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Stuff the Bus to help local families in need this holiday season

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Local residents and businesses are once again teaming up with AA Transportation to assist families this holiday season.

The company's ninth annual Stuff the Bus campaign will take place on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. AA Transportation officials will park buses at three area locations to enable convenient donations of new, unwrapped gifts for children of all ages.

"Each year, we try to outdo ourselves from the previous year," said Melody Miller, a regional manager for AA Transportation. "Last



year was such a success, it will be hard to beat, but we are going to challenge everyone to help us exceed last year's campaign."

In Spencer, AA Transportation officials will once again team up with Klem's, the Spencer Fire Department, the Spencer Police Department, and the David Prouty High

School Band to collect toys for families in need within the community.

The donation collections bus will be parked at Klem's (117 West Main St.). The Spencer program will also feature surprise visits from Santa and Sparky the Fire Dog.

"After making your donation, please enjoy listening to seasonal music

from the David Prouty High School Band," Miller said. "All toys collected in Spencer will be distributed to needy families in town."

In North Brookfield, AA Transportation will partner with the North Brookfield Police Department and Hannaford Supermarket (located at 5 Gilbert St.).

"Our combined efforts have been very successful in the past. Officer Martin from the North Brookfield Police Department and AA Transportation employees will be collecting the toys," Miller said.

In Leicester, AA

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LHS senior races into the record books



Courtesy

LHS senior cross country athlete Jason Fournier has piled up the accomplishments in recent years.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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LEICESTER — As the first male cross country runner in school history to win the SWCL Championship, LHS senior Jason Fournier continues to race into the record books.

Last month, Fournier captured the Southern Worcester County League Championship, the latest in a lengthy resume of achievements stretching back to his sixth-grade season in 2018.

Fournier also holds the LHS record for a three-mile course (17:04, set in 2024), as well as the LHS 5K school record (17:17).

Additionally, he was an All-State Meet qualifier in three seasons.

"After finishing third overall last year, I knew that my senior season was the one. I trained hard over the summer and came into the season the strongest I ever have," Fournier told the New Leader. "I competed in way more meets this year than I ever have, some for the competition and others just for the memorable experience."

In his quest for a league championship this year, Fournier had no shortage of inspiration entering his senior campaign.

"Watching my teammate and running partner, Abby Bernabei, win the girls' SWCL Championship in 2021 motivated me to train harder and take the sport more seriously. I made it my goal to win that same race one day," Fournier said.

Not only is Fournier thrilled to have made his goal a reality this fall, but also to continue leading by example and helping to advance the Leicester program.

For the past two seasons, Leicester's cross country team has been comprised mostly of middle schoolers. With the leadership of Fournier and the coaching staff, younger athletes continue to develop and reach for their own dreams.

"I've been able to develop relationships with most of the young runners on the team and inspire them to continue running in high school and take the sport more seriously," Fournier said. "It's been great watching them develop, learning from the many tips I've passed on to them. Being able to be a captain for this team for the last few years has been just as fulfilling as winning SWCL."

For LHS cross country and track coach Norman Everett, it's been an unforgettable experience to watch Fournier's generational talent help transform the program. His skillset is matched only by his preparation and determination to improve, coaches agree.

"Prior to the season, he attended a summer running camp in the Berkshires with runners from across the region. As the team captain, he has taken the time to run workouts with some of our younger runners during our free run time," Everett said.

Even in the early years of his career, Fournier's abilities were quickly noticed by coaches, beginning when he won the fifth and sixth-grade race at the Massachusetts Middle School Championship in Devens.

"Over the last seven years, he has accumulated 25 individual victories and set multiple school records. He has earned an all-star selection every year since his grade seven season," Everett said. "In the off season, he keeps himself strong by frequent appearances at local road races. His favorite is the Wachusett 10K each Memorial Day, where he runs the 5K distance up to the summit of Wachusett Mountain before running the

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Residents asked to support Toys for Kids campaign

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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SPENCER — Community members are invited to help brighten the holiday season for local children by supporting Spencer Toys for Kids.

Led by Donna Morin-Flannery, of ERA Key Realty Services, the program provides several opportunities for residents and business owners to give back. Sponsors can be assigned a specific child or family to assist, and they are then provided with a wish list that program leaders receive from the family.

"I'm a longtime member of the Spencer Exchange Club, and that's where I started to ask for sponsors to help. It was a game changer," Morin-Flannery said. "I then expanded the sponsorship request into the general public."

For Morin-Flannery, it's an honor to continue a longtime tradition and help make the holiday season memorable for local kids.

"I've been running this program for about 25 years. My cousins, the Cournoyer family, ran it for many years before that, then the Halstead family before that," added Morin-Flannery. "I was told someone started the program in Spencer more than 60 years ago. We had 265 kids in our largest year."

Monetary donations from residents also greatly assist the program. Your donation will help project leaders purchase even more toys, gift bags, and stocking stuffers for kids.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Spencer Fire Department or ERA Key Realty.

"My office at ERA Key Realty Services becomes Santa's workshop in November and December, where we collect, sort, and distribute to the fam-

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Plans unveiled to upgrade Veterans' Squares

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Officials recently announced major upgrades planned for the Veterans' Squares in town.

During a special Select Board meeting on Oct. 24, Cherry Valley American Legion Post 443 Commander Pat McKeon unveiled a proposal aimed at significantly repairing and modernizing Leicester's Veterans' Squares.

Because the town owns most of the property hosting the squares, approvals must be secured from multiple boards before the project can move forward.

One of the most important tasks included in the project is replacing faded nameplates and symbols at each site. Even though volunteers, with support from the Town DPW, already perform regular basic maintenance at

the squares, the Legion and its affiliated organizations are committed to providing further work to honor veterans.

Moreover, Leicester Business Association President Phil Olivo also took up the call to action in support of those who served. After reaching out to the School Department and the town's Scouting organizations, he named his volunteer initiative: "Soldiers, Scouts, and Students."

Looking ahead, the Soldiers, Scouts, and Students group will provide fundraising and labor for projects supporting veterans. A Facebook page was also created to help generate awareness of the group.

School officials said the students involved with the group will represent the middle school and high school.

"We are honored to help Phil with the project," said Leicester Public

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DPHS CHEER TEAM PLACES SECOND AT CHAMPIONSHIP

The David Prouty High School cheer team finished second at the Southern Worcester County League Championships. The team's overall score improved by 10 points from its last competition, despite an injury and having to make changes to its routine. "They all went on that mat with their heads high and rocked it," said Coach Huard. Earning awards at the 2024 SWCL Cheerleading Championships were the following athletes: Alexis Huard, Alayna Rodriguez, and Brenna Stanley.

DA earns award for efforts to prevent distracted driving

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., recently received an award for helping to prevent distracted driving.

AAA Northeast presented DA Early with a Traffic Safety Hero Award during a ceremony held last month. The award recognizes Early's efforts through multiple initiatives to reduce incidents of distracted driving.

Among the DA's most effective programs this year is the "Eyes Up, Phones Down" campaign.

Launched in March, the campaign is supported by several community, state, and regional partners. These include AAA Northeast, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the City of Worcester, the Worcester Police Department, the Safe Roads Alliance, and WalkBike Worcester.

"I am so thankful to AAA for this recognition and for being a partner in our mission of prevention. This award really reflects the efforts of a lot of good people with a passion to make our roads safer," Early said. "They play an essential role in this campaign. Together, all of us are working to prevent traffic deaths and serious motor vehicle crashes."

The Eyes Up, Phones Down campaign specifically encourages drivers to activate the "Do Not Disturb" feature on their cell phones, which mutes notifications while driving. The goal of the campaign is for residents to avoid distracted driving and help reduce crashes.

Additionally, the campaign utilizes a variety of public education tools, including social media postings, educational pamphlets, and presentations to driving school students.

AAA Northeast hosts an annual Community Safety Traffic Awards ceremony, during which the organization not only recognizes

Traffic Safety Heroes, but also local police departments and individual officers or school crossing guards for their safety efforts each year.

This year, 18 police departments and 23 individuals in Massachusetts received awards.

AAA Northeast leaders thank the DA's Office for its efforts in increasing road and pedestrian safety.

"All of us who care about making the roads safer for all road users know that we can accomplish much more when we work together. The Eyes Up, Phones Down campaign proved to be a great stakeholder partnership, and we commend District Attorney Early for his leadership on the distracted driving issue," said Mary Maguire, the vice president of public affairs at AAA Northeast.

To learn more about several other public safety initiatives led by the DA's Office, visit www.WorcesterDA.com.



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Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., is congratulated for earning a traffic safety award.

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Bay Path Academy Director attends JAK-L Foundation's Masquerade Gala for Mental Health



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Kim Sterczala of Cahill Tire Automotive Center in Oxford, member of JAK-L Event, Committee and Bolandrina.

WORCESTER — Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Athol, Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy was joined by her husband, Joseph Bolandrina in the Nov. 2 JAK-L Foundation Masquerade Gala at Union Station. The JAK-L Foundation mission is to expand mental health awareness and directly impact the community to reduce the stigma around accessing mental health support. The JAK-L Foundation wants to directly support suicide prevention as part of their work and encourage the community to prioritize mental health.

JAK-L Foundation is a non-profit organization founded to raise money for mental health awareness in memory of Julie Lulu, a beloved daughter, sister, mother, niece, and friend. Directly from JAK-L Foundation's Web site (<https://jak-l.com/>): "We lost Julie to suicide in 2017 after a long battle with her own mental health struggles. Julie was a fierce, loving, and goofy person and that got lost in the midst of her battle at times."

Further stated at the Web site, "We, as a family, know how devastating the loss to suicide is and our goal is to raise money with the goal of supporting others and their families so that they don't have to experience what we did." The office of JAK-L Foundation is located at 43 Buffum Rd., Charlton.

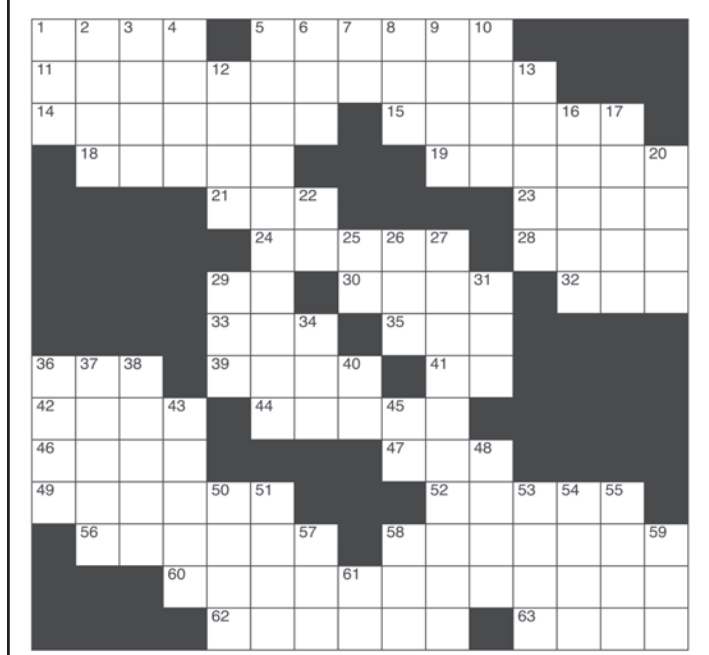
Bolandrina stated, "The mission of JAK-L Foundation directly aligns with my belief in breaking the stigma associated with mental illness and raising awareness for mental health, I fully support their efforts."

For JAK-L Foundation's Masquerade Gala, tickets were available at jak-l.com and the two local locations Essentials Hair Design in Webster, and Cahill Tire Automotive Center in Oxford. Funds raised help support local programs for Mental Health and Scholarships for local schools. Live music, mask contest, dancing, photo booth, and fabulous prizes from raffles and silent auctions along with delicious food made for an enchanted evening.

"Additionally, empowering communities and saving lives, it's what prudent nurses do," said Bolandrina.

She added, "It's a chance to make an impact in mental health awareness, and a chance to show community support."

Further, Bolandrina stated, "I am grateful for the opportunity to participate, for my husband Joseph's support, and Kim's invitation. We look forward to participating again next year and for the May 17, 2025 Walk."



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of effort
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. Simpler
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. Former CIA agent and critic
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. "Hammer" is one
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Licenses and passports are two types
- 39. Snakelike fish
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Of a withered nature
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. ___ Falls
- 60. Assertions made again
- 62. Periods of history
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities rapidly
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. A type of subdivision
- 6. Variety of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Impressionable persons
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. Instinctive part of the mind
- 25. "The First State"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Fraternities
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Beer
- 36. Spiritual leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Ray-finned fishes
- 45. Morning
- 48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. A small bundle of straw or hay
- 53. Got older
- 54. Crater on Mars
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Relating to the ears
- 58. "To the ___ degree..."
- 59. Residue of a burned product
- 61. It cools a home

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Brookfield Congregational Church invites community to fundraising dinner

BROOKFIELD — The Brookfield Congregational Church will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Church Fellowship Hall at 8 Common St.

The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, sauce, tossed salad, Texas Toast, dessert, coffee, punch, and water. Tickets are priced at \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. A special price of \$25 is offered to families of 5 or more. Funds raised will be designated for the Youth Mission Trip.

For tickets and more information, please call the Church Office at 508-867-6262.

Fatal fire under investigation in East Brookfield



EAST BROOKFIELD — A house fire on West Main Street claimed the life

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\$650,000, 245 W Main St, Rennoc Holdings Inc, to Dugas Properties LLC.
 \$524,000, 102 Oakwood Dr, Willbrant, Andrew G, and Berthaume, Angela, to Ruggiero, Richard, and Greis, Corrine.
 \$400,000, 226 W Main St, Victor, Mikaela E, to Mcaleer, Chris.
 \$355,888, 215 E Main St, Bilz, Priscilla, to Chacon, Nelson E, and Jaimes, Yolanda.
 \$79,000, 158 S Pond Rd, Cormier & Sons Const & Hm, and Clear Landings LLC, to Belanger, Daniel, and Belanger, Debra.

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\$520,000, 71 Tobin Rd, Rodriguez, Kelvin, to Sarpong, Samuel, and Konadu, Henrietta.
 \$425,000, 38 Virginia Dr #38, Dickman Irt, and Genna, Doreen A, to Ryan, Cornelia.
 \$420,000, 18 Carleton Rd, Fiorelli, Michael, to Geldart, Brandyn, and Geldart, Elizabeth.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

\$702,366, 106 New Braintree Rd, Webster, Patricia S, and Webster, Steven B, to Nehela, Basyouny.
 \$450,000, 8 King St, Salem, Richard P, to Gregoire, Tyler, and Gregoire, Brittany.
 \$390,000, 16 Nursery Ave #A, 16 Nursery Ave LLC, to Kiguli, Nalugwa, and Kapule, Moses.

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\$485,000, 37 Paxton Rd, O'Brien, Shauna, to Brodeur, Tyler, and Truett, Melissa.
 \$326,000, 36 Clark St, Hunt, Paula J, to Treggiari, Maria, and Treggiari, Kevin.
 \$285,000, 53 Temple St, Vivier, Victor M, and Vivier, Maria E, to Dickieson, Allison, and Barnes, Lauren.

WARREN

\$650,000, 491 Town Farm Rd, Sieger, Keith A, and Sieger, Sonia, to Brown, Richard J, and Smith, Allison M.
 \$55,000, 431 Coy Hill Rd, Bolduc Jr, Donald H, to Dion, Derek K.

WEST BROOKFIELD

\$368,000, 80 Long Hill Rd, Hickey, Paul D, and Hickey, Gloria M, to Laferriere, Sandra, and Lawrence, Jeffrey.

of a resident on Halloween morning, said East Brookfield Fire Chief David Messier, East Brookfield Police Chief Joseph Lazarick, State Fire Marshal Jon Davine, and Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.

"On behalf of the East Brookfield Fire Department, I want to offer our condolences to the man's family," said Chief Messier. "This is a very sad day for them and the community."

The East Brookfield Fire Department and East Brookfield Police were dispatched to 234 West Main St. at about 3:35 a.m. Oct. 31 after 9-1-1 calls reporting a structure fire with flames through the roof. Firefighters observed smoke and flames on arrival and struck a second alarm.

The first company on scene immediately made entry to attack the fire and locate a resident they believed to be inside. That resident, an adult who used a wheelchair, was located and removed from the home; sadly, he had suffered fatal injuries. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine the cause and manner of his death and conduct a formal identification process.

The fire grew quickly, and the single-family home was soon fully involved. Firefighters knocked down the bulk of the fire in about 20 minutes, but the structure will be a total loss.

The origin and cause of the fire remain under investigation by the East Brookfield Fire Department, East Brookfield Police Department, District 7 fire investigators, State Police fire investigators assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office, and State Police Detectives assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney's office. They are supported by the Department of Fire Services' Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit.

"The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation, but we didn't find any working smoke alarms at the scene," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Please, take a few minutes today to be sure you and your loved ones are protected by working smoke alarms on every level of your home."

The fire departments of Spencer, North Brookfield, Brookfield, and West Brookfield provided mutual aid at the scene. The Charlton Fire Department provided station coverage.

Richard Sugden Library hosting Victorian Holiday Frolic

SPENCER — In celebration of our beautiful 1889 building, the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer, is hosting a Victorian Holiday Frolic on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Please join us for an evening of music, refreshments and good cheer. All ages welcome and encouraged to dress in Victorian garb. The festivities begin once the library closes for business at 5 p.m.

5 p.m. Dance by Shining Stars
 5:15 p.m. DPHS saxophone quartet
 5:45 p.m. Caroling, Cider & Cookies, Make Victorian Christmas Cards, DPHS Victorian Holidays Artwork, Father Christmas
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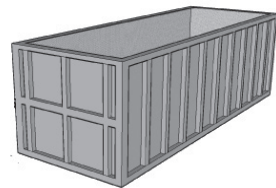


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When creating a new lawn, landscape, or garden bed, begin with a soil test. Use soil testing to evaluate your fertilization practices and diagnose problems in existing lawns and gardens. Prioritize and spread out the cost by starting with new and struggling gardens or lawn areas. Then implement an ongoing testing schedule that tests one or two existing gardens each year.

A soil test report tells you what if any fertilizer is needed and what fertilizer is best to use for the plants you are growing. It also evaluates the soil pH, acidity, and alkalinity, advising you of any needed adjustments. Testing this before fertilizing or adjusting the soil pH can help avoid years of problems caused by applying too much or the wrong

fertilizer, lime, sulfur, or other products.

You can take a soil sample for testing whenever the soil is not frozen, and you have not recently applied fertilizer. Fall is an excellent time as it allows you to implement the soil test results before the next growing season.

Contact your local or state University Extension Service to locate a qualified soil testing lab near you. Many have a state lab that provides this service for a fee while others provide lists of soil-testing labs in your area.

Take separate samples for each type of planting, garden bed, and if needed, lawn area. As you may have discovered, the soil can vary greatly from one place to another. Fill may have been added when the house was built, topsoil used to create planting beds, and other soil

amendments incorporated that can impact your growing success. Taking a sample from individual planting beds, mixed borders, and the lawn provides better information on the existing conditions and what is needed for growing those types of plants.

Use a clean trowel and bucket to gather the soil sample. If needed, slide away mulch and remove a narrow slice of soil, four to six inches deep, where many plant roots grow.

Take several samples from the garden or lawn area you want to test. Collect samples from each edge and several throughout the middle of the bed or lawn area. Mix the samples together, place about a cup in a plastic bag, and send it to the soil testing lab. Allow several weeks for the test to be completed and the results returned.

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Melinda Myers

Soil testing can be used to evaluate fertilization practices and diagnose problems in lawns and gardens.

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Transportation will team up with Walmart and the Leicester Police, Firefighters and Teachers Association.

The collections bus, along with Leicester fire trucks, will be parked in front of the Walmart Supercenter (20 Soojian Dr.).

"This is usually a very successful campaign at Walmart. Please help us continue our success in collecting toys here by coming out and donating," Miller added.

AA Transportation officials thank all local volunteers, organizations, departments, businesses, and residents who support the campaign. With the challenges of the post-pandemic economy, local residents have relied heavily on the generosity of community members.

"The success of our campaign each year depends on generous donations made by all the wonderful people in our

communities," read a statement released by AA Transportation. "We hope that everyone who can possibly give this year will come out and help us stuff these buses. Every donation counts."

If you are unable to attend a local collections drive on the day of the event, donations can also be made in advance at the North Brookfield Police Department, the Leicester Police Department, and the Spencer Police Department.

You may also drop off toy donations with your AA Transportation school bus driver.

"Stuff the Bus is one way that AA Transportation Co., Inc., can give back to the communities that we service," Miller said. "Each year, we seem to do better than the previous year. That is all due to the generous people in our communities. We are hoping that we can collect enough toys to answer all the wishes of children on each town's list."

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ilies," Morin-Flannery added. "The owners of ERA Key have been very generous with allowing us to do this out of the office."

The success of the project not only hinges on community generosity, but also volunteer support. Each year, several dedicated local volunteers invest more than 100 hours to complete the process.

"Last year, more than 240 Spencer children received gifts for Christmas through the efforts of this generous community. We cannot do it without your help," Morin-Flannery said.

The program solely supports Spencer residents ages 14 and under (proof of residency is required). Applications are available at the Spencer Post Office and ERA Key Realty (415B Main Street).

The Spencer Toys for Kids organization is included

in the Spencer Exchange Club's Charitable Trust Foundation. Members of the club are thanked for their long-time support of local children and families.

"I've been a proud member of Spencer Exchange Club for more than 25 years, and the generosity of its members is second to none," Morin-Flannery said.

The program's main distribution of toys will take place during the third week of December, but volunteers always plan to continue filling needs for local families up to Christmas.

If you would like to support the program by offering a monetary donation, please send your contribution to: Spencer Toys for Kids, P.O. Box 186, Spencer, MA 01562.

"One hundred percent of these donations go right to the kids. We have no administrative fees," Morin-Flannery said.

If you would like to "adopt" a family this holiday season, please contact program lead-

ers. You will be provided with a wish list for a child or family.

Additionally, the volunteer team includes a handful of dedicated shoppers who purchase toys using your monetary donations. This ensures that the project reaches as many children and families as possible this holiday season.

"They shop the sales, multiple stores, and even venture out on Black Friday to get the most bang for your buck. They do this year after year, and we are lucky to have them," Morin-Flannery said.

To learn more about how you can help, check out the Spencer Toys for Kids Facebook page. Frequent updates will be posted to keep community members in the know on holiday season happenings.

"This program runs as well as it does because we are blessed with people who care in this community. Let's work together to help make a Spencer child's Christmas a happy one," Morin-Flannery said.

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Area residents show their Halloween spirit



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Members of the David Prouty High School cafeteria staff show their Halloween spirit.

REGION — Although Mother Nature has doled out plenty of tricks on recent Halloweens, local youngsters and their families enjoyed an unforgettable treat this year.

With record-setting warmth spread across

the region on Oct. 31, streets bustling with costumed candy-hunters. Several communities held special programs following trick-or-treating hours, and municipal leaders also got involved in the festivities.

In many towns, first responders once again augmented the Halloween joy by handing out candy while ensuring a safe evening on the streets.

Leicester officers took it a step farther with their involvement in



Members of the Leicester Police Department join the Halloween fun.

a trunk-or-treat event. Even The Grinch, despite being known for less than generous behavior over the years, stopped by to

share in the Halloween festivities.

Meanwhile, employees at several local schools, businesses, and organiza-

tions got involved in the fun, including members of the David Prouty High School cafeteria staff.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers free blood pressure testing



Courtesy

Sarsfield and Desrosiers at the Charlton Senior Center.

Michelle Drumm, C.D.P., Council on Aging Director, Town of Charlton recently welcomed the Practical Nursing student volunteers from the Practical Nursing Class of 2025. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is again offering free blood pressure assessing every last Wednesday of the month, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St.

"It is wonderful for our Practical Nursing student volunteers to be welcomed back at the Charlton Senior Center under Michelle's leadership! Hypertension is one of the most prevalent chronic conditions in the US," stated Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN

Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

"It is important for people to know their Blood Pressure numbers because there may not be symptoms that alert you to a potential problem," said Bolandrina.

According to the American Heart Association, one in three adults has high blood pressure. By offering free blood pressure testing, the hope is that the interaction with Practical Nursing student volunteers encourage more people to manage their overall health by making blood pressure monitoring a part of it. American Heart Association statistics show that more than 76 million people in the U.S. age 20 and older have high blood pressure. Of those, about 22 percent are unaware of their condition, 69 percent are receiving treatment and only 45 percent have their blood pressure controlled.

Delene Sarsfield of Charlton and Chalinant Desrosiers of Oxford were the recent PN student volunteers to report to the Charlton Senior Center. Both are members of the PN Class of 2025. Both are Mental Health First Aid Certified, Dementia Care Certified and completed training in Domestic Violence.

Sarsfield is a multi-faceted, efficient, ethical, motivated, and dependable Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). She has more than 15 years of centered-based patient care and customer service experience. She is employed at CareOne at Millbury as a CNA (since 2019) and was with Sterling Village at Sterling from 2008 to 2019. She graduated from the Holy Name Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School in Worcester (2005). Sarsfield's long-term goal is to complete her practical nursing education, become

an LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse), and bridge into an RN (Registered Nurse) program with her field of interest-hospice and palliative care nursing. She is a 2024 PCE (Program for Continuing Education) Grant recipient from P.E.O. International (Philanthropic Educational Organization, www.peointernational.org) Sarsfield was also newly elected as an officer of the UNICEF Club.

Desrosiers is a professional blending office management and student services with her clinical medical assistant background. She had 15 years of experience in customer relations. She is connected to Peak Medical Academy as Office Manager. Previously she was a Medical Assistant at UMass Memorial, Harrington, and Reliant Medical/Optom in Worcester. Her educational experience includes Certification as Clinical Medical Assistant at Peak Medical Academy (Worcester, 2021), International Hospitality Management at IMI International Management Institute Switzerland (Luzern, Switzerland PGCert- International Hospitality Management, 2009), Language & Communication at National Institute of Development Administration (Bangkok, Thailand 2008), and International Business Administration at the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce (Bangkok, Thailand 2000).

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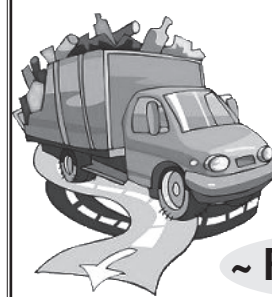
The event is set for Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fair will include raffles; an exquisite table; a Christmas table; a bake table; a craft table; and a homemade luncheon.

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EDITORIAL

Embracing the shift: Falling back to a cozier season

As the clocks roll back an hour and daylight slips away a bit sooner, it's easy to feel the initial sting of losing those precious evening rays. The transition to shorter days and longer nights can be tough—our routines are thrown off, the dark arrives before dinner, and it feels like our world has shrunk just a little. But while that initial adjustment can feel jarring, there's an opportunity in this seasonal shift to lean into something more comforting and cozier.

When we fall back, we enter a season that invites us to slow down and settle in. The crisp, cool air outside becomes a reason to pull out our favorite sweaters, gather around fires, and sip on warm drinks that taste like nostalgia. It's a time when neighborhoods start to glow with holiday lights, and homes become filled with the sounds of friends and family reconnecting over shared meals and laughter.

For those who thrive on outdoor adventure, the shift also marks the beginning of snow sports season. The first snowfalls dust the world in white, creating a canvas that catches the sunlight and transforms the simplest landscapes into scenes of breathtaking beauty. Whether you're skiing down a mountain, sledding with the kids, or taking a quiet walk as snowflakes fall around you, there's something undeniably magical about embracing winter's gifts.

And while the early nights may initially feel like a loss, they can also be an invitation. An invitation to slower evenings at home, wrapped in blankets, breathing in the cool, refreshing air as it seeps through the window. An invitation to more time spent catching up with loved ones, sharing stories, and building up the excitement for the holidays ahead.

Adjusting to the time change isn't always seamless, but soon enough, we settle into this season and realize it's not so bad after all. It's the season of comfort, of gathering, and of finding joy in the simple things. So, as we turn the clocks back and brace for the darker evenings, let's remember to also turn our focus to the light—whether it's in the glow of holiday decorations, the sparkle of snow under the sun, or the warmth shared with those we love.

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

Happy Election Week

We stand at the crossroads of another chapter in our nation's story. The act of voting, an honor hard-won and cherished, reflects our journey from a small group of colonies to a mighty republic, constantly tested and reshaped by the hands of its people.

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War, a four-year battle that tore the nation apart. Yet, under the leadership of Abraham Lincoln, the Union's victory brought freedom to enslaved people and solidified the principle that "all men are created equal."

The fight for freedom did not end there. The women's suffrage movement took hold in the late 19th century, as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and countless others pushed for equal rights. Decades of relentless advocacy finally succeeded with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, granting women the right to vote and affirming that America's promise of freedom extended to all citizens.

Just when we seemed to be on a path of unity, the world was thrown into chaos. World War I and later World War II. Veterans of those wars, like Dwight D. Eisenhower and George S. Patton, returned as heroes, their courage reinforcing America's role as a beacon of freedom, yet even as our soldiers fought for liberty abroad, Americans at home wrestled with deep issues of justice and equality.

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s marked a new era of change, challenging systems of segregation and discrimination. Leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and John Lewis reminded the nation that "freedom for all" meant just that—for every race, creed, and color.

They pushed America toward the promises written into its founding documents through marches, sit-ins, and speeches, which led to

legislative milestones like the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, which continue to protect and empower citizens today.

Since then, we've faced significant challenges and times of turmoil—from foreign wars to September 11th and beyond.

Through it all, our strength has been found not in perfection but in a continued willingness to change and strive for a better future.

And here we are again, after a divisive election, with candidates on all sides calling for different paths forward.

We must remember that we are united by a shared love for our country and by the knowledge that, regardless of who sits in the Oval Office, the power rests with the people. We must uphold the ideals that have defined America: liberty, justice, and freedom for all.

So whether your candidate wins or loses, whether this election played out precisely as you'd hoped or not, we all have a role to play in moving forward. Our nation's history is built on debate, disagreement, and, ultimately, unity in the pursuit of freedom. That pursuit makes us the "shining city on a hill"—a place of hope, progress, and promise. Our light must never be extinguished.

Together, we can keep America strong, free, and fair—a place where all voices are heard and everyone, regardless of race, religion, or background, can pursue their dreams.

Happy Election Week, and may our love of country keep us united, now and always.

Cutting spending can help boost retirement savings



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Like most of us, you may someday want to enjoy a comfortable retirement. Your ability to achieve this goal will depend on how much you save—but it also matters how much you spend.

And saving and spending are certainly related: The more you can reduce your spending, the more money you could have available to save for retirement through your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Over many years, even relatively small amounts diverted from spending to saving and investing could add up substantially.

How can you go about potentially reducing your spending? Here are a few suggestions:

Use a budgeting tool. If you're not already doing so, you might want to consider using a free online budgeting tool. Among other capabilities, these apps can place your spending in categories—groceries, travel, entertainment, and so on—which can reveal redundancies that, once eliminated, could save you money. For example, you might find that you're spending a not-insignificant amount on streaming services you rarely use. Or you might be surprised at how often you go to the grocery store, rather than consolidating your visits and reducing the likelihood of "impulse" purchases.

Take advantage of employee benefits. If you work for a mid-size or large company, you may have an extensive employee benefit plan, which could include discounts on some products and services. Also, if you are enrolled in a high-deductible health plan through your employer, you might have access to a health savings account (HSA) or flexible spending account (FSA), either of which may let you lower your out-of-pocket health care costs by using pre-tax dollars to pay for deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and some other qualified expenses. Shop around for insurance. To some extent, we are all creatures of habit, which can be good in some circumstances and not so good in others. In the "not so good" category, many people stick with their auto, homeowners and life insurance policies year after year, even though they might be able to save some money by switching to another company. But even if you stay with your current company, you might find ways to save money by taking steps such as adding a home security system. Check with your insurer to learn more.

Compare credit cards. There's a piece of financial advice that essentially says: "Pay cash for everything"—and this isn't a bad idea. Ideally, you might want to use a credit card strictly for items such as car rentals or hotel reservations, and you should pay off the bill each month to avoid interest charges. Sometimes, though, you may need to use your card for other purposes, and it may not always be possible to pay your bill in full. That's why you'll want to review credit cards periodically to find one with lower interest rates, a favorable balance transfer offer and a better rewards program.

It's not always easy to cut down on your spending, but when you do, it can provide more peace of mind—and an opportunity to boost your savings for what could be a long and active retirement.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts the day before the 2024 election

To the Editor:

First predictions on the Presidential election. Ex-President Trump will lose the popular vote, as he did in 2016 and 2020. Concerning the most important Electoral College Vote Total of 538 votes, specialists predict that in many "swing states," the difference between winning or losing those Electoral College votes could be less than 100,000.

Should Vice President Harris, despite winning the popular vote, lose the Electoral College vote, in almost all circumstances she will concede the loss—like Hilary Clinton and Vice President Al Gore before her did.

However, partly based on the Democrat's ability to get out the vote and Trump's recent terrible behavior and performances, there exists a sense that Harris has a slightly better than

50-50 chance to win.

If she wins, Trump will again not concede that he lost. Rather he will show again why he ranks as both our worst president and worst ex-president, and legally and on the streets oppose the defeat.

In this moment of crisis, enough Americans will need to show that, for the good of the country, Trump must step aside.

If not, our American democracy and our children's and grandchildren's will come under the greatest threat since the Civil War, not even considering the gains it will produce for foreign adversaries like Russia and China.

KEVIN KANE
 SPENCER

The sound of silence

To the Editor:

At a military cemetery in the "Land of the Free and the Brave," our men and women served, fought, and gave.

The silent sounds of our courageous warriors can be heard saying, "Keep the faith. Have no fear." It's a fact—at times, their voices can be heard loud and clear.

Just being here now, seeing these manicured grounds, headstones standing proud and tall, generates strong feelings of pride because each of our warriors gave their all.

Being present to experience this hallowed and wondrous place gives a feeling of pride, dignity and grace.

Hear the voices of our heroes, men

and women, saying silently, "Stand tall, stand strong. We are a team. We all belong."

The sound of silence, the stillness of the day, resulting from heroes' deeds, allowing each of us to reflect and pray.

See, taste, smell, feel, touch the very soul of our nation. Because all that we have and enjoy today is God's creation.

Our purpose on Nov. 11, 2024 is to honor our military veterans, and this year's theme is Legacy and Service with our entire military team.

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Tiffany Studios and Tiffany & Company



One of the most knowledgeable antique dealers I've worked with used to call Tiffany "the magic word." The Tiffany name coupled with the quality and craftsmanship of their pieces commands a premium.

Tiffany's history dates back nearly 200 years. Their website states that Charles Lewis Tiffany and John B. Young opened a "stationery and fancy goods" store with a \$1,000 advance from Tiffany's father. The shop opened at 259 Broadway in New York and focused on "American style" goods that differed from the styles of the day in Europe. In 1845, the Tiffany & Co. Blue Book became the first direct-mail catalog, offering jewelry and accessories to those who couldn't travel to the New York store.

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WAYNE TUISKULA

Tiffany's silverware designs earned them a bronze medal at the 1867 Paris Exposition.

At the turn of the 20th century, they opened locations in London and Paris. They weren't only known for their silverware. In 1878, they showcased one of the largest and finest yellow diamonds at 128.54 carats with 82 facets.

Louis Comfort Tiffany took over the business in 1902 and formed Tiffany Studios and other offshoots of the main company. Tiffany & Company continued to produce silver and jewelry while Tiffany Studios produced Tiffany Lamps and stained glass. Louis Comfort Tiffany also produced bronze, glass, pottery and other functional and artistic pieces as Tiffany Studios and under different brands.

Tiffany Studios closed in 1932 while Tiffany & Company continued to run. Tiffany & Company produced china for White House dinners, military medals, and sports trophies. Their jewels have been worn by famous women including Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Elizabeth Taylor. Tiffany & Company still runs their landmark store on 5th Avenue in New York City. You can even order breakfast at Tiffany's in their Blue Box Café.

As you would expect, the quality and beauty of Tiffany pieces continues to make them popular with collectors. In one of our auctions last month, we sold a group of Tiffany bronze and glass desk accessories that brought \$1,200. We also sold a Tiffany "Olympian" pattern sterling silver flatware set for \$3,500. An antique Tiffany 18 karat gold necklace with tourmaline stones brought \$23,000.

Stained glass pieces have also fetched some amazing prices at auction. "The Danner Memorial" window made by Tiffany Studios from the First Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio, sold for a little under \$2 million in 2000. A one-of-a-kind Tiffany stained glass and bronze lamp that was exhibited at the Exposition Universelle in Paris in 1900 and at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y., went to auction in 2021. It lit up the auction hall and the bidder's home when it sold for \$3.7 million in 2021.

We have some specialty auctions coming up including a major collection of Civil War memorabilia and a collection of memorabilia of some Hollywood legends. As always, we continue to accept consignments of fine jewelry, sterling silver, paintings by well-known artists, advertising signs, coins, old comic books and baseball cards, and almost any other valuable antique or vintage item for future auctions. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

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Butternut Squash Recipes



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

As the harvest season wraps up, farmers markets, local stands, and grocery stores are piled high with winter squash, with butternut being a top choice. Butternut squash is healthy, hearty, versatile, and delicious, so it's no surprise it's a seasonal favorite!

From savory soups to flavorful fries, this week's column highlights ways to enjoy the last of the season's finest!

Butternut Squash Bisque
This hearty recipe uses fresh butternut squash and apple cider for a blend of savory and sweet.

Ingredients: 1 tablespoon olive oil; ½ large onion, diced; ½ large carrot, diced; 1 stalk celery, diced; 1 pound butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced; 2 sprigs fresh thyme, rinsed; 5 cups chicken stock or canned chicken broth; 2 cups apple cider; 2 cups heavy cream, or half cream half chicken stock (optional); Salt and black pepper, to taste.

Directions: Heat the oil in a large pot and sauté the onion, carrot, and celery until the carrot and celery are soft and the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the squash and thyme and sauté until all of the vegetables are coated with oil, about 2 minutes. Add the stock and the 2 cups of cider and simmer until the squash is very soft, about 30 minutes. Remove from heat. Puree the mixture, in small batches, in a blender on medium speed until smooth and well blended. Place the pureed mixture into another pot and stir in either the cream or stock to achieve the desired consistency. Add the salt and black pepper. Heat gently and serve. Note: When heating this soup, be careful not to overcook it to retain its sweet and savory flavor. **

Easy Butternut Squash Soup

This six ingredient Butternut Squash recipe Easy, is not only easy, but healthy. You won't even miss the cream!

Ingredients: ½ T olive oil; 2 garlic cloves, minced; one onion, diced; one butternut squash, peeled and diced into cubes; 32 ounces vegetable broth; 1-2 tsp salt

Directions: In a Dutch

oven or heavy pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook until softened, about five minutes.

Ad cut up butternut squash and vegetable broth. Bring to a boil then cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes until squash is softened.

Blend to desire smoothness with immersion blender (or in a blender). Season with salt.

Makes eight cups; 135 calories per cup.

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Butternut Squash Fries

Ingredients: one medium butternut squash (chase squash with longer necks for more fries); 2 T olive or avocado oil; ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Peel squash; cut into half, then cut into shorter strips to form fries. (If you have a crinkle cutter, even better!)

In a bowl, coat the squash strips with oil, salt and pepper. Place evenly on the cookie sheet.

Cook for 20 minutes, turn fries, and then cook for another 10 to 20 minutes, until browned and crispy. (Cooking time varies, depending upon how thick the squash is cut.) **

Chinese Butternut Ravioli

This is a restaurant recipe shared years ago, and worth republishing. It's a seasonal treat that combines the flavors of fresh butternut squash and native maple syrup with an Asian twist. And it's so easy to prepare!

Ingredients: Butternut squash; butter; brown sugar; won ton wrappers; egg white; pure maple syrup.

Instructions: Mash and prepare butternut squash with butter and brown sugar as desired. Brush one side of won ton wrapper with egg white wash. Fill center of wrapper with squash

and top with another wrapper (washed sides touching). Pinch edges to form a seal. Boil in water for three or more minutes until wontons are tender. Serve hot topped with warmed maple syrup. **

out the seeds in the middle, no peeling needed.

Cathy Patchen
North Brookfield, MA
**

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month (or whenever I receive enough tips for a column) will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

From the archives: Below are two butternut squash tips previously shared by readers:

This tip cuts prep time for butternut squash down to size!

I have an easy tip for prepping butternut squash. The squash is delicious, but it can be such a difficult thing to prepare. Here's a trick you can use to make that process easier. Just place the squash in the microwave for 2-3 minutes. Afterwards you'll see that the squash becomes much easier to seed, peel and cube.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA
**

Who knew? This reader's slow cooker method eliminates the hassle of peeling and cutting hard-as-a-rock butternut squash!

Here is my tip. Put the whole butternut squash right in the crockpot, add just a little water and cook it until soft. It comes out so good, I can even eat the skin. I wish my father knew this on all those holidays! Just scoop

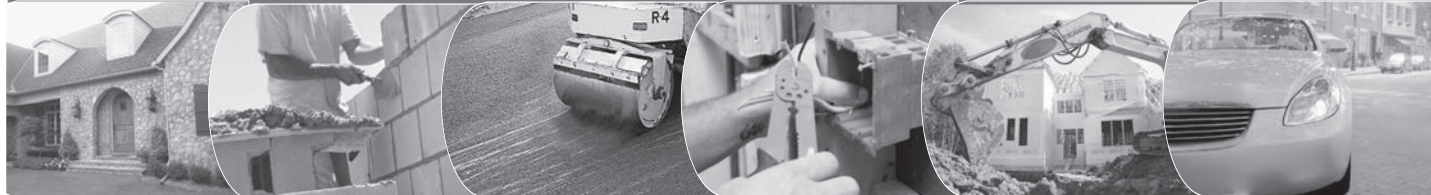
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Bay Path staff & students learn about Generative AI tools

WORCESTER — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty, staff, and students recently completed the workshop presented by the Massachusetts Rhode Island League for Nursing (MARILN) on Friday, Oct. 25 at the Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross.

The 2024 MARILN Fall Conference and Annual Meeting - Innovate and Educate: Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools for Nurse Educators speakers were Rachel Cox Simms DNP, MS-HPed,

RN, FNP-BC Assistant Professor MGH Institute of Health Professions (Boston); Semiha Asli Bozkurt PhD, RN, CHSE Clinical Assistant Professor University of Massachusetts Boston (Boston); Catherine Carroca DHS, MSN, RN, CNE Associate Professor Massachusetts College of Pharmacy of Health Sciences (Boston, MA), and Joseph Gordon-Reznar Associate Chief Nursing Officer Cambridge Health Alliance (Boston). The

purpose of the workshop is to empower nurse educators with the knowledge and skills to effectively integrate generative AI tools into their teaching and professional practices. The participants explored the fundamental principles of generative AI and discovered practical applications for creating engaging educational materials, designing innovative assignments, and enhancing assessments. The workshop addressed ethical considerations and best practices,

ensuring responsible AI usage in educational settings. At the end of the workshop, participants were equipped to leverage AI for professional development, scholarly activities, and enrich the learning experience for nursing students.

In the photo above are Loise Ngigi of South Grafton, a member of the PN Class of 2025 and Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Full-time faculty Shannen Sherman, BSN, RN, of CT.

Ngigi is a compassionate Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and certified home health aide (HHA) whose knowledge is based on the accumulation of seven years of direct experience as a certified HHA and CNA. She obtained her nursing assistant certification through the 3 Dimensions College (Worcester) in 2017. She obtained her high school diploma from Moi Girls Kamangu High School in Kenya (2012). As a practical nursing student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, she has completed her Dementia Care certification. She is



Loise Ngigi and Shannen Sherman.

Courtesy

certified in BLS/HCP/CPR (Basic Life Support, Health Care Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), Medical Administration Program (MAP), and Mental Health First Aid. She has expressed interest in volunteering for Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) specifically for the Vaccine

clinic and monitoring residents for any side effects after receipt of vaccine. She was a CNA at River Terrace Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center (Lancaster) and is currently a direct support professional at Venture Community Services (Sturbridge).

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QCC police hold pet supply drive for hurricane victims



WORCESTER — The Quinsigamond Community College community is coming to the aid of pets affected by the recent hurricanes in several Southern states, through a recent Pet Food Drive sponsored by the QCC Police Department. More than 100 pounds of food and several boxes of supplies and toys have been donated.

“Hurricanes Helene and Milton devastated several of our southern states impacting millions of people as well as their pets. As a community college police department, we strive to put community first in all that we do and this includes helping other communities in need,” said QCC Police Chief Stephen DiGiovanni.

Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team (CMDART) collaborated with Lions Clubs of Massachusetts to receive and deliver the donations. Over the last several weeks, the college received an outpouring of canned and dry pet food, treats, bedding, leashes and toys. QCC’s donations will join others from across New England to support hurricane victims with pets. The items will be distributed out of North Carolina Lions Camp Dogwood, a retreat for the blind and visually impaired in Sherrills Ford, N.C.

“During catastrophic events, pets are often forgotten about or left behind. They deserve just as much help after these disasters,” said Campus Police Officer Nick Yacuzzi, who is also canine handler to Siggy, QCC’s community resource dog. “Siggy has made a positive impact on our college community and now we are paying it forward by helping support other pet owners in need.”

CMDART is taking applications for volunteers across Central Mass and for those who may want to learn about emergency animal sheltering to help with disasters.

“When the world is full of stress as it is now, the coming together of people who care demonstrates a small positive impact we can make. CMDART was very glad to help mediate this transport to help animals and pet owners impacted in the South,” said JoAnn Griffin, president and team lead of CMDART.

St. John’s hosting Fall Frolic Nov. 16

EAST BROOKFIELD — The community is invited to St. John’s Fall Frolic & Mystery Birthday Saturday, Nov. 16 at 5 p.m. at the Church Hall, 131 Blaine Ave., featuring a catered buffet, music, games, and raffles.

For tickets, please call the Parish office at (508) 867-6469 or purchase them after weekend masses at St. John’s Church.

Holiday craft fair returns to Senior Center for fourth year

SPENCER — Guests are invited to check out the fourth annual holiday season craft fair at the Senior Center.

The event is set for Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Heidi Ilse Brenke-Malone, 58



SPENCER- Heidi Ilse Brenke-Malone, 58, of Spencer, died October 17, 2024 in Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester, MA after surviving with Glioblastoma brain cancer for over 2

years. Born December 26, 1965 in Flensburg, Germany, Heidi was predeceased by her parents Karl and Edith (Wegert) Brenke. She leaves behind her husband Michael Malone, 3 siblings, Heinz Brenke of Flensburg, Germany, Ingrid Brenke of Visselhövede, Germany and Wolfgang Brenke of Werdau, Germany, cousins both in Germany and the U.S., especially Inge Thompson of Canoga Park, California, David Adrian of Rutland, MA, and Vera Cunningham of Worcester, MA. Heidi is also survived by Michael's father J.J. Malone of Westborough, MA, who was predeceased by Michael's mother Dorothy "Sue" Malone and is also survived by Michael's brother Patrick Malone of North Grafton, MA, sister Barbara Malone and her wife Karen Holmes-Malone of Holden, MA, sister in law Nancy Malone of North Grafton, MA surviving wife of Philip J. Malone and also leaves behind nieces and nephews and many, many, friends whose lives she brightened both in her home country of Germany, and her adopted country of the U.S.

Heidi discovered a joy in music early in childhood some of which came from digging through her older brother Heinz's record collection (much to the consternation of Heinz). A few years later she became involved in the Flensburg music scene, occasionally DJing in clubs and being part of Forde Fetz Radio just across the border in Denmark. In the 1980s and 1990s she was a frequent visitor to the Roskilde Festival in Denmark. It was there where she first saw her favorite band The Ramones. Over the years she met the band several times including making a solo trip in 1996 to see their last performances in NYC. It was through The Ramones that she met her future husband Michael in an internet news-group dedicated to the band. Heidi and

Michael were married on September 30, 2000 in Worcester, MA in a ceremony and reception that featured much music and dancing.

Heidi became a U.S. Citizen on July 27, 2011. Heidi worked for Price Chopper for over 2 decades where customers would seek her out for her friendly demeanor and choose her line to check out, even if it meant a longer wait. Heidi was a long time programmer on internet radio station wurm.net (The Wormtown Underground Radio Network). Heidi was also a member of the Spencer Democratic Town Committee.

Heidi's kindness was well known whether it was back in Germany where she was known to occasionally let unshowered individuals sleep on her couch, or later in the U.S. visiting her beloved Aunt Ilse (from which she received her middle name) or simply performing small acts of kindness for many people throughout her too short life.

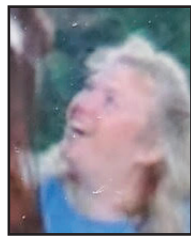
The family would like to acknowledge the countless people that supported Heidi and Mike throughout Heidi's illness with special thanks to her cousin Inge Thompson and neighbor Donna Chase who helped care for her in Heidi's final weeks at home, to Rich Lorion for organizing a benefit for Heidi & Mike, to the staff at Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester who provided excellent care for Heidi in her final months. Thank you as well to Dr. Bradley Switzer and the staff at Reliant Medical Group in Worcester; Dr. Eudocia Lee and the staff at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, the staff at Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital in Worcester, and the in-home therapists from Care Central VNA.

A celebration of Heidi's life will be held next spring or summer with music, dancing, and warm memories. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Heidi's name to any of the following, Spencer Rescue Squad, St. Mary Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry in Spencer, and Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester, MA.

Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer.

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Melanie Rae Morrison, 59



NORTH BROOKFIELD- Melanie Rae Morrison, 59, of North Brookfield/West Springfield, died Sunday, October 27, 2024 in Worcester, at the Rose Monahan Hospice Home after a

courageous 11-month battle with glioblastoma.

She leaves her mother, Helen Morrison; 2 sisters, Lynn Morrison of North Brookfield and Patricia Lowell and her husband Robert, of East Brookfield; a niece, Alyssa Lowell and two nephews, Joshua Lowell and Samuel Lowell; her best friend, Jim Phillips, of Springfield, and the Daniels family of Southampton, with whom she was very close, along with many other friends. She also leaves her 3 beloved cats Snowy, Sebastian and Katy and her horse Duke.

Melanie made lifelong friends wherever she went, whether it was at work,

her Princess House family, people from different farms and horse events. She was very involved in the Equine Affaire and the Blandford Fair. You could always find her doing charity work for an animal shelter, or judging a horse show. Melanie was also a wonderful photographer. She found beauty and captured it in her photography for the world to see.

Melanie worked at Urology Group of Western New England as a Surgical Coordinator for many years, where she had many great friends.

The funeral for Melanie was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 with a Mass at 11:00AM in St Joseph's Church 296 N Main St North Brookfield. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

North Brookfield officials post warrant for Special Town Meeting

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Residents will vote on several articles during a Special Town Meeting this month.

The meeting will take place on Friday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. inside the North Brookfield Elementary School auditorium.

The warrant includes 17 articles. Officials have posted the warrant for review prior to the meeting.

Article 2 asks whether voters support transferring \$300,000 from available funds to Group Health. Article 3 addresses the proposed transfer of \$90,000 from available funds to Town Administrator Salary.

If passed, Article 8 would transfer a sum of money from available funds to Prior Year Bills to pay engineering costs for the downtown sidewalk project.

Article 11 asks whether voters support transferring \$3,761.42 from the Council on Aging's receptionist payroll to its janitor payroll.

Article 12 covers a proposed transfer of funds within the police department, while Articles 13 and 14 focus on sewer operations and projects.

Article 15, if passed, would authorize the transfer of \$3,706.85 from "Water: Retained Earnings" to "Water: Unpaid Bills."

Article 16 covers a proposed transfer of funds within the library, while the final article focuses on a sewer stabilization account.

Copies of the warrant have been posted at the library, Post Office, police department, and the Town House.

Spencer PD looks to fill openings

SPENCER — The Spencer Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for two anticipated police officer openings.

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General Bids will be received until **1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27, 2024** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

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Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024** (may be viewed and downloaded

electronically at no cost).

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLC (david.mcclave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. **NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.**

A pre-bid walkthrough is scheduled for **Thursday, November 14, 2024** at 10:00 AM at 29 East Main Street, West Brookfield, MA. Meet at the Community Building (Building #7).

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc.

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November 8, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Hector N. Perez, Breanna E. LeBrun to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Evolve Bank & Trust, dated August 7, 2019 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60846, Page 72, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Evolve Bank & Trust, its successors and assigns to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, recorded on July 16, 2024, in Book No. 70760, at Page 269

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on November 26,

2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 89 Meadow Road, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land located in the Town of Spencer, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, located on the northwesterly side of Meadow Road, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the northwesterly line of said Meadow Road, and at the most southerly corner of Lot 3 as shown on a plan hereinafter referred to

THENCE S. 40° 5' 22" West, 100.0 feet, by the said line of Meadow Road, to an iron pin at the most easterly corner of Lot 1 as shown on the aforesaid plan;

THENCE N. 53° 28' 42" West, 210.99 feet by the said line of Lot 1, to an iron pin;

THENCE continuing by the same course, 11 feet, more or less, to the southeasterly line of Seven Mile River; THENCE northeasterly 105 feet, more or less, by the said Seven Mile River to a point which is 14 feet, N. 53° 16' 37" West from an iron pin;

THENCE S. 53° 16' 37" East by Lot 3, 14 feet, more or less to the aforesaid iron pin;

THENCE continuing by the same course, and by the line of said Lot 3, 186.68 feet, to the place of beginning. Shown as Lot 2, on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots in Spencer, Mass., being conveyed by Paul and Jeanne H. Gaucher, to Rural Housing Improvement, Inc., Scale: 1" = 40', October 13, 1977, Robert F. Para, Land Surveyor, Southbridge, Mass."

Said plan being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 444, Plan 50.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds

in Book 60846, Page 67.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
26392

November 1, 2024
November 8, 2024
November 15, 2024

LEGALS

Legal Notice

On October 23, 2024, the Brookfield Board of Health adopted the following regulations.

Town of Brookfield Board of Health Marijuana Regulations
In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, section 31 and any other enabling law, the Brookfield Board of Health adopts the following regulations: REGULATION TO ENSURE THE SANITARY AND SAFE OPERATION OF MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE SALE OF MARIJUANA AND CANNABIDIOL and REGULATION OF MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS TO PREVENT NUISANCE.

The purpose of these regulations is to safeguard the health and welfare of the residents and visitors of the Town of Brookfield. The following is a partial summary of this regulation.

The Town of Brookfield is promulgating rules and regulations which provide minimum operating requirements to be met by any marijuana establishment seeking to operate within the Town of Brookfield. The intention of the regulations is to protect the public health and welfare by ensuring local oversight and inspection of Marijuana Establishments and the sale of marijuana and cannabidiol by the Board of Health consistent with the authority given to municipalities under G.L. c. 94G, 935 CMR 500.000, and 935 CMR 501.000 and to prevent all nuisances from noise, odor or otherwise which may be injurious to the public health, safety, or welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield.

These requirements shall include, but not be limited to, operating requirements of marijuana establishments including cultivation, processing, manufacturing, delivery, sale, and use of marijuana and marijuana products to ensure compliance with all laws, by-laws, regulations or policies applicable to similar activities. This shall include, but not be limited to compliance with food service permit requirements, air quality regulations, electronic cigarette regulations, and nuisance laws.

Interested parties are encouraged to read a full copy of the regulation, which can be obtained at the Brookfield Board of Health Office or on our website.

Effective Date

These regulations are formally adopted by the Board on October 23, 2024. These regulations shall be effective as of November xx, 2024.

November 8, 2024

THE TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held Monday, November 25, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. in the Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield; on the application made by Timothy & Cynthia Dugas, Dugas Roadhouse, LLC d/b/a the ClamBox, 245 West Main Street For a license to Sell All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages To Be Drunk on the Premises.

All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting.
Board of Selectmen
November 8, 2024

THE TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held Monday, November 25, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. in the Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield; on the request to transfer a Wine & Malt Beverages license from BayPath Lanes LLC. d/b/a Bogey Lanes to Moe & Sam Bowling Lanes, LLC d/b/a Bogey Lanes, 199 North Brookfield Road All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting.
Board of Selectmen
November 8, 2024
November 15, 2024

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit, for Keith & Marie Arsenault for the property located at 77 Lake Shore

Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to demolish the existing cottage and replace it with a year-round dwelling. A Special Permit is required per section(s) -1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al).

November 1, 2024
November 8 2024

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit, for Jason Butland represented by Steve Leger, for the property located at 90 Lake View Ave., West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build stairs from the dwelling down to the lake. A variance is required as per section(s) -4 Dimensional Requirements & §4.2 Schedule of Dimensional Requirements (a) (et al).

November 8, 2024
November 15, 2024

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. WO91P1127

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate Of:

Alfred G. Dumas

Date of Death: 03/29/1976

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Claire M. Dumas of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Claire M. Dumas of Spencer 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 11/19/2024**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: October 15, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 8, 2024

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. WO24P3683EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate Of:

Norma G Cernauskas

Date of Death: 09/20/24

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will**

with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Russell Cernauskas of North Brookfield MA**

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

Russell Cernauskas of North Brookfield 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 11/26/2024**

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

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

Date: October 28, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 8, 2024

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. WO24P3679EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate Of:

Lynda M Provost

Date of Death: 12/21/2019

To all interested persons:

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

Jeanne M Provost-Marriott of West Brookfield MA

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

Jeanne M Provost-Marriott of West Brookfield 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 11/26/2024**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal

Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: October 29, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 8, 2024

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD MASSACHUSETTS BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **November 20, 2024** at 6:30 P.M., at the Banquet Hall at the Brookfield Town Hall, on a Request for Determination of Applicability for the address listed for 34 Fiskdale Road. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. and Wednesday from 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.

William Meeker

Chair, Brookfield

Conservation Commission

November 8, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608

Docket No. WO24P3328GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OR OTHER

PROTECTIVE ORDER PERSON PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

In the matter of:

Raymond L. Delisle

Of: Brookfield, MA

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

John A. Delisle of Sturbridge, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Raymond L. Delisle** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **John A. Delisle of Sturbridge, MA**

(or some suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **11/19/2024**.

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: October 18, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman

November 8, 2024

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last 5K down.”
In the later stages of his high school career, Fournier’s endurance and stamina helped him pull away from competitors, even when he was trailing.
“He shows incredible focus during races, often surging at the end of a race to pass runners who were far ahead,” Everett added. “I recall one race several years ago where he entered the last 200 meters of Oxford’s course in fifth place. He focused

in on them and was able to outstrip them all and claim first place.”

Reflecting on his accomplishments, Fournier is able to celebrate a title that no other male athlete has claimed in the 12-year history of the LHS cross country program. In doing so, he has also created a roadmap for the success of future Leicester athletes.

“Winning SWCL this year has been a dream come true and an incredible feeling. Being the first boy in Leicester’s history

to do so means that my accomplishment is more than just a product of the system—it’s a result of hard work and self-motivation,” Fournier said. “Running by myself almost every day for seven years wasn’t very easy, and not being able to run off campus during practice didn’t help. So, knowing that my work finally paid off is a breath of fresh air. Even if it’s just in my small town of Leicester, my name will be written in the history books.”

SQUARES
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Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian. “With Veterans Day right around the corner, it is very appropriate for our students to say thank you for your service. LPS will continue to honor our veterans in every way possible.”
Meanwhile, project leaders also intend to utilize technology as an educational tool to keep veterans’ stories alive.
“In addition to the obvious need for repairs, the new signs with the veter-

an’s name on it will have a QR code that will give the viewer the full background and circumstance of the veteran who the square is named after,” said Selectman Doug Belanger, who is also a member of the Sons of the American Legion. “We can never repay our debt to them, but we can certainly show the respect they deserve.”
Commander McKeon also explained to officials that project leaders are not seeking funds from the town, as they are planning to hold fundraising events and accept donations to cover the entire

cost of the project.
Following McKeon’s presentation, the four Select Board members in attendance expressed support for the project.
Additionally, Select Board permission was unanimously granted to project leaders during the special session.



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Leicester Police Log

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:59 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 8:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:26 a.m.: ambulance (Flint Way), transported; 8:58 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:18 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:27 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:40 a.m.: suspicious mv (Pine Street), services rendered; 12:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 1:18 p.m.: welfare check (Flint Way), services rendered; 1:30 p.m.: debris in road (Mill Street), services rendered; 1:37 p.m.: fraud (Stafford Street), report taken; 3:53 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Howard Terrace), unable to serve; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:10 p.m.: welfare check (Virginia Drive), services rendered; 7:01 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), unfounded; 9:01 p.m.: accident (Stafford Street), resolved; 11:40 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), resolved.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:07 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to; 1:03 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 4:55 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), Alfered Himea Johnson, 27, 160 Canterbury Street, Worcester, failure to stop for police, no inspection sticker, reckless operation, failure to stop/yield, marked lanes violation, speeding, arrest; 8:36 a.m.: suspicious mv (Folsom Street), gone on arrival; 9:19 a.m.: debris in road (Henshaw Street), resolved; 9:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:38 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, up w/suspended license, no inspection sticker, criminal application issued; 11:57 a.m.: animal complaint (Auburn Street), referred; 12:59 p.m.: accident (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, unregistered mv, arrest; 1:44 p.m.: assist citizen (Dale Street), resolved; 2:00 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 3:12 p.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), unable to serve; 4:03 p.m.: accident (Marshall Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, mv towed; 5:05 p.m.: investigation (Peter Salem Road), report taken; 6:51 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 7:25 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), no action required; 8:45 p.m.: assist citizen (Victoria Drive).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

1:12 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:25 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 2:16 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 4:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:08 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, use of electronic device while driving/1st offense, criminal application issued; 10:14 a.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), served; 11:50 a.m.: lobby service (South Main Street), summons served; 2:15 p.m.: suspicious person (Baldwin Street), report taken; 2:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, marked lanes violation, criminal application issued; 3:35 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, unregistered mv, failure to notify RMV of name/address change, criminal application issued; 3:51 p.m.: ambulance (Bell Street, Spencer), transported; 6:43 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:50 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:44 p.m.: suspicious mv (River Street), resolved; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street),

nal application issued; 10:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, registration not in possession, criminal application issued; 11:37 p.m.: disturbance (Mannville Street), services rendered.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

12:17 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), mv towed; 12:32 a.m.: ambulance (Chestnut Street, Spencer), transported; 1:13 a.m.: noise complaint (Pleasant Street), gone on arrival; 2:59 a.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), transported to hospital; 3:30 a.m.: suspicious mv (River Street), spoken to; 5:53 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 7:03 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 7:10 a.m.: ambulance (Craig Street), transported; 7:38 a.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), assisted; 7:42 a.m.: assist other agency (Peter Salem Road), services rendered; 8:33 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 9:00 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, lights violation, criminal application issued; 9:12 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, speeding, criminal application issued; 10:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:22 a.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), gone on arrival; 10:50 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/license suspended for OUI, criminal application issued; 10:52 a.m.: erratic operator (Soojians Drive), resolved; 11:11 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 11:27 a.m.: residential alarm (Stafford Street), resolved; 12:01 p.m.: mv stop (location of stop not noted on police log), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 1:11 p.m.: assist other agency (Peter Salem Road), services rendered; 1:13 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 3:01 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 3:06 p.m.: family problem (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), resolved; 10:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

12:24 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:37 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:53 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 5:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 9:08 a.m.: ambulance (Whittemore Street), transported; 9:17 a.m.: ambulance (Second Street), transported; 9:25 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:32 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), verbal warning; 3:08 p.m.: suspicious mv (River Street), no action required; 4:19 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeside Avenue, Worcester), transported; 4:28 p.m.: welfare check (Marshall Street), services rendered; 5:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:42 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Towtard Street), services rendered; 5:55 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 5:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 5:58 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 8:27 p.m.: ambulance (Chestnut Street, Spencer), transported; 10:08 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:49 a.m.: assist other agency (Howard Terrace), spoken to; 2:04 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), transported to hospital; 3:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:57 mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, speeding, criminal application issued; 5:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:50 a.m.: welfare check (Pryor Road), transported; 10:09 a.m.: neighbor dispute (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved; 11:16 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 11:31 a.m.: threats (Monterey Drive), resolved; 1:19 p.m.: larceny (Soojians Drive), report taken; 6:38 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), resolved; 8:15 p.m.: suspicious mv (Waite Street), investigated; 8:33 p.m.: ambulance

(Main Street), transported; 9:23 p.m.: suspicious activity (Cricklewood Drive), services rendered; 9:52 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Drive), transported.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

2:09 a.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), investigated; 3:39 a.m.: ambulance (Locust Street), transported; 7:15 a.m.: erratic operator (Auburn Street), services rendered; 10:03 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), spoken to; 11:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:45 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 11:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:24 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 2:56 p.m.: ambulance (Crystal Street, Paxton), transported; 3:18 p.m.: illegal dumping (Washburn Street), report taken; 5:06 p.m.: ambulance (Siani Road), transported; 5:11 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), unfounded; 5:52 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 6:23 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive); 9:51 p.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), no action required; 10:00 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported.

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Spencer Police Log

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

12:37-1:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:34 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant View Road); 4:45 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 5:19 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 8:06 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:59 a.m.: officer wanted (East Charlton Road), VIN verification; 10:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), rep. sales of multiple pistols/revolvers; 12:06 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:05 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Lyford Road), illegal burn; 2:17 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:38 p.m.: mv lockout (Meadow Road), assisted; 3:24 p.m.: juvenile matter (Lake Street), rep. trespassing; 4:08 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Village), services rendered; 4:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), rep. trying to retrieve property; 5:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Old Farm Road), rep. trespassing; 6:31 p.m.: medical/general (East Charlton Road); 8:24 p.m.: mv complaint (Paxton Road), mv doing donuts in lot; 8:54 p.m.: medical/general (Summit Street); 9:19 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:21 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:39 p.m.: residential alarm (Paxton Road), services rendered; 9:57 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; (total daily mv stops - 3).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

12:29-2:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), dead animal in road; 4:55 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 7:53 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:04 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dead animal in road; 8:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), re: emails from ex; 12:39 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 12:47 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 1:10 p.m.: restraining order service (Northwest Road); 1:16 p.m.: medical/general (Marble Road); 5:14 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), rep. incident; 6:39 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), light in sky/mot moving; 7:45 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 8:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), apt. lockout; 11:33 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; (total daily mv stops - 6).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:49-2:56 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:23 a.m.: medical/general (Kittredge Road); 3:06 a.m.: mv alarm (Paxton Road), services rendered; 7:56 a.m.: arrest warrant service (West Main Street), Keith P. Rexford, Junior, 36, 19 Bixby Road, Spencer, warrant, op w/suspended license/subsequent criminal violation, arrest; 8:45 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:55 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 10:33 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), car being worked on in road; 11:03 a.m.: residential alarm (Sunberg Road), resolved; 11:43 a.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), referred; 11:56 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 12:31 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 12:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 2:35

p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 3:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 3:33 p.m.: mv repossessed (Mechanic Street), info rec'd; 4:01 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 4:09 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), loose dog; 5:09 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Whittemore Drive); 5:40 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (North Brookfield Road), poss. illegal burn; 6:20 p.m.: fire (Temple Street), referred/cat in tree; 7:34 p.m.: mutual aid (Point Eastalee Drive), Leicester PD req. welfare check; 8:08 p.m.: fraud (Mechanic Street), report taken; (total daily mv stops - 6).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:17-3:55 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:52 a.m.: disturbance (North Spencer Road), unwanted party; 3:23 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), barking dog; 5:54 a.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 7:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Brooks Pond Road), small dog found; 8:25 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 8:28 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 9:51 a.m.: fraud (Jolicoeur Avenue), report taken; 9:59 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), license plate found; 10:55 a.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 12:24 p.m.: residential alarm (Clark Road), services rendered; 12:36 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 1:32 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:11 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), req. welfare check; 2:51 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), investigated; 3:14 p.m.: medical/general (Fourth Avenue); 3:26 p.m.: disabled mv (McDonald Street), assisted; 3:42 p.m.: medical/general (Bell Street); 3:59 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 4:33 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:41 p.m.: hit/run accident (Prospect Street), report taken; 8:26 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:53 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 11:17 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 11:35 p.m.: suspicious mv (Roys Drive), investigated; (total daily mv stops - 2).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

12:03 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 1:20 a.m.: residential alarm (Cooney Road), services rendered; 1:41 a.m.: juvenile matter (Wire Village Road), group of kids in area; 4:10 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:01 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:33 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Auburn PD bolo; 12:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), rep. dog abuse; 2:04 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 5:06 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 9:19 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: custody exchange; 9:25 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Paxton PD req. add'l patrols; (total daily mv stops - 0).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

1:26-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:19 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street), lift assist; 7:06 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:43 a.m.: 911 call (Thornberry Circle) misdial; 8:23 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 10:05 a.m.: fire alarm (Donnelly Cross Road), referred; 10:28 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 11:03 a.m.: mv repossessed (Elm Street), info rec'd; 11:27 a.m.: medical/general (Kittredge Road); 11:37 a.m.: restraining order service (Richland Avenue); 12:01 p.m.: fraud (Valley Street), report taken; 12:01 p.m.: hit/run accident (Mechanic Street); 12:26 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), State Police bolo; 12:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), loose dog; 1:31 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:25 p.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:58 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:06 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Smithville Road), illegal burn; 3:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Lake Street), poss. rabies exposure; 3:44 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), tall grass blocking line-of-sight; 4:02 p.m.: citizen complaint (Ash Street), trucks blocking roadway; 4:56 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 5:45 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 6:36 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), lg. truck speeding; 7:36 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 8:02 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:23 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 11:37 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); (total daily mv stops - 3).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:45 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 12:56-1:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:29 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 5:49 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 5:52 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:18 a.m.: medical/general (Valley View Drive); 6:40 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:52 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), conducting drill; 10:50 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 2:56 p.m.: restraining order service (Paxton Road); 4:18 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 5:09 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:39 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:17 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 9:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), family dispute; (total daily mv stops - 2).

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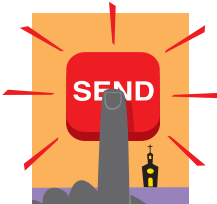
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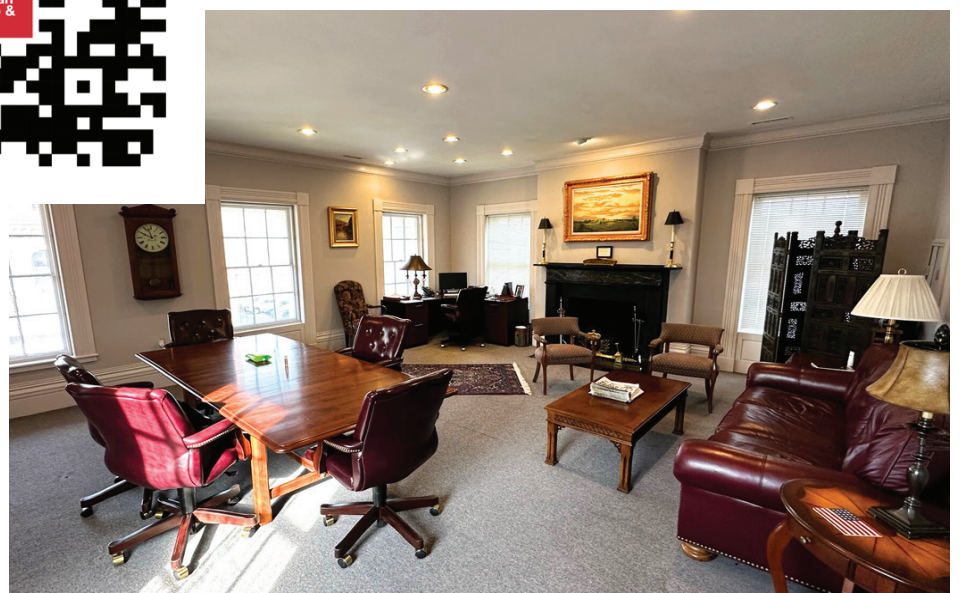


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