a machinist.

Together with Angie, they enjoyed being foster parents for 15 years, fostering 34 children. He was a member of Christian Motorcycle Association, and enjoyed singing in the choir at the Upper Room Christian Fellowship Church in West Warren.

A Funeral Service for Bob was held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 10:30am in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St. in West Brookfield. A calling hour was held from 9:30 to 10:30am prior to the service. Burial with Military Honors was held in Pine Grove Cemetery in Warren following the service.

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com)

## Lorraine I. Monette, 98

SPENCER- Lorraine I. (Dumais) Monette, 98, of Spencer, died Friday, Jan. 28th. in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester.



She was the wife of Richard A. Monette who died in 1999. Her first husband, Arthur Graves, died in 1982. In loving memory, she leaves her daughter; Jean A. Jay of Puyallup, Wa., her granddaugh-

ters; Donna Stevenson and her husband James of Ashland, MT, and Patti Wilson and her husband Darrin of Gig Harbor, WA., her step children; Anne Marie Jette and her husband John, Richard P. Monette and his wife Kim, Warren Monette and his wife Roberta all of Spencer, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, 9 great great grandchildren, 6 step grandchildren, and 11 step great grandchild-

dren. She is predeceased by her son Arthur "Sonny" Graves in 1995, and a step grandson Michael Jette in 2016. Born in Spencer, she was the daughter of William and Rosanna (Gaudette) Dumais and was a lifelong resident. Lorraine was a licensed practical nurse and worked at the former Fairlawn Hospital in Worcester. She was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish and the Leicester Senior Citizen Club. She graduated from the David Hale Fanning School of Practical Nursing in Worcester. A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St, Spencer. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Spencer Rescue Squad, Inc. 6 Bixby Rd., Spencer, MA 01562. The J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERALHOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

## Carl R. Nelson, 92

EAST BROOKFIELD- Carl R. Nelson, 92, died May 29, 2022 in St. Vincent Hospital surrounded by his family.

His wife of 72 years Elvira predeceased him on May 22, 2022. He leaves his daughter Dianne Harper; 2 sons Richard and his significant other Shirley Goyette of Spencer, Robert and his wife Cathaleen of East Brookfield; 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son-in-law Robert and a daughter-in-law Marie

Carl and Elvira owned and operated

the Ye Olde Tavern in West Brookfield for 6 years and then later owned and operated Rookies Restaurant in South Wellfleet for 31 years.

In his younger years he enjoyed hunting and fishing, and traveling to different casinos and playing scratch tickets.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer. For an online tribute please visit: [Pillsburyfuneralhome.com](http://Pillsburyfuneralhome.com)

## Elvira M. Nelson, 91

EAST BROOKFIELD- Elvira M. (Ringgard) Nelson, 91, died May 22, 2022 in St Vincent Hospital surrounded by her family.

She leaves her husband Carl of 72 years; a daughter Dianne Harper; 2 sons Richard and his significant other Shirley Goyette of Spencer and Robert and his wife Cathaleen of East Brookfield; 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son-in-law Robert and a daughter-in-law Marie.

She and her husband owned the Ye Olde Tavern in West Brookfield for 6 years, then owned and operated

Rookies Restaurant in South Wellfleet for 31 years.

She enjoyed traveling, knitting and crocheting. Her passion was her flowers and gardens, she would spend hours tending to them. Her favorite time of year was the holidays when all the family got together. She loved to look at the summer sky and find the big dipper.

A memorial Mass will be at a later date. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer. For an online tribute please visit: [Pillsburyfuneralhome.com](http://Pillsburyfuneralhome.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## Geraldine A. Wilson, 96

LEICESTER: Geraldine A. (McCue) Wilson, 96, of Park Lane, died Saturday, May 28 in her home.



Her husband of 60 years, D. Gordon Wilson died in 2008. She leaves three sons; David G. Wilson, Jr. and his wife Cheryl of Leicester, James C. Wilson and his wife Sandra of Leicester and Robert F. Wilson and his wife Debra of Leicester, a daughter Annmarie Montiverdi and her husband Christopher of Leicester, a nephew Mark F. Wilson whom she raised and his wife Marybeth of Leicester, eight grandchildren; Jennifer, Elizabeth & Kathleen, Matthew & Amanda, Eric, Paige & Chad, five great grandchildren; Alexis, Brayden, Zoe, Jack and Bridgett, many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by six brothers; John & Roy Shepard and James, Vincent, Charles & Richard McCue and three sisters; Mary Snook, Eleanor Bergin and Eileen Wilson and a niece Margaret E. Wilson whom she raised.

Geraldine was born in the Cherry Valley section of Leicester, daughter

of Charles H. and Elizabeth (Barry) McCue. She worked at the Leicester Public Library for 32 years, and became the Assistant Librarian in the Main Library, before retiring in 1994. Before she was married, she was a payroll clerk at the former Reed & Prince Mfg. Co. She attended Leicester High School. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Leicester, Friends of the Leicester Public Library, Friends of the Elders, Leicester Historical Society and St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish. She was an avid reader. The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude for the tender care, kindness and compassion provided by Edith Escobar for the past year.

Geraldine's funeral was held on Friday, June 3 from MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester with a Mass at 10:00 AM in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main Street, Leicester. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester. Calling hours were Thursday, June 2 from 4 to 7 P.M. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leicester Library (Trustees), 1136 Main St., Leicester, MA 01524.

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## Walter S. Waugh, 63

NORTH BROOKFIELD- Walter S. Waugh, 63, of North Brookfield, passed away peacefully in the early hours of Sunday, May 29, 2022 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center after battling metastatic lung cancer.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Margaret (Baldyga) Waugh; a son Chad Waugh and wife Jessica of Barre, MA; daughter Jamie Perez and husband Brad of Hardwick MA; daughter Kelsey Waugh of North Brookfield; 5 grandchildren: Kacie-Lynne Brooks Vedder, Owen Waugh, Elijah Perez, Lucas Perez, and Bailey Brodeur, 1 great grandchild: Kage Curci; 5 brothers: Glenn Waugh of West Brookfield; Thomas, Eugene and Winston Waugh of North Brookfield; and Phillip Jeffery Waugh of Mesa, AZ.; 5 sisters: Debra Lowell and Jennifer Tetreault of Spencer; Belinda Waugh of Grand Junction, CO.; Claudia Tytula of Ocala, FL; and Elizabeth Lefevre of Coventry, VT and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Philip W. Waugh and mother Jeannine (Fowler) and two nephews Timmy Lefevre and Geno Waugh.

Wally grew up in North Brookfield and graduated from North Brookfield High School. He was a member of the North Brookfield fire department in

the early 80's. He was a devoted worker and avid machinist and spent many years at Warren Pumps and Chas G Allen Co.

He enjoyed golfing, deer hunting, music, singing, dancing, and cooking for chicken BBQ's with his brothers. He spent a lot of time at Still Harts Cafe with friends and family making pizzas, playing Keno, sharing laughs, singing karaoke, and playing the air guitar. But most of all, he loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all who knew him.

Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 4-7 pm in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert Street North Brookfield. All are welcome to join the family for a celebration, Saturday June 18, 2022, from 1:00 pm at The American Legion Post 41, 163 N. Main St. North Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Walter Waugh may be made to UMass Chan Medical School in support of the UMass Cancer Walk and Run. Gifts can be made online at www.umassmed.edu/give or mailed to: Office of Advancement UMass Chan Medical School 333 South St. Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Checks should be made out to "UMass Chan Medical School Foundation -UMass Cancer Walk and Run and should note that the gift is in memory of Walter Waugh. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

## Helen B. Russell, 96

LEICESTER: Helen B. (Kolodziejczak) Russell, 96, of Leicester, died Saturday, June 4 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and



Skilled Care Center, West Brookfield. She leaves her son Harold "Harry" W. Russell, Jr., and her daughter Pauline A. Dumont both of Leicester, 3 grandchildren; Brad Dumont and his wife Kristen, Jessica Wisniewski and her husband Erik and Kimberly Dumont, 4 great-grandchildren; Natalie and Mikayla Dumont, Skylar and Alaina Wisniewski. She leaves several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband Harold W. Russell, Sr. who died in 2004 and 2 brothers; Francis and Edward Kolodziejczak.

She was born in Webster, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Domogawa)

Kolodziejczak. Helen was a seamstress for Worcester Awning before retiring. She was a parishioner of St. Pius X Church, an avid camper and belonged to several camping associations, loved to garden, and enjoyed playing bingo.

The family would like to acknowledge the compassionate care given by the staff and especially her caretakers; Tori, Tara & David, while a patient at Quaboag Rehab.

Her funeral will be held on Saturday, June 11 from MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester with a Mass at 9:00 AM in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main St., Leicester. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Garden of Peace Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours will be held on Friday, June 10 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to, Catholic Charities of Worcester, 10 Hammond St., Worcester, MA 01609.

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THURSDAY, MAY 26  
12:06-2:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:08 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 5:53 a.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), grass hindering line of sight; 8:09 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 8:14 a.m.: accident (Main Street), deer vs trailer; 9:50 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 11:05 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 11:05 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 11:56 a.m.: citizen complaint (Charron Street), spoken to; 11:56 a.m.: harassment prevention violation (Ash Street), violated 05/25; 12:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), bear attacking chickens; 1:04 p.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), people in tents on trail; 2:26 p.m.: commercial fire (Maple Street), referred; 4:46 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 4:57 p.m.: mv lockout (Bay Path Road), services rendered; 5:48 p.m.: fire alarm (Summit Street), referred; 6:08 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), inquiry re: epi pen; 6:08 p.m.: medical/general (Grant Street); 7:26 p.m.: elderly matter (Mechanic Street), rep. clothing stolen; 8:03 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 8:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Walnut Street), re: possible bullying; 8:25 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 8:40 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 10:54 p.m.: medical/overdose (North Spencer Road); (Total daily mv stops – 2).

FRIDAY, MAY 27  
12:40-2:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:36 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address;

8:43 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Condon Drive), re: kennel inspection; 11:00 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street), lift assist; 11:22 a.m.: officer wanted (Buteau Road), gunshots heard; 11:28 a.m.: property check (Buteau Road), req. check of Girl Scout camp; 11:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Thompson Pond Road), dead dog in water; 12:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:56 p.m.: medical/general (Hastings Road); 1:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Brooks Pond Road), baby raccoons in road; 1:39 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), referred; 1:46 p.m.: DPW call (Earley Street), water running/road into yard; 1:46 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 2:07 p.m.: suspicious persons (Route 49), investigated; 3:14 p.m.: suspicious mv (Robin Road), investigated; 4:34 p.m.: parking complaint (Howe Village), old truck Salem Street; 6:21 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 6:40 p.m.: suspicious persons (Lyford Road), investigated; 7:28 p.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), accidental; 7:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: harassment; 8:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Treadwell Drive), re: cat; 9:28 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 10:08 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), re: bon fire; (Total daily mv stop – 1).

SATURDAY, MAY 28  
12:00-1:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:35 a.m.: medical/general (Fourth Avenue); 8:14 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:34 a.m.: 911 call (North Street), open line; 10:41 a.m.: 911 call (Old Farm Road), open line; 10:43 a.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), gas mv in emv space; 12:20 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 12:37 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:49 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), re: donation; 1:12 p.m.: vandalism (Smithville Road), damage at fairgrounds; 1:21 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), hit/run; 1:28 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operator; 1:29 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 2:21 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:24 p.m.: mv complaint (Linden Street), speeding; 2:26 p.m.: suspicious persons (Gauthier Road), investigated; 2:38 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 2:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), turtle in road; 4:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), missing dog; 4:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), suspected cannabis use; 4:06 p.m.: 911 call (Greenville Street), accidental; 5:06 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), driver's license found; 5:08 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 5:42 p.m.: mv complaint (Cherry Street), speeding; 6:31 p.m.: 911 call (Cherry Street), accidental; 7:48 p.m.: 911 call (Donnelly Road), hang-up; 8:04 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), referred; 8:13 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 8:33-9:33 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), unwanted party; 9:55 p.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 10:05 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), barking dog; 10:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Howe Road), barking dog; (Total daily mv stops – 5).

SUNDAY, MAY 29  
1:35 a.m.: building checked, secure; 9:26 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Howe Village); 11:17 a.m.: illegal dumping (Greenville Street), frequent dumping/side of road; 12:27 p.m.: residential alarm (Donnelly Cross Road), accidental; 1:23 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), kids/bikes in traffic; 2:25 p.m.: disturbance (Wm. Casey Road), issue w/tenant; 2:39 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator; 2:41 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:50 p.m.: medical/general (Browning Pond Road); 3:33 p.m.: missing person/adult (Briarcliff Lane), no contact/10 days; 4:21 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 4:22 p.m.: residential alarm (Spring Street), services rendered; 4:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Pond Road), mv's in 'no parking' spaces; 4:46 p.m.: 911 call (Hastings Road), accidental; 5:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Cranberry Meadow Road), fem. being followed; 5:36 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 5:40 p.m.: juvenile matter (Clark Terrace), services rendered; 6:10 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 6:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Woodside Road), loose dogs; 8:19 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), req. welfare check; 8:22 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Kingsbury Road), brush fire lit; 9:22 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 11:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 11:13-11:17 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:19 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 11:24 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Deer Run Road), neighbors w/ fireworks; 11:53 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

MONDAY, MAY 30  
12:01-2:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:39 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:30 a.m.: medical/gen-

eral (Lincoln Street); 9:59 a.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), ooc male in mv; 9:59 a.m.: runaway/juvenile (Kittredge Road), 15 yom missing; 10:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Ledge Avenue), barking dog; 10:47 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), barking dog; 10:58 a.m.: fraud (Howe Village), fed'l grant scam; 12:05 p.m.: lost/found (Donnelly Road), keys found; 1:08 p.m.: larceny (Rene Drive), jewelry missing; 1:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), FB/email acct. hacked; 2:25 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 2:51 p.m.: juvenile matter (Thompson Pond Road), jumping off causeway; 3:08 p.m.: accident (Cranberry Meadow Road), OUI alcohol/drugs, no arrest noted on police log; 3:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), assisted; 3:22 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:43 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), erratic operator; 4:49 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: restraining order; 6:34 p.m.: mv repossessed (Bay Path Road), info taken; 7:07 p.m.: disturbance (Spring Street), noise complaint; 7:59 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:22 p.m.: mv complaint (Paxton Road), cars doing 'burnouts'; 9:03 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:08 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 9:43 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (North Spencer Road), referred; 10:26 p.m.: medical/general (Ledge Avenue); (Total daily mv stops – 0).

TUESDAY, MAY 31  
12:34-1:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:16 a.m.: animal complaint (Clark Road), loose dog; 8:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), issues w/rooster; 9:00 a.m.: parking violation (McDonald Street), ticket issued; 9:28 a.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), runaway/grandson; 10:56 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), re: kennel inspection; 11:27 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 12:14 p.m.:

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restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:01 p.m.: elderly matter (Bay Path Road), concern for resident; 2:48 p.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), barking dogs; 2:45 p.m.: suspicious persons (Chestnut Street), re: attempted theft; 2:57 p.m.: mv theft (Main Street), plate stolen; 3:46 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assist-ed; 4:33 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), info taken; 4:41 p.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), re: loose dog notification; 4:44 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Main Street), cat in tree; 6:46 p.m.: fire alarm (Collier Circle), referred; 6:54 p.m.: lost/found (South Spencer Road), wallet lost; 9:10 p.m.: suspicious persons (Vista Lane), investigated; 9:11 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), erratic operator; 9:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), dog bite; 9:39 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:16 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

Leicester Police

THURSDAY, MAY 26  
12:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 1:05 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), spoken to; 5:41 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:48 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:37 a.m.: runaway (Watch Street), report taken; 2:30 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (South Main Street), resolved; 2:30 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), resolved; 2:48 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 3:37 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 3:58 p.m.: accident (Henshaw Streety), report taken; 4:29 p.m.: investigation (Deer Pond Road), report taken; 5:19 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 6:04 p.m.: welfare check (Huntoon Memorial Highway), unable to locate; 7:05 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 7:24 p.m.: soliciting (Main Street), resolved; 7:46 p.m.:

investigation (King Terrace), services rendered; 8:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pine Street), services rendered; 9:08 p.m.: family problem (Hemlock Street), peace restored; 9:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:22 p.m.: suspicious mv (Auburn Street), gone on arrival; 9:29 p.m.: assault (Marshall Street), services rendered.  
FRIDAY, MAY 27  
12:14 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 12:22 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:16 a.m.: fraud (Auburn Street), report taken; 3:22 p.m.: restraining order service (High Street), unable to serve; 3:31 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 3:57 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 4:05 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transported; 5:13 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 5:40 p.m.: restraining order service (High Street), unable to serve; 6:44 p.m.: suspicious person (Sherri Lane), spoken to; 7:55 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), call canceled; 8:00 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), resolved; 9:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 11:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), citation issued; 11:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to.  
SATURDAY, MAY 28  
12:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:03 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), unfounded; 8:01 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:41 a.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 11:42 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 12:08 p.m.: mv off road (White Birch Street), mv towed; 1:30 p.m.: mv stop (Winslow Avenue), verbal warning; 3:12 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:38 p.m.: ambulance (Shady Lane), transported; 4:15 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), no action required; 4:38 p.m.: ambulance (Lake Avenue), transported; 7:48 p.m.: ambulance (Chandler Street, Worcester), transported; 9:51 p.m.: disturbance (Pine Street), report taken; 11:29 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:36 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warn-

ing.  
SUNDAY, MAY 29  
12:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 2:32 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:08 a.m.: ambulance (Charlton Street), transported; 4:52 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:51 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 12:11 p.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), services rendered; 12:55 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Street), gone on arrival; 1:36 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:22 p.m.: accident (Bottomly Avenue), assisted; 3:55 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), resolved; 6:51 p.m.: noise complaint (Bottomly Avenue), spoken to; 7:13 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Pine Street), referred to ACO; 9:01 p.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), no action required; 9:14 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 9:57 p.m.: suspicious person (Henshaw Street), resolved; 10:26 p.m.: disturbance (Boyd Street), unfounded.  
MONDAY, MAY 30  
1:08 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:35 a.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), resolved; 4:26 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 5:40 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 6:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:42 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 1:10 a.m.: ambulance (Whittemore Street), transported; 2:05 p.m.: trespassing (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 2:50 p.m.: malicious mischief (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, vandalism, criminal application issued; 3:07 p.m.: erratic operator (Huntoon Memorial Highway), unfounded; 4:12 p.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 4:30 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 4:47 p.m.: welfare check (Reservoir Street), name and address redacted from police log, possession Class A drug, report taken; 6:38 p.m.: harassment (Tobin Road), Kelly Ann Ross, 57, 75 Tobin Road, Cherry Valley, charges not noted on police log, arrest; 8:36 p.m.: harassment (Tobin Road), spoken to; 8:46 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), unfound-

ed; 10:58 p.m.: welfare check (Hyland Avenue), spoken to.  
TUESDAY, MAY 31  
12:27 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:58 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), spoken to; 6:58 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), resolved; 9:59 a.m.: investigation (Pine Street), resolved; 1:03 p.m.: assist other PD (Salminen Drive), resolved; 2:52 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:58 p.m.: ambulance (Park Avenue, Worcester), no action required; 3:26 p.m.: harassment (Pleasant Street), report taken; 4:38 p.m.: mv stop (Washburn Square), verbal warning; 4:42 p.m.: lost/found (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:45 p.m.: RV complaint (Waite Street), unable to locate; 4:51 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Craig Street), services rendered; 6:12 p.m.: family problem (Park Lane), services rendered; 7:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 7:59 p.m.: ambulance (Castle Street, Worcester), no action required; 8:25 p.m.: family problem (Park Lane), resolved; 9:18 p.m.: erratic operator (McNeil Highway), services rendered; 9:27 p.m.: disturbance (Towtaid Street), unable to locate.  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1  
4:48 a.m.: wires down (Pine Street), resolved; 5:09 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), no action required; 7:37 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:47 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street), served; 11:51 a.m.: fraud (Main Street), report taken; 12:05 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 12:29 p.m.: restraining order service (Stone Ridge Drive), unable to serve; 1:04 p.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), served; 2:04 p.m.: accident (Green Street), report taken; 3:40 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), call canceled; 4:55 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 5:57 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 6:24 p.m.: mv stop (Cross Street), citation issued; 8:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:44 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:49 p.m.: open door/window (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved.

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# From the Superintendent's desk

BY PAUL HAUGHEY  
SUPERINTENDENT

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I hope this Superintendent Update for June 2022 finds you and yours well. Despite a couple of hot days recently, everyone has managed to take part or plan to take part in field days, field trips, outdoor learning and end-of-year concerts and graduations in our District Wide Preschool, Wire Village School Grade 4, East Brookfield Elementary Grade 6 and High School. Please take a moment to join me in recognizing and celebrating the Class of 2022! I consider them one of the most resilient and hope filled classes of my tenure in education and could not be prouder of how they navigated these past four years...

Enrollment: As we approach the end of this school year, I am pleased to report that the Spencer-East Brookfield

Regional School District proudly served more than 1,411 students.

Covid-19 Update: As a result of our due diligence and efforts to keep our students and staff safe and healthy, I am equally pleased to report that we only had a total of 94 staff members and 493 students confirmed as contracting Covid-19 in the 2021-2022 school year.

MSBA Update: The David Prouty High School "Addition/Renovation" Building Project continues to move forward toward a June 22nd, 2022 meeting with the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Board of Directors. At this time, our local School Building Committee has worked diligently and submitted all documents and materials needed for consideration to move into Module 5: Funding the Project. Should the MSBA Board of Directors vote in the affirmative, we will move out of Module 4: Schematic Design and begin the process of working with the

two towns we serve to prepare for a Special Town Meeting and Ballot vote this fall of 2022. To learn more about the progress our School Building Committee is making, please check out our informational website at: <https://dphsbuilding.com/>

AlphaBest Update: AlphaBest will continue to provide services throughout the summer months for the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District. To learn more or to obtain summer information, please contact the Director of Programming, Mrs. Kimberly Jennings, at phone number: 781-664-8840 or by email at: [kjennings@alphabest.org](mailto:kjennings@alphabest.org). Thank you.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022! As mentioned above, on Friday, June 3rd, 2022, our entire learning community celebrated the achievements of the Class of 2022 by recognizing 46 graduates in an indoor ceremony in the McDonough Gymnasium of David

Prouty High School. Once again, please join me in congratulating our David Prouty HS Class of 2021!

As well, the Knox Trail Middle School Graduation is planned for Wednesday, June 15 (Start Time 5 p.m.). NOTE: The Knox Trail Middle School Graduation Ceremony will take place at the David Prouty High School Football field.

And finally, the last day of school is a half day for grades K-8 within the district and will be Thursday, June 16. The high school has a few makeup days, which will be final exam days. The final day of school for David Prouty High School is also a half day and will be Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022. As always, I deeply appreciate your continued partnership and support of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you and your children this school year! **#Innovate #Inspire #Achieve**

## Marianapolis Preparatory School graduates 107

THOMPSON, Conn. — On June 5, 107 students (102 seniors, three postgraduates, and two joint diploma students) will graduate from Marianapolis Preparatory School. Brett Marston, Trinity Foundation Board member, was the keynote speaker. Valedictorian Daniel Twohig-Mann of Douglas, Salutatorian Ian MacKenzie of Woodstock, Conn., and Head of School Joseph Hanrahan also spoke.

Marianapolis Class of 2021 in Alphabetical Order

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## A race against time, but Brookfield gardeners win!



BROOKFIELD — The annual Brookfield Garden Club plant sale on Brookfield Common on Saturday was always going to be a race against time. Forecasted heavy thunderstorms "some-time after noon" threatened much hard work and planning by BGC members and a record number of helpers. Over 850 plants to transport and set-up.

Perennials, herbs, shade plants and hanging baskets were on display, most cultivated by Club members.

Opening early at 8.30 a.m., business was very brisk as Brookfield welcomed throngs of gardening enthusiasts. Much senior expertise on hand, coupled with enthusiastic high school trolley deliverers made

for much good humor and practical support.

By noon, the clouds were gathering, though the plant stock was rapidly diminishing. Another hour and quiet satisfaction with a successful community event had a backdrop of distant rolls of thunder.

And then, suddenly, it was over, as the heavens opened. Nonetheless, a very successful day, with most of BGC's plant output well on the way to brighten new homes.

As for the many members and volunteers, a good job well done, if ending, well...pretty much soaked to the skin!

## Local students named to Stonehill Dean's List

EASTON — To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Katheryn Stapel of Leicester

Isabella Ortiz of Leicester  
Shelby Wessell of Rochdale  
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## CMS Chamber, Harrington Auxiliary Drivin' It Ho(l)me for health and education

BROOKFIELD — On Saturday, June 11, the Chamber of Central Mass South and Harrington Auxiliary are joining forces to present the very first Drivin' It Ho(l)me for Health and Education Car Show on the grounds of Oakholm Farm Estate & Brewing Company at 80 Lake Rd. in Brookfield.

Do you own a cool convertible, jacked-up muscle car, transformed truck or a hot Harley? Come show off your ride at this fun, family-friendly event. Register your vehicle on the spot for just \$10 anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. There is no admission charge for spectators! The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and there will plenty of fun for auto enthusiasts and kids of all ages.

Enjoy tasty treats from a lineup of food trucks, beers on tap and music. The Harrington HOW van will be there providing health-related materials. Kids love the hands-on Touch-a-Truck experience! There will be more than 50 fire trucks, police cars, a helicopter, and other specialty vehicles to climb on and take photos for \$5 per family. The Drivin' It Ho(l)me for Health and Education Car Show takes place on the beautiful grounds of Oakholm Farm Estate and Brewing Company in



Photo Courtesy

Start your engines for the very first Drivin' It Ho(l)me for Health and Education Car Show in Brookfield on June 11. These shots are from an earlier Harrington Auxiliary "Cruising into Healthcare" Car and Motorcycle Show which was held at Thompson Speedway in past years.

Brookfield.

"We are excited to partner with the Harrington Auxiliary to create this family fun event," said Chamber Executive Director Alexandra McNitt. "We'll have something for everyone to enjoy."

All proceeds from the event will enable the Harrington Auxiliary and the Chamber of Central Mass South to continue supporting health and education

in their communities. Should the weather be inclement, the show's rain date is Sunday, June 12. The Chamber and Harrington Auxiliary are grateful to the car show's Premiere Sponsor Lamoureux FORD and DJ Sponsor ColBro First Aid & Safety Training. Visit [cms-chamber.org](http://cms-chamber.org) to see details on our events calendar or call the Chamber office at 508-347-2761 if you have any questions.

## Local students named to Assumption University's Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Local students include:

Matthew Kelley of Spencer, Class of 2022

Sophia Martin of North Brookfield, Class of 2022

Erin Hazelhurst of Rochdale, Class of 2023

Lydia Petit of Rochdale, Class of 2023

Braedon Wood of Spencer, Class of 2023

Madeline Johnson of West Brookfield, Class of 2025

"Earning the right to be named to the Assumption University's Dean's List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester," said Assumption University Interim President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. "These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal education Assumption provides."

Assumption University pro-

vides students with a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts experience through curricular and co-curricular programs, including internship opportunities, recreational activities, and more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations. An Assumption education forms graduates both intellectually and spiritually, inspiring wonder and purpose as they discover their vocation.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit [www.assumption.edu](http://www.assumption.edu).



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