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## Kustigian honored for service to Leicester schools



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Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian, left, is congratulated by Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Interim Commissioner Russell Johnston.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Dr. Brett Kustigian, Superintendent of Leicester Public Schools, was recently honored by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) for 15 years of service. The ceremony was part of the MASS annual business meeting held on May 23 at the Royal Plaza

Hotel in Marlborough. Superintendent Kustigian was one of eight superintendents honored across the Commonwealth. "I have been fortunate to be surrounded by good people in my entire career, and I am humble and grateful to be recognized for having longevity in what can sometimes be a difficult job," Kustigian said. Earlier in the week,

Kustigian was evaluated by the Leicester School Committee. Donna McCance, Chair of the School Committee, offered glowing reviews on the Superintendent's performance. "This recognition comes on the heels of Dr. Kustigian receiving a unanimous exemplary

rating from the Leicester School Committee in their End of Cycle Summative Evaluation Report," McCance said. "He was particularly noted for developing his vision of expanding educational opportunities through the development of the Certified Nursing Assistant program, Fire Science, Building and Property Maintenance, Early Education and Care, and Advanced Manufacturing (Innovation Pathway)."

Kustigian has led several other large-scale projects for the district, including the transition of high school students to the former Becker College campus. With the leadership of Kustigian and LHS administrators, the multi-phase transition was a major success. LHS recently held its graduation exercises on the campus to celebrate the Class of 2024. Looking ahead, the school leadership team has visions for many new opportunities provided on campus.

"The entire school community recognizes and values the exciting opportunities Dr. Kustigian has brought to the Town of Leicester," McCance added. "His attitude that we are all in this together has formed impactful relationships in our town that are making great things happen."

## Leicester voters pass all but one warrant article

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Less than a month after the Annual Town Meeting was recessed due to disagreements between the Select Board and Advisory Committee, the continuation of the meeting last week showed no signs of the prior strife.

All but one of the 24 articles reviewed by voters during the June 4 continuation session passed. The meeting lasted 90 minutes.

Residents were surprised and refreshed by the reversal in mood from the May 7 Town Meeting, which abounded with disagreements between the boards over the opening articles. Ultimately, after the discord and confusion continued on May 7, a resident made a motion that Town Meeting recess to allow the boards to meet and reconcile their differences.

On May 22, members of both boards met at a mediation session. Town Moderator Doug Belanger served as mediator, while former town moderator Don Cherry served as the event's moderator.

Residents and officials alike ascribe the success of the June 4 Town Meeting to the results of the mediation hearing.

"Things started moving in the right direction once people began listening to each other about their concerns and finding some middle ground," Belanger said. "I am proud of both boards for participating in the process and working to find that middle ground."

All major articles wound up passing on June 4, including the FY 2025 budget. Most of the articles passed overwhelmingly.

The only article that narrowly failed was Article 22, which involved a proposed zoning bylaw change to allow mixed use in a particular district.

Meanwhile, residents and officials commend Belanger for offering his services as a mediator to help the boards navigate the impasse.

The May 22 mediation meeting began with basic agreements and commitments among each board to strive for a favorable outcome, then moved into more substantive talks.

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## Haston Library offers exciting slate of summer programs

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Local residents and families are invited to take part in exciting programs this summer at Haston Free Public Library.

A needle felting workshop will take place on June 27 at 6 p.m. The program is intended for adults, and space is limited. Registration is required to attend.

The library's Book Discussion Group will meet on June 25 at 7 p.m. Group members will read "Jersey Breaks" by Robert Pinsky.

The library's Movie Discussion Group will resume in July. If you enjoy watching movies and discussing them with friends, contact the library about opportunities to join this group.

For young readers and their families, the library offers Story Time sessions on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Books and crafts will focus on such summertime themes as the beach, plants, fireflies, and owls.

A children's art club is also available at the library. The club meets on the first and third Monday of each month from 4-5 p.m.

A nature-themed program will be offered to youngsters on Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m. Kids will learn about the life cycles and habitats of butterflies, as well as their importance to our ecosystem.

Meanwhile, a nature walk will take place on Wednesday, June 26, at 10 a.m. The location is Wendemuth Meadow (25 Bates St., North Brookfield). This event will be hosted by East Quabbin Land Trust.

Guests are also invited to help shape future library programming by participating in a survey.

"Please take our anonymous community survey. Your answers will help us to shape our Strategic Plan for the next five years," read a statement released by the library.

As a reminder to patrons, the library will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth.

The library will also be closed on Saturdays during the months of July and August.

To learn more about upcoming programs at the library, or to register for a summertime activity, call 508-867-0208.

You may also send an email to: [hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com).

## Leicester EDC promotes development

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — The Leicester Economic Development Committee (EDC) is exploring several opportunities to promote growth and development in town.

In April, the committee held a public forum asking residents to share their visions for community improvements. Several people stepped up to the podium and presented their ideas.

Briana Azier, of Bri's Sweet Treats in Rochdale, described her vision for expanded use of the Town Common. She mentioned the popularity of the Concerts on the Common

series and the September Harvest Fair, and she would like to see more events that will bring the community together. She even offered to help get programs started.

Meanwhile, Grace Reinke, a Leicester High School graduate and current college student, would like to create events and attractions for students of all ages.

"Grace envisioned outdoor painting events that could morph into regular classes, a dodgeball league for kids, or a trampoline park," read a statement released by the EDC.

Town Clerk Pam LaFleur envisions creating a quick guide for new town residents, enabling them to learn what is available in Leicester. The guide could also help people understand how to conduct business, get permits, and reach important contacts.

Another Leicester resident, Joe McGinn, would like to see mixed-use development along Route 9 West. He understands that new projects must be balanced with the town's natural resources and infrastructure.

"They should be well-

planned with flexible zoning to accommodate them," McGinn said of the projects.

Having heard several additional suggestions at the forum, the EDC is now taking steps to help make various visions a reality.

"Briana Azier's idea to bring more activities to the Town Common is already happening. The Parks and Recreation Committee will sponsor some brand new Family Fun Food Festivals on four Tuesdays over the summer," the EDC stated.

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Courtesy

## LHS TRACK SENDS SIX TO DISTRICT E DECATHLON

Six members of Leicester High School's track team participated in the District E Decathlon last week. They competed on June 3 and 4. Our official team that scored consisted of Dyland Delage, Cooper White, and Jason Fournier. Our other three runners consisted of Jeremiah Kinsumba, Ben Rivera, and Lucas Sampaio. Five of our six runners also finished in the top 10 overall athletes. There were 56 participants. Events included Discus, High Jump, Triple Jump, Javelin, Long Jump, 1500 M, 400M, 100 M, 110H, and Shotput. Along with the team's first place finish overall, several team members placed in the Top 10: 2nd Overall: Jeremiah Kinsumba, Sophomore- 4934 points; 5th Overall: Jason Fournier, Junior- 4704; 6th overall- Dylan Delage- Junior- 4667; 7th Overall- Cooper White- Junior- 4653; 8th Overall- Ben Rivera- Sophomore- 4470.



# Brookfield offers summer activities for the family

BROOKFIELD — Local residents are invited to take part in several fun family activities and recreation events in Brookfield this summer.

The Brookfield Cultural Council's Summer Art Circus will take place on Friday, June 14, from 5-8 p.m. on the Town Common. The event will offer free tarot readings and face painting, hula hoop performances and workshops, a belly dancing troupe, and a magi-

cian, among other highlights.

Local author Diane Buzzell recently spoke at Merrick Public Library. The program was part of an ongoing schedule of free cultural and educational programming offered at the library. To learn more about the programs and others on the schedule this summer, contact the library.

The Brookfield Garden

Club is always hosting exciting programs. The club recently hosted a photo workshop with Don Roberts at the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill.

Meanwhile, there are several fun recreational opportunities available at White's Landing, which is offering special programs throughout June in celebration of River's Month. Guests can enjoy river tours, paddle tours,

and a number of other activities.

Residents of North and South Pond get together every Sunday at 8 a.m. for a paddle around the lake, or through area rivers. Kayaks and SUPs are welcome.

Several other local businesses, organizations, and activities are being promoted this summer by town officials. These include Epic Pastries, a

fully licensed residential bakery located on Allen Road in town.

Additionally, the Farmer at the Door resource is operated by the Petrie Family Farm in Brimfield. The service delivers goods from over 30 farms, including Grimes Apiary and Turnabout Farms in Brookfield.

Moreover, Overlook Farm offers organic, fresh

vegetables, fruit, flowers, herbs, free range eggs, and high-quality hay.

Two of the most frequently visited businesses in Brookfield are The Clam Box and Oakholm Brewing. Residents are invited to stop by and check out their offerings.

To learn more about upcoming programs and activities in Brookfield, visit [www.brookfieldma.us](http://www.brookfieldma.us).

## Grant supports LMS D.C. trip

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Thanks to grant assistance provided by a national history program, eighth graders from Leicester Middle School are headed back to Washington, D.C. for an unforgettable field trip.

Leicester recently received a \$1,000 grant from the American Battlefield Trust's History Field Trip Grant Program. The trip will provide students with several hands-on history

learning opportunities. Grants are awarded based on a competitive national application process. LMS leaders are thrilled with the grant award supporting their field trip.

Leicester is sending students on a field trip to Washington, D.C. for the 36th year.

"This field trip has always provided students with a once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with American history at our nation's capital.

These learning experiences will stay with them forever," read a statement released by LMS social studies teacher Norman Everett.

The American Battlefield Trust is the largest battlefield land preservation organization in

the country, having saved more than 562,000 acres across 24 states. The lands provide students, families, veterans, and history devotees with chances to visit preserved battlefields and walk in the footsteps of the soldiers who fought there.

"The Trust strives to produce excellent educational resources in a variety of formats for both educators and the public alike, ensuring that Americans never forget how their country was forged," read a statement released by the organization.

Each year, the Trust receives applications from schools across the country to participate in the History Field Trip Grant Program. The program offers funding and assistance to K-12 teachers planning field trips to Civil War, War of 1812, or Revolutionary War battlefields and related historic sites.

Officials are thrilled that, in addition to students reading about historic locations in class, the grant funds are enabling them to see the places described in history books.

"These kids get a chance to go to where history was made, where our country was created and defined," said Trust President David Duncan. "Battlefields are outdoor classrooms that will teach Americans

about our democratic republic."

The American Battlefield Trust commends school leaders at LMS for continuing to foster a love of history among students.

"Leicester Middle School has enormous enthusiasm for teaching history and is excited

to utilize Washington D.C. as an outdoor classroom that will give its students a meaningful and memorable experience. The American Battlefield Trust is proud to support and empower such excellent educators as they inspire the next generation of proud Americans," the organi-

zation's statement read.

The American Battlefield Trust, a non-profit organization, helps thousands of students discover history in person each year.

To learn more about the organization, visit [www.battlefields.org](http://www.battlefields.org).

## URI students named to Spring 2024 Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2024 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries. They include:

Haven Hubacz of Brookfield  
Megan Genaway of Brookfield  
Colby Constantine of Leicester  
Luke Snow Girard of Spencer  
Gabby Cervi of Spencer  
Elizabeth Czaja of West Brookfield  
Evona Bolaske of West Brookfield

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

About the University of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island is a diverse and dynamic community whose members are connected by a common quest for knowledge. As a global education leader and the state of Rhode Island's flagship public research institution, URI offers distinctive opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow. Founded in 1892, URI now enrolls more than 18,000 students and offers more than 200 degree programs across nine schools and colleges. As a land- and sea-grant institution, URI is a key driver of economic development in Rhode Island and contributes significantly to the health and vitality of the state, the New England region, and the nation. To learn more, visit: [uri.edu](http://uri.edu).

## American International College celebrates 2024 graduates

SPRINGFIELD — American International College (AIC) held its 139th commencement ceremony on May 11 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, celebrating more than 600 graduates in the Class of 2024.

Justin Howard of W. Brookfield received a Bachelor of Science degree in the Exercise Science program.

Elizabeth Lundberg of Brookfield received a Doctor of Education degree in the Educational Leadership and Supervision program.

Keynote speaker Michael D. Smith - the CEO of AmeriCorps - regaled graduates, their families, and AIC faculty and staff with stories from his youth, growing up in the McKnight neighborhood of Springfield. Smith spoke of how being part of a community at the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield planted the seeds for his future in which he leads the country's largest public volunteer force.

The ceremony saw 216 bachelor's degrees, 279 master's, seventy-two certificates of graduate study, and thirty-six doctorates awarded. The College's Interim President Nicolle Cestero invited the soon-to-be alumni to maintain close ties with their alma mater: "Return to the College often and stay connected with the community that has shaped you into the remarkable individual you are today. Whatever tomorrow holds for you, remember the lessons you've learned here, the challenges you've overcome, and the dreams that have fueled your aspirations."

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.



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





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# Folk troubadours offering daily hikes, free concerts throughout Hampden County

REGION — Since 2010, singer-songwriters Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards have organized a grassroots bipedal trek annually to raise awareness of recreational greenspace throughout the state and create folk coffeehouse-style musical events in each town. This June, sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Blackstone Valley Music & Performing Arts Collaborative, the 13th Annual Massachusetts Walking Tour will offer a series of daily public hikes and free community concerts, while walking with their backpacks and instruments from Holland to Wilbraham. Hiking properties featured include Westville Dam, Stevens Brook Sichel Community Forest, Lucy Stone Park, Midura Family Conservation Area and Rice Preserve/Sunrise Peak. Most days include an option for a short hike with the group and then each evening a free community concert. The concert venues include the Holland Community Center,

Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, Lucy Stone Park in Warren, Second Congregational Church in Palmer and Wilbraham Public Library. For complete details, visit [www.masswalkingtour.org](http://www.masswalkingtour.org).

The Massachusetts Walking Tour has performed more than 135 concerts in 120 towns across the state, partnering with the National Parks Service, Mass Audubon, Trustees, DCR, Freedoms Way and AMC to hike sections of the Appalachian Trail, Mid-State Trail, New England National Scenic Trail, Bay Circuit Trail, Cape Cod Rail Trail, South Coast Bikeway and many of the region's smaller recreational greenspaces. In 2017, Senator Ed Markey officially recognized the Massachusetts Walking Tour in the congressional record for an annual commitment to promoting trails, arts and culture throughout the state.

"Our intention is simply to help people understand the importance of greenspace in our busy

lives by inviting them out for a walk, to see younger and older folks hiking together, sharing thoughts on a nice day out in the woods," states co-founder Mark Mandeville. "As for the concerts, we do our best to create a respectful listening environment which highlights local performers, artists and folks with good work to announce — in that way, each concert is unique."

Aside from organizing the Massachusetts Walking Tour, performing and recording their original compositions, Mandeville and Richards have served for over a decade as music teachers in central MA and this year in 2024 the couple helped form the non-profit Blackstone Valley Music and Performing Arts Collaborative to assist the operation of their music school, continuing all the great programs there such as individualized music lessons, Rock Band Camp and Community Coffeehouse nights.

June 21  
Daily Hike: Westville Recreation Area 9 a.m.  
125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge  
Concert: Holland Community Center, 6 p.m.  
40 Brimfield Rd., Holland

June 22  
Daily Hike: Stevens Brook Sichel Community Forest 10 a.m.  
1 Blodgett Rd., Holland  
Concert: Hitchcock Academy 6 p.m.  
2 Brookfield Rd., Brimfield

June 23  
Daily Hike and Concert: Lucy Stone Park 3 p.m.  
199 Old West Brookfield Rd., Warren

June 24  
Daily Hike: Midura Family Conservation Area Noon  
568 Old Warren Rd., Palmer  
Concert: Second

Congregational Church 6 p.m.  
1080 Pleasant St., Palmer

June 25  
Daily Hike: Sunrise

Peak/Rice Preserve Noon

Concert: Wilbraham Public Library 6 p.m.  
25 Crane Park Dr., Wilbraham





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## Leicester man charged after disturbance call

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — A Leicester man is facing several charges following a disturbance call last month.

On May 24 at approximately 12:40 a.m., Leicester Police responded to a 911 call regarding a disturbance in the area of 400 Moose Hill Rd.

Moments after police received the initial report, a second 911 call was received by an involved party requesting help. The individual stated that he was being shot at by a man operating a large pickup truck, police said.

"Based on the serious nature of the initial call, officers from the Spencer Police Department, Paxton Police Department, as well as troopers from the Massachusetts State Police, also responded to assist," read a statement released by the LPD.

Upon arrival on scene, officers discovered a man, later determined to be the second 911 caller, emerging from the wood line. The man once again claimed to have been shot at by the suspect in the pickup truck, police said.

Details uncovered during the initial investigation led officers to 505 Moose Hill Rd. After speaking to a resident present at that address, followed by additional witnesses, probable cause was developed to arrest the resident, Derek Curtis, 35, of 505 Moose Hill Rd.

Curtis was charged with Assault to murder (fire-arm-armed) and Sexual conduct for a fee.

Curtis was transported to East Brookfield District Court later in the morning of May 24. Bail

was set at \$25,040.

"Following the arrest, additional interviews were conducted. Based on the results of the on-scene and post-arrest investigations, a search warrant was obtained and executed at Mr. Curtis's address on Moose Hill Road later in the afternoon of May 24," the LPD statement read.

The results of the property search led to the following additional criminal charges being filed against Curtis: Possession of an explosive device (four counts); Possession of Class E (two counts); Possession of Class B; and Fireworks possession.

Curtis was arraigned on the subsequent charges at East Brookfield District Court on May 31.

"We would like to extend our appreciation to the Spencer Police, the Paxton Police, and the Massachusetts State Police for their quick response and assistance on scene, as well as our dispatch staff at the Worcester Regional Emergency Communications Center," the LPD statement read.

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# Richard Sugden Library announces upcoming events

SPENCER — The Richard Sugden Library presents: Create your own Enchanted Fairy Garden at home and then display at Powder Mill Park on June 15 (Rain date June 22) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact cruisergirl1952@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

The Richard Sugden Library, Spencer, is also excited to have the Delvena Theater Company back! It's not an Italian Restaurant but with Lizzy Borden and the 40 Whacks. Sign up for some free, hilarious theater! June 24 from 6 – 8 p.m. The show will be held at the American Legion (175 Main St, Spencer). Cash bar available.

Interactive and hilarious murder mystery! The audience is the jury. Is she guilty? Sign up on the library Web site: www.spencerpubliclibrary.org. Sponsors: Gaudette - Kirk Post 138 American Legion Spencer, and this program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

# EAST BROOKFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

122 Connie Mack Dr., East Brookfield  
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ebplibrary@gmail.com  
Library Hours: Monday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Special Summer Events  
Ed Popielarczyk, Magic Show - Monday, June 17th at 4:00  
All ages are welcomed to attend, come see Ed do magic tricks and create his balloon art.  
Ed also has a flea circus to show you! Ed has been doing magic shows for nearly 35 years.  
Come to the library and enjoy the show.  
Gilbert and Friends - Tuesday, July 16th 10:00  
Come visit with our cute and smart special guests, Gilbert the Pig and his friends,  
Meadow and Sprinkle! Pet them, feed them, and help them with some tricks. Take pictures with our special guests and learn all about pigs! This program will be about an hour long.  
All ages welcome, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. One adult for every 2 children.  
Springfield Thunderbirds - Thursday, August 1st at 10:30  
The AHL affiliate Hockey team to the Saint Louis Blues will be at the library with “Boomer”, the team’s beloved mascot. Don’t forget your camera! This will also be our closing

summer reading program where those who participated in the summer reading program can pick up their raffle prizes.

Recurring Programs  
The library is more than just a place to find books – check out our regular programs! You can find full details on any programs in our printed newsletter. Swing by the library and pick one up! Interested in starting a group? Contact us!  
STORY-TIME – Weekly on Thursdays at 10:30am  
ACTIVITY AND PLAY - Weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30pm  
KNITTING GROUP – Weekly on Thursdays at 12:30pm  
TECHNOLOGY HELP TUESDAYS – Drop in on Tuesdays  
LIBRARY BOOK TALK GROUP – First Tuesday of the month at 12pm  
TRI-VALLEY SERVICES - Last Tuesday of the month from 1-3pm

BINGO - Last Monday of the month at 5:00pm  
POKEMON GO CLUB – Weekly on Mondays at 5pm and Thursdays at 1:00pm; non-competitive and fun group  
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# Knights of Columbus to hold spaghetti dinner

WEST BROOKFIELD — Knights of Columbus Council 11080 is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, June 22 in Dugan Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 10 Milk St., West Brookfield.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Dinner includes pasta fagioli, garden salad, meatballs & sausage, spaghetti & sauce, garlic bread, dessert, water, soda, and coffee. Cost is a \$15 donation and \$10 for children under 12 years old. Take-out is available at 6 p.m. and sit-down dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Admission tickets are also good for entry for a special door prize! Raffle tickets for a 50/50 Raffle and more will be available! Advance ticket purchase is encouraged and appreciated! Tickets are available from any Knight or by calling (508) 612-1649 or (413) 813-8100 or by emailing bobfalter@gmail.com. or wallyconnor122@gmail.com. Tickets will only be available at the door while they last!

# Local residents named to Dean’s List at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean’s List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester there were a total of 645 students from 21 states and 4 countries.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that Abigail Bernabei of Leicester been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2024 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

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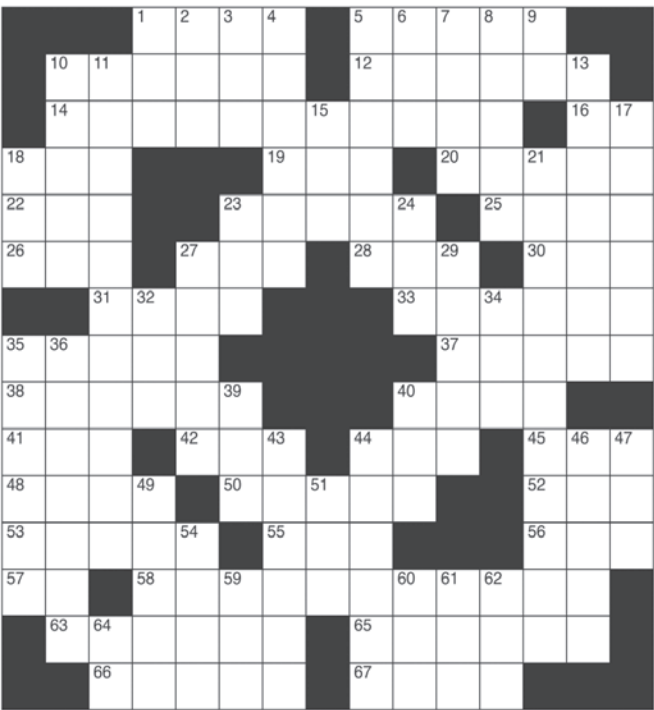
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1. Native American people  
5. Very long periods of time (Brit.)  
10. Schoolboard accessory  
12. Rods  
14. One who renews  
16. Sculpted body part  
18. Chatter incessantly  
19. King Cole, musician  
20. Plates on a turtle's shell  
22. University of Utah athlete  
23. The world of the dead  
25. Singer Redding  
26. Former Yankee great  
27. Prefix indicating wrongly  
28. Unhappy  
30. Anger  
31. Dark brown or black  
33. Restaurants have a lot of them  
35. Made a mistake  
37. Damp
38. Type of gasoline  
40. Actor LeBlanc  
41. Perform in a play  
42. One's mother  
44. Prohibit  
45. Swiss river  
48. Part of a banana  
50. Indian hand clash cymbals  
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)  
53. Agave  
55. Noted journalist Tarbell  
56. Computer firm  
57. Type of record  
58. Bacterium that can cause infection  
63. Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord  
65. A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)  
66. Pattern  
67. Very eager to see something

## CLUES DOWN

1. Witch  
2. Utilize  
3. Writing utensil  
4. Places to perform  
5. Subsides  
6. Consume  
7. Athleisure clothing brand  
8. California town  
9. Atomic #50  
10. The Muse of lyric and love poetry  
11. Creates anew  
13. Humorous commentaries  
15. Cool!  
17. Most ignoble  
18. Soggy dirt  
21. Designed to be useful  
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity  
24. High schoolers' test  
27. One-time internet accessory
29. City in India  
32. Furniture  
34. You have likely chatted with one  
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36. Proof of purchase  
39. A digital tape recording of sound  
40. More (Spanish)  
43. Disfigured  
44. White (Spanish)  
46. Building occupied by monks  
47. Georgia rock band  
49. Device that generates intense beam of light  
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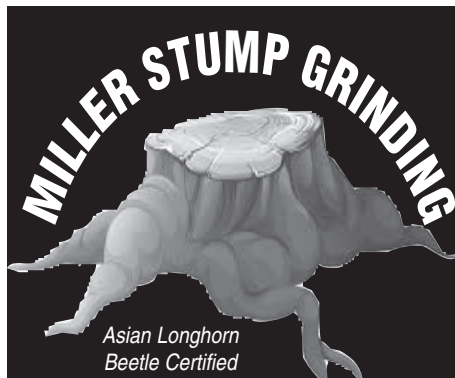
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# Fathers come in many forms

Father's Day is more than just a date on the calendar; it's a heartfelt recognition of the men who have shaped our lives in ways both profound and subtle. This special day, celebrated on the third Sunday of June in many countries, offers a chance to express our gratitude for the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who have provided us with guidance, support, and love.

Fathers come in many forms. Some are biological, others are adoptive, and still others step into the role without any formal recognition, providing the same support and love. It is in the patience shown during countless homework sessions, the strength provided during difficult times, and the joy shared in moments of triumph.

Fathers are nurturers, educators, and partners. A good father is involved in every aspect of their children's lives, from changing diapers to attending school plays, from coaching little league teams to helping with science projects.

Father's Day is an opportunity to acknowledge those who may not have a traditional father figure but have found guidance and support from other sources—single mothers, uncles, mentors, and family friends. It's a day to celebrate the concept of fatherhood in its broadest sense, recognizing all those who have stepped into the role and made a positive impact.

A simple phone call, a heartfelt card, or a shared meal can mean the world. It is these moments of connection that truly honor the spirit of fatherhood.

In a world that is often hurried and disconnected, Father's Day serves as a poignant reminder to slow down and cherish the relationships that form the foundation of our lives. It is a day to honor the men who have helped us become who we are, to thank them for their sacrifices, and to celebrate the unique bond that we share.

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# Latest antiques and collectibles auction news



Courtesy

The infamous "door" from "Titanic."

Today's column will feature some recent auction results, beginning with the collection of a Rock and Roll legend.

Over 900 items from Elton John's collection were sold earlier this year. ArtNews reports that "a pair of silver leather platform boots adorned on either side with John's initials in a vivacious red" sold for \$94,500. The sale also featured other pieces that the musician had worn, but many of the items were art, photographs, and jewelry that John had collected over time. There were 350 photographs including a nude of Nastassja Kinski with a snake coiled around her that sold for \$201,600. An untitled 1982 painting by pop artist Keith Haring

went for \$756,000. Banksy's "Thrower Triptych" from 2017 brought nearly \$2 million dollars. The auction reached \$20.5 million in total.

In more auction news, a pop culture collectible toy set an auction record this month. In 1979, Kenner Toys produced a hand-painted Boba Fett Star Wars 3.75-inch action figure with a rocket launcher. The toy was supposed to be a giveaway for people who had purchased at least four other action figures, according to the Smithsonian Magazine. The missile launching system was deemed to be a choking hazard and the Boba Fett figure never went into production. Some Kenner employees saved the prototypes, but only two of the figures are known to exist. The Boba Fett figure brought \$525,000. The previous toy auction record was for a one-of-a-kind Barbie designed by Stefano Canturi. The doll had a diamond necklace and sold for \$236,000.

In my last column, I dis-



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restaurants. The floating door that Rose (Kate Winslet) clung to at the end of the movie has received much Internet scrutiny. People claim that the piece would be big enough for Rose and Jack (Leonardo DiCaprio) to fit on, according to the Robb Report. Others noted that the "door" they were on isn't really a door and instead part of the door frame above the ship's first-class lounge entrance. The design for the prop is believed to be based on one of

did, and blame Biden.

This guy is a mob boss, plain and simple. E. Jean Carroll and Stormy Daniels, were not the only recipients of his unwanted ardor. If you are wondering why other women are not coming forward to get paid, Carroll has moved off the grid and receives daily death threats. Daniels husband says that, if Trump wins, they must leave the country. Bragg, Judge Merchon, their staffs and families get constant threats. His minions managed to publish the names and addresses of all of the jurors, so they could join the fun of all having taxpayer funded security.

Although his election would likely bring what he calls "payback", this worm already has his minions in the clownshow GOP house, doing his bidding, Gym Jordan (you will remember him as the coach who hid in his office as a player was abused in the room next door), has started to issue congressional subpoena's to whoever Trump wants bashed for political purposes. This week, it is Tony Fauci, who likely saved us a million Covid deaths, recently, it was Hunter Biden, who may need to answer in court, but the house was just for show. They had the USAG yesterday, but, since no federal case is probable to be heard pre-election, they bashed and lied about the FBI, DOJ and liberal judges. they now want DA Brag, Judge Merchon to appear and be bashed, but it has been pointed out that Jordan was among those who never honored his subpoena to the Jan. 6 committee.

We are now and still awaiting a ruling from the 6-3 partisan packed court as to whether a former president is above all federal laws. The only reason I can see, to not summarily give any ruling, is to delay all the pending cases beyond the election. Trump points with pride to the justices who all lied and said they consider Roe to be settled law, then supported a decision cited from when they still executed witches.

My folks who were lifelong Republicans, like Ike and I, remember us standing roadside waving flags and dad in his Eisenhower uniform jacket, getting a salute. Even he would be disgusted with anyone supporting such a fowl character for president. If not common sense, try common decency.

KEN KIMBALL  
BROOKFIELD

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Happy Father's Day

To the Editor:  
Dad,  
You act upbeat & positive each & every day.  
You are the epitome of goodness & kindness.  
You give outstanding, sage advice.  
You surface as an inspiration in my life.  
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You make a great dad every day of the year.  
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Dad, you are the best dad, today & every day of the year – with all my love, Happy Father's Day.  
DONALD L. GAUDETTE, SR.  
SOUTH HADLEY

The author is a former resident of Brookfield.

### Bring back common sense

To the Editor:

It is my contention that common sense, is not only uncommon, but severely lacking and nearly lost for antiquity.

How can it be possible that the same society who shamelessly chanted "Lock her up!" about the former first lady, New York Senator, Secretary of State and presidential candidate, are not now chanting "Lock him up!" about a man banned from operating a charity or doing business in the state of New York. Banned from ever running a casino by the gaming commission, forced to pay restitution for a bogus university, bankrupting so many others by payment failures, a tradition he continues to this day, guilty of more frauds than one can count, civilly liable for rape and slander, guilty of fraud in borrowing, found guilty of 34 felony counts of accounting fraud and election tampering, and twice impeached for wrongs he clearly committed. Shouldn't we be hearing chants of Lock him up, every time he appears in public? Have you noticed that claims of innocence, are bot rare and lies?

He has not yet faced any federal charges, which were called for by grand juries, and have over 90 percent conviction rates. he and his posse have not yet faced the RICO charges in Georgia, also recommended by grand juries.

I hear people touting his accomplishments. When presidents take office, the reap the rewards or problems that the prior administration left them.

Obama was left a major bank collapse by Bush #43. Trump was left a recovered and growing economy by Obama. Biden was left a closed country, where even schools were shut down and a withdrawal from Afghanistan that Trump had already surrendered. Under the Biden administration, more bills were passed than any time since LBJ, after Kennedy was assassinated. Infrastructure, climate, guns, healthcare and drug costs, national and international security were all addressed.

Even though Biden already had an immigration bill on his desk upon arrival, the path to citizenship and partisan politics kept it undone. When a bipartisan group of Senators negotiated what Mitch McConnell called "the best deal the GOP could ever hope to make," it was stopped dead by order of candidate Trump, believing that he thought voters were dumb enough to overlook what he

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If you own a business and you offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan to your employees, you'll want to stay current on the various changes affecting these types of accounts. And in 2024, you may find some interesting new developments to consider. These changes are part of the SECURE 2.0 Act, enacted at the end of 2022. And while some parts of the law went into effect in 2023 — such as the new tax credit for employer contributions to start-up retirement plans with 100 or fewer employees — others were only enacted this year.

Here are some of these changes that may interest you:

New "starter" 401(k)/403(b) – If you haven't already established a retirement plan, you can now offer a "starter" 401(k) or "safe harbor" 403(b) plan to employees who meet age and service requirements. These plans have lower contribution limits (\$6,000 per year, or \$7,000 for those 50 or older) than a typical 401(k) or 403(b) and employers can't make matching or nonelective contributions. These plans are low-cost and easy to administer but the credit for employer contributions doesn't apply, as these contributions aren't allowed, and since start-up costs are low, the tax credit for these costs will be correspondingly lower than they'd be for a full-scale 401(k) plan.

Matches for student loan payments – It's not easy for young employees to save for retirement and pay back student loans. To help address this problem, Congress included a provision in Secure 2.0 that allows employers the option to provide matching contributions to employees' retirement plans (401(k), 403(b), 457(b) and SIMPLE IRAs) when these employees make qualified student loan payments. Of course, if you offer this match for student loan payments, your costs will likely increase, although these matching contributions are tax deductible. In any case, you may want to balance any additional expense with the potential benefit of attracting and retaining employees, particularly those who have recently graduated from college.

401(k) eligibility for part-time employees – Part-time employees who are at least 21 years old and have at least 500 hours of service in three consecutive years must now be eligible to contribute to an existing 401(k) plan. The inclusion of part-time employees could lead to higher business expenses for you, depending on the amount of contributions you may make to employees' plans. Again, though, you'd be offering a benefit that could be attractive to quality part-time employees.

Emergency savings account – Many people, especially those who don't earn high incomes, have trouble building up emergency funds they can tap for unexpected costs, such as a major home or car repair or large medical expenses. Now, if you offer a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) plan, you can include a pension-linked emergency savings account (PLESA) that allows non-highly compensated employees to save up to \$2,500, a figure that will be indexed for inflation in the future. PLESA allows for tax-free monthly withdrawals without incurring a 10 percent tax penalty. PLESA contributions are made on an after-tax (Roth) basis and must be matched at the same rate as other employee contributions.

You may want to consult with your tax and financial professionals to determine how these changes may affect what you want to do with your retirement plan. The more you know, the better your decisions likely will be.

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# Celebrate Local Produce Offerings

The pleasures of a New England garden are the rewards of enduring the long, hard winter. Red, ripe tomatoes heavy on the vine; green bean tendrils spiraling skyward, and corn stalks waving in the wind, hold the promise of a healthy summer harvest. But it's not necessary to grow your own fruits or vegetables to reap the many benefits of home grown goodness. Freshly picked produce is as close as area farm stands and farmer's markets. The Stonebridge Press environs boast numerous open air markets that feature a variety of healthy and affordable garden offerings. Area farmers market events are a favored destination for weekend shoppers, and many families make the trip to the open air markets a seasonal ritual. With fresh food, friendly chat, the piece of mind of buying locally sourced food and the satisfaction of knowing your purchase is supporting small farms, it's a win-win situation for both buyers and growers.

**Benefits of Buying Local:** While enjoying fresh fruit and produce may be what draws people to a farmers market, the benefits of buying directly from local growers go far beyond taste. From reducing food contamination risks and environmental waste to boosting the local economy and social interaction, neighborhood food markets play an important role in community health, wealth and happiness.

**Peak of Nutrition:** Growers typically sell their produce within a day of harvesting, with many offerings picked the morning of the market. Not only does the food taste better when it's fresh, its nutrients are at peak levels. Fruits and vegetables purchased at grocery stores may have been shipped from distant states and other countries. Studies show such produce travel an average of 1,300 miles, delaying their arrival at



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the store for up to two weeks!

**Save Money:** Fruits and vegetables purchased as they're picked is a pleasure that typically saves the consumer money. Because the grower is selling directly to the consumer, there are no middleman costs, and savings can be passed on to the shopper. In addition, farmers market host sites usually charge just a nominal fee for the farmer to set up, resulting in lower purchase prices.

**Earth Friendly:** Shopping for locally grown foods is an earth friendly choice that doesn't sacrifice quality. Industrial farming is a major source of water pollution due to contamination from chemical fertilizers, pesticides and animal waste. In addition, goods sold in the same community as they are grown drastically reduces fuel transportation energy and costs. Buying locally from growers who use sustainable practices is a responsible choice you can feel good about.

**More Variety:** Offerings from local farmers not only afford the consumer a wide variety of produce, but it also allows for the purchase of lesser known, tastier varieties that might not meet commercial requirements. Since grocery stores typically sell produce grown to endure long transport trips and maintain expanded shelf life, the old fashioned strains and heirloom varieties of fruits and vegetable are often absent from the supermarket shelves. Plus, buying locally offers piece of mind if shoppers are concerned about genetically modified foods.

**Less Waste:** Buying at a farmers market can radically reduce waste in more ways than one. Purchasing freshly picked produce from the grower eliminates the need for protective waxes, identifying labels, or fancy packaging. Bringing a sturdy cloth bag to tote produce and recycled cardboard cartons for eggs further reduces waste. Food waste is also lessened because freshly harvested goods arrive at the table with a longer window of freshness.

**Boost Local Economy:** The dollars you spend at a local farmers market are more apt to remain in the area, giving a boost to the local economy. In addition, studies show visitors to farmers market sites typically patronize other businesses in the area. In fact, one study estimates every dollar spent on local foods results in up to one dollar more in local economic activity.

Try these recipes that spotlight fresh, local produce:

## Creative Recipes Spotlight Fresh Foods

**Zucchini Dip**  
Zucchini and chives are two plentiful offerings at farmers markets. The inexpensive ingredients mixed with cream cheese, make an impressive dip. To increase the impression factor, serve in a crusty boule bowl.

**Ingredients:** 1 (8 ounce) brick of cream cheese, softened; three tablespoons milk; one cup shredded zucchini; 1/4 cup fresh chives, chopped; salt to taste.

**Directions:** Blend cream cheese and milk together in a bowl. Mix in the zucchini, chives and salt to taste. Chill before serving.

**Garden Salsa**  
Freshly picked corn, tomatoes, peppers and onions form the basis of this sensational salsa!

**Ingredients:** 4 medium ears of fresh corn, husked; 2 cups grape or cherry tomatoes, quartered, 3 medium tomatoes, peeled and coarsely chopped; 1/2 cup chopped green red sweet pepper; 1/2 cup finely chopped celery; 1/4 cup snipped fresh cilantro; 1 to 2 tsp. chopped canned chipotle chile peppers in adobo sauce; 2 cloves garlic, minced; 2 tsp. olive oil; 1/4 cup lime juice; one tsp. salt

**Directions:** Cut kernels off corn cob to make two cups (include juices); Sauté corn and garlic in olive oil until lightly browned. Allow to slightly cool, then stir in tomatoes, sweet pepper, celery, cilantro, lime juice, chipotle chile peppers and salt. Cover and refrigerate at least two hours. Note: Use kitchen gloves when chopping chile peppers.

**Potato, Pepper, and Onion Casserole**  
Here's a budget friendly side dish that spotlights garden peppers. Use a combo of red and green peppers for additional eye appeal.

**Ingredients:** four medium potatoes; four medium peppers; one large sweet onion, two tablespoons olive oil; salt and pepper to taste.

**Directions:** Peel and cut potatoes into one inch pieces. Cut peppers into two inch chunks. Peel onion and cut coarsely. Place potatoes, peppers, and onions into a casserole dish. Pour olive oil over vegetables and mix slightly. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Top with grated cheese if desired. Bake for at 425 for a half hour or until vegetables are tender.

**Cucumber Soup**  
This cucumber soup has a bright, garden taste. It is a delicious and creative way to use up an overabundance of garden cukes.

**Ingredients:** 3 cups of cucumbers, peeled, seeded and sliced; 1 onion, sliced, four tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped; 1/4 tsp. Salt; 1/2 tsp dill; 2 tablespoons oil; two tablespoons cornstarch; 2 cups of water; 2 cups milk; 1/4 tsp pepper.

**Directions:** Pour oil into a large pan and sauté cucumbers, onion, and parsley. Add salt and dill and cook until vegetables are translucent. Meanwhile mix water and cornstarch in a bowl. Pour into pan and stir on medium heat until thickened. Slowly add milk and continue to stir until soup is creamy. Allow to simmer for a few minutes.

Add freshly ground pepper and garnish each bowl with fresh dill before serving. Makes four hearty servings.

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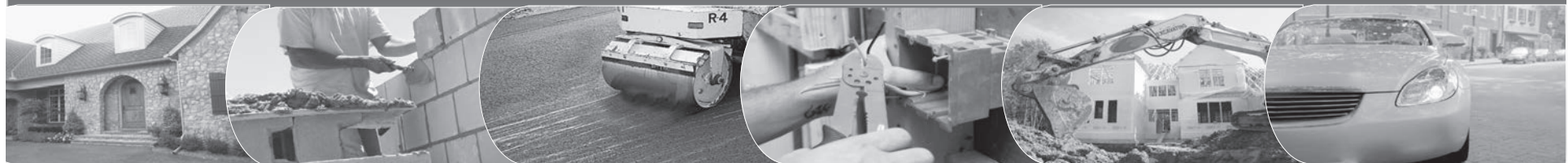
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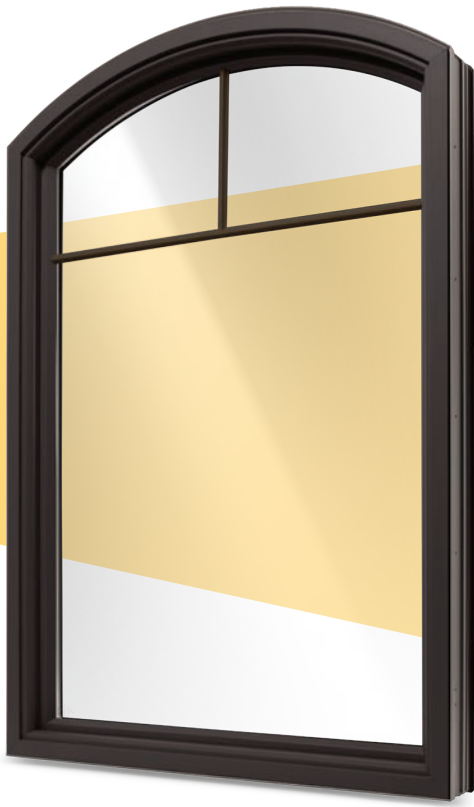
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# Local officials team up with DEA for new drug awareness campaign

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REGION — Several area officials recently teamed up with the DEA in a unique new drug awareness campaign.

The New England Field Division of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) partnered with local law enforcement agencies and college e-sports teams to host the debut One Pill Can Kill Game Over Tournament.

Event organizers are using the increasingly popular e-sports platform to help educate young people about the dangers of fentanyl.

"We were excited to partner with the DEA New England Division and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office for the One Pill Can Kill Game Over Tournament at All Systems Go MA," read a statement released by the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

Each week, 22 New England teenagers between the ages of 14-18 die from drug poisoning or overdose events, according to a recent study conducted by the New England Journal of Medicine.

At the One Pill Can Kill Game Over Tournament held on June 6, participating college teams included Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Boston University, Emerson College, Post University, the University of New Hampshire, and the University of Southern Maine.

"With an overwhelming 97 percent of Americans between the ages of 12 and 17 engaged in video gaming, the DEA is looking to reach young people where they often spend time—in the virtual world," read a statement released by the DEA.

The One Pill Can Kill Game Over Tournament was hosted by Clark University.

"The One Pill Can Kill campaign aims to educate young people about the dangers of the current drug supply, with laced street drugs and counterfeit pills," read the statement released by the DA's Office.

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is

involved in the majority of drug poisonings and overdose deaths across the country.

"Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin, and just two milligrams—the amount that can fit on the tip of a pencil—can be deadly," the DEA statement read. "Often, people buy what they think is a legitimate prescription pill like Percocet or Xanax on social media, but it turns out they've unknowingly purchased a fentanyl pill."

In 2023, the DEA seized approximately 15.7 million potentially lethal doses of fentanyl in New England alone.

For local officials and DEA leaders alike, it's exciting to launch a new strategy for reaching teenage audiences.

"I am thrilled we are able to team up with these amazing e-sports teams to host this One Pill Can Kill Game Over Tournament in New England and increase awareness about the dangers of fentanyl," said DEA Associate Administrator Jon DeLena.

The DEA thanks All Systems Go, The Rendon Group, participating colleges, and the e-sports community for their support of the tournament.

"We look forward to continued collaboration with the DEA and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office to attack this crisis. Thank you to everyone that joined in support of these efforts," read the statement issued by the DA's Office.

Looking ahead, local officials are eager to continue working with community partners to combat the crisis.

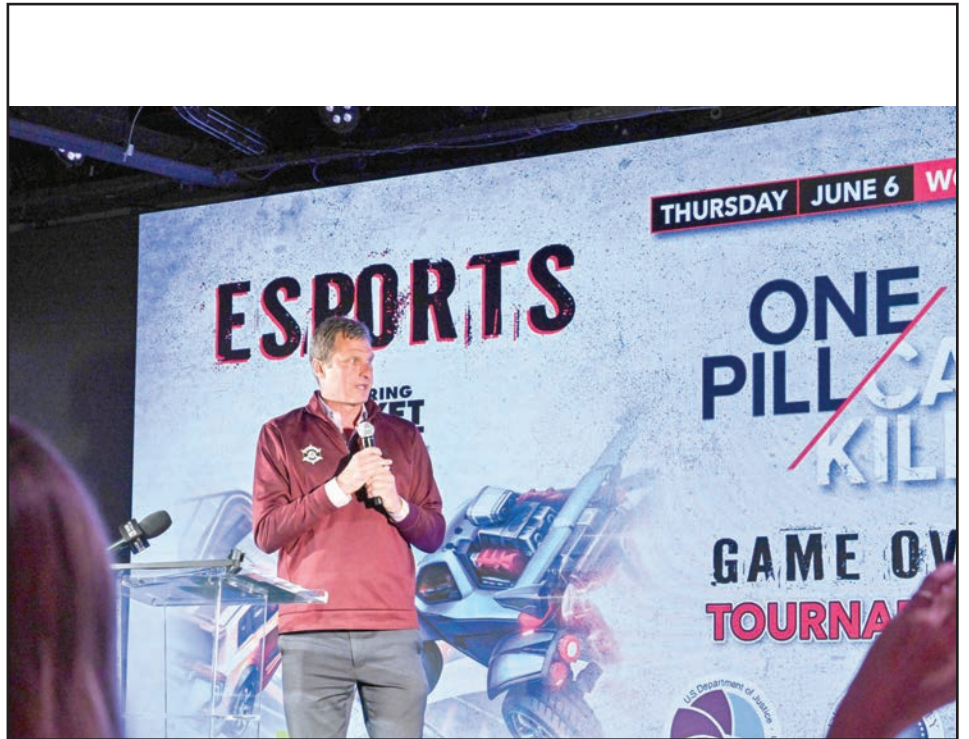
"We are blessed to have the DEA actively working in our area and calling attention to the One Pill Can Kill campaign to educate all ages on the dangers of counterfeit pills," read a statement released by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

## Eastern student Julia Trainor of Rochdale makes Dean's List

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester, in which more than 1,200 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among them is full-time student Julia Trainor of Rochdale, a junior who majors in English.

To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded coursework with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.



Courtesy

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis attends a recent awareness program.

## Local student earns dean's list honors at Bemidji State University

BEMIDJI, Minn. — Jacob Hinman, a Bemidji State University student who is originally from Spencer, has earned dean's list honors at BSU for the Spring 2024 semester.

To be eligible for BSU's dean's list, students must enroll in at least 12 credits and earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester. Hinman was one of 559 students who earned Spring 2024 dean's list honors at BSU.

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Summertime is here, but many of the things we like to do or eat are dangerous to our health. Pollution in our local freshwater ponds and lakes continues to get worse every year. Runoff of fertilizers from lawns, waterfowl feces & other pollution are posing a real threat to our everyday lives. Numerous spills from some of our sewage treatment plants seem to occur more often. It all eventually ends up in our bay. The ocean does not need any more pollution, but that too is closing numerous beaches to swimming, and other saltwater sports.

Eating freshwater fish is also on the list of unhealthy things to eat, along with other species of saltwater fish. Becoming a vegan is a choice many residents are considering, but even that food supply has many unhealthy



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issues. Pollution is a huge problem here and around the world, and little is being done to change it! Mass. Fish & Wildlife has pretty much stocked their spring trout allotment, although some limited trout stocking could be done. There were some tiger trout stocked in local waters this year which should create some interest among anglers.

The tiger trout is a sterile intergeneric hybrid brown trout & the brook trout which has the trout easy to identify because of the stripes on the body of the fish. They sure are interesting and fun to catch. With very few broodstock fish available to stock to date this year, the tiger trout kind of creates more

interest in the fishing public, hoping to catch one of these fish. On the saltwater scene, anglers are still catching limits of seabass on the Cape and this writer's brother Ken managed to catch a legal striper last week on the canal. Many anglers are catching some impressive stripers, but most need to be released. Charter boat captains are noticing a drop in their charter boat reservations this year. Could it be because of the ridiculous fish limits? Anglers paying \$200 or more each on six pack boats, are reluctant to pay that for two seabass in Rhode Island and four fish in Mass.!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Courtesy  
**Ken True with his legal size striper caught while fishing at the canal! I cannot tell you exactly where he was fishing because it is kind of a secret spot!**

# Winning perennial plant adds color and fragrance

Add long-lasting beauty and pollinator appeal to your garden with this year's Perennial Plant of the Year, Jeana garden phlox (Phlox paniculata 'Jeana'). Selected for its tall sturdy habit and fragrant dense flower heads it is a welcome addition to perennial, meadow, and pollinator gardens as well as mixed borders.



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1990 and you can find out more about past winners on the Perennial Plant Association website.

Grow this perennial phlox in full sun with a bit of afternoon shade in hotter climates. It is hardy in USDA zones three to eight, growing and flowering best in moist, fertile, and well-drained soil.

The Perennial Plant of the Year (PPOY) is selected by members of the Perennial Plant Association for its suitability to a wide range of climatic conditions, low maintenance, relative pest and disease resistance, availability, and multiple seasons of beauty. This program began in

This cultivar of the North American native Phlox paniculata was discovered growing along the Harpeth River near Nashville, Tenn. It was named for the woman, Jeana Prewitt, who discovered this plant. It was a stand-out with its mildew-resistant foliage. Jeana is the head gardener at Bedside Manor in Brentwood, Tenn. She took cuttings of the plant and began propagating it. In time, it was declared to be a new cultivar and has been available for several years.

Mt. Cuba Center, a botanical garden in Delaware, found it to be the best-performing phlox in their trials and it attracted more butterflies than the other garden phlox in the two-year study. Fifteen volunteers from the Pollinator Watch Team conducted weekly observations of 94 different phlox over two years. Jeana had 539 butterfly visits – way more than any other phlox in the study – and is especially attractive to eastern tiger swallowtails.

Enjoy the lavender-pink flowers with wine-colored eyes that cover the plant from mid-summer to fall. Although each flower is smaller than other garden phlox, the dense cone-shaped flower head is made up of hundreds of individual petals providing a beautiful show. Removing faded flowers, also known as deadheading, promotes continued bloom and prevents the self-seeding of inferior seedlings.

Combine this three-to-five-inch-tall plant with other perennials like Amsonia, Shasta daisies (Leucanthemum x superbum), Iron Butterfly ironweed (Vernonia lettermanii 'Iron Butterfly'), coneflowers (Echinacea), and switch grass (Panicum virgatum). Or use it as a backdrop for shorter plants like alliums and woodland sage (Salvia nemorosa).

Look for places to add this late-season bloomer to your gardens and landscapes. You'll enjoy the flowers and butterflies that stop by for a visit.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist



Melinda Myers  
**Jeana garden phlox (Phlox paniculata 'Jeana') is the 2024 Perennial Plant of the Year.**

and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

# Make people feel important

Alright, gentlemen, bear with me for a moment—this one starts with a nod to makeup, but I promise there's something here for everyone. Let's talk about Mary Kay Ash, the cosmetics queen herself.

You know Mary Kay, right? I'm sure you've seen those iconic pink Cadillacs cruising through town, driven by an Independent Sales Director who made it big in Mary Kay cosmetics sales.

Mary Kay Ash faced many hardships in her life, from gender discrimination to financial struggles, and through it all, she managed to build an empire worth half a billion at the time of her death in 2001. What was the secret to her success?

I'm sure many factors contributed to her success, and while researching her life story, I discovered something I'd heard before but didn't know was attributed to her—a simple yet profound philosophy that seems to be one of the primary keys to her success.

Mary Kay Ash often spoke about how her mother played a crucial role in shaping her outlook on life. As a young girl, Mary Kay's mother was a constant source of encouragement, often saying, "You can do it, Mary Kay!"

This unwavering support instilled a deep sense of self-worth and confidence that motivat-

ed her to pursue her dreams. She discovered that part of achieving success in life was putting people first and instilling in them a sense of encouragement and self-worth. This foundational lesson became a cornerstone of her business philosophy and personal interactions.

She once said, "Pretend that every single person you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says, 'Make me feel important.' Not only will you succeed in sales, but you will succeed in life."

Let's explore that for a moment. It is generally true that when people feel important, they thrive. They tend to

become more motivated, engaged, and willing to contribute positively to their surroundings.

Have you ever had one of those bosses who made you feel bad about yourself? Maybe you deserved it; maybe you did a horrible job and screwed things up. But when you were yelled at, demeaned, and condescended, it made you feel less than important.

Or maybe you've experienced another time when you didn't do as well as you could have, yet your boss took the time to give you another chance, encouraging you and letting you know they believed in you, making you feel and understand like an essential member of the team.

Putting people first and making them feel special isn't about being fake or manipulative; it's about creating environments where everyone can flourish.

My mom and dad always told me, "Everything in

life is sales." I thought about that a lot through the years. Is everything indeed sales?

Well, when you're trying to get that new job or promotion you've been wanting, you're selling yourself and your abilities. If you're trying to win over a significant other, you're selling them on why you're the one. When convincing your kids to eat their vegetables, you're selling them on the benefits of healthy eating.

When selling a new product or service for your business, creating a bond with your clients and making them feel special can be life-changing.

Mary Kay Ash also said, "When you take the time to make someone feel important, you create a bond that goes beyond just selling a product. You build a relationship based on trust and respect. This is the key to selling makeup and creating lifelong customers."

When selling makeup, you may think it's easier to make someone feel important because you're enhancing their look, empowering them, and making them feel more beautiful. However, this principle of success applies to all products, services, and organizations.

What are some ways to make people feel important? Active listening, personalized compliments, expressing gratitude, remembering important details, quality time, encouragement, thoughtful gifts, empathy, and understanding, and celebrating achievements, to name a few.

When doing these things, let them come from the heart. Be yourself. When you do this, you'll be on your way to embodying the spirit of Mary Kay's philosophy. You'll succeed in your goals while building lasting relationships that enrich your life and the lives of others.

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"There was a back and forth between the parties, and both sides conceded some things," Belanger said in a previous interview. "I congratulate the parties for putting the townspeople first."

To learn more about the Town Meeting and upcoming public sessions, visit [www.leicesterma.org](http://www.leicesterma.org).

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ment read. “Bri’s Sweet Treats will organize food trucks and vendors so that people can enjoy different kinds of foods and do some cool shopping.”

Additionally, the events will likely include a variety of games and contests. CARE Leicester will add face painting, balloons, crafts, and

other fun activities.

“The hope is that these festivals will become a lasting tradition on the Town Common,” the EDC statement read.

Festivals are scheduled for June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, and Sept. 24. All events will take place from 4-8 p.m. on the Town Common.

Another activity currently underway is the

modernization of the town’s website. CARE Leicester is working with the Assistant Town Administrator and other officials to complete this project. The plan is to launch the new website in the fall of 2024.

Additionally, the CARE team will help the Town Clerk with her idea of creating a guide for new residents and business owners.

“As for property development, the EDC has been working diligently to determine the best usage for property lying dormant in Leicester, especially along Route 9 West,” the committee’s statement read. “They have spent time with property owners, developers, the Central MA Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), the Planning Board, and the water and sewer districts to devise plans

that can be approved at a Town Meeting.”

The EDC is also coordinating with the CMRPC to develop a questionnaire, which will be available to all town residents to provide opinions on what is needed to move Leicester forward.

“Over time, these ideas and resulting activities will catalyze growth and development in the Town of Leicester,” the com-

mittee’s statement read. “The EDC encourages all town residents to join groups of people who are already making a difference.”

To learn more about the committee, or to contact members to see how you can get involved, send an email to EDC@leicesterma.org.




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# LEGALS

**At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, in Conference Room A at the Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:**  
**Notice of Public Hearing – Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**  
**Variance– Applicant/Owner: Thomas Mitchell; Location: 152 Ash Street, Spencer Assessor's Map R24-28. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Sections 4.9.2.3 (nonconforming structures) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to build a 6x36 covered porch within the front setback. The property is in the Rural Residential (RR) district.**  
June 7, 2024  
June 14, 2024

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
Premises: 35 Church Street, Spencer, MA 01562  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by J. C. Allen Gathers to Chase Bank USA, N.A., and now held by **U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-NR1**, said mortgage dated July 23, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41554, Page 185, said mortgage was assigned from Chase Bank USA, N.A. to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment dated February 1, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 56707, Page 71; said mortgage was assigned from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to US Bank Trust, N.A. as trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust by assignment dated May 16, 2018 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 58824, Page 77; said mortgage was assigned from US Bank Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust to Citibank,

N.A. as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust by assignment dated February 27, 2020 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 62091, Page 392; said mortgage was assigned from Citibank, N.A. as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust to Greenwich Revolving Trust c/o Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee by assignment dated June 30, 2020 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 62847, Page 71; said mortgage was assigned from Greenwich Revolving Trust by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-NR1 by assignment dated May 25, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 69350, Page 8; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on July 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: *A certain parcel of land located at 35 Church Street, Spencer, and being shown on a plan of land, surveyed for Douglas A. Lacroix dated March 17, 1993 by Donald A. Para, R.L.S. and being recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 669, Plan 57. Beginning at a point in the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly owned by Claude A. Larcheveque and on the southerly side of Church Street; Thence N. 89° 15' 00" E. along the southerly side of Church Street, 54.0 feet to a point; Thence S. 0° 08' 20" W. along land now or formerly of Paul V. and Holland Daunais, 80.65 feet to a point on the line of a stone retaining wall; Thence S. 88° 36' 30" W. along land now or formerly of David Durgan; 53.74 feet to a point; Thence N. 0° 03' 12" W. along land of said Larcheveque 81.25 feet to the point of beginning. Containing an area of 4,360 square feet, more or less. For title reference see deed recorded*

*May 2, 2006 in Book 38883, Page 302.*  
The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.  
For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated April 25, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38883, Page 302.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.  
**FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00)** Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.  
Other terms to be announced at the sale.  
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Plainville, MA 02762  
Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-NR1  
Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701  
June 14, 2024  
June 21 2024  
June 28, 2024

**Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law:  
Thomas McMahon has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a fence located at 3 Jolicoeur Avenue, Spencer, MA.  
Jorge Garcia has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to rebuild an existing garage located at

76 Thompson Pond Road, Spencer, MA.  
Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at which time all persons having an interest may be present or call in remotely to participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 6:15 p.m.  
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman  
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman  
June 14, 2024

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD INVITATION FOR BIDS FY 25 ROAD MATERIALS**  
The Town of Brookfield Select Board through the Highway Department will receive sealed bids through the Highway Department on Materials & Equipment to be used in State Aid Road Construction work and General Town Road Maintenance Work until 3:00 PM, Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the Brookfield Highway Department, 56 Mill Street, Brookfield, MA 01506, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Beginning June 11, 2024, Specifications and bid forms will be available on the Town website www.brookfieldma.us, or contact Lindsey at the Highway office via email Highway@brookfieldma.us or by calling 508-867-8357. Contractors are required to comply with Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries Prevailing Wage Rates. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, Pavement-surfacing, for the project with an estimated value of \$207,842.50 will be required. A 5% bid bond is required. The Town of Brookfield is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.  
June 14, 2024  
June 21, 2024







## WORCESTER STATE SALUTES LOCAL GRADUATES

WORCESTER — Worcester State University congratulates the following students who earned degrees in August and December of 2023 and May of 2024.

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Douglas: Joshua P. Gopin

Dudley: Riley P. Biron (C), Drew W. Malboeuf, Rachel R. Sullivan (C)

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Whitinsville: Michael V. DePollo, Rachel L. Fremeau

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Leicester Police Log

THURSDAY, MAY 30  
12:47 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:32 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street, Worcester), transported; 10:42 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 10:46 a.m.: investigation (Marshall Street), report taken; 11:18 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 11:26 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:32 a.m.: animal complaint (Ferncroft Road), referred; 12:03 p.m.: welfare check (Lexington Avenue), report taken; 12:20 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:45 p.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), resolved; 3:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:40 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lake Avenue), resolved; 5:02 p.m.: debris in road (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved; 5:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), citation issued; 5:33 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 5:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:55 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), written warning; 5:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:15 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 6:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:53 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 9:03 p.m.: mv stop (Winslow Avenue), verbal warning.

FRIDAY, MAY 31  
12:28 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:45 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:56 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unfounded; 2:03 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:03 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:07 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street) verbal warning; 6:27 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 6:56 p.m.: ambulance (McCarthy Avenue), transported; 9:52 a.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 11:01 a.m.: assault (Mulberry Street), report taken; 11:44 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 12:51 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 1:19 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 1:32 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), no action required; 1:42 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 3:32 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street, Spencer), transported; 4:42 p.m.: accident (Paxton Street), report taken; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (Tobin Road), verbal warning; 5:21 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:43 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street), unable to serve; 5:45 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), written warning; 5:52 p.m.: restraining order service (Harding Street), unable to serve; 6:07 p.m.: restraining order service (Sargent Street), served; 6:11 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 6:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:35 p.m.: ambulance (Bond Street), transported; 11:09 p.m.: mv b&e (Henshaw Street), report taken; 11:49 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unable to locate; 11:53 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1  
12:18 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 12:33 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:03 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:49 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 3:14 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:08 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:24 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Ridge Drive), transported; 11:08 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 11:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:05 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), report taken; 12:13 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:45 p.m.: family problem (Pleasant Street), peace restored; 3:58 p.m.: ambulance (G.H. Wilson Road, Spencer), transported; 4:38 p.m.: fraud (Rural Drive), report taken; 4:44 p.m.: ambulance (Leela Lane), transported; 4:54 p.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 5:03 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:37 p.m.: open door/window (Main Street), investigated; 6:28 p.m.: vandalism (Main Street), report taken; 7:02 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 9:01 p.m.: ambulance (Crestwood Road), transported; 10:32 p.m.: suspicious activity (Atwood Terrace), investigated.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2  
12:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:32 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 1:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:37 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 10:09 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:14 a.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), referred; 10:31 a.m.: mv stop (Westminster Street), name and address redacted from police log, uncensored operation, failure to wear seat belt, criminal application issued; 10:50 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:27 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 11:46 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:47 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:03 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), resolved; 1:20 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warn-

ing; 2:07 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), name and address redacted from police log, failure to signal, uncensored operation, forged/misused RMV document, uninsured mv, number plate violation to conceal ID, criminal application issued; 2:54 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 4:07 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Pleasant Street), unable to serve; 7:11 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:13 p.m.: suspicious mv (Memorial School Drive), spoken to; 11:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

MONDAY, JUNE 3  
12:00 a.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), verbal warning; 12:20 a.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), no action required; 12:43 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 3:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:54 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Meadow Lane), resolved; 7:58 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Dale Court), referred; 8:03 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:37 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 10:29 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:35 p.m.: erratic operator (Auburn Street), resolved; 2:14 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 2:54 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 3:00 p.m.: fraud (River Street), report taken; 3:10 p.m.: larceny (Hankey Street), report taken; 5:11 p.m.: arrest warrant service (King Terrace), unable to serve; 5:23 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 5:58 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 7:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 9:15 p.m.: ambulance (Flint Way), transported.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4  
12:44 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 6:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred; 7:18 a.m.: residential alarm (Rawson Street), resolved; 9:06 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:39 a.m.: arrest warrant service (King Terrace), Steven M. Courtemanche, 38, 635 Pleasant Street, Rochdale, carrying firearm w/out a license, arrest; 11:31 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:31 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), call canceled; 1:35 p.m.: summons service (Harding Street), unable to serve; 1:43 p.m.: suspicious activity (Bottomly Avenue), resolved; 2:13 p.m.: investigation (Rural Drive), report taken; 2:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Angel Julian Castillo, 33, 19 Bixby Road, #30, Spencer, op w/suspended license/subsequent offense, obstructed/nontransparent window, arrest; 3:14 p.m.: harassment (Waite Street), report taken; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:16 p.m.: investigation (Charlton Street), report taken; 6:32 p.m.: harassment (Homestead Lane), report taken; 7:00 p.m.: investigation (Homestead Lane), report taken; 9:53 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), spoken to; 9:58 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 10:41 p.m.: assault (Paxton Street), report taken; 11:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5  
12:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 12:37 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:15 a.m.: trespassing (Stafford Street), resolved; 2:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:21 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:32 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:54 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:02 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:18 a.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), unable to serve; 9:39 a.m.: assist other agency (Salminen Drive), no service; 10:12 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:33 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no offenses listed on police log, criminal application issued; 11:06 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), Philip Berry, 21, 747 Everett Street, Sturbridge, uncensored operation, number plate violation, arrest; 1:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:05 p.m.: investigation (Parker Street), report taken; 4:36 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), report taken; 5:13 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:31 p.m.: welfare check (Moose Hill Road), resolved.

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## Spencer Police Log

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29  
12:03 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 12:31-2:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:45 a.m.: suspicious mv (Cranberry Meadow Lane), investigated; 1:23 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 2:33 a.m.: medial/general (Charlton Road); 5:20 a.m.: medial/general (West Main Street); 7:14 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pearl Street), resolved; 7:31 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:42 a.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), loose dog; 9:58 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), spoken to; 10:28 a.m.: restraining order ser-

vice (Main Street); 11:00 a.m.: assault (Chestnut Street), report taken; 12:03 p.m.: fraud (Lake Street), report taken; 12:55 p.m.: OUI (Main Street), mv struck cart corral/no arrest noted on police log; 1:19 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 1:38 p.m.: disturbance (Cottage Street), neighbor issues; 3:21 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wilson Avenue), spoken to; 3:44 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), issue w/neighbor; 5:59 p.m.: fire alarm (Meadow Road), referred; 6:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), req. peace restored; 6:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Nottingham Circle), re: mental health eval; 7:33 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), cell phone found; 10:19 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), re: missing cat; 10:59 p.m.: 911 call (Water Street), accidental; 11:13 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: incarcerated individual; (total daily mv stops – 6).

THURSDAY, MAY 30  
12:05-2:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), re: animal wound; 1:30 a.m.: medical/general (Holmes Street); 5:25 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:17 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Treadwell Drive), tree on transformer/fire; 6:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), re: family issues; 7:29 a.m.: residential alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 10:02 a.m.: DPW call (Hebert Road), road flooding; 10:56 a.m.: officer wanted (Wilson Avenue), questions re: entering residence; 11:16 a.m.: medical/general (Gold Nugget Road); 11:39 a.m.: mv lockout (Wall Street), assisted; 12:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), re: missing cat; 2:15 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 3:02 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 5:11 p.m.: hit/run accident (Wet Main Street), report taken; 6:15 p.m.: parking complaint (Adams Street), mv in 'no parking' spot; 8:16 p.m.: 911 call (North Brookfield Road), accidental; 8:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), dog/incessant barking; 11:49 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 11:54 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; (total daily mv stops – 5).

FRIDAY, MAY 31  
12:39-1:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:26/2:51 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 6:17 a.m.: accident (Paxton Road), report taken; 7:04 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:07 a.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), dog/incessant barking; 7:46 a.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), loose horses; 8:07 a.m.: accident (Ash Street), report taken; 8:50 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), wire across road; 9:46 a.m.: suspicious mv (Browning Pond Road), investigated; 11:31 a.m.: restraining order service (Wall Street); 11:32 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:14 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 12:40 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:33 p.m.: 911 call (Meadow Road), crash detection activated; 1:54 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 2:03 p.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 2:19 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Maple Street), resolved; 3:14 p.m.: medical/general (Brooks Pond Cross Road); 3:23 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 4:55 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 5:39 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: custody swap; 5:55 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 6:00 p.m. accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:09 p.m.: suspicious persons (Howe Village), back door open; 6:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Bacon Hill Road), bear in neighbor's yard; 7:14 p.m.: restraining order service (Lake Street); 7:22 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 9:39 p.m.: disturbance (Greenville Street), underage drinking/bonfire; 10:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 11:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), re: smell of wood burning; (total daily mv stops – 4).

SATURDAY, JUNE 1  
12:02-12:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:16 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; 12:36 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street), Anthony Marcus Calamare, 18, 7 Harding Street, Cherry Valley, OUI liquor, negligent operation, assault/battery on police officer, arrest; 2:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), re: steam roller in lot/lights on; 4:13-4:57 a.m.: intelligence/parole/3 (West Main Street), info rec'd; 9:17 a.m.: citizen complaint (Condon Drive), neighbor speeds on street daily; 10:33 a.m.: vandalism (Cherry Street), mailbox smashed; 12:34 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), fem. upset/crying; 12:54 p.m.: vandalism (Sherman Grove), fence cut/moved; 12:58 p.m.: mutual aid (Route 49), male pulling juvenile from mv; 2:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: earlier incident; 3:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Casey Street), re: injured bird; 3:38 p.m.: medical/general (Lyford Road); 3:50 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), re: son/other kids; 3:54 p.m.: medical/general (G.H. Wilson Road); 4:24 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 4:50 p.m.: mv lockout (Prospect Street), assisted; 5:45 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 5:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), re: theft from unlocked mv; 6:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Weste Main Street), raccoon in front of store; 6:58 p.m.: mv

complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 9:19 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 10:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (Charron Street), rep. being followed; 10:07 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), North Brookfield PD req. welfare check; 10:24 p.m.: officer waned (Rustic Lane), noise complaint; (total daily mv stops – 9).

SUNDAY, JUNE 2  
12:23 a.m.: suspicious persons (Greenville Street), investigated; 1:30-1:39 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:44 a.m.: medical/general (Olde Main Street); 8:40 a.m.: 911 call (Taylor Drive), accidental; 9:19 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:15 a.m.: intelligence/drugs (Clark Street), info taken; 11:26 a.m.: mv complaint 9Main Street), erratic operator; 12:14 p.m.: mv complaint (Norcross Road), mv speeding; 12:54 p.m.: vandalism (McCormick Road), mv vandalized; 1:22 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 2:09 p.m.: hit/run accident (McCormick Road), report taken; 3:34 p.m.: mv complaint (Briarwood Lane), mc doing burnouts; 4:48 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 5:11 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), re: bees at pond; 5:45 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 5:45 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo; 6:10 p.m.: RV complaint (West Main Street), dirt bikes racing/Route 9; 6:41 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Brookfield PD bolo; 7:02 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 8:01 p.m.: suspicious persons (South Spencer Road), investigated; 8:09 p.m.: lost/found (Meadow Road), license found; 8:10 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Brimfield PD bolo/missing juvenile; 9:16 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 9:24 p.m.: mutual aid (Lake Street), assist Leicester PD w/ youths who were at school; 10:30 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), re: cat yowling; 10:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), spoken to; 11:47 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info rec'd; (total daily mv stops – 3).

MONDAY, JUNE 3  
12:05-12:32 a.m.: intelligence/parole/3 (West Main Street), info rec'd; 1:29-1:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:15 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 8:19 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 10:21 a.m.: officer wanted (High Street), rep. missing item; 10:21 a.m.: disturbance (Pearl Street), neighbor issue; 10:47 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), DA referral; 10:51 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street), req. welfare check; 11:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), dead turkey in yard; 11:51 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), unwanted party; 12:51 p.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), line down; 1:11 p.m.: DPW call (Mechanic Street), rep. low-hanging wire; 1:18 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 1:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), re: mental health commitment; 2:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:49 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), re: heavy smoke near auto body shop; 3:16 p.m.: hit/run accident (Main Street), report taken/offc. injured; 3:39 p.m.: abandoned mv (Maple Street), services rendered; 4:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Pond Road), req. welfare check; 4:34 p.m.: juvenile matter (Paxton Road), services rendered; 4:36 p.m.: fraud (Old East Charlton Road), report taken; 4:36 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), re: use/possession vape device; 5:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), re: injured bunny; 5:57 p.m.: RV complaint (Westland Drive), erratic jet ski operators; 6:56 p.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), hang-up; 7:13 p.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), erratic operator; 7:19 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 8:28 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 10:30 p.m.: illegal dumping (Main Street), unauth. use of dumpster; 11:55 p.m.: building checked, secure; (total daily mv stops – 3).

TUESDAY, JUNE 4  
1:05 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:13 a.m.: parking complaint (Temple Street), resolved; 8:49 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:35 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:58 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), re: items at residence; 10:04 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 10:20 a.m.: juvenile matter (Wilson Avenue), req. welfare check; 10:43 a.m.: mv complaint (Hastings Road), mvs speeding; 11:14 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 11:58 a.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 12:01 p.m.: disabled mv (South Spencer Road), assist TT unit/backing up; 1:34 p.m.: citizen complaint (Chickering Road), boat launched from causeway; 1:57 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ash Street), hang-up; 2:30 p.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 3:57 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 5:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), re: hornets nest/front of kennel; 5:38 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 6:16 p.m.: fraud (Bixby Road), report taken; 6:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), re: vulgar message rec'd; 8:31 p.m.: disturbance (Borkum Road), noise complaint; 9:02 p.m.: mv theft (Pleasant Street), mcs speeding on road; 10:37 p.m.: RV complaint (Pleasant Street), mcs racing up/down street; 11:18 p.m.: OUI (North Spencer Road), no charges/arrest noted on police log; (total daily mv stops – 1).

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# EBES students enjoy Field Day

EAST BROOKFIELD — Students at East Brookfield Elementary School finished up their school year with plenty of fun games and activities during Field Day. Held on June 7, this year's Field Day program had a special theme celebrating a major upcoming event this summer.

"The weather could not have been more cooperative, with a beautiful morning for the students to participate in a variety of activities created around an Olympics theme," said EBES Lead Teacher Christine Lavin. "We cannot thank all of our parent volunteers enough for helping to make this such a memorable day for our students."

Russ Kennedy and his DJ company, Good Vibrations, provided music for the event.

Students enjoyed creative games like bucket badminton, frisbee golf, and noodle javelin, among others. Ice cream treats were provided by Jerry's Ice Cream Truck.



Courtesy East Brookfield Elementary School students enjoy Field Day activities.

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