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KENWOOD DINER ON THE MOVE

Photo courtesy Robert Banthin

The Kenwood Diner was recently taken away by a moving truck, making room for a CVS in town. The diner is being moved behind the Spencer Country Inn.

Kustigian shifting superintendent duties from Quaboag to Leicester

LEICESTER — Quaboag Regional School District Superintendent Brett Kustigian has been named as Leicester's next superintendent.

The School Committee voted 4-1 last week to select Kustigian. School Committee member Donna McCance cast the dissenting vote.

"It is with great pride, much excitement, and extreme humility to have been selected," said Kustigian, who brings a strong record of service, communications, and leadership experience to Leicester.

Kustigian has begun contract negotiations with school leaders. He could start in Leicester by July, pending negotiations.



Courtesy photo
Quaboag Regional School District Superintendent Brett Kustigian was chosen as Leicester's next superintendent. Courtesy photo

Stay tuned to the New Leader for a full feature on Kustigian this summer.

Leicester teacher Everett awarded Fellowship to travel, study in Japan this summer



Courtesy photo
Leicester Middle School teacher Norman Everett is headed for Japan this summer.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Educators often enjoy their summers resting with family after a hard-working school year, but the journey of learning will continue next month for one Leicester Middle School teacher long after the final bell rings.

LMS social studies teacher Norman Everett has been awarded a 2022 Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowship to travel and study in Japan. From June 19-29, fellows will have the opportunity to learn about the Japanese economy, various businesses, and contemporary Japanese society. Fellows will also participate in roundtable discussions with educators and get involved in several other activities during their stay in Japan.

"This is an excellent opportunity for me to improve my own teaching skills. I am excited for the opportunity to teach a class in Japan and interact with Japan's education professionals," Everett said. "I have taught about Japan in my classes, but I am really excited about the opportunity to visit the country and see how the Japanese people teach their own history."

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A joint statement regarding SEBRSD contract negotiations

On Tuesday, April 5, representatives from the Spencer-East Brookfield Teachers' Association and the Spencer-East Brookfield School District reached a tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement to cover the next three years. A draft has been written of the contract and is currently being reviewed by a lawyer representing the District, the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, and representatives from both sides. Once the agreement is fully vetted, details of the agreement will be made available to SEBRSD School Committee members and members of SEBTA. The contract will then need to be ratified the SEBRSD School Committee and by vote of the SEBTA membership.

Representatives have been

working toward this agreement for seven months. It is our belief that this agreement, once ratified, will allow both sides to work together for the benefit of the students of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District.

As always, thank you for all you do for the students of Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District!

Sincerely Yours,

Peter Bogren
President, Spencer-East Brookfield Teachers' Association
&
Heather Messier
Negotiation Committee Chairperson & Vice Chairperson of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee

Spencer selectmen Pepe, Woodbury earn re-election

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

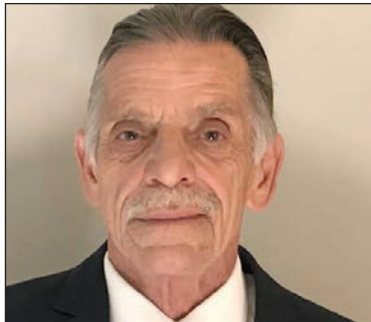
SPENCER — Selectmen Anthony Pepe and Gary Woodbury were each re-elected to their fifth terms at last week's election, narrowly besting challenger Jonathan Viner.

Selectman Pepe only defeated Viner by 16 votes (396-380). Chairman Woodbury, who finished with the most votes in all four precincts at the May 10 election, wound up receiving a total of 493 votes.

"I want to thank all that turned out to support my re-election. I also would like to thank the other candidates that put themselves out there to run for office," Woodbury said. "My goal through this term is to continue to try and move our town forward and to listen to the con-



Spencer selectmen Anthony Pepe and Gary Woodbury earned re-election last week.



Courtesy photos

cerns of our citizens, because in the end that's what our primary function should be — the good of the people."

Added Pepe, "I'd like to thank all the residents of Spencer who took the time to vote and have their voices heard on

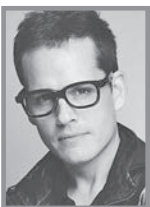
Tuesday. For those who voted for me, I'm very humbled and honored by your support. I will do my best to honor that confidence you showed in me in the coming term. To all the

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SPENCER'S LAPIERRE CELEBRATES CENTENARIAN BIRTHDAY



Courtesy photo
Senator Anne Gobi presented an Official Citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to congratulate Marge Lapierre of Spencer on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Her birthday was on May 11, and was celebrated on Saturday, May 14 with family and friends.



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Have you ever spent time speaking with friends, acquaintances, or strangers, and you heard a comment that made you upset? Of course you have; you're a human being! Your feelings got hurt, and you were angry. You decided to stay quiet about it, but it kept nagging at you. What they said just wasn't right. The next day,

you called one of your friends to discuss how offended you were. You told them the entire story, and then they got offended too!

There is no doubt that people say rude, insulting, derogatory, bigoted, and discriminatory things; it can be jarring and revolting. It might be best to ask them to stop, or you should walk away when someone behaves like this; but do you have to lose your inner peace? Are you obligated to become angry?

As human beings, we possess a quality called "Self Control." We can control how we feel. Fortunately, we do not have control over what others say and do.

I'm not saying that we should allow ourselves to accept the unacceptable. I'm saying that when we find ourselves feeling offended, we should ask the question, "Are they offending me, or am I allowing myself to become offended?"

I have become offended through the years, probably more than most people. I noticed that it wasn't what they said or did that offended me; it was my expectation of how they should behave. I expected people to be a certain way, and when they didn't fit that expectation, I allowed myself to become upset.

I was filming a movie once, and everyone was laughing and having a good time in between takes. I stepped away quickly to charge my phone.

When I came back, one of the actors was screaming and yelling. He was offended over a comment somebody made. He ran off set, and filming became seriously delayed. The producer sent several people to try and calm him down.

The actor eventually came back, and we finished shooting for the day. I figured everything had calmed down, but it happened several more times with the same actor over the next couple of months.

He seemed to be more interested in being offended and controlling everything everyone said than simply focusing on being a good actor. When all was said and done, nothing positive was accomplished. There was a lot of gossip behind the scenes, and people were instructed to be careful around him. The people whom the actor found offensive didn't change; they just began walking on eggshells whenever they

were nearby.

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me?" If that old saying can be trusted, it leads me to believe that being offended is a choice. It's a choice to allow your inner peace to be taken from you and take on the victim mentality.

Is it better to blame others for offending you? Or is it better to not allow yourself to be offended?

Taking offense is one way of living in the past. It's impossible to grow; it's impossible to be free if we are constantly offended. It's impossible to succeed and accomplish your dreams when we waste our time blaming other people for how we feel. It's holding you back.

We all know that there are
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Bay Path's Dr. Olivar Completes ACEN Workshop in Virginia



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Dr. Ana Olivar, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy full-time faculty, Dr. Ana Olivar, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN completed the ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing) administrator's workshop and Self-study forum held at Alexandria, Va. The ACEN "supports the interests of nursing education, nursing practice, and the public by providing specialized accreditation for all levels of nursing education

and transition-to-practice programs. As the leading authority in nursing education accreditation, the goal of the ACEN is to be a supportive partner in strengthening the quality of nursing education and transition-to-practice programs." Dr. Olivar of Rutland completed her Doctor of Education degree at Northcentral University (NCU). She previously earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Walden University (Nursing Education Track) in 2013 and Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the Cebu City Medical Center College in Nursing in the Philippines in 1996. She is a registered nurse with more than 25 years of experience in the classroom as full-time faculty, managerial as RN Manager, and as RN/Weekend Supervisor. She has held teaching positions at Blackstone Valley Technical School, Quinsigamond Community College, and Massachusetts Bay Community College. She has held nursing positions at University Commons UMass Memorial Health Care, Neuro Rehabilitation Center at Worcester (Ventilator Unit), Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital and West Side House.

In attendance with Dr. Olivar was Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. According to ACEN, "the Program Administrator Workshop is designed and developed specifically for program administrators, faculty, coordinators, and other positions that have administrative responsibilities for the nursing

program and/or nursing education unit. Workshop topics include roles/responsibilities for program leaders, themes from ACEN Standards and Criteria, integration of ACEN policies, and maintenance of ACEN accreditation."

At the Self-study workshop, both Dr. Olivar and Dr. Bolandrina reviewed six ACEN Standards with the ACEN in-house nurse educators and gained a deeper understanding of each Criterion within the Standards. The goal is to support nursing faculty and administrators with demonstrating compliance and provide guidance for writing the Self-Study Report for individual programs in preparation for the ACEN site visit.

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CORRECTION

Last week's picture in Ralph Ture's column was misidentified.

The caption should of read: This week's picture shows Eleanor & Dexter Briggs, along with their parents & dog fishing & relaxing at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club kids' fishing derby last Saturday!

We apologize for the error

Maintenance on Spencer Police, Fire Memorial the cause behind upcoming meat raffle

SPENCER — Residents are invited to join public safety officials for a meat raffle next month.

The event will be held on June 11 at 5 p.m. Hosted by the Spencer Firefighters and Spencer Police Associations, the program is a great opportunity for guests to fill their freezers with quality local meat from Royal Crest Farm.

All proceeds from this event will help maintain the Spencer Police and Fire Memorial located outside the police station.



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\$69,000, Rice Corner Cross Rd #C, Servant, Ryan R, and Servant, Kaitlin, to Brogan, Bryan C, and Brogan, Jillian A.

EAST BROOKFIELD

\$330,000, 468 Podunk Rd, Seymour 3rd, Herbert E, to Helen J Brown RET, and Brown, Helen J.

LEICESTER

\$1,800,000, 90 Huntoon Memorial Hwy, ASR Realty Co LLC, to BP Leicester Fee Owner.

\$1,800,000, 92 Huntoon Memorial Hwy, ASR Realty Co LLC, to BP Leicester Fee Owner.

\$232,000, 1 Folsom St, Power, Gloria A, to Carpenter, Stanley R.

\$200,000, 94-102 Huntoon Memorial Hwy, Sigel 1988 Grandchildren, and Sigel, Robert A, to 94 Huntoon Fee Owner LLC.

\$175,000, 75 Huntoon Memorial Hwy #4-2, A E Laforte LLC, to Castro-Corazzini, Raquel.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

\$451,000, 97 Bell St, Harris David A Est, and Harris, David, to Posega, Jessica M, and Smith, Kenneth L.

\$350,000, 9 N Common St, Befford, Jean B, and Befford, Gene, to Kamel, Peter.

\$220,000, 32 Edna Cir #32, Drolet, Keith, to Argyriadis, George, and Shults, Amanda.

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\$550,000, 15 Valley St, Durgin, Joelyn E, to Sasser, Anne P, and Norvin, Morris.

\$550,000, 16 Pearl St, Durgin, Joelyn E, to Sasser, Anne P, and Norvin, Morris.

\$450,000, 49 McCormick Rd, Favreau, John T, and Favreau, Elyse G, to Escobar, Michael J.

\$436,000, 32 Grant St, Brunnett, Dennis P, and Brunnett, Stephanie R, to Pelka, Adrian K, and Nguyen, Thao.

\$224,000, 29 Woodside Rd, Usher, J Anthony, to Wood, Jamie L, and Farnoli, Matthew A.

\$140,000, 65 Maple St, Central City Prop LLC, to We Enterprise LLC.

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\$460,000, 687 Town Farm Rd, Pan, Zhao F, to Wu, Yong Y.

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\$300,000, 12 Lake St, Richard, Patricia A, and Richard, Robert J, to Waz, Tracy L.

\$53,000, 5 Foster Hill Rd, Buzzbuck LLC, to East Quabbin Land T Inc.

West Brookfield church to honor Memorial Day Sunday with special service

WEST BROOKFIELD — The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, United Church of Christ, invites guests to honor Memorial Day Sunday with a special service.

The May 29 service will take place at 10 a.m., with a program of remembrance that includes a candle lighting.

"Join us to remember the many brave men and women who have given their lives through the history of our country to protect us from danger and harm. Join us to remember all those who sustained injury in mind and or body in the course of their service," read a statement released by the church. "We salute all those who served in the military and give thanks for their service."

The church is located at 36 North Main Street in West Brookfield. To learn more about the program, call the church at 508-867-7078 or send an email to firstconglewestbrookfield@gmail.com.

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people who will never share our views and accept our opinions. Therefore if you live your life constantly offended, it's your choice to do so.

While it may be challenging, it is possible to be free from insult even around the most insulting of people. If you want to be free from being offended by offensive people, it doesn't require you to accept their behavior. It only requires you to understand that everyone is at different stages of growth, and although we all hope they will change, it's not going to happen today, and most likely, you're not going to be the one to change them.

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Donna McCance of Leicester

Donna retired as a Leicester school teacher and has continued to contribute to our community. She most recently served on the Becker Reuse Working Group and is a member of the Leicester Women's Club. She delivers meals to the elderly and tutors children in our community. Donna also just published a book about developing a healthy mindset among youth. Currently, she is a Leicester School Committee member and is passionate about the future of education in the Town of Leicester. We are lucky to have such a dedicated member of our community and she deserves thanks for all her hard work!

Thank you, Donna, for all that you do for your community!

— Submitted by "Families impacted by Donna McCance"

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James Amorello is looking to make history



James Amorello

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HOLDEN/WORCESTER — At 24, James Amorello is looking to make history as the third youngest State Senator ever elected in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as he vies to become the first person to serve the new Worcester and Hampshire State Senate District. Amorello was raised in both Worcester and Holden, playing basketball, golfing, and growing up with friends and family throughout the district. James’ upbringing led him to understand that hard work leads to success. His uncles, Joe and Jim run A.F. Amorello & Sons, Inc. a company that has been passed down from father to son for three generations dating back to 1914. Another uncle, Dan Amorello, built Dan Amorello Services, Inc. from the ground up. His father, Robert, is a prominent Worcester

County trial lawyer. James Amorello’s experiences living in both Holden and Worcester, give him a unique and informed understanding of this Senate District and the people living in it. He also spent a year living in Queens, New York while studying at St. John’s University. “I am excited to have the opportunity to serve everybody in our new Worcester and Hampshire Senate District. People are ready for change in Massachusetts. They are excited to meet a young Republican with common sense ideas and care for people that can be easily applied to the State Senate District,” said Amorello. In addition to his Senate bid, Amorello plays basketball recreationally and serves on the Holden Board of Registrars. He is also active on the local Republican Town Committee, and manages his investments in the stock market. Amorello has studied the economy extensively and

understands what causes it to react as it does in real-time and on a historic basis. He knows the importance of implementing responsible public policies that work for, not against the people. “We have all been hurt by failed economic policies, responsible for driving inflation to near record highs,” says Amorello. “We must teach financial literacy in schools, and encourage fiscal responsibility in future generations. Additionally, we need to protect small businesses, that provide goods to us and bring value daily. We must make things less expensive for people.” The election is Nov. 8. Those interested in supporting James can donate online and by mailing contributions to: James Amorello Committee P.O. Box 181 Holden, MA 01520

Cornerstone Bank and CEO recognized by YMCA of Central Massachusetts

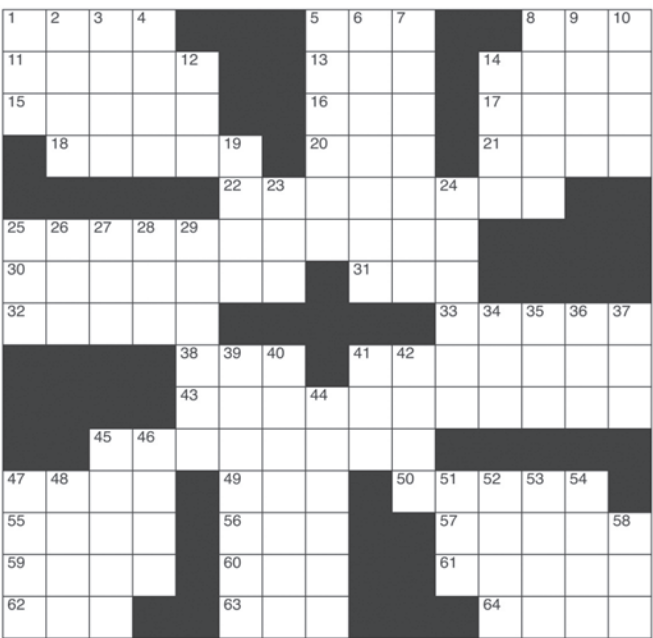
WORCESTER—Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, along with Chief Executive Officer Todd Tallman were recently awarded the YMCA of Central Massachusetts’ Strengthening Foundations of Community

Award. For more than 20 years, Cornerstone Bank has served not only as a banking partner to the YMCA, but also provided volunteer and financial support to the organization. Leading by example was Tallman, who is an active and engaged supporter of YMCA’s

mission and cause. “I was so honored to receive this award along with my entire organization,” said Tallman. “I firmly believe the YMCA of Central Massachusetts changes the lives of many in our community, and I have been so proud over the past two decades to have a small hand in their success. I want to thank all my colleagues for also adopting those same values and jumping in to volunteer and raise funds for the Y.” Over the years, Cornerstone Bank has supported the YMCA through annual and capital campaigns, youth development program grants, and a multitude of event sponsorships, including the YMCA’s Annual Golf Classic. Tallman and the Cornerstone team have also volunteered at the United Way Day of Caring at Camp Foscett, run by the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. “We look forward to a continued partnership with our local YMCA,” continued Tallman.

“The aligned values of the Y and Cornerstone Bank include supporting our communities, educating and enriching the lives of children, and helping our neighbors in need. Our area of the state is a better place because of the YMCA, and we are excited to continue

collaborating with this fulfilling organization.” The Strengthening Foundations of Community Award was presented at the YMCA’s 158th Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Event held on April 20, 2022.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Scream loudly
5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
8. The bill in a restaurant
11. Oblong pulpits
13. Adult female chicken
14. Abnormal breathing
15. Financial obligations
16. Belonging to a thing
17. Winged
18. Peoples
20. College hoops tournament
21. An informal body of friends
22. Region of the world
25. In an early way
30. Connected by kinship
31. Type of tree
32. Official order
33. Foundation for an idea
38. Small, faint constellation
41. Book lovers
43. Vegetable
45. Cabbage variety
47. A way to heal
49. Illuminated
50. Dish that features a stick
55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
56. Solid water
57. Soldier’s gear
59. “Uncle Buck” actress Hoffmann
60. Former measure of length
61. Arabic name meaning “spring”
62. Doctors’ group
63. Actress Susan
64. Appropriate

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1. Cool!
2. Hebrew unit of measure
3. Swedish rock group
4. College army
5. Black eye
6. One who stopped working
7. Teach a value
8. Rhythmic patterns
9. “MASH” actor Alda
10. “Friday Night Lights” director
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Indian musical pattern
19. Fulfill a desire
23. Water soaked soil
24. Brass instrument
25. Before
26. Popular color
27. Peyton’s little brother
28. Partner to cheese
29. Put onto
34. “Much _____ about nothing”
35. A way to mend
36. Anger
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Mobilized
40. Resembles an earlobe
41. Cut of meat
42. Nigerian people
44. Recently
45. Square stone building at Mecca
46. Adhere to orders
47. Adventure story
48. Marine bivalve mollusk
51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
52. Actor Pitt
53. Tibetan village
54. A way to change by heating
58. A beam of sunshine



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Second Chance overjoyed as all 88 cats from large-scale rescue find homes



Courtesy photo

Amelia, a shy, sweet eight-year-old, was the final cat to find a home.

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services is excited to announce that the very last of the 88 cats from last fall's large-scale rescue has found a home. The cats came from the home of a

local animal lover who reached out to Second Chance for help last October when he had to leave his home and needed to make arrangements for cats he had taken in through the years. While some quickly

found homes, others needed nurturing and medical care before they could find their forever homes.

Second Chance founder and CEO Sheryl Blancato said, "we are thrilled that this special group of cats have moved on to the next chapter of their lives. The cats included five litters that were born in our care in addition to cats of all ages who were very scared and some who needed extensive medical care before they were ready for adoption. The pregnant mamas were cared for by some of our amazing fosters while our veterinary team concentrated on the cats who needed care for upper respiratory, eye and dental issues and performed many spays and neuters. Our Almost Home staff and Adoption Center staff and volunteers helped so many of these cats to come out of their shells — it was amazing to see their progress. We knew some of the cats were quite bonded and would do better if they went home with a friend, so these pets were adopted out together."

While all the cats have left the shelter, Blancato notes that

eight cats that are home with their new families are awaiting dental procedures before they can be officially adopted.

Danielle Bowes, a Second Chance's Almost Home quarantine staff member, said that she is so happy to see the last few cats find homes. Bowes was part of the team that cared for the cats before they were ready for adoption and got to know many of the cats quite well. She pointed out that the last to be adopted were "some of the shyest in the bunch. Junior really came out of his shell over time and learned to love head scratches. Eddie & Ralph, who have advanced kidney disease, were adopted by great people who could see past the boy's age and health issues to give them a home together for the rest of their lives."

Amelia, the last cat to be adopted, is brave and sassy despite weighing only 7 pounds with very few teeth according to Bowes.

"She is still not ready for a lot of physical human contact but luckily went to a home with other cats to help her learn. She loved every cat she was ever around, so I know she'll

thrive having a couple of buddies. It's such a relief to know that so many of these cats could find a happy ending!"

Second Chance Animal Relocation Director Wendy Hall says she is proud of the Almost Home team of three who worked so incredibly hard for these cats.

"Cheyanne, Jessica and Danielle brought their years of sheltering experience and compassion to make a difference in the lives of these cats."

Second Chance is grateful to everyone who supported the rescue and to all the adopters who welcomed these cats into their homes. Due to the longer than usual stay for many in the group and their extensive medical needs, the cost of their care far exceeded original estimates and quickly depleted all funds raised for their care. Those wishing to help defray the cost and support local adoption services at Second Chance can donate online at secondchanceanimals.org/donate or checks can be mailed to Second Chance, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01550.

Leicester Middle School students enjoy field trips regarding history, wildlife

LEICESTER — Students at Leicester Middle School recently participated in several field trips that taught them about local history and wildlife.

On May 4, the students visited Old Sturbridge Village for a guided tour of life in 1830s New England. In the afternoon, students were given the opportunity to take hands-on lessons from the OSV staff. Activities included learning to operate a printing press, a loom, and a garden.

The next day, May 5, students walked to several sites around Leicester Center. These included the library, where students were given a special tour.

"The staff of the Leicester Public Library took time out of their busy schedules to open

the library early for Leicester students," read a statement released by school officials.

Students also toured the Rawson Street Cemetery, where they learned about many famous people who lived in Leicester.

Students were also provided with history lessons relating to the buildings, ponds, and roads along the walk to the site.

Yet another stop on the town historical tour was Leicester Common. Students enjoyed games, a pizza lunch, and historically-based activities on the Common.

On May 6, students spent the day at the Ecotarium in Worcester.

In addition to exploring the facility's many exhibits, every

student took part in a pond ecology course which connected back to the sixth grade science curriculum.

"In the course, students collected samples of plankton from the Ecotarium's pond. Once collected, students were able to view their samples under a microscope," the school-issued statement read. "We were proud to see our students receive compliments each day about how well they represented themselves and Leicester Middle School."

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Leicester Middle School students recently took part in several field trips that focused on local history and wildlife.







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Worcester Red Sox partner with Huntington’s Disease Society of America

LOCAL CHAPTER WILL BE HONORED ON
FRIDAY, JUNE 3 AT POLAR PARK

WORCESTER — The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapter of the Huntington’s Disease Society of America (HDSA) is happy to announce that the chapter will partner with the Worcester Red Sox (Triple-A Affiliate of the Boston Red Sox) for the “Heart of Worcester” program on Friday, June 3rd at 6:45 PM at Polar Park for the game against the Syracuse Mets. A portion of the proceeds supports HDSA’s mission to improve the lives of people affected by Huntington’s disease (HD) and their families.

“Our club has had the pleasure of working with HDSA’s Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapter for the past several seasons in both Pawtucket and Worcester,” said Joe Bradley, Vice President of Baseball Operations & Community Relations. “We look forward to hosting HDSA and putting the spotlight on all of the impactful work the chapter is doing throughout this region.”


The “Hearts of Worcester” program includes a pregame recognition on the field with HDSA logo on the video board, a presence in the first base concourse to interact with fans, and an in-game radio interview with the broadcasters. Tickets also include \$2 of ballpark credit that can be used on concessions or in

the main team store on merchandise.

For more information about the event, please contact Abigail Desrosiers (abigaildesrosiers18@gmail.com). Tickets can be found at massri.hdsa.org/woosox.

Huntington’s disease (HD) is a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person’s physical and mental abilities during their prime working years and has no cure. Every child of a parent with HD has a 50/50 chance of inheriting the faulty gene. Today, there are approximately 41,000 symptomatic Americans and more than 200,000 at-risk of inheriting the disease. The symptoms of HD are described as having ALS, Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s – simultaneously.

The Huntington’s Disease Society of America is the premier nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by HD. From community services and education to advocacy and research, HDSA is the world’s leader in providing help for today and hope for tomorrow for people with HD and their families. HDSA was founded in 1967 by Marjorie Guthrie, the wife of legendary folk singer Woody Guthrie. Woody died from HD complications when he was only 55 years old,





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Southbridge’s Ruth Wells Center for the Arts to hold Water Color Exhibit

The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, located at 111 Main St., Southbridge, is holding a Water Color exhibit and the public is invited to view this exciting exhibit. Local artists are represented with a collection on display in the gallery. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, 2-4 p.m., and is free to the public. The Ruth Wells Center, also known as the Quinebaug Valley Council for Arts and Humanities, was founded in 1978 and offers

art classes, exhibits, workshops and offers space to the Southbridge Historical Society and the Southbridge Garden Club. For more information go to the website, ruthwellscenter.com or the Ruth Wells Center Facebook page.



Courtesy photo
This piece was done by Amanda Martin of Southbridge.

Our trips are open to all area citizens and ages. Please join us! Save the date of Wednesday, July 13, as we travel to Southern Maine for a Lobster Bake.

Mikayla Bokis presents at Lasell University Connected Learning Symposium

NEWTON — Mikayla Bokis, a Lasell University student from Spencer, presented at the institution’s annual Connected Learning Symposium.

Bokis had a submission featured in “Fresh Thoughts,” a yearly publication of top student essays from Lasell’s Writing I course, as well as artwork from graphic design students.

Since the inaugural event in 2002, the Connected Learning Symposium has, for the last 20 years, offered a community celebration of Lasell University’s intellectual and creative achievements. All student scholarship presented at Symposium aligns with National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) in-demand professional competencies.

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

Area seniors to view the scenery of Casco Bay

On Thursday, June 16 area seniors are joining Bob Wilby of Paxton to first have lunch at DiMillo’s famous floating restaurant on the waterfront of downtown Portland, Maine. After a delicious lunch of either Honey Baked Scallops or Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast, served with New England clam chowder, potato and vegetable, finished off with bread pudding with bourbon sauce, we will have a short walk to the pier.

At the pier, we will board the Casco Bay Lines Mailboat. This is a working boat that delivers mail, freight and groceries to the residents and a few businesses of the many Casco Bay Islands. From the boat we see the beauty of these islands. As we leave the harbor, we will see firsthand the industry of the port of Portland, Maine.

Our Wilson bus will depart the Paxton Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 16. Reservations are needed by May 26 to Bob Wilby. You can email him at rwilby@charter.net or call (508) 792-4662.

Checks should be made payable to Wilson Bus Lines and mailed to Bob at 11 Tanglewood Rd, Paxton, MA 01612 by June 1. With your check, please include your luncheon entree choice.

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Curry College welcomes Lillyan Thacker of North Brookfield into Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society

MILTON — Curry College welcomes Lillyan Thacker of North Brookfield into the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society.

The objective of the Alexander Graham Bell (AGB) Honor Society is to promote and recognize academic excellence at Curry College. The Society is named for the famous inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, who was an early chancellor at Curry College. It was founded in 1971 to recognize and promote academic excellence through a variety of activities at Curry.

The Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society is one of Curry’s most distinguished organizations. Membership in the Society is limited to those students who have achieved Dean’s List every semester while enrolled at Curry College. In the spring semester of 2022, 147 traditional undergraduate students were welcomed into the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society.



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Shyanne is a funny, caring, and outgoing young lady of Caucasian descent. She is known as a social butterfly that makes friends easily and enjoys spending time with her peers. Shyanne is also able to hold conversations with the adults in her life and is able to request attention from them in an appropriate manner. Shyanne is very artistic and is an especially talented drawer. She is also interested in participating in sports, such as soccer, track, and jiu-jitsu. Shyanne is special in that she can find the positive in almost any situation and is very insightful. She is very in-tune with her emotions and the emotions of others around her.

Shyanne is a good student overall. She works with her teachers to improve her math skills and appreciates receiving support to complete her homework. Shyanne would like to attend college in the future and would like to pursue a career in teaching. She loves to be helpful and enjoys assisting others with the daily routines in life.

Legally freed for adoption, Shyanne’s biological parents have an open adoption agreement to stay in contact with her. She also has siblings that she is very bonded with, so a potential family would need to facilitate these relationships as she grows. We are seeking a family of any constellation, including other siblings in the home. She will thrive in a home with a strong maternal role model that can set appropriate limits and boundaries. Shyanne does well in a family setting and is eager to find her forever home. Social workers would like to find a family that has parented before and understands how trauma affects a child’s ability to process emotions. A patient family that is willing to build trust with Shyanne over time is ideal.

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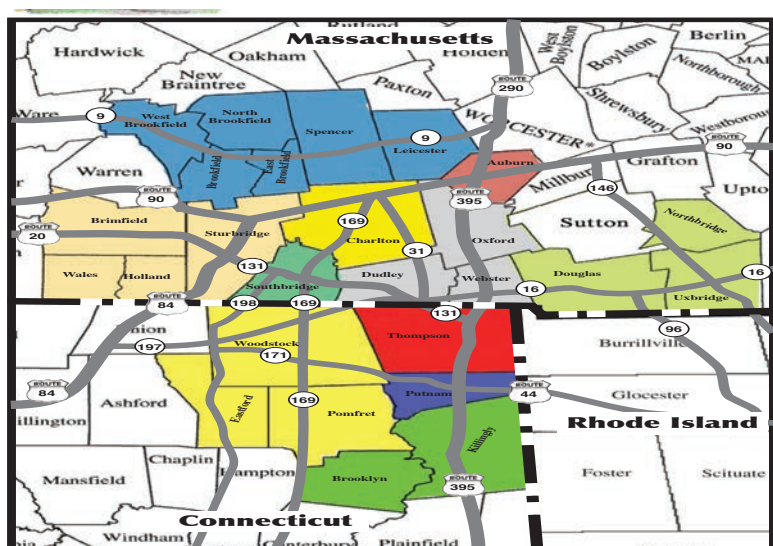
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EDITORIAL

Senioritis:
what’s it
all about?

We’ve all heard the term ‘senioritis’ but is this diagnosis real? After some lengthy research, we say absolutely. Senioritis is defined as, ‘A supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.’ The end is near with graduation just around the corner, and many seniors can taste freedom, but aren’t quite sure what to do with it. Even with some students heading off to college, the fear of the unknown combined with a complete change in the cadence in life is enough to make several seniors come down with a serious case of senioritis. The senioritis is a way to break away from the stress and rigors of 13 years of schooling.

Some signs of the affliction include a lack of motivation, a decline in grades or feeling as though nothing they do in the final months leading up to graduation really matters much. Most students’ entire senior years of high school are spent trying to plan for the future, this can be daunting and stressful for these kids, who are still really, just kids. Some symptoms parents should look for include extreme laziness, apathy, spending all of their free time with friends away from home.

Unfortunately, the rapid decline in motivation does not go unseen by universities. After being accepted, many schools will look at a student’s last semester, and a substantial decrease in grades raises a red flag. This has admissions offices questioning a prospective student’s level of commitment and the question of maturity is also put on the table. If the situation is bad enough a college or university can rescind an acceptance. Each year thousands of students receive such letters. Sometimes a student will enter their freshman year of college already on academic probation. If a student was issued merit aid from an institution, they risk losing those funds.

There are things that can be done to help offset senioritis. One thing a student can do is to set tiny goals such as getting a B or higher on the next quiz or test, or to finish an assignment ahead of time. Working on better ways to study for tests is also crucial. Too much pressure can cause students to shut down so taking some time to relax and have fun with family and friends is a great idea.

Another idea is for parents and teachers to reassure students that life after high school is an exciting time and that not every graduate needs a definitive plan right away. Explain different opportunities for a gap year, including the pros and cons of taking one.

If your child becomes more and more disengaged, it’s important to keep them on track. Remembering to reward good behavior is a must. If your child is behaving in such a way that they become emotionally removed, disobedient and disrespectful, taking a gap year might be the best option as college is expensive and tuition should never go to waste. Trade schools, the military or the work force are also excellent options. After all, happiness is the most important driver for success.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A thank you to Spencer Pine Grove Cemetery Volunteer Clean Up Day participants

To the Editor:
A warm and grateful thank you to all the participants of the Spencer Pine Grove Cemetery Volunteer Clean Up Day for Spring, 2022! You are amazing! Your work on Saturday May 7th transformed areas of the cemetery that needed attention and the resulting truckloads of pine cones, pine needles, branches and other debris was truly impressive! We so appreciate your

community spirit and your energy, but most of all your assistance in preserving such a beautiful resting place for our loved ones. A special thank you to Carol and Beth McPherson for baking all the wonderful treats for us. This certainly helped keep us going! Outstanding job, everyone!

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Gaudette-Kirk, American Legion Post to hold Memorial Day parade, service

To the Editor:
The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 30, 2022. The parade route will start at the American Legion and proceed down Main Street, a left onto Elm Street, a left on to Chestnut, left on to Maple Street back to Main Street and end at Isaac L. Prouty Memorial Park. Memorial Day services will be held on Monday, May 30, 2022, at the Isaac L. Prouty Memorial Park immediately

following the parade. We welcome all groups, youth groups and organization to participate in the parade and attend this year’s services. For more information please contact: Jerry Perron, Senior Vice Commander, Gaudette-Kirk Post #138, Spencer, (774) 200-2102.

JERRY PERRON
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Free will, choices

To the Editor:
The following are scriptures that are very clear, explicit about our choices, free will, a gift from God as to whether or not we believe God is alive and Jesus is the Son of the living God, the God of yesteryear, today and eternally.

In order for us to be saved from the original sin of Adam and Eve and have eternal life is through Jesus, God who is a pure spirit had to come into this world incarnate in the form of a baby, baby Jesus the Son of the living God born of a virgin woman, Mary. This may sound impossible to our human thinking, belief, however, when you get to know God better you will come to realize and understand that nothing is impossible for God the creator of this universe, world, human life etcetera. [Matthew 19: 26] [Mark 10:27] [Luke 1: 37, & 18: 27]

Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who was speaking to the people of yesteryear what God was going to do, God was preparing to establish a New Covenant with the people. God was going to come into this world and live with us through His Son Jesus and teach us how to live and love, a new way of life and teach us and restore us to Himself from the downfall and sin of Adam and Eve. God was coming to earth to destroy what Adam had done through Satan and reconcile us to Himself through His Son Jesus. Jesus was coming to teach us how to restore a new heart and life and we had to make that choice, we had to decide, choose if we wanted to accept God’s Jesus teaching that is explicit to us in the following New Covenant teaching. [Ezekiel 36:26]

Jesus was obedient to God the Father and accepted, obeyed the Father’s will to experience humanity and chose subject Himself to human life experiences and allowed Himself to be tempted by the devil just like we humans are subjected and tempted so that we can learn from Jesus {Matthew 4: 3-4}

Jesus is the Son of God Jesus and came into this world to personally teach us so that we would have no doubt like Peter that Jesus is the anointed Son of God, God Jesus incarnate [Matthew 16: 13-16]

There are many people who try to be good as I have, there are many honest people who do what they believe is right but we apart from Jesus we are no match for Satan, Satan is conniving, deceiving and offers many tempting situations and Jesus is the only way, Jesus has authority over Satan and apart from Jesus we have no defense [Matthew 28: 18] and [1 Corinthians 10: 13]

This woman who was named Martha also experienced Jesus personally, and we today also have the same opportunity, choice to experience Jesus if we allow our self, make that decision to personally do our research, study. {John 11: 27}

Daily we face the gift of choice, free will, whenever and whoever believes in Jesus shall not perish but have eternal life. Eternal life is not an extension of this life, it is a gift of life that is extended to us when we

accept, confess and profess Jesus as the Lord, Savior of our life in this world and when we make that choice we become an adopted child of God and live forever in God’s presence, eternal heaven, kingdom.

Let me make perfectly clear, to believe does not mean from our mouth, intellectually, it means from our heart, it means to trust with true conviction. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 15: 8 they honor Me with their mouth, some of us believe with their mouth but their hearts are far from Him [Jesus] [John 3: 16]

If the Old Testament law of God before God came into this world as Jesus is not convincing enough for you to decide, chose to live your life in Jesus which Jesus is the an eternal advantage to heaven hopefully the New Covenant will. God Jesus is teaching us that apart from Jesus we have no eternal life in heaven. Why! Because God has given all authority to Jesus as to the only way to God, Heaven is through Jesus; Jesus is the way to eternal heaven or hell. Our eternal destiny is our choice. [John 15: 5]

When we accept Jesus as our Savior in our life, heart we become temples of God’s Holy Spirit in this life one day someday we will live in God’s presence in heaven as an adopted child of the living God forever in Gods eternal kingdom, heaven. [2 Corinthians 6: 16]

We were all created with freedom to choose as we please, this is a gift from God, however this freedom is not a license to sin and do as we please. Whichever way you choose to live your life realize there is a consequence. We were all created to love and serve God, however, we can also choose to live like the world which is presently inhabited by Satan the prince of this world who will make every effort [Galatians 5: 13]

God’s law points out sin in us and gives us the opportunity, choice to ask God’s forgiveness [Romans 7: 7-8] As born again Christians who have been regenerated into God through Jesus we are now saved by the grace of God, thanks to Jesus! Our salvation through Jesus frees us from sins control and as true from the heart believers we are free to live as God created us to live. Now! This does not mean that we are free to do as we please [1 Peter 2: 16] we are free to obey, live as God directs us free from the temptation of sin, Satan [James 1: 25] this also means we all still have a sinful nature and with the grace of God it is our responsibility to control it because Satan has no power over us. Amen!

As I have said many times, we have a free will, choices, it is our responsibility as to whether or not we believe and accept Jesus. {Mark 8: 34}

Our life in this world is short, temporary, however God’s heavenly world eternal, the choice is yours, ours. Shabbat Shalom, dwell in peace.

ROLAND BLAIS
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Retiring early? Know your health care choices

Life doesn’t always go as planned. For example, you might think you’ll retire at 65 or later, when you’ll be eligible for Medicare. But if you retire before then, how will you pay for your health care?

Without insurance, you risk incurring thousands of dollars of expenses if you are injured or become seriously ill. And if you must pay for these costs out of pocket, you might have to dip into your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts earlier than you had planned – which could result in a less desirable retirement lifestyle than you had envisioned.



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What, then, are your options? It depends on your situation, but here are four possibilities:

Employer retiree health benefits – If your former employer offers health coverage to retirees, it could well be your best choice, especially if the employer continues to pay a share of the premiums. However, fewer employers are offering continuing health coverage to former employees, and among those who do, they may use certain criteria – such as length of service and position within the company – to limit eligibility.

Spouse’s plan – If you’re married and your spouse still has employer-provided insurance, you may be able to get coverage under this plan or continue this coverage if you have it already. If the employer subsidizes premiums for spouses, this plan could be an affordable choice – if not, though, it might be more expensive than other options.

COBRA – The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) allows you to maintain your existing coverage with the same benefits and provider network. However, COBRA is typically only available for a specific time – usually 18 months – after you leave your employer, and coverage can be expensive. Your previous employer subsidized a portion of the premium as a benefit, but once you’ve retired, you’ll likely have to pay the entire premium, plus an additional charge.

ACA Marketplace plan – Through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, you can find a variety of plans from which to choose, possibly including ones that include your existing network. If you qualify for subsidies, the premiums for your coverage may be similar to employer-sponsored coverage; if not, though, they can be more expensive. For information on ACA Marketplace plans, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you have options for health insurance, you’ll want to take into account differences in coverage and cost. Check whether your desired health care providers are in-network and try to determine if your current medications and the benefits you rely on are covered. You may also want to consider a plan that allows you to open a health savings account (HSA), which offers potential tax benefits. To contribute to an HSA, you must be covered by a high deductible health plan (HDHP), so there’s that cost to consider, but if you’re in generally good health and you don’t expect to depend heavily on your health insurance until you’re eligible for Medicare, you might want to consider an HDHP.

One final note: Even when you do enroll in Medicare, you will still incur expenses for premiums, deductibles and co-pays, so you’ll want to budget for these costs in your overall financial strategy.

In the meantime, explore your health insurance options. The future is not ours to see – so you’ll want to be prepared for anything.

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Wild turkey season closing; striped fishing season flourishing

With approximately two weeks left of the spring Mass. wild turkey season, reports of many local hunters harvesting their two birds is good news. However, these same hunters are reporting very few sightings of female turkeys. There are no reports from Mass. Fish & Wildlife of a possible problem with the wild turkeys to date. I have noticed the absence of sightings of wild turkeys in fields, and birds crossing the streets that I travel every day. Other local hunters have also sounded the alarm. Hopefully it is just a change in their feeding habits!

The Providence River is providing some great fishing for stripers, with some porgies starting to show up. The striped fishing should improve dramatically in the next week. The tautog bite is very good and the bite should last a bit longer, before the season closes. Archies Bait & Tackle provided this week's fishing report! Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle reported that striped fishing has been slow, but the tautog fishing was great.

Anglers fishing aboard the Yankee fleet have reported a lot of action catching haddock and cod, although all cod need to be released because of the regulations prohibiting the retaining of cod for a number of years now. A one fish



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limit was allowed last year for a short period, and anglers are hopeful that at least a couple of cod will be allowed soon.

The strict limits on ground fish like cod, fluke, seabass and stripers is hurting the recreational fishing in both Mass. and Rhode Island,

and small charter boats are feeling loss of revenue because of less charter reservations.

Trout fishing had slowed last week on some of the Cape ponds according to reports from some of the local anglers that had fished some of them last week. This happens every year on both fresh and saltwater. The old saying "you should have been here yesterday." Locally anglers have been catching some nice fish this year like brown, rainbow and brook trout for anglers using power bait and stick baits like small Rapalas.

I need to chuckle a bit when I hear a story about a young angler with a cheap rod, reel and worms, that walks down to the water at a local pond and catches a freshwater bass that weighs in at 5 lbs. or more, while a few bass boats nearby that cost thousands of dollars and have professional anglers with all of the latest gear, are having a slow day. It happens all of the time. My brothers and I did the same thing when we were



Courtesy photos
Steve Rondeau with his first turkey for this season and his friend Jonathon Walker with his first turkey ever!



Kellen Morosinskis with a 5 pound-plus large-mouth bass he caught a short time ago.

essential in keeping your dog healthy through the summer months. Vet bills are soaring, and a visit to them can be alleviated with just some extra care during the summer months.

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Last week marked the opening of Brimfield and from what I've heard it was a great success. The warm weather brought crowds of happy dealers and shoppers. If you missed this first show, there will be two more opportunities from July 12th through the 17th and September 6th through the 11th. In addition to this special tradition, there are many other shows taking place close to home, or a short day or week-end trip away.

The day before Brimfield's July and September dates, you can attend the Sturbridge Antique Show. The show's website touts 100 dealers with vintage clothing, Americana, jewelry and antiques. It will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on July 11th and September 5th. Early admission (beginning at 8 AM) costs \$40 while general admission (beginning at 10 AM) costs \$15.

If you're looking to attend a show happening sooner, the Grafton Annual Antiques and Arts Show will be held on June 18th from 9 AM to 3 PM on the Grafton Common. The Grafton Historical Society's website notes that "Antique & Art ven-

dors will line beautiful Grafton Common offering high quality Antiques and craft items for sale."

Want to couple your antiquing with a weekend getaway? The Dover Show & Vintage Market is about an hour and a half away in Dover, NH and will be held on June 11th, July 23rd, August 20th, and September 17th. There is free admission from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or you can pay \$6 for early admission.

Also in New Hampshire, tailgate antique shows will be running at Flying Pig Antiques on the following Thursdays: June 23rd, July 21st, August 25th, September 15th, October 20th and November 17th. The fields open at 9 AM and there is free admission.

The 65th Annual New Hampshire Antique Dealers Association Show takes place August 11th through August 13th in Manchester. The Maine Antique Digest describes it as "the best show of its kind in New England." The NHADA website states, "the 65 professional antiques dealers who exhibit at the show save merchandise throughout the year in order to ensure that the show maintains its longstanding reputation for 'fresh-to-the-market' antiques." Thursday admission is \$15 while Friday and Saturday admission is \$10. As a great way to promote interest in antiques among the younger generation, admission is free to those 30 and under.



Also happening later in the summer, the 50th Annual Antiques Fair and Summer Festival will be held August 27th in Madison, CT. The Madison Historical Society describes the show as such: "with many outstanding antique exhibitors from the Northeast, New York State, the mid-Atlantic states and Florida, this unique fair typically offers eighteenth- and nineteenth-century American and European furniture, along with a wide range of other antiques." It runs from 9 AM

to 4 PM with an admission fee of \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

Some of these shows have been running for so long that they can almost be considered antiques themselves, too. Please confirm that any shows you are interested in attending haven't been canceled or changed before traveling.

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careful not to bury the crown of your plants.

You can leave the compost sitting on the soil surface or lightly mix it into the top inch with a hand cultivator. The earthworms, ground beetles and other organisms will move it down into the

soil and around the plant roots where it is needed.

The second step is especially helpful for those with heavy or compacted soils. Once the compost is in place, do a bit of vertical mulching. Use an auger bit on your cordless drill. Simply drill holes into the soil between plants. This aerates the soil and pushes some of the compost into the soil further boosting your efforts.

Vertical mulching helps speed up the process a bit by getting the compost closer to the plant roots and soil organisms that will help incorporate it into the soil. The openings created in the soil allow air, water and fertilizer to penetrate the soil surface and travel to the root zone.

Then be sure to return the mulch you removed from the garden or add mulch if needed. Maintaining an inch or two of organic mulch on the soil surface not only conserves moisture and suppresses weeds; it also continues to improve the soil. As the organic mulch breaks down, it adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

Investing some time to create and



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Topdressing perennial gardens improves the overall health of the garden, so the plants can thrive.

maintain healthy soil goes a long way in making your garden a beautiful part of the landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great*

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Tips to grow ‘plants in a pot’ for patio or porch

There are many reasons to plant a vegetable garden, among them the security of knowing where the food you bring to the table comes from. The current economy, coupled with food safety issues, has contributed to a surge in backyard gardening – add to that back porch, patio, and windowsill gardening!

For those who don't have room to plant a sprawling plot, container gardens fit the bill. From whiskey barrels to plastic buckets, plants are sprouting up on back decks, front porches, and even on balconies. Many vegetables grow successfully when contained in pots. Benefits include the ability to position the pots to increase growing condition, and a reduced risk of pest invasions.

Crop Pickings: Luckily, some of the best loved vegetables are appropriate for container gardening. Crops that do well include tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers, beans, as well as, carrots, cabbage, peas, beans, beets, cauliflower and broccoli. In addition, there are many varieties of dwarf vegetables that are specially bred to grow well in containers. Once you've decided which plants to pot up, there are a few general rules to follow to ensure thriving container crops.

Container Choices: The size of the container depends upon the crop that

will be grown. Typically most vegetables can thrive as long as there is enough space for proper root development. Shallow rooted crops such as lettuce, peppers, radishes, and herbs require a space at least six inches in diameter with an eight inch soil depth. Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and beans grow well in deeper buckets, such as five gallon buckets, half whiskey barrels, and deep patio pots. Bushel baskets, half barrels, wooden tubs, or large pressed paper containers are ideal for growing tomatoes, squash, pole beans, and cucumbers. Note that container plants do best when transplanted from seedlings into the container, allowing for a hardening off period.

Select Soil: The perfect planting material for containers should provide quick and steady drainage with enough water retention to keep the roots moist. Some gardeners suggest a traditional soil mix, others prefer a soil free potting mix that offers a lightweight medium that is free from soil borne diseases. A good rule of thumb is to mix equal parts of sand, garden soil and peat moss. This mixture may be heated in a low oven for an hour to kill any weeds, insects or bacteria.



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Water Well: Proper watering is essential for a successful container garden, due to the fact its root system is restricted. Usually once a day is sufficient, but keep mind containers are much apt to dry out in hot weather, causing the plant to produce poorly or worse. Also, avoid soaking the leaves when watering, as wet foliage encourages disease. And make sure the pot is equipped with proper drainage. Inadequate drainage will cause the mix to become water logged, and the plants will be deprived of necessary oxygen.

Proper Placement: Placement is important, since growing vegetables need at least five hours of direct sunlight each day. Flowering and root vegetables need even more sun. Check the requirements of each variety you are growing. Since the container garden offers mobility, moving a pot to ensure it receives sufficient sunlight is a valuable advantage.

Pot Couture: Container vegetable plants can do double duty. An attractive garden pot or two on a deck or patio adds ambiance to an outdoor space. A

row of trellised pole bean pots can serve as a decorative barrier along a deck or balcony. And a window box of lettuce, radishes and peppers, not only offers lush greenery, but handy salad pickings at your fingertips.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

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

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

Spencer Exchange Club to donate toward new David Prouty Marching Band uniforms

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — It's been a while since the David Prouty High School Marching Panther Band had new uniforms — about two decades — but the Spencer Exchange Club will soon make a major donation to end the drought.

On Friday, May 27, the Exchange Club will present a \$10,000 check to the DPHS Marching Band for the purchase of new uniforms. The presentation will be made during the club's annual golf

tournament at Heritage Country Club in Charlton, and the band will play the National Anthem to kick off the event.

School officials thank the Exchange Club for their constant support of the community and schools. Throughout the year, club members are involved in multiple activities and events that raise funds for the betterment of the community.

"We are very grateful for the generous donation from the Spencer Exchange Club to support the David Prouty High

School Marching Panther Band," said DPHS Principal Elizabeth York. "The students will exemplify Prouty pride when they step onto the field wearing their new uniforms. The Spencer Exchange Club does so much to support our school and our school district. They are wonderful partners who want only the best for the students."

Exchange Club members thank the community for donations that directly benefit local schools, organizations, activities, students, and events. Funds

are raised through several Exchange Club programs each year.

"It's amazing what the efforts of the Exchange Club can do. We are so happy to make this happen for the DPHS marching band," said Exchange Club President Sheena Toscano. "Please continue to support the Exchange Club of Spencer's events. This makes it possible for us to continue to do amazing things for our community."



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Memorial Day Events for North Brookfield

In 2022 North Brookfield is coming out of the restrictive COVID parameters for the past two years (albeit still cautious) with a full array of events to celebrate the sacrifices and patriotism of North Brookfield veterans who have given distinguished service to their country over the years. These events are:

0800 – Starting at the Walnut Grove cemetery and concluding at the St. Joseph cemetery a ceremony will take place consisting of, a military color guard, a prayer invocation, a firing squad volley, and the playing of Taps to render appropriate gratitude to deceased veterans.

0920 – Starting in the center of town (N. Main/School Streets) a veteran's color guard and firing squad will march to the Haston library where they will be posted. They will be accompanied by members of the NB Jr./Sr. HS band. According to Mr. Eric Blumenthal, bandmaster, the band's status is like that of the New England Patriots in that they are in a "rebuilding mode." We are very pleased to have them participate after a two-year hiatus.

0930 – Ceremonies will begin with opening comments and an invocation given by Frank Potter the chaplain of the N. Brookfield VFW Post. This will be followed by the long-time tradition of reading Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Historically this has been accomplished by the NBHS Jr. Class President. Thomas O'Brien will be fulfilling that honor. The bells of the N.B. Congregational Church will then be rung by Steve Ottman, to symbolize the joyful homecoming of veterans who are returning from battle.

(0930) - Should there be inclement weather a condensed Memorial Day program will be held in the North Brookfield Congregational Church.

1000 Continuing the ceremony in front of the Town war memorials (Haston Library) includes speeches by honored guests: the Reverend Jane Beebe, of the Christ Memorial Church, will start and be followed by Jason Petraitis representing the North Brookfield Select Board. Joseph Jablonski, the incoming Commander of the N.B. VFW Post will read a speech given by former President Ronald Reagan on what it means to be an American. After the speeches the N.B. Jr./Sr. School band, under the direction of Eric Blumenthal, will play the Hymns of the various military branches in order of founding (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force) plus America the Beautiful.

1030 At this time the most solemn part of the program begins with the reading of deceased veterans of North Brookfield starting from the Civil War to the present conflict in the war against terrorism. As each name is read a poppy flower will be attached to a wreath supplied by Linda McGourty from the Woman's Auxiliary of the N.B. American Legion Post. A drum roll is also rendered after each name is read. After the readings the military firing squad will render a 3-volley salute in honor of these deceased veterans. Following the rifle salute, Mark McGrail and a student from the band will render the playing of Taps with an echo.

The ceremony is concluded by the lowering and raising of the American flag by the commanders of the NB American Legion (Ray Dupel) and Veterans of Foreign Wars (Joseph Jablonski) detachments. Simultaneously, the community will be led in the singing of the National Anthem by Emily Sampson. All are encouraged to participate in singing our National Anthem.

'An Afternoon of Italian Opera' to benefit Worcester Organ at Mechanics Hall

WORCESTER — The sumptuous and tantalizing sounds of some of the most beloved Italian operas will fill Mechanics Hall on Sunday, May 22 during a special performance to benefit the great Worcester Organ. "An Afternoon of Italian Opera" will feature well-known musical selections, including excerpts from Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*, Verdi's *La traviata*, Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* and L'elisir d'amore (The Elixir of Love), performed by Ukrainian soprano, Olga Lisovskaya, Neapolitan tenor Giovanni Formisano, and Leonardo Ciampa at the piano. The benefit concert, organized by The Friends of the Worcester Organ and held at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester, begins at 4pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at mechan-

icshall.org or by calling the Mechanics Hall Box Office at 508-752-5608.

"The Worcester Organ is the centerpiece of our exquisite Great Hall. And it is also the pride of our city, whose past generosity helped pay to build the organ in 1864, as well as restore the Hall in 1977," said Kathleen Gagne, Executive Director of Mechanics Hall. "We are grateful to The Friends of the Worcester Organ for organizing this very special celebration of Italian opera to support this magnificent instrument."

"It is one of the greatest honors of my life to play and compose for the Worcester Organ, which was constructed by the Hook brothers of Boston, among the country's greatest 19th-century organ builders" said Leonardo Ciampa, Mechanics Hall Composer-in-Residence and

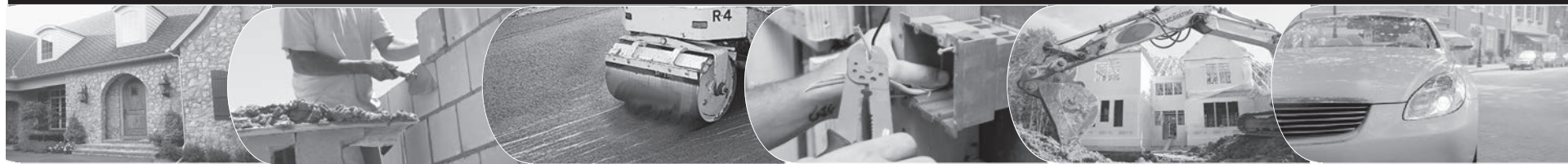
organizer of "An Afternoon of Italian Opera." "This outstanding instrument is truly a "Stradivarius" of organs, one of the best ever built and a treasure that needs constant maintenance and care. With this special celebration, The Friends of the Worcester Organ hope to raise important funds so the organ continues to delight generations to come."

The doors to Mechanics Hall will open at 3:30pm on the day of the event. The accessible entrance is located on Waldo Street. Elevators are located in the ground-floor lobby and provide access to the second and third floors; there is no elevator access to the balcony. Those who need assistance can contact the Mechanics Hall Ticket Office, Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm, by calling 508-752-5608.



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OBITUARIES

Henry F. Kobel, 85

LEICESTER- Henry F. Kobel, 85, of Leicester, died peacefully, with family by his side, Saturday, May 14 in Southbridge Rehab & Healthcare Center.



He leaves his wife of 43 years, Carol A. (Wall) Kobel, his son; Henry Kobel and his fiancée Debbie of Spencer, his daughters; Susan Streeter of Charlton, Lori Piracci and her husband Dino of Charlton, and June Fish and her husband Mitch of Sandiego, Calif., his stepchildren; Robert Garrity and his wife Kathy of Barre, Michael Garrity and his wife Penny of Rochdale and Paul Garrity and his wife Suzanne of W.Boylston, his brothers; James Kobel and Bill Kobel and his wife Pat all of FL., and a sister; Grace Lear in TN., 16 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by brothers Thomas and Joseph Kobel, a sister Kathleen Larochelle and a son in law

Bill Streeter. Henry was a toolmaker for Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, Inc. in Spencer and was also Vice Pres. at Votco Mfg. in Worcester before retiring in 2001. He was born in Worcester, the son of Russell and Grace (McCullough) Kobel. Henry was a longtime police dog trainer for the Quincy and Auburn Police departments. He was a member of the Schutzhund USA and Owner of Cherry Valley Schutzhund Dog Club. He was a member of St. Joseph/St. Pius X Parish. A funeral for Henry was held on Wednesday, May 18 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main St., Leicester. A calling hour preceded the services on Wednesday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Joseph/St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, Ma. 01524. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Vincent J. Lombardozzi, 85

LEICESTER- Vincent J. Lombardozzi, 85, died Saturday, May 14, after an illness.



He leaves his wife of 62 years, Joan B. (Pietro) Lombardozzi, a son Michael A. Lombardozzi of Leicester, a daughter Teresa M. Bedard and her husband Jeffrey of Dudley, a sister Mary Ann Zicaro and her husband Bucky of Worcester, four grandchildren; Kristin Letourneau and her husband Jon, Cathryn J. Cleveland and her husband Ben, Anthony E. Lombardozzi and his wife Mollie and Hayden K. Lombardozzi, three great grandchildren; Hailey & Austin Letourneau and Kinsley Lombardozzi, several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister Josephine Ball. Vinny was born in Worcester, son

of Anthony and Antonia (Errara) Lombardozzi. He graduated from Worcester Boys Trade in 1959 and then served his country proudly in the United States Navy. He was a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service for 36 years retiring in 2000. He was a member of St. Pius X Church, the Disabled American Veterans and the Greendale Retired Men's Club. He enjoyed taking daily walks, golfing, gardening, reading and the New England Patriots. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. Vinny was happiest when he was spending time with his family. The funeral will be held from MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St, Leicester with a Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 20 in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, May 19 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main Street, Leicester, MA 01524. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Mary D. Mason, 73

SPENCER- Mary D. Mason, 73, It is with great sadness that the family of Mary D Mason, of Spencer, share with sadness her passing after a short courageous battle with an illness. She succumbed to her sickness on May 11, 2022 in Memorial Hospital in Worcester, MA.



Born November 18, 1948 in Worcester, MA. She was the daughter of the late Joseph P Chakwas and the late Arlene (Duncan) Chakwas of Worcester, MA. She worked from a very young age at Quaboag nursing home in West Brookfield, MA, O.C. White in Worcester, MA, and Hometown Chimney Cleaners of Worcester, MA. Among many other jobs she held over the years. She died the same as she lived, with great strength and dignity. She will be greatly missed by all who knew this special lady. She leaves her beloved wife and partner of 39 years, Sherrill (Sher) Morse with whom she lived; her son James A Mason & his wife Crystal Mason and their son Cody Walker of North Carolina; a step daughter Billy Jo Mason & her children; her grandson Brandon A Mason and his mother

Melissa Chicoine of Warren MA. She is also survived by 2 brothers Joseph P Chakwas of Worcester MA and Steven Chakwas & his wife Shirley of Southbridge; 2 sisters Karen (Hannah) of Ware and Susan (Chakwas) Klama & her husband Kris of Worcester. She was predeceased by her youngest son John P Mason of Spencer; her late husband Wilmont "Bill" Mason of Spencer; 2 brothers Thomas Chakwas of San Francisco CA and Kevin Chakwas of New York City, New York. Mary was a kind, gentle and loving soul. She overcame much adversity in her lifetime. Along with her blood family, she leaves behind an extended family of friends who loved her very dearly. Mary enjoyed reading, knitting, fishing, and spending time with loved ones. She was an avid fan of the Boston Bruins, the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. Her heart was as vast as the universe. If she loved you, she loved you for life. She will be sorely missed, leaving a hole in the hearts of all who loved her. Go with God our beloved Mary. Following cremation a graveside service will be held in Worcester Memorial Park in Paxton. Arrangements are in the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer MA.

Ronald McDonald House visits Brookfield Congregational Church crafters

BROOKFIELD — Brookfield Congregational Church crafters recently got a visit from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts to thank them for their contributions. Ronald McDonald House Manager Celine Hamilton Quill visited the church on April 30 to view the work of its Prayer Shawl Ministry volunteers. An assortment of 255 wool hats, headbands, blanket sets, and other items will be donated to the Springfield headquarters. The hats and blankets will be distributed to families at Shriners and Baystate Hospitals.



Courtesy photo
BCC Prayer Shawl Ministry Chair Patti Coltey, left, with Ronald McDonald House Manager Celine Hamilton Quill.

Busy upcoming schedule at Haston Free Public Library

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Haston Free Public Library invites guests to enjoy an exciting upcoming schedule of springtime events. The library has been plenty busy this spring, with several programs and appearances from new and returning patrons alike. For the months of April and May, the library has benefited from a North Brookfield High School internship program designed to provide participants with professional experience. Senior Roan Testa, already a library volunteer, decided to complete her internship at the library. "I've always gone to the public library since I was little, whether it was for

story time, Girl Scouts activities, or movie showing in the basement," Testa said. "For my senior year internship, I decided to ask if I could continue my volunteer work here and turn it into an almost full-time job. I've loved all the time I've spent here, stocking shelves, running the circulation desk, creating displays, and everything else that comes with it." Testa will attend Worcester State University in the fall, with a double major in English and Musical Theater. Library officials also thank everyone who made this year's (Almost) May Festival a success. The Friends of the Library, the Friends of the Town House, the Cultural Council, and the Earth Day Committee worked together to organize the April 30 festival.

"It may have been blustery, but the atmosphere in the center of North Brookfield was buoyant," read a statement released by the library. "We want to thank everyone who participated. After a two-year hiatus, it was a pleasure to join with all of you in celebrating spring and so many of the people and talents that make this corner of the world a great place to live." Library officials also thank the many volunteers whose efforts made the event possible. Looking ahead, guests are invited to attend the library for a fun and interactive talk designed to help you get your small business questions answered. On May 26 at 7 p.m., local businesswoman, entrepreneur, and author Dani Whitestone will discuss her new book,

"The Brilliant Businesswoman: Your Guide to Entrepreneurial Success." The program is especially timely, as recent data shows a record number of small businesses were started during the pandemic as a result of layoffs and other challenges. Whitestone is the founder of the Women's Small Business and Leadership Network, as well as the cofounder of TurboLaw Software. At the library Book Group's next meeting on May 31 at 7 p.m., members will discuss "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. Copies of the book are available in the library. The library is located at 161 North Main Street.

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Additional highlights of the fellowship include visits to Japanese schools, major companies, and industrial facilities. Moreover, sightseeing excursions are planned to allow the fellows to learn about Japanese culture and society. For Everett, the trip to Japan is especially meaningful after COVID-19 caused a lengthy delay. He was initially selected for the fellowship in 2020, but the pandemic has prevented his travel to Japan until this summer. "I participated in a virtual version

of the program in 2021. In one virtual meeting, we were able to talk with a former Japanese ambassador to the United States," Everett said. After reapplying to the program this year, Everett was selected and can't wait to land on the other side of the International Date Line. Once there, he will join the other fellows in teaching a lesson at a Japanese school about World War I. The experience will also greatly assist Everett in his instruction back in Leicester. "It is exciting to finally get to travel to Japan after two years of COVID-19

related delays," Everett said. "It will be exciting to bring everything that I have experienced in this fellowship to the classroom for the 2022-23 school year." The fellowship is sponsored by the Keizai Koho Center (KKC), an independent nonprofit organization. Established in 1978, the KKC has served as a platform for the Japanese business community to interact with key stakeholders inside and outside of Japan. "I am very honored and thankful to the Keizai Koho Center for all of their work organizing this fellowship through all of the COVID-19 restrictions and delays," said Everett, who also won

the Bryan McSheffrey Teacher of the Year Award for 2022. LMS leaders commend Everett for his commitment to education and providing the best opportunities for his students. "Leicester Middle School is honored to have a teacher like Mr. Norman Everett. His dedication to students is second to none," said LMS Principal Christopher Fontaine. "As we continue to have a mindset of always improving, the valuable information and experience that Mr. Everett will gain will only continue to help push our schools in the right direction."

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residents of Spencer, I promise to work hard to address all the issues we will face as a town. I will be dedicated to representing all the residents of our town. I promise to listen to your concerns and always put the interests of the town's people first." Both Pepe and Woodbury ran upbeat campaigns celebrating Spencer's recent accomplishments and showing hope for its future. Both selectmen highlighted downtown development and the transition of the Senior Center to the former Maple Street School as major achievements during their lengthy

careers on the Board. Viner, who previously spent nine years on the town's Planning Board, said he is eager to stay involved in his community and make another run at municipal leadership next year. "I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you that supported me throughout this process and voted for me in Tuesday's election. You're the reason why I do this, and you're the reason why I'll keep doing this," Viner said. "Losing is always a tough pill to swallow, but I haven't gotten to where I am by giving up. The frank conversations that I've had with very many of you just reaffirm why I need to stay involved.

Mark your calendars now for Viner 2023." In other election news, Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee Chairman Jason Monette ran unopposed. He looks forward to his next term supporting the students of the district. "It's great to be back for another term to help continue our progress forward as a district, but also see the add-on renovation continue to move in the right direction," Monette told the New Leader. "There is still more work and improvement that needs to be done, and I look forward to working with everyone involved in making this district the best it can be."

Pecans give these cookies extra appeal



Pecans are tasty offerings that are ideal in both savory dishes and desserts. Like fruits of other members of the hickory genus of trees, pecans are not truly nuts, but drupes. A drupe is a fruit with a single stone or pit surrounded by a husk. With pecans, the outer husk dries out and splits open,

exposing the “nuts” inside. Georgia, New Mexico and Texas are the leading domestic producers of pecans, but Mexico grows nearly half of the world’s pecans. Pecans are heart-healthy and rich in antioxidants, several vitamins and minerals, and a good source of healthy fat. In addition, one

ounce of pecans provides 10 percent of the recommended daily fiber intake. Cookies may never be considered “health food,” but there are ways to make them more nutritious. The addition of beneficial ingredients like pecans can do just that. This recipe for “Cowboy Cookies” from “Live Well, Bake Cookies” (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye includes oats, pecans and coconut in the mixture, adding flavor and nutritional appeal.

Cowboy Cookies

Makes 50 to 52 cookies

2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened

1 cup packed light brown sugar

2/3 cup granulated sugar

2 large eggs, at room temperature

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

3/4 cup sweetened shredded coconut

1 cup chopped pecans (see baking tip)

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, ground cinnamon, and salt until well combined. Stir in the old-fashioned rolled oats and set aside.

2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted

with the paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined. 3. Mix in the eggs, one at a time, then mix in the vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. 4. Mix in the dry ingredients until just combined, then mix in the chocolate chips, shredded coconut and chopped pecans on low speed until fully incorporated. 5. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. 6. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside. 7. Using a 1 1/2-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Gently press each ball of cookie dough down to slightly flatten it. 8. Bake for 10 to 13 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set and the edges are lightly browned. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 5 to 10 minutes, then carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely. 9. Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week. Baking tip: For even more flavor, try toasting the pecans. Just cool them completely before adding them to the cookie dough.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Alicia Benoit to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, dated February 28, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50517, Page 55 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded on April 2, 2015, in Book No. 53546, at Page 62 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, recorded on June 9, 2017, in Book No. 57233, at Page 114 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, recorded on April 11, 2018, in Book No. 58650, at Page 173 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on June 3, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 10 Lyford Road, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: Land on the southerly side of Lyford Road in Spencer, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts being shown as Lot 5 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Spencer, MA owned by the Estate of Esther Gale, Joy White, Executrix, April 12, 2006, Donald A. Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., New Braintree, MA" which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 844, Plan 25 and which lot is more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a solid rod set in the southerly line of Lyford Road at the northeast corner of the lot herein described and the northwest corner of Lot 4 as shown on said plan; THENCE S. 30° 43' 15" W., 282.67 feet along Lot 4 as shown in said plan to a solid rod set; THENCE S. 00° 16' 08" W., 223.26 feet along said Lot 4 to a re-rod set in a pile of stones at land nor or formerly of Burdett; THENCE S. 1° 21' 38" E., 58.37 feet along said Burdett land to an iron pin found at land now or formerly of Roy; THENCE N. 89° 02' 19" W., 170.00 feet along a fence along said Roy land to a solid rod set; THENCE N. 2° 00' 55" E., 389.94 feet along Lot 6 as shown on said plan to a solid rod set; THENCE N. 30° 54' 47" E., 330.00 feet along said Lot 6 to a solid rod set in the southerly line of Lyford Road; THENCE S. 42° 56' 00" E., feet along the southerly line of Lyford Road to a stone bound; THENCE S. 37° 57' 12" E., 82.16 feet along the southerly line of Lyford Road to a solid rod set at the point of beginning. Containing 113,586 square feet (2.608 acres). For mortgagor's(s') title see deed

recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50517, Page 53. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 2016050518 May 6, 2022 May 13, 2022 May 12, 2022

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the POWER OF SALE contained in a certain Mortgage given by Harold Rondeau and Kristian Rondeau to Jeffrey S. Rodman, Trustee of Plan Investment Trust dated December 8, 2017 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 58162, Page 1 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on the 31st day of May, 2022 upon the mortgage premises at 108 Paxton Road, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land in said Spencer, with buildings thereon, known as Dwelling No. 12, situated in the southerly part of Upper Wire Village, on the easterly side of Upper Wire Village Road, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner thereof, on the easterly side of said road at a point 546.3 feet northerly of land now or formerly of Ellen St. Ger-

main; Thence S. 87 degrees 48' E. by land now or formerly of Walter J. Kane, Tr., 193.3 feet, said line being parallel to and 19 feet distant from the south line of the dwelling on granted premises; Thence N. 4 degrees 29' E. by land now or formerly of Walter J. Kane, Tr. 65 feet to a corner; Thence N. 87 degrees 36' W. by land now or formerly of Walter J. Kane, Tr. 193.3 feet to the easterly line of the aforesaid road; Thence southerly by the easterly line of said road 65.6 feet to the place of beginning. Containing about 0.41 acre of land. For Mortgagor's title, see Deed recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 58161, Page 399 and Book 58218, Page 260. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder shall be required to deposit Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) in cash, certified check or bank check at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be due within thirty (30) days, at the offices of Dunning, Kirrane, McNichols & Garner, L.L.P., 133 Route 28, Mashpee, MA 02649, Attorney for the Mortgagee Others terms to be announced at the sale. Jeffrey S. Rodman, Trustee of Plan Investment Trust, Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorney, Christopher J. Kirrane, Esq. Dunning, Kirrane, McNichols & Garner, L.L.P. P.O. Box 560 Mashpee, MA 02649 (508) 477-6500 BBO# 660542 ckirrane@dunningkirrane.com May 6, 2022 May 13, 2022 May 12, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P3641EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Catherine M Kiritsty
Date of Death: 01/28/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Tara Kiritsty of Cambridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief

as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Tara Kiritsty of Cambridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/07/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 11, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

May 20, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO22C0177CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:

Katherine Anna Lazerick
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Katherine Anna Lazerick of East Brookfield MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Catherine Mary Barnes** IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/07/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.** WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 06, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

May 20, 2022

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police Logs

THURSDAY, MAY 5
2:19-2:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:30 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), bear in chicken coop; 7:59 a.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), services rendered; 8:02 a.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), assist TT unit; 8:11 a.m.: fire (Norcross Road), referred; 8:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), ramps taken from property; 9:02 a.m.: animal complaint (Irving Street), loose dog; 11:20 a.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 11:47 a.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), req. welfare check; 12:05 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 1:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Condon Drive), req. welfare check; 2:47 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), assist Warren PD; 2:56 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:22 p.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), mv's not stopping at crosswalk; 4:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley View Drive), req. welfare check; 5:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Wire Village Road), bases thrown in river; 5:39 p.m.: mutual aid (Route 49), Sturbridge PD bolo/erratic operator; 6:43 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), services rendered; 8:00 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:06 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 8:08 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 8:11 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), no action required; 8:33 p.m.: RV complaint (Howe Road), info taken; 8:41-9:41 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:02 p.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), neighbors fighting; 10:40 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 8).
FRIDAY, MAY 6
12:09-2:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:45 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 1:30 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), m/f fighting; 6:01 a.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 7:01 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), loose dog; 9:12 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:13 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 10:29 a.m.: restraining order service (Mechanic Street); 11:17 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:53 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:53 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), req. check on crying child; 2:01 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 2:21 p.m.: lost/found (Cranberry Meadow Road), wallet found; 2:29 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 2:41 p.m.: mv complaint (Chestnut Street), mv passing school bus/child getting off; 2:44 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 2:54 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), speeding; 3:36 p.m.: restraining order service (Pleasant Street); 4:31 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:35 p.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), accidental; 7:22 p.m.: animal complaint (McDonald Street), dog attack; 7:24 p.m.: disturbance (Pearl Street), screaming heard; 7:53 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), debris in road; 9:21 p.m.: vandalism (Lake Street), alarm sounding; 10:44 p.m.: suspicious persons (Cherry Street), investigated; 11:23 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Church Street), loud explosions heard; (Total daily mv stops – 4).
SATURDAY, MAY 7
12:01 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 12:45-2:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:58 a.m.: residential alarm (North Brookfield Road), services rendered; 7:11 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), St. V/no in-house dialysis; 7:33 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:44 p.m.: 911 call (Charlton Street), hang-up; 9:54 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), resolved; 10:19 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 11:21 a.m.: 911 call (West Main

Street), hang-up; 1:01 p.m.: building checked, secure; 1:12 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), lost cell phone; 1:22 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), bike/side of trail; 1:59 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 2:31 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken; 2:44 p.m.: mutual aid (Mechanic Street), Paxton PD bolo/failure to stop; 3:10 p.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), investigated; 3:24 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic operator; 4:23 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 4:35 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Donnelly Road), gunshots heard; 6:41 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:42 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:12 p.m.: fraud (Mechanic Street), scam call; 8:12 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), req. assistance w/ankle monitor; 8:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), req. welfare check; (Total daily mv stops – 4).
SUNDAY, MAY 8
12:22-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:33 a.m.: open door (Valley Street), bldg. secured; 5:34 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), services rendered; 8:45 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:01 a.m.: fire/residential (Clark Street), referred; 10:50 a.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), loose dog; 10:52 a.m.: medical/general (Summer Street); 11:00 a.m.: fire alarm (Cedar Road), referred; 12:43 p.m.: medical/general (Sunset Lane); 12:46 p.m.: lost/found (Howe Road), glasses lost; 1:10 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), items missing from house; 1:20 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (High Street), referred; 2:26 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 2:29 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 3:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), shotgun casing found; 3:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: people at Mexicali; 3:59 p.m.: accident (Wall Street), report taken; 4:39 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 5:29 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:35 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: license status; 6:02 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 7:49 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 8:00 p.m.: disturbance (Dustin Street), noise complaint; 8:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), unwanted party; 10:03 p.m.: disturbance (Bay Path Road), fem. screaming/blowing horn; 10:48 p.m.: 911 call (Condon Drive), child w/phone; 11:31-11:43 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 3).
MONDAY, MAY 9
12:04 a.m.: accident (Route 49), report taken; 12:05-2:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:16 a.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), missing cat; 7:44 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 8:05 a.m.: suspicious persons (Vine Street), investigated; 8:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), re: kennel license; 10:06 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spence Road), loose horse; 10:49 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 12:10 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Howe Road), referred; 12:18 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Pleasant Street), brush fire/referred; 12:26 p.m.: mv complaint (Paxton Road), speeding; 1:42 p.m.: 911 call (Jolicoeur Road), accidental; 2:35 p.m.: animal complaint (North Brookfield Road), re: boarding horse; 3:28 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:31 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), referral from DA; 3:52 p.m.: mv complaint (Brooks Pond Road), mc/wheelies in roadway; 4:04 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:29 p.m.: DPW call (Howe Road), tree in road; 5:00 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:20 p.m.: commercial alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 7:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), dog found/no tags; 7:28

p.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 8:43 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Street); 9:04 p.m.: fire alarm (McCormick Road), referred; 9:08 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 9:51 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 10:04-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 1).
TUESDAY, MAY 10
12:01-12:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:47 a.m.: medical/general (Lloyd Dyer Drive); 6:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), apt. lockout; 8:58 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 11:17 a.m.: medical/overdose (Main Street); 11:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), welfare check; 12:08 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Maple Street), misdial; 12:44 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:50 p.m.: disturbance (Lake Avenue), harassment/male neighbor; 1:55 p.m.: mv lockout (Meadow Road), assisted; 3:05 p.m.: medical/general (Holmes Street), lift assist; 4:13 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 4:41 p.m.: medical/general (Briarcliff Lane), lift assist; 4:51 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 5:39 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Adams Street), resolved; 5:49 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 9:35 p.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 10:12 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:41 p.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); (Total daily mv stops – 4).
Leicester Police Logs
THURSDAY, MAY 5
12:38 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), resolved; 12:43 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 1:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Curtis R. Medeiros, 54, 6 Fruit Street, #5, Worcester, op w/suspended license/subsequent offense, reckless operation, speeding, failure to stop for police, marked lanes violation, mv lights violation, possession Class B drug, arrest; 7:12 a.m.: ambulance (Grove Street), transported; 9:35 a.m.: ambulance (Redfield Road), transported; 10:34 a.m.: residential alarm (Marshall Street), call canceled; 10:47 a.m.: assist citizen (Burncoat Street); 11:20 a.m.: larceny (Washburn Square), report taken; 1:11 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered; 3:10 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:39 p.m.: larceny (Pine Street), assisted; 6:41 p.m.: disabled mv (Whittemore Street), resolved; 7:29 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), investigated.
FRIDAY, MAY 6
5:47 a.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Circle), transported; 7:00 a.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), report taken; 9:58 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 11:24 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:29 a.m.: ambulance (Clark Street), transported; 12:14 p.m.: ambulance (Marshall Street), transported; 12:51 p.m.: fraud (Burncoat Lane), report taken; 12:54 p.m.: ambulance (King Street), transported; 2:03 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to; 2:37 p.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), spoken to; 4:21 p.m.: soliciting (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 4:51 p.m.: investigation (Tobin Road), services rendered; 5:58 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 8:18 p.m.: disturbance (Boyd Street), spoken to; 8:41 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), services rendered.
SATURDAY, MAY 7
4:26 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:28 a.m.: suspicious mv (Washburn Square), resolved; 6:41 a.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), assisted; 7:33 a.m.: malicious mischief (Boyd Street), name and address redacted from police log, vandalizing property, report taken; 10:42 a.m.:

debris in road (Main Street), referred; 1:31 p.m.: accident (Stafford Street), mv towed; 1:43 p.m.: fraud (Main Street), report taken; 2:40 p.m.: ambulance (Park Avenue, Worcester), transported; 4:00 p.m.: recovered stolen property (Main Street), report taken; 4:34 p.m.: ambulance (Park Lane), services rendered; 4:39 p.m.: ambulance (Parker Street), transported; 5:53 p.m.: welfare check (Olney Street), resolved; 9:21 p.m. disturbance (Main Street), unfounded.
SUNDAY, MAY 8
2:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:55 a.m.: ambulance (Atwood Road), transported; 3:59 p.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), transported; 12:11 p.m.: mutual aid (Catalpa Circle, Worcester), transported to hospital; 1:26 p.m.: threats (Winslow Avenue), report taken; 1:41 p.m.: ambulance (Sunset Drive), transported; 2:10 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), call canceled; 2:35 p.m.: welfare check (Gold Court), no action required; 2:58 p.m.: debris in road (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 3:47 p.m.: RV complaint (Craig Street), spoken to; 3:49 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), referred; 4:18 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:56 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 6:37 p.m.: malicious mischief (Michael Avenue), no action required; 8:22 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), assisted; 8:59 p.m.: family problem (Carleton Road), report taken; 10:57 p.m.: disturbance (Pine Street), no action required.
MONDAY, MAY 9
9:27 a.m.: domestic disturbance (Rawson Street), peace restored; 10:11 a.m.: malicious mischief (Burncoat Street), services rendered; 12:44 p.m.: erratic operator (Paxton Street), resolved; 1:28 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 1:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Fairview Drive), referred to ACO; 2:57 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), services rendered; 3:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:11 p.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:00 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:19 p.m.: erratic operator (Craig Street), investigated; 9:37 p.m.: debris in road (Pleasant Street), removed.
TUESDAY, MAY 10
8:18 a.m.: mutual aid (Pleasant Street, Paxton), transported to hospital; 9:28 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 9:45 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 10:52 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:12 p.m.: fraud (Soojians Drive), report taken; 5:46 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 6:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), criminal application issued; 6:50 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 8:05 p.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), spoken to; 9:47 p.m.: welfare check (Mayflower Road), no action required; 10:46 p.m.: ambulance (Meadow Road, Spencer), transported.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11
2:08 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), resolved; 4:04 p.m.: municipal security alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 5:16 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 9:42 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 12:55 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 1:32 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:30 p.m.: welfare check (Warrant Avenue), report taken; 3:07 p.m.: ambulance (Wyola Drive, Worcester), transported; 3:09 p.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 4:35 p.m.: ambulance (Queen Street, Worcester), transported; 5:54 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), report taken; 6:07 p.m.: parking complaint (Town Beach Road), unfounded; 6:41 p.m.: suspicious mv (Washburn Street), gone on arrival; 8:45 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:25 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), spoken to.

RC racing tournament comes to North Brookfield on Memorial Day

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Ready, set, race!
Residents are invited to help raise funds for several causes on Memorial Day weekend by supporting an RC racing program.
Four local organizations will compete in the RC racing tournament. Each organization will host teams to race and raise funds for their causes. Individuals are welcome to join one of the following teams: the North Brookfield Select Board; the North Brookfield Playground Committee; and Scout Troop 128.
Details on the fourth team

will be announced soon.
“All are welcome to join one of the teams they would like to support,” read a statement released by event organizers. “Each team can have as many drivers as they wish. These drivers will be grouped in three age categories: Under 12, Under 19, and Adult.”
The tournament is being run by Mark Schreiber, of Good to Go Racing. For several years, Schreiber has introduced youngsters and families to the joys of RC racing.
“I really enjoy teaching, racing, and seeing the kids have fun,” Schreiber said. “There are tremendous educational benefits to RC racing, and I want it to eventually become

a scholastically recognized sport.”
All teams participating in the tournament will have the opportunity to practice and receive race coaching prior to the event. Practice and coaching schedules will be determined by each team leader.
For fundraising, each team will generate money for their causes through raffle ticket sales and donations. Each team will keep 50 percent of all donations and funds received, with the other 50 percent reserved to cover the costs of promoting, hosting, and managing the event.
Each team will choose only one member to represent their team in the tournament finale

set for Memorial Day. Prizes will be provided by the race promoter.
Prizes include the following items: new RC race truck starter kit (first place); RC racing vehicle used during final race (second place); \$100 gift certificate from Hog Heaven Hobbies (third place); and \$25 cash for the fourth-place finisher.
Each team will have their own qualifying races to determine team standings, scheduled before the main event on Memorial Day.
Good to Go Racing will provide all RC trucks for use during the event. These trucks are identical, which will ensure an even playing field for all drivers. No outside vehicles

are allowed to be used during the event.
All guests are also welcome to try a three-minute fun run race as part of the program. The suggested donation is \$3.
Race practice sessions and fun run races will be held on Saturday, May 28, and Sunday, May 29, from 1-4 p.m. at the Common in North Brookfield.
The tournament finale will be held following the Memorial Day service at the Common in North Brookfield.
For more information about the program and how you can get involved, send an email to mark@goodtogoracing.com.

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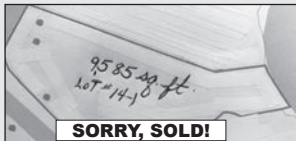
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SPORTS

Warriors prevail over Auburn in important, win-filled week



Tantasqua's Liam Hubacz spins off an Auburn defender. Hubacz scored four times in the Warriors' 9-7 victory over the Rockets.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — A day after a program-defining victory over Wachusett Regional, the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity lacrosse team traveled to Memorial Field to tangle with Auburn High on Tuesday, May 10.

What followed was a spirited, back-and-forth affair between the Warriors and Rockets, with neither team grabbing more than a three-goal lead at any point. When all was said and done, though, Tantasqua kept its winning week alive with a 9-7 victory.

"We played Wachusett last night — really tough game. I think the final was 10-9. We've been trying to get better each day and I think finally it clicked for our guys a little bit," Warriors' head coach James Putney said after the win over Auburn. "I'm not too concerned about how we performed in Week 1 or Week 2. It's about hitting your stride at the right time. We've been trying to put it together to prime ourselves to be playing our best lacrosse at playoff time."

Tantasqua led at the stops — 2-1 after one quarter, 5-4 at the half and 7-6 through three frames — but the Rockets were right there until the very end.

They led twice in the contest — both in the second quarter — at 3-2 and 4-3, but it just wasn't enough.

"Auburn's a strong team. I'm just happy to come out with the 'W,'" said Putney.

The Warriors' scoring was balanced, as six players were able to find the back of the net. Braeden Rich, Avery Michalak, Patrick Dunn, Jack Ricci and Nathan Williams all scored once, while Liam Hubacz lit the lamp four times.

"In terms of a coaching philosophy, it's a team game. The more you move the ball, it's just going to create more opportunities for everyone," Putney said of the balanced scoring.

Putney mentioned how he hoped for his team to close out a perfect 3-0 week with another win, this time over a talented Nipmuc Regional club on Thursday, May 12, and the Warriors did just that. Tantasqua won, 12-6, and are 7-4.

Auburn, meanwhile, slipped to 5-7 but won two days later to get to within one game of .500.

The Rockets had two standout perfor-

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Monday, May 9
Leicester 78, Quaboag 47; Leicester 82, Bartlett 23 — After defeating the Cougars and Indians in a tri-meet, the Wolverines are 5-1 in the girls' track and field season. In the meet, Leicester's top-scoring athletes were Breana Escobar, Abigail Johnson, Grace Bujak, Abigail Bernabei and Sarah Brouillard.

Leicester 74, Quaboag 42, Leicester 91, Bartlett 34 — Also victorious in the tri-meet was Leicester's boys' track and field squad. The top scoring athletes for the Wolverines were Theodore Miller, Dylan Delage, Brett Carroll, Domingo Torres and Cooper White. Leicester is now 4-2.

Tuesday, May 10
Tantasqua 11, Northbridge 9 — Trailing by a 7-5 count at halftime, the Warriors rallied to defeat that Rams in a girls' lacrosse tilt. Maeve Ashworth (4 goals), Kaydie O'Neil (3 goals, 1 assist), Kylie McDermott (2 goals), Kelsie Lucas (goal) and Bridget Bellezza (goal) led the offensive charge for Tantasqua, while goalie Celeste Downey

made 9 saves.

Wednesday, May 11
David Prouty 5, Southbridge 0 — The Panthers' tennis team defeated Southbridge, with Jess Fulmer winning at first singles 6-2, 6-1, Lindsey Soter winning at second singles 6-2, 6-0, Mel Reil winning at third singles 6-1, 6-0, Ava Bergeron and Ayla Messier winning at first doubles 6-0, 6-0, and Greenly Waugh and Allison Decelle winning at second doubles 6-0, 6-0.

Thursday, May 12
David Prouty 3, Northbridge 2 — Winning points for the Panthers' tennis team were the first doubles team of Ava Bergeron and Ayla Messier 6-2, 6-4, and the second doubles team of Grace Haftarczuk and Bella Costello by forfeit. The deciding point was won by third singles player Rianna Ortiz 4-6, 6-3, and 7-5 in a match that lasted over two hours. The win qualified the team for the state tournament.

Tantasqua 10, Auburn 1 — The Warriors improved to

8-4 in girls' lacrosse following the victory over the Rockets. Scoring for Tantasqua were Maeve Ashworth (5 goals, 1 assist), Kaydie O'Neil (2 goals), Kylie McDermott (2 goals) and Kelsie Lucas.

Saturday, May 14
Wolverines perform well at District E Championship Meet — Competing at Lunenburg High, the Leicester High boys' and girls' track and field teams competed at the District E Championship meet. On the boys' side, Teddy Miller won the long jump (21 feet, 10 inches) and placed fifth in both the 100-meter dash (11.67 seconds) and 200-meter dash (23.50 seconds). Cooper White took eighth place in the triple jump (38 feet, 4 inches), and the 4x800-meter relay team of Dylan Delage, Coddan Nguyen, Brett Carroll and Jason Fournier finished with an impressive time of 9:33.48. On the girls' side, Abby Bernabei was fourth in the two-mile (12:42), Abbi Johnson took seventh in the javelin (85 feet, 8 inches) and Nina Dykas was



Leicester High and their medal winners from the District E Championship Track and Field Meet.

eighth in the discus (78 feet, 10 inches).

Monday, May 16
Tantasqua 12, Notre Dame Academy 6 — The Warriors girls' lacrosse team improved to 9-4 after taking down the

Rebels. Goal scorers included Maeve Ashworth (3), Kelsie Lucas (3), Kaydie O'Neil (2 goals, 2 assists), Sophia Parker (2), Kylie McDermott (1 goal, 1 assist) and Grace St. Laurent. Celeste Downey made 6 saves in net for Tantasqua.

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SPORTS

Fastball the fix for Schneider, as Tantasqua outlasts Indians



First baseman Elyse Geneway of Tantasqua sees the ball into her glove for an out.



Tantasqua's Allie Blair keeps her bat back before swinging away as the pitch approaches.

Nick Ethier photos

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WEBSTER — With the Bartlett High varsity softball team trailing in the bottom of the sixth inning, 6-2, Imani Washington (single), Sienna Stawiecki (single) and Dakota Vaudreuil (walk) all reached base for the Indians on Tantasqua Regional pitcher Katelyn Schneider to load the bases with nobody out in a game played on Wednesday, May 11.

Nate Orzech, head coach of the Warriors, then made his way to the circle to speak with his pitcher. After heading back to the dugout, Schneider escaped the stress-filled jam having surrendered just one run, which made it a 6-3 game.

Tantasqua then tacked on four runs in the top of the seventh inning to surge ahead, 10-3, before ultimately winning a 10-5 decision after Bartlett scored twice in the home half of the final frame.

When asked what was said between he and Schneider during the mound visit, Orzech's answer was telling.

"Kate did all the talking, to be honest with you. She told me what wasn't working and what was working, and we went with what was working. It was a pitch that we hadn't thrown much all day. She went with it nine straight pitches to get out of the inning," explained Orzech.

The pitch? The most common one in the game — a fastball.

"She doesn't use it very often," Orzech said of his off-speed specialist. "She's a good pitcher, she knows what she's doing."

Tantasqua got to a 6-2 lead thanks to one run in the first inning, another run in the third, three more in the fifth and an additional run in the sixth. Despite the eventual 10-run effort, Orzech was critical about how his team struggled to piece together hits and runs, often-times being perplexed by the pitching of Bartlett starter Ellie Adams.

"We have a tough time adjusting to our timing. It takes us at-bats instead of pitches," said Orzech. "We're hitting the ball hard, but we're hitting it into the trees 100 yards foul."



Tantasqua's Taylor Bronner cleanly fields a grounder hit her way.

Nonetheless, the Warriors are now 11-3 and in the midst of a successful season.

"We didn't play well and we found a way to win, which is the sign of a good team," said Orzech.

Schneider's complete game effort included 12 strikeouts, six hits and two walks. Only one of her runs allowed was earned. Offensively, Schneider was 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI, and Alexis Taudel was 3-for-5 with a trio of runs scored and an RBI. Elyse Geneway and Emma Quinn (two) also had RBI for the Warriors.

On the other side of the field, Bartlett head coach Courtney Stawiecki was pleased of the pitching of Adams, who worked the first five innings and allowed five runs (two earned) on six hits, with eight strikeouts and four walks.

"Ellie threw a great game. She was going down 3-0 in the count and she battled back to strike kids out multiple times," said Stawiecki. "There was an inning when they had bases loaded and she was able to get out of the inning. The kid has mental toughness."

The Indians held a 2-1 lead after two innings and the game was tied at 2-2 through four.

"It was a tough game. Tantasqua always has a really strong team. I was



Katelyn Schneider of Tantasqua gets ready to release a pitch to the plate.

happy that they were able to time up the pitcher after the first inning and make effective contact with the ball," said Stawiecki. "We lost to a good team. It happens."

Offensively, Washington and Sienna Stawiecki each went 2-for-4, with Stawiecki driving in two runs. Sofia Napierata and Camryn Phillips also had RBI for the Indians.

Bartlett is now 7-8 as it hits the home stretch of the season.

"We are battling hard. The girls are at a really good mental point in the game where they can start improving their game without getting lost in their errors and the defeats to put them in a better place to start concentrating on what needs to improve," said Coach Stawiecki.

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mances in the game with the Warriors. Brendan Crowley scored six of Auburn's seven goals — Matthew Sjogren had the other tally — and Michael Nelson made nine saves to keep the game as close as it was.

Tantasqua's Gabriel Laprade tangles with an Auburn player while going for a loose ball.



Braeden Rich of Tantasqua maneuvers through a pair of Auburn defenders.



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SPORTS

Cougars claw past North Brookfield for fourth victory

WARREN — In a trying season for both the Quaboag Regional and North Brookfield High varsity softball teams, where wins haven't come as often as either side would like, a victory was to be had for one of the two when they met on Thursday, May 12.

It ended up being the host Cougars who got the job done, winning a 15-3 decision in five mercy rule shortened innings. Quaboag is now 4-7. The loss dropped the Indians' record to 1-14.



A determined Hannah Manzano of Quaboag prepares to pitch the ball versus North Brookfield.



Quaboag left fielder Jenna Duff races in to catch a ball hit her way.



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North Brookfield pitcher Zoe Cataldo begins her windup before delivering the ball to the plate



Catcher Lily Syas records an out for North Brookfield by extending her reach to secure a popup.

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