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Friday, August 27, 2021

Support pours in for Spencer firefighter battling brain tumor



Pat Murray

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The family of a Spencer firefighter is receiving strong support as he wages the biggest fight of his life. Community support has poured in for SFD Firefighter Patrick “Pat” Murray, a Spencer resident who was recently diagnosed with a large brain tumor. A Go Fund Me page was set up to assist Murray and his family, with nearly 75 percent of the \$50,000 fund-raising goal already reached by press time.

Earlier this month, Murray and his father were on a family trip in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, when he began to experience a severe headache. He was rushed by ambulance from his hotel to the hospital, where a CAT scan

determined that he had a fist-sized tumor pushing against his brain. Doctors decided that Murray required emergency surgery to remove the tumor off his brain. Surgery took place at Wellspan York Hospital in York, Pennsylvania.

Murray’s girlfriend, Christine Vezina, and his mother, Eugena Murray, drove for nearly eight hours to be by his side after surgery. Days later, he was transported to Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston.

“This is a battle our family has had to fight before with Pat,” read a statement posted by family members to the Go Fund Me page. “Patrick was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma cancer at

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Officials provide update on wastewater discharge

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WARREN – In a recent update, officials sought to clarify the situation involving potentially undertreated wastewater being discharged into the Quaboag River.

On May 28, a public advisory notification was posted on the town Web site, as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). The subject of the notification was the town’s wastewater treatment plant, which discharges treated wastewater effluent into the Quaboag River at 2527 Main St. in West Warren.

According to the notification, the risk existed for poten-

tially undertreated wastewater to enter the river this past spring.

“The Town of Warren’s seasonal chlorine disinfection system is not currently operating, so undertreated / undischarged wastewater is being discharged to the Quaboag River,” read the May 28 notification. “This may result in higher *e. coli* (bacteria) levels in the Quaboag River from the Warren Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall to the river’s confluence at the Ware and Chicopee Rivers in the village of Three Rivers, Massachusetts.”

The notification advised the public to take precautionary measures to minimize the risk

of contact with potential effluent.

“Do not drink or ingest the water, and thoroughly wash hands following any contact,” the May 28 statement read. “The Town of Warren is actively working to correct this situation.”

Reaching out to Warren’s Board of Sewer Commissioners for an update on the situation, the New Leader was told that the May 28 statement was released as a precaution due to reduced staffing levels. At the time of the statement, the treatment plant was only staffed by one person, officials said.

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Quaboag Rehabilitation continues to navigate through COVID

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – Despite facing unprecedented challenges over the last year-plus, Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center continues to successfully navigate the storm that is COVID-19.

The entire healthcare industry has struggled with staffing challenges during the pandemic, but senior care facilities have been hit especially hard.

Quaboag, located at 47 East Main St., is a 147-bed facility that usually runs close to full occupancy throughout the year. The center offers short-term post-acute care services, traditional long-term services, respite care, and certified memory care.

When COVID-19 struck locally in March of 2020, senior care facilities throughout the region saw significant staff departures. Although many nursing homes were forced to eventually close, the Quaboag staff has worked hard to ensure the continuity of quality services while uplifting seniors.

“Luckily, Quaboag had a strong foundation of staffing, with dedicated, skilled employees prior to the pandemic,” said Quaboag administrator Lynn Corfe. “Quaboag has always had a strong sense of community with our staff, residents, and residents’ families, which helped greatly during the challenging time when visitation was restricted or limited due to DPH guidance

related to COVID infection control protocols. Working in a healthcare setting at any time can be challenging and emotional due to the connections made between staff and patients, so a focus on showing staff appreciation and residents kindness and compassion is always at the core of what we do.”

Since March of 2020, Quaboag staff members have made countless extra efforts to support residents during a time of great fear and uncertainty. Because residents were not able to receive standard visits from friends and family members during the height of the pandemic, staff members were committed to preventing them from feeling isolated. Members of Quaboag’s Activity Department decorated walls with words and photos of inspiration, and T-shirts were also made to emphasize unity and solidarity. Staff members also did their best to support each other on the hardest days.

Moreover, officials took measures to ensure that residents stayed connected with their families throughout the fall and winter.

“We had expected what was coming, and rented a large tent and heating element for the residents to be able to continue to see their families when visitation indoors ceased,” Corfe added. “We had purchased warm covers for the residents to drape over them and their wheel-

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DELOREANS MAKE RETURN APPEARANCE IN SPENCER



Photo Courtesy

The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission’s 2021 Summer Concert Series has been extended with a return appearance by the Deloreans from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer. The Deloreans is a seven-piece horn band that performs mostly pop, rock and soul hits of the ‘70s and ‘80s. The instrumentation is guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, sax, trumpet and trombone. Four members sing and create great harmonies and backups. The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission is planning additional encore Sunday afternoon performances that will run into September, weather permitting. The concert series is proudly sponsored by Cornerstone Bank. Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster and Worcester.

Spencer Fair returns with new event lineup

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The Spencer Fair will have a slightly different lineup of programs in 2021 than typical years, but guests can still expect the same family fun and excitement that mark every event.

After the annual four-day

fair was canceled last year due to COVID-19, organizers are thrilled for the return of guests on Labor Day weekend. This year’s fair will take place on Sept. 3-6.

“We are glad to be able to hold the fair this year. As a nonprofit association, we really need the fair to survive,”

said Robert Knight, who runs advertising efforts for the fair. “We have a great lineup of entertainment and exhibits.”

Guests can expect a strong mix of returning programs and new events. Some of the favorite returnees include demolition derbies, tractor pulls, truck pulls, rabbit and poul-

try shows, hall exhibits, and of course the midway.

The racing pigs are also back this year as part of the fair’s barnyard revue. Additionally, guests will be able to view giant pumpkins and other fascinating finds. The event also typically hosts beef and dairy shows, as well as equine pro-

grams.

Information on musical performances for 2021 was not released by press time.

The 2021 fair does not have a mask mandate in place for guests. Organizers continue to follow all state guidelines

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Changes in the weather



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Mother Nature has decided to send a hurricane with wind & rain into our week at a terrible time, as many families and friends take vacation days, hoping to enjoy the outdoors. We cannot complain too much though as our neighbors to the West and South are enduring fires, mudslides and flooding for months. Global warming is real, and the change in our weather is only going to get worse. There are still many non-believers on global warming, and I do not know what it will take to convince them that it is real.

Fresh water bass fishing continued to provide some great fishing last week ,with

one youngster catching a three-and-a-half-pound small-mouth bass. Heavy rain causes a lot of high water on lakes and streams, but sometimes it improves fishing for some species on lakes and ponds. Back in 1954, Hurricane Carol hit New England and dumped a large amount of rain causing floods and devastation to the area. After a few days, anglers were fishing the Arcade Pond in Whitinsville using shiners for bait, and the action was great. Huge pickerel and largemouth bass were caught during a week or more at the culvert on Main Street that once allowed water to flow into the Blackstone River. The area is now a parking lot!

A few local anglers fished aboard the Yankee Fleet in Gloucester, and had a great day of fishing, catching numerous Haddock, Cod, Cusk and pollock. Unfortunately, all of the cod had to be returned back to the ocean because of the closure of cod on all of the Gulf Coast. Starting in September

anglers can retain one cod daily on the Gulf Coast.

Striper fishing on the Cape Cod Canal provided sporadic action for some anglers last week. Reports of great striper fishing in Rhode Island with many large fish being caught. Just about any striper baits and jigs are producing fish ,including umbrella rigs , live eels and jigs. There are a lot of school stripers in the bays which are also holding some legal-size fish. Fly fishing anglers are enjoying some great fishing.

Reports of some great fishing for fluke around the Five Cottages area was good news last week with numerous keeper fluke. The Snug Harbor fishing report stated that eight- and nine-pound fluke were caught last week at areas around Block Island. Seabass fishing is also very good around the rocky bottom areas.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Cindy and Cliff Leinonen of Houseworks Realty LLC now licensed in Vermont

EAST BROOKFIELD — Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty is pleased to announce that Cindy and Cliff Leinonen have joined the company's Mount Snow Vermont office as the Houseworks Vermont team.

Cliff and Cindy work as a team in Massachusetts where they are the Owner/Broker of Houseworks Realty for the past 20-plus years. They are

newly licensed in Vermont, but have a wealth of real estate experience including new construction, land development, owning a modular home business and as an investor and landlord.

They recently purchased a home in the Mount Snow area in Wilmington, where they can pursue their outdoor passions including snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and hiking.

With their entrepreneurial background, college degrees, and years in the business, they have the ideal foundation for handling all your real estate needs in Massachusetts and Vermont.

Ellen Mallia, Regional Manager for Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty's Southern Vermont region, added, "We are pleased to have Cindy & Cliff Leinonen join the Mount Snow office at Four Seasons Sotheby's

International Realty. The Leinonen's bring their wealth of Real Estate knowledge along with a fresh perspective and an enthusiastic approach to our Southern Vermont Real Estate market."

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Cindy and Cliff Leinonen

Bingo returns at Spencer Senior Center

SPENCER – After many local Bingo programs were shut down for more than a year, residents are thrilled to get back into the game at the Spencer Senior Center.

Run by the Spencer Knights of Columbus Council 118, Bingo games take place each Thursday at the Senior Center (68 Maple St.). Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and papers are sold beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

"Attendance has been about 70 people, and we would love to see even more

people come out and have some fun," said K.O.C. Council 118 Deputy Grand Knight Larry Berard.

For area residents whose favorite Bingo program may still be shut down due to COVID-19 concerns, the Spencer Bingo group is thrilled to welcome new members.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, organizers can be reached at P.O. Box 73, Spencer, MA, 01535. Participants will be welcomed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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BROOKFIELD — EXIT Real Estate Executives in Brookfield today announced the addition of Sarah Chipman to its team of real estate professionals.

"We're excited to welcome Sarah to EXIT Realty," says Michelle Terry, Broker & Owner of EXIT Real Estate Executives. "EXIT is growing and attracting quality business people like Sarah each and every day."

Sarah has been passionate about real estate since her earliest years growing up in central Massachusetts. She always knew that she wanted to chart a path helping others, and found her

true calling in real estate serving her clients and guiding them through one of the biggest investments of their lives. Sarah is often described as detail-oriented, proactive, and fun to be around. She enjoys spending time with her family, and pets, camping, traveling and just being active.

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Sarah Moore graduates from Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Sarah Moore of Leicester graduated from Hofstra University in May 2021, earning a Bachelor of Arts in English and Political Science.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). Our campus is a leafy oasis just a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. We

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It's happening at the Town House in North Brookfield

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Join the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House on Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as they celebrate the arts with music and activities for all ages.

Highlights of the day include local artist Laura Dusty who will be guiding participants as they create watercolors of the historic Town House and Derek Ingalls and Greg Afton who will be playing music you are sure to enjoy. Come take part in the fun.

The Friends' Arts Celebration is being held in conjunction with the Haston Library Book Sale and North Brookfield Cultural Council Plant Swap being held the same day.

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for safety. All guests are able to wear masks to the event if they choose to do so.

For residents who missed almost all of their favorite local traditions last year, it means a lot to be back at craft fairs and larger events in 2021. Local aficionados of festivals and fairs are also looking forward to the Leicester Harvest Festival; the final leg of the Brimfield Antique Show; and the 42nd annual Apple Country Fair on the Brookfield Town Common. Each of these events will take place in either September or October.

To learn more about programs slated for this year's Spencer Fair, visit www.spencerfair.org. The website also has information on ticket prices and parking.

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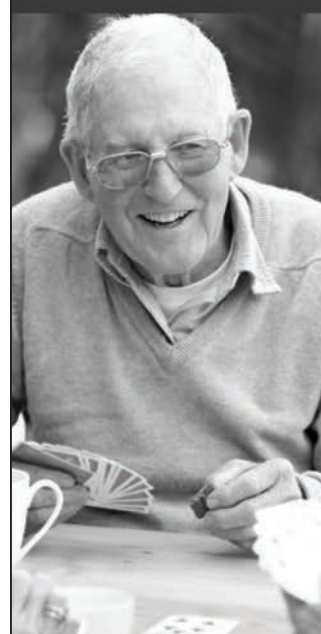
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Composting is as simple as placing disease- and insect-free plant debris into a pile and letting it rot. Don't add meat, dairy, or fat that attracts rodents or weeds that have gone to seed, invasive plants or perennial weeds that can survive the compost process and end up back in the garden.

You can enclose the pile in a bin to keep the process neat, tidy, and out of sight. Some gardeners prefer tumbler composters for added ease when it comes to loading, unloading, and turning the pile. Dual bin tumblers allow you to stockpile the raw materials in one bin while actively composting in the other.

Always check with your municipality first. Some have restrictions on the type of bins that are acceptable while others may offer them at a discount.

Start your pile in an accessible space hidden by nearby plantings, fences, or decorative bins. Turn the pile frequently, moving the more decomposed materials in the center to the outside

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like herbicide-free grass clippings, fruit wastes, vegetable clippings and manure with carbon rich (brown) cornstalks, evergreen needles, straw and fall leaves will speed the process. But don't let this recipe prevent you from composting. All plant waste will eventually decompose as weather, insects and micro-organisms digest the materials over time.

Start with an eight- to 10-inch layer of garden trimmings. Cover with an inch of soil or compost and sprinkle with fertilizer to help speed things along. Repeat until the pile is at least three feet tall and wide. Moisten the pile to a consistency of a damp sponge.

Turn the pile as time allows or frequently for faster results. Move the more decomposed materials from the center to the outside of the pile. It's a great work out and speeds up the decomposition.

The more effort you put into composting the sooner you will have rich organic matter for your garden. But even casual composters end up with a wonderful amendment for the garden.

Compost is ready when it is brown and crumbly. Mix finished compost

and less decomposed to the center.

Speed things up by mixing nitrogen and carbon rich plant debris, topping with soil or compost, and adding a bit of fertilizer. Including equal parts of nitrogen rich (green) materials



Photo Melinda Myers

Composting can be as simple as collecting disease- and insect-free plant debris, placing it in a pile and letting it rot.

into potting mixes for containers, work it into garden beds or spread a one-inch layer over the soil surface of perennial gardens every other year.

Start putting your landscape trimmings in a heap and watch the magic happen.

Melinda Myers is the author of over 20 gardening books, including *The*

Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

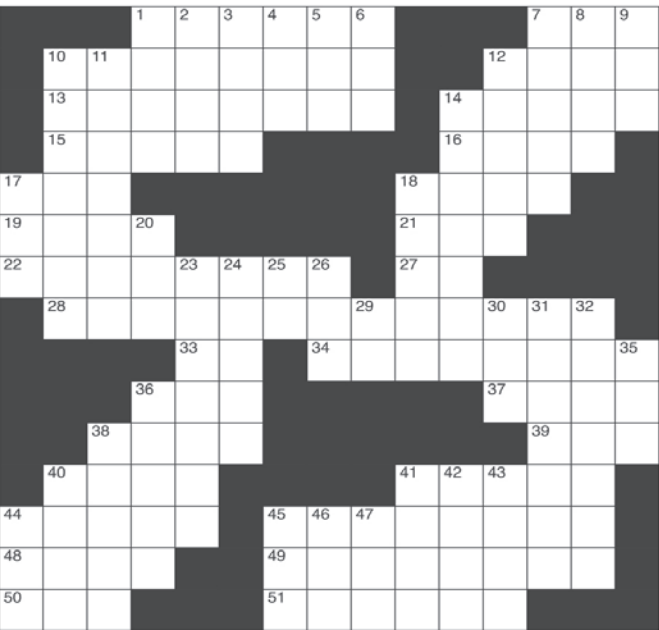
Public input sought on Open Space and Recreation Plan

LEICESTER — The Town of Leicester's Open Space and Recreation Committee (OSRC) seeks community input for the purpose of updating and further developing the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. Surveys were developed by the committee in conjunction with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) and distributed throughout the town earlier this

year. The results of these surveys and further input from the community will be used to help guide the OSRC in their revision and potential expansion of the updated plan.

A public forum will be held on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Leicester Town Hall to hear community concerns and ideas relating to open space and recreation within the Town of Leicester. Some of the areas that the committee

is already exploring are further expansion of universal accessibility in town parks, town-wide trail mapping and further conservation of existing open space. The success of the implementation of the Open Space and Recreation Plan is greatly dependent on community input. Please join the OSRC at this very important forum to share your ideas and concerns.

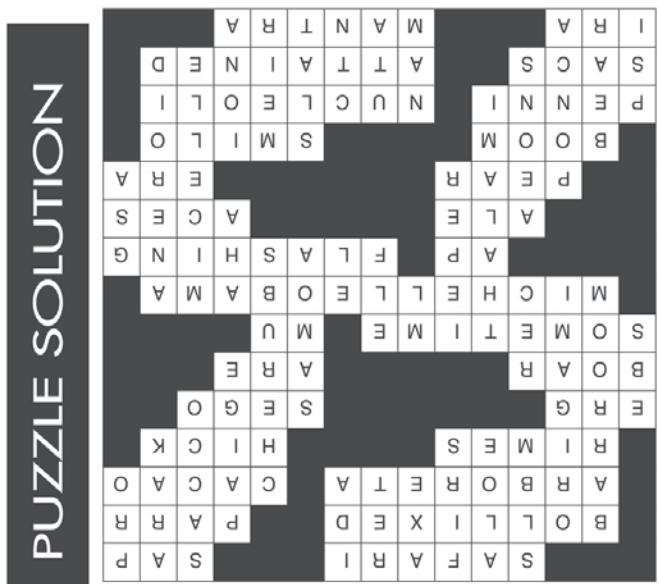


CLUES ACROSS

1. Nature expedition
7. Take the energy from
10. Bungled
12. Young salmon
13. Botanical gardens
14. Source of chocolate
15. Country singer LeAnn
16. Yokel
17. Unit of energy
18. Plant of the lily family
19. Tusked wild pig
21. Form of "to be"
22. Formerly
27. Letter of the Greek alphabet
28. Former First Lady
33. News organization
34. Shining brightly and intermittently
36. Brew
37. Teams' best pitchers
38. Edible fruit
39. Pitching stat
40. ___ or bust
41. Baby product manufacturer
44. Monetary unit of Finland
45. Small spherical structures in cells
48. Pouches
49. Reached
50. Investment account
51. Oft-repeated slogan

CLUES DOWN

1. Nuclear undersea weapon
2. Helps the skin
3. Evergreen coniferous trees
4. Relieve of employment
5. A way to drench
6. Journalist Tarbell
7. ___ and Venzetti
8. Alcoholic liquor
9. An athlete who plays for pay
10. Where to get drinks
11. Japanese art form
12. Baseball great Satchel
14. Winged angelic beings
17. One point south of due east
18. Group of islands in Polynesia
20. A place to play: ___ center
23. Masses of gray matter in the brain
24. Belgian city (alt. sp.)
25. Millilitre
26. Beloved Will Ferrell film
29. Railway above ground
30. Satisfaction
31. Aggregate of molecules
32. Type of barometer
35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)
36. Long periods of time
38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
40. Deliver
41. Thin, narrow piece of wood
42. Modern Israel founder
43. Small NY college
44. Pounds per square inch
45. Veterans battleground
46. Hollywood talent agency (abbr.)
47. Popular kids' channel



Bingo returns at Spencer Senior Center

SPENCER – After many local Bingo programs were shut down for more than a year, residents are thrilled to get back into the game at the Spencer Senior Center.

Run by the Spencer Knights of Columbus Council 118, Bingo games take place each Thursday at the Senior Center (68 Maple St.). Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and papers are sold beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

“Attendance has been about 70 people, and we would love to see even more people come out and have some

fun,” said K.O.C. Council 118 Deputy Grand Knight Larry Berard.

For area residents whose favorite Bingo program may still be shut down due to COVID-19 concerns, the Spencer Bingo group is thrilled to welcome new members.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, organizers can be reached at P.O. Box 73, Spencer, MA, 01535. Participants will be welcomed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Local students learn about bus safety

EAST BROOKFIELD – Local students learned all about bus safety last week during a program hosted by AA Transportation Co., Inc.

Members of the incoming kindergarten class were able to take their first ride on a school bus during the August 18 event. Titled, “First Ride for Safety”, the annual program is always memo-

orable for youngsters and their families alike.

This year’s event, held at AA Transportation’s East Brookfield bus yard on Route 9, featured nearly 100 kindergarteners from several area towns. Among other activities, students were able to take a ride on a school bus; learn about the “danger zone” in front of each

bus; learn about school bus lights and policies; and learn how to safely cross in front of the bus.

The event was led by drivers serving AA Transportation’s routes in North Brookfield, Leicester, Spencer, and East Brookfield.

Many local school administrators and teachers joined the event as well.

Event organizers thank all individuals and businesses that supported the event, including E. B. Flatts in East Brookfield and Dunkin’ Donuts in Spencer.

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Youngsters get ready to board the bus.



Students get ready for their first ride.



Local students wait in line to take part in a safety program.



Students learn a few safety instructions before boarding the bus.

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The Huard family, of Spencer, enjoys their morning.



Charissa
Age 17

Hi! My name is Charissa and I love to sing!

Charissa is an engaging girl of African American and Caucasian descent who enjoys performing and being in the spotlight. Charissa is bilingual and speaks English and Spanish. She is also funny and sociable! She describes herself as playful and lovable. Charissa enjoys telling jokes, singing, dancing, watching TV, painting, and drawing. Charissa loves learning how to play instruments and can play the violin and piano beautifully.

Charissa shares that her favorite class is gym and her least favorite is history. When Charissa grows up, she has expressed interest in becoming a social worker to help others. Charissa has shared that she is proud of herself for reaching her goals. Charissa relates her experiences in life to climbing a mountain and not stopping until she reaches the stars.

Charissa is legally freed for adoption. When thinking about what she wants in an adoptive family, Charissa has expressed that she would like to have her own bedroom, to be able to go for walks in the community, to spend time with friends, go shopping, and work out at the gym. Charissa would like a potential family to know that when meeting someone new, it will take time for her to open up. Charissa has great relationships with her visiting resources and would like to stay connected to them.

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Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



Amanda Monette, of Spencer, with her 5-year-old son Gabriel.



The Peterson family, of East Brookfield, gets ready to board the bus.



The Soulor family, of Spencer, completes their first day of bus training.



Ashley Coffin, of Spencer, with her children Emelia (6) and Kol (5).



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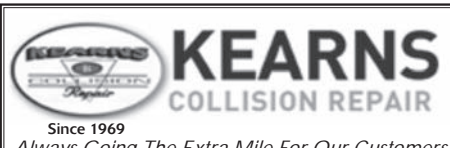


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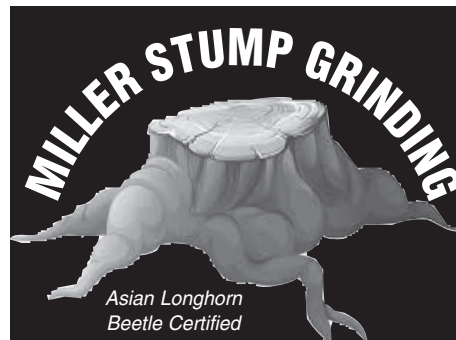
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EDITORIAL

School days,
school days...

It's that time of year again, when back to school photos will infiltrate your social media feeds. We love this time of year when a more structured schedule takes hold; however come June, we are ready for the daily routine to be a bit more relaxed.

We always consider late August into September to be a new year. Yes, the actual new year begins on Jan. 1; however, the start of a new school year always brings a clean slate, and who doesn't love that?

This time of year brings with it memories for all of us, even if we are not headed back into the classroom. We recall in the height of the '80's when Trapper Keepers were all the new rave (a release of the vintage originals can now be purchased online). Back then, anyone who walked into a drug store would be greeted with a wall of the colorful organizers, with notebooks and pencil cases to match.

Having a brand new Trapper Keeper with pencils neatly tucked away the night before school started was step one. Next, the perfect outfit would have to be picked out, after all, the first day outfit set the standard for the rest of the year. During these first few days of school, the excitement was always at an all-time high. It's the famous week three, when things start to settle, and the groove of the school routine has become the norm, once again.

As with most things, we enjoy tracking history. The drastic changes that have occurred over the years are quite interesting, so we thought we would share our findings.

During the 1800's, a typical rural area would have one room schoolhouses, with one teacher for grades first through eighth. The younger students would sit in the front of the classroom, with the 'big kids' seated in the back. Memorizing lessons was the priority back then, where students had to recite what they had learned. Paper bags and lunch boxes were not used for lunch, instead children would pack a lunch and carry it to school in a tin bucket.

During the early 1900's, only half of the children between the ages of five and 19 attended school. This was during the Industrial Revolution where children were needed at home to help work the farms or were put to work in factories. One study reports that in the present, 264 million children are still not educated.

We've heard it all before, but it's true, most students would walk or ride their bikes to school in all kinds of weather up to five miles away. Today, most students take the bus or are dropped at school by their parents. In some areas, there have been initiatives taken to promote the 'old school' way of transporting kids via bike or walking.

Way back when, if a student misbehaved, they were placed in a corner and had to wear a dunce cap. Discipline has changed quite a bit, however; we remember a slew of kids standing along the brick wall during recess in the 1980's at a New Jersey elementary school. Some students may have had to stand against the wall for not returning a permission slip, or for talking in class, but we won't mention any names.

Home Economics classes have been replaced with a more modern swing than when they first emerged in the 1950's and lasted through the '70's. Back then, students, mostly female, were taught how to cook and sew. In the late 80's, those classes saw more male students as it became a requirement for all. We remember sewing 'Nerd' (as in the candy) stuffed animals and Oreo cookies in our class. When it was time to cook, we have fond memories of baking a holiday cake and forgetting to add baking powder, or was it flour? Either way, that cake took on a life of its own, we fondly remember taking red icing and writing 'Scrooged' over it.

Industrial Arts classes are few and far between, however are still offered in some places with a more technological twist. Back in the day, students would take large pieces of wood, run it through a planer, sand it, stain it and create all sorts of things from entertainment centers to cut out wooden apples using a jigsaw. We remember leaving notes for our friends in the afternoon class. We would slip them in the lockers and hope we remembered whose locker belonged to who. No texting back then.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America! To the republic for which it stands

To the Editor:
I pledge allegiance! We should all pledge allegiance to this country America, these United States. America has been given to us by God, and has been the most respected country amongst all nations, and we have the responsibility together as a republic democracy not to let this country become reconstructed into a Socialist Country by the present democratic administration.

We have a choice. We can fight together to keep our freedom or we can Secom, give in to this socialist democratic administration who wants to take away our freedom and place us into socialist prison. The choice is

yours, ours, I choose to be free under God and fight and maintain America as I knew it.

We will win if we humble our self before God, Jesus [2 Chronicle 7: 14] and stand firm for America, pledging our allegiance to these united states "and" the Republic for which it stands one nation, indivisible with liberty and justice for all, under God Jesus. Amen! God will not bless America until we the people humble our self and cry out in repentance, apart from God Jesus we can do nothing [John 15: 5] Amen!

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

The facts should be taught in our schools, not social theory

To the Editor:
Young people today, as always, need adult leadership, guidance and support as they progress to adulthood. Critical Race Theory is not the subject matter young minds need to be introduced to and force fed in our institutions of learning by grownup teachers' union members as some kind of social experiment of indoctrination. Just the facts, not theory! To the parents, families, friends, and concerned citizens locally, I urge you to participate by attending in the education and oversight of the process of our/ your children in North Brookfield as a good starting point! Get involved in our future and make an impact on the results our education system has on our young people. Comment on how you expect your children to be educated and what lessons, ideas, factual information, and subject matter you want them to receive. Critical Race (Theory) should not be on the list for any child. No matter what title you give it, its destructive!

How about teaching the following in no particular order. Be respectful, polite, courteous, helpful, considerate of others. Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Be curious, respectfully question authority, don't automatically believe everything you are told, read, or hear. Have faith in your own judgment, depend on yourself, be as self sufficient as possible! Don't be afraid to ask for help or help someone else. Accept your faults and failures learn from them and work to improve things. Pay attention to what is happening around you and contribute. Don't let anyone drag you down, help drag someone up! Say yes to Common Sense! No to Critical Race (Theory) It's not brain surgery people! Parents, teach your children well, set an example for them to follow!

MATTHEW DEFOSSE
SPENCER

Let's be clear

To the Editor:
The old Chinese curse is "May you live in interesting times." As I write this, I have just finished readying my portable generator for what promises to be an interesting hurricane season, which, coupled with burning up forests out west, drought in the corn belt and an already very soggy east coast, will hopefully give impetus to actually addressing climate issues.

I am running out of expletives for the anti-vax groups. Apparently, Covid will not be magically going away any time soon. I wish I could comprehend a cult, led by a man who has received every vaccine and treatment that medical science has to offer, substantially seeking freedom that will now include bodies stacked like cord wood in hospitals, trailers and ambulances. I also wonder how the conscientious parents, who have shepherded their children through a year of home schooling, feel about sending their masked child to school, to sit beside an unmasked child whose family is anti-mask and anti-vax. We have hardly opened the schools and already are seeing disastrous results, and closings. I still say, it is not as much a health issue as an IQ test.

The spin on Afghanistan has already begun, and the alternate facts are rampant.

FACT-Donald Trump entered into an agreement to withdraw all troops by May 2021.

FACT- Trump, the original author

of the Muslim ban, had no intent or provisions, in his agreement, to rescue, repatriate or otherwise accept any substantive number of Afghan refugees.

FACT-As far back as the Obama administration, Biden opposed the "surge" or even continuing to have troops there.

FACT-Trump wanted to invite the Taliban to Camp David on 9/11, to sign the pullout (surrender) with one of the 5000 battle hardened fighters that he had just returned to the fight against our troops.

We never belonged there, as it was another of Bush 43s shirt shows, as was Iraq. Even Russia warned of the unwinnable quagmire. We certainly did not have good reason to stay after elimination of Bin Laden, who was a Saudi, as were 15 of the 19 terrorists. There were zero Iraqis.

We have botched getting out of wars before, and clearly, have learned nothing. It will be interesting how the right spins Biden not doing an adequate job of repatriating large numbers of Muslims to your neighborhood. Having seen how quickly the Iraqi's dropped their weapons when we left, clearly extra time and expense, did not produce any better results. The time to fight others' wars is over — come home. Is that clear enough?

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Fantasy land

To the Editor:
It's amazing to read some letters here to the editor. You must wonder what fantasy land some of these people are living in. They usually go like this.

The government needs to provide the very best health care, the very best housing, the very best schools, and the very best everything. How to pay for this? Well, instead of paying for useless things like armies and defense, we can use these monies to pay for all of these. Also, no need to pay rent or work unless you feel you want to. No need to work if you think it doesn't make you feel good. What about property taxes and income taxes? I'm sure they feel these don't have to be paid if you don't feel you should, and it puts a burden on your happiness. I imagine these people are real winners in life. Probably sit around all day and blame their problems not on themselves but on the world. They probably don't work because it's a hassle. Have

everyone else work to provide for their existence while they sit idly by humming "LaLaLaLaLa?" Nothing is too good or expensive for the government to provide. Money is no object when it comes to these!

The truth is, the government owes you nothing but a secure place to live. It's up to you to provide for yourself. It's up to you to get off your butt and work. It's up to you to get a skill to earn enough to put a roof over your head and food on the table. If you live in a town, you pay taxes for the services you want. You pay income taxes to have a government to enforce and protect the borders from outside enemies. Machines and heat need energy to drive them. Electricity is not naturally available. It needs to be generated and stored. This creates pollution and cost a lot of money. The people living in fantasy land think putting up a solar farms and windmills

Start thinking about your retirement income plan



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If you're getting close to retirement, you're probably thinking about the ways your life will soon be changing. And one key transition involves your income – instead of being able to count on a regular paycheck, as you've done for decades, you'll now need to put together an income stream on your own. How can you get started?

It's helpful that you begin thinking about retirement income well before you actually retire. Many people don't – in fact, 61 percent of retirees wish they had done better at planning for the financial aspects of their retirement, according to an Edward Jones/Age Wave study titled Retirement in the Time of Coronavirus: What a Difference a Year Makes.

Fortunately, there's much you can do to create and manage your retirement income. Here are a few suggestions:

Consider ways to boost income. As you approach retirement, you'll want to explore ways of potentially boosting your income. Can you afford to delay taking Social Security so your monthly checks will be bigger? Can you increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, including taking advantage of catch-up contributions if you're age 50 or older? Should you consider adding products that can provide you with an income stream that can potentially last your lifetime?

Calculate your expenses. How much money will you need each year during your retirement? The answer depends somewhat on your goals. For example, if you plan to travel extensively, you may need more income than someone who stays close to home. And no matter how you plan to spend your days in retirement, you'll need to budget for health care expenses. Many people underestimate what they'll need, but these costs can easily add up to several thousand dollars a year, even with Medicare.

Review your investment mix. It's always a good idea to review your investment mix at least once a year to ensure it's still appropriate for your needs. But it's especially important to analyze your investments in the years immediately preceding your retirement. At this point, you may need to adjust the mix to lower the risk level. However, you probably won't want to sell all your growth-oriented investments and replace them with more conservative ones – even during retirement, you'll likely need some growth potential in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation.

Create a sustainable withdrawal rate. Once you're retired, you will likely need to start taking money from your IRA and 401(k) or similar plan. But it's important not to take too much out in your early years as a retiree, since you don't want to risk outliving your income. A financial professional can help you create a sustainable withdrawal rate based on your age, level of assets, family situation and other factors.

By planning ahead, and making the right moves, you can boost your confidence in your ability to maintain enough income to last throughout your retirement. And with a sense of financial security, you'll be freer to enjoy an active lifestyle during your years as a retiree.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where have all the glowers gone?

To the Editor:
What do you mean “glowers,” old man? Just what I said, pardnuh. Glowering stares, verbal assaults, obscene gestures, and a frenetic, editorial page hostility (rhetorical glowering) from leftist letter-writers directed at Trump-supporting Americans like myself have been de rigueur for the past five or so years. It came with the territory: if you were brazen enough to wear a M.A.G.A. hat or t-shirt out in public, or recklessly willing to put a Trump bumper sticker on your nice pick-up, you came to expect trouble. Glowering was the least of one’s concerns. Countless Trump folks across the country were violently assaulted, a few were murdered simply for the offense of supporting the President of the United States, and all were made to feel a certain degree of physical insecurity if they/we found ourselves displaying support for our guy in unfamiliar surroundings. All of the political violence directed at individuals or their property over that time was committed by the usual forces of tolerance, peace, and inclusion: the deranged partisans of the left--the Democrat/socialist moonbats and their acolytes: young, completely brainwashed ignoramuses ruined forever by their exposure to equally ignorant, uneducated, radicalized teachers. I repeat: all of it.

So, what has happened? Where have all the better, smarter, kinder devotees of Biden and Harris, of socialism, of Black Lives Matter, of Critical Race Theory, and all the rest of the commie agenda gone? As I drive around the county and the state, I find myself wondering, “Where are all the signs for Biden-Harris? The BLM flags? The smarmy ‘Resist’ bumper stickers? Where are the indicia that tells the world “ Yes, I support Biden-Harris, and am overjoyed they got elected and are doing such a great job in returning the country to sanity after the nightmare of Orange Man Bad!” It’s all gone (except for the shrine maintained as a permanent monument to the feckless stupidity of those mental munchkins who voted for the greatest catastrophe (Biden-Harris) in American governance since the Civil War, and still in place, undisturbed, out there on Route 31 North in Spencer.)

Why the retreat? Why the slinking away? You bought it, you liberals, you own it. This Afghanistanian cat-aclysm we are currently experiencing is entirely on you. This all-encompassing and unprecedented collapse of will, of common sense, and of military efficiency--not to mention their pride--is all laid at your doorstep. We Trump

people had nothing whatsoever to do with what happened. It will not do for you now to wash your hands of it, and turn your attention to other matters: like figuring how you’ll survive when the horrific consequences of this dystopian ordeal begin to kick in and reach out to touch you even in your “safe” and genteel precincts in the rural regions. Thanks to you and your support for these insufferable, incompetent, and inexplicable tyrants (Biden-Harris and their team), our country is now on a glide path to destruction--and the ground is coming up fast.

Where, for example, are the rambling rantings of the local lefties whose letters to this newspaper--for several years--found a prominent and dominant platform from which to spew their anti-Trump, anti-American, and anti-Christian bile. As regular readers will recall, I dubbed them the “Surreptitious Seven” (for reasons I made clear on a number of occasions, but I was told to let it go, so I did), and whose names were--supposedly--Har Yarok, Rosenberg, Cohen, Miller, Bagg, Kaspi, and Washington. Week after week, year in-year out, they were always there: taunting, reviling, distorting, and, especially, hating. Where are they now, now that the bottom has fallen out?

It’s not that difficult to reach a conclusion as to why our self-styled morally and intellectually superior neighbors have gone to ground, and seem now to be more concerned with maintaining the wax begonias and contemplating an excursion to the Lawn at Tanglewood than with flaunting their support of the greatest unnecessary disaster in our history to rival even Burnside’s monumental defeat in December, 1862 at Fredericksburg costing nearly 13,000 Union casualties in less than two days. America came back after the Civil War; who really believes we will come back after this unspeakable Afghanistan fiasco and all of its ramifications? Thanks, Biden handlers and the fools who voted for them.

Just a couple hundred days ago, we had a secure border allowing far greater control over who and what comes into this country. Now, it’s a train wreck with a million or more infiltrators--with many sick and a large number of criminals among them--being illegally situated under the cover of darkness in cities and towns all over the land.

And, oh, look, now here come the hordes of young Afghan men of whom we know absolutely nothing. Come on in, boys...make yourselves at home! All you need to know about the

bizarre way young Afghan men continue to behave themselves in Austria, Sweden, Germany, France and the rest of Europe--places craven and stupid enough to let them in--can be found by Googling “Afghane Vergewaltigung” and see what you find. If you’re not fluent in Deutsch, which I cannot believe, let me help you: “Vergewaltigung” means “rape or crime of sexual violence.” Good luck, American women who will be living cheek-by-jowl with our ruling class’ newest investment in cheap foreign labor and welfare-dependent Democrat voters.

Gas was \$1.87 a gallon when Trump left office. Now, it’s over \$3 and rising a million times faster than Obama’s ocean levels. Nice, huh? But, that doesn’t mean everything else we buy will also cost more, much more, and soon. No, not at all. Thanks, Green New Deal lunatics. I hope your Hyundai Ioniq Electric quits on you on the hottest day of the summer in the middle of the Mojave Desert and you have to call Junior in his gas-powered wrecker to come out from Needles and drag your sorry butt in.

Murder, crime of all sorts, continues to explode in the American city-states of Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and about 50 or more others. Every, single weekend--especially on the dreaded three-day holiday weekends--the death and injured tolls reach even further staggering heights in places like Chicago, beyond the comprehension of rational people! For the true-believer liberals, though, it’s as if nothing out of the usual is happening. See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil. Out of sight, out of mind. And why? Because it’s all a result of 50 years of disastrous, failed social and economic policies dreamed up by liberals as a way to keep the black masses poor, ignorant, and desperate--and always voting for the corrupt Democrat Party. Crime, drugs, gangs, rotten schools, no work, and, more tragically destructive than any other social ill, no fathers in the homes--are all consequences of catastrophically failed liberalism.

The humiliation and emasculation of our--until recently--very powerful and competent military continues apace under the leadership of woke generals and admirals (all hand-picked as politically dependable mid-level officers by Obama’s gang of globalist ideologues for promotion to future major command authority) more concerned with flying BLM and rainbow flags, changing names of bases, putting women in combat positions, rooting out white patriot service members for their

“extremism,” and so on In light of this past week’s unmitigated military and intelligence disaster, do you mean to tell me not a single officer last week ripped off his rank insignia, angrily threw them on the table, and told the C.O. “I quit. I will not agree to lead my men and women out of this place and leave tens of thousands of our countrymen to their fate at the hands of these savages! I refuse to be a part of handing over our equipment worth billions to these 12th Century barbarians!” Not one?! Officers can resign their commissions, you understand. Are we supposed to just stand by, mouths agape, and watch our glorious American armed forces tied down, like Gulliver, by these goat-herding Lilliputians? Forbid it, Almighty God!

As for me, I watched President Trump--the real president--last night at a rally in Alabama. I’ve got bad news, moonbats: He looked great--relaxed and confident. It was ninety minutes with lots of smiling, joking, and hitting the enemy hard (not the Taliban, but Biden, Harris, the media, weak generals, etc.) Another monstrous crowd showed up who came out despite threats of crazy weather, and were, as always, wildly enthusiastic in their show of love and affection for the man.

But, you liberals don’t get it, do you? Why do we love the guy so much? Because, in this low age of endemic corruption, cultural degeneracy, educational malfeasance at all levels, racial obsession, and political cowardice, one man stands out “beaten, bloodied, but unbowed.” Our gutsy President Trump. Nothing defeats him, nothing intimidates him, his love of America and its people--the real Americans, not you left wing nuts--cannot be shaken. He puts it all on the line for America, and for us. You people on the left, you globalists who hate your own country, have no one like him, and you know it.

As long as we have Trump around, or others like him...we’ll get through all of this. But, if the monomaniacal left prevails through their willingness to lie, cheat, steal, and even murder--for the sake of power and control--then the long dark night will descend in which human freedom for all people regardless of class, race, or religion--the revolutionary idea which reached its apotheosis in the once-great United States of America--will be permanently extinguished.

Come out, liberals; defend what you’ve produced.

JOHN McRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

Antique and vintage cars selling well

Before I dive into today’s topic of collectible cars, I have some exciting baseball card news to share. The T206 Honus Wagner card that I thought might set an auction record did just that on Aug. 16. It’s now the highest priced baseball card ever sold, hitting a home run when it went for \$6.6 million.

America is said to have a love affair with cars. Some believe the love affair ended many years ago as styles have changed. The muscle cars of the 1960s have been replaced with today’s SUVs. But many baby boomers and middle-aged buyers want to own cars from the era when they grew up, or even from before they were born. Past columns have discussed automobile memorabilia like advertising signs and gas pumps. I’ll focus on the cars themselves in this article.

The New York Times reported that the pandemic did not hurt the collectible car market. In fact, the Times reported that “rather than back away from classic automobiles because of the pandemic, buyers flocked to them, sometimes in stunning numbers.” The New York Times noted that collectors were “choosing to quarantine themselves in what some might consider the ultimate safe distancing bubble — the cockpit of a classic car.”

There are a few examples of older cars selling well at auction over the past several years. When they were first produced, Model Ts were mass-produced



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and therefore affordable. They were manufactured from 1908 to 1927. A 1910 Ford Model T Touring car sold for \$35,000 at auction in 2019. The Stanley Motor Carriage Company of nearby Newton, Mass., built steam powered “Stanley Steamers” (nicknamed “flying teapots”) beginning in the late 19th century until 1924. A 1919 Stanley Steamer sold for \$60,000 in 2019.

Cars that you may have seen on local roads in the 1960s and 1970s are also bringing phenomenal sums at auction.

Here are some 2020 auction results:
1958 Chevrolet Apache 32 Napco Pickup - \$68,200
1971 Dodge Charger R/T - \$86,900
1955 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible - \$88,000
1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner - \$99,000
1963 Lincoln Continental Convertible - \$106,700
1970 Plymouth Road Runner - \$176,000
1970 Ford Mustang Boss 429 Fastback - \$225,500
1970 Plymouth Superbird - \$151,800
1962 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible - \$242,000
1970 Chevrolet Chevelle Convertible \$154,000
1963 Chevrolet Corvette Split Window Coupe - \$151,250

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is making a change. How many of these people do you think shut off the AC this summer and opened a window to save energy. I can tell how many — none. Why? Because they live in a fantasy land where solar be the answer instead of them making real sacrifices.

It’s those who don’t want to, or are just plain lazy, that complain. They want to live in a fantasy land where trees are lollipops and money just gets printed as you need it. Big daddy will provide everything for them and solve their problems. They don’t want to have any personal responsibility and everyone’s wishes are fulfilled by the big genie government. We will change everything to magic electricity and it will solve all the climate change problems. PT Barnum when he ran his circus used to have an



1968 Mercury Cougar GT-E 1 of 101 Produced - \$132,000
1969 Chevrolet Camaro RS/SS Pro Touring - \$126,500
1968 Ford Mustang GT500CR Fastback - \$225,500

And here are some auction results from this year:

1963 Corvair 95 Pickup - \$49,500
1958 Chevrolet Impala Resto Mod Convertible - \$253,000
1971 Plymouth Cuda Convertible -

\$962,500
1967 Chevrolet Chevy II Hardtop - \$132,000
1968 Dodge Hemi Charger R/T - \$231,000
1957 Ford Thunderbird F-Code - \$203,500

As for more recent models, CNBC reported that a 1995 McLaren F1 race car recently sold at Monterey Car Week for \$20.5 million. It was the “most expensive car to sell at auction since 2018.” Hopefully, it’s good on gas.

We will be offering a 1962 Corvette as well as other Corvettes in an online auction that will end on October 13th. There are also vintage boat motors, bicycles and other estate items in that sale. Our next online model railroad and die-cast car auction is underway. I’ll be appraising items virtually for the Townsend Historical Society on Nov. 13. My “Evaluating your Antiques” class will take place on Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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EDITORIAL

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Cursive writing was always fun. It was a great feeling when you made that lower case ‘j’ just right. Who knew that years later, hand writing would happen less and less and our cursive skills would be a thing of the past. Handwriting is, however, making a comeback in some schools.

We think it goes without saying, that the best memories involve a good old fashioned pencil sharpener. Trying to get the pencil as small as possible in one go, meant that you were talented. If that pencil still had a full eraser, you were batting a thousand. It was an even better day if you could get your hands on an electronic sharpener.

Cheers to a new school year, and to new memories.

Give it your all!

Last week, I wrote about following your dreams and not listening to the naysayers.

I believe this with all my heart, and at the same time, I know that often the naysayers can be correct. Why? Lots of reasons. No matter how hard I tried, I didn't have the physical ability to be an Olympic swimmer. I gave it my all, but it wasn't in the cards; there were those around me who knew it.

If the naysayers are correct, don't let it be because you didn't try.

Some people are afraid of failure; for me, failing isn't the worst outcome. Failing because I didn't try, failing because I didn't care enough; That's the worst outcome! How do I know? I've done it; I've wept the bitter tears.

Knowing that I did everything I could to accomplish a

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dream is a great comfort.

John C. Maxwell said, "Dreams don't work unless you do."

Mahatma Gandhi said, "All good thoughts and ideas mean nothing without action."

People often fail in their dreams because they don't try, don't care, make excuses, and procrastinate.

What is belief? If you believe in something, doesn't that mean you live in a manner consistent with that belief? If you aren't doing the action if you aren't taking the necessary steps, is it possible that you never truly believed in it in the first place?

The ancient disciple James said, "Faith without works is dead."

If you're starting a business, but you're not writing down the goals, putting the business

plan on paper, going to school, reading the books, building the team, raising the money, and executing the program, do you believe?

Jim Rohn said, "Ideas without labor never become tangible; they never become real."

Procrastination is a killer of dreams. That bears repeating; procrastination is a killer. Years can be wasted, and a whole lifetime can be wasted procrastinating. Everyone sometimes procrastinates; at times, I've been a great procrastinator. I could write a book teaching you how to be a better procrastinator!

What are some potential causes of procrastination?

Excuses can cause procrastination. "I can't go for my dreams until I lose weight." "I can't work towards my dreams until I get a new job." "I can't try for my dreams until I get out of debt." "I can't go for my dreams until my kids grow up."

The excuse maker says, "First let me focus on this other thing, and then after it's finished, then I can go for my dreams." Next week comes, and a new excuse is made; it can go on forever.

A lack of passion can cause procrastination. I've seen many actors who wanted to make it in Hollywood, but they weren't into the art of acting. They never took the classes, they never sought the auditions, if they did get auditions, they didn't rehearse.

They weren't passionate about what mattered. They pursued the lifestyle, but they didn't seek what makes the lifestyle sustainable. They majored in the minors, and they minored in the majors.

Drugs and alcohol can cause a lot of problems and are considerable procrastination. Many competent people cease to be competent when using drugs and alcohol. If you want to accomplish a dream,

quitting the addiction can sometimes be the difference between success and failure.

Fear of failure can be a cause of procrastination. Sometimes the most successful people have failed the most, but they succeed because they keep trying; they never give up. Not pursuing a dream because you're afraid to fail is a failure in itself.

Some say Thomas Edison failed 10,000 times while trying to invent the lightbulb. That wasn't his perception; he is quoted, "I have not failed; I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

I've been told that perception is everything. If you've tried 10,000 ways to accomplish your dream and haven't achieved it yet, but you keep on trying, have you failed?

Don't be afraid; put yourself out there. You are capable of great things!



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Here in “apple country” we welcome in the harvest season each year with apple fairs, apple festivals and various apple theme parties. Going to the country on a weekend afternoon to pick fresh apples from the trees has become a tradition for many New England families. And coming home to steam fresh applesauce, bake sweet pies, and candy coat apples is a delightful autumn ritual anticipated all year long!

In celebration of apple season, this week’s column will feature some interesting apple ideas and recipes. And remember readers, send in your best apple recipes and you could win a three course dinner for two at the Publick House!

Pleasures of Picking: If you’re picking apples off the trees, don’t pluck or pull! Twist the apple firmly yet gently and the apple will come off the branch with the stem intact - picture perfect!

Perfect Pick: Can’t make it to the orchard to pick your apples? In the store, look for apples are firm with an even color and smooth skin. Apples with a green stem means they’ve been freshly picked and not stored away. And if the apple has a blossom, it should be green.

Chill Out: Always refrigerate your apples. An apple at room temperature spoils ten times faster than if its refrigerated. The optimum temperature to keep apples at their best flavor is about 35 to 38 degrees. While refrigerators aren’t typically that cold, be sure to keep apples in the chilliest area of your refrigerator. To further extend the freshness of apples, store them in a perforated plastic bag in the refrigerator. With this method apples can last up to four weeks, depending on the apple and how ripe it was when picked..

Frozen Assets: Did you know you can freeze apples? Simply peel, core, slice them and seal in heavy-duty zipper freezer bags.

Easy as Pie: To make quick work of apple pie preparation, freeze prepared apples in a metal pie tin. When frozen, pop out and transfer to a ziplock freezer bag. When you want to make a homemade apple pie, simply transfer the frozen apple filling into a pie crust and follow your favorite recipe.

A is for Apple: Cornell University researchers reported in the journal Nature in 2000 that one apple packs more cancer-fighting antioxidant capability than a 1,500-milligram dose of vitamin C.

Food for Thought: Research from the University of Massachusetts Lowell suggests

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that apple juice may protect against oxidative damage that contributes to age-related brain disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease. And it may also help to maintain brain performance.

Superior Strains: Studies show apples are not all alike when it comes to health benefits. In fact, Red Delicious apples, which account for 27% of U.S. apple production, have two times more antioxidant activity than Empire apples, according to a Canadian study. Northern Spy came in second; followed by Cortland, Ida Red, Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Mutsu and Empire.

Coffee Cider

Apple cider is at its best this time of year, and coffee cider merges the fresh New England cider taste with classic coffee. This hot drink is a favorite at fall get togethers. Here’s how you can make it easily in your drip coffee maker:

Place one quarter cup of coffee grounds and one quarter teaspoon ground cinnamon into the brew basket of coffee maker. Then place one quarter cup brown sugar or honey and one cup of apple cider in the bottom of the pot. Add three cups cold water to the coffee maker and brew. When brewing cycle is complete, stir until well mixed. Serve in mugs with cinnamon sticks. A quick note: The glass pot and brewing basket may require a little more cleaning after this recipe, but it’s worth it!

Guilt Free Baked Apples

On a diet? You can indulge in this sweet treat - sans the guilt!

Ingredients: Six firm apples; granulated sugar substitute; raisins; butter (optional)

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Peel six apples and core, leaving about an inch at the bottom. . Mix together cinnamon and about a cup of granulated sugar substitute to taste. Arrange apples in a glass baking dish. Fill each apple with the cinnamon mixture. Add a dot of butter or butter alternative to each apple. Sprinkle raisins on top. Pour about a half cup of hot water into the bottom of the pan. Cover loosely with tinfoil and bake for about 45 minutes or until apples are softened but not overcooked.

Note: New England apples popular for baking include Cortland, Rome, Jonagold, Gala, Golden Delicious, Northern Spy, Ida Red and Braeburn.

Shrunken Apple Heads

Made from apples, these hideous heads are sure to be the hit of your Halloween party!

Materials: whole apples, whole cloves, rice, lemon juice, salt.

Instructions: Peel a large apple and brush with a mixture of lemon juice and a couple of teaspoons of salt to prevent browning. Use a vegetable peeler or sharp knife to carve out eyes, nose, mouth and ears. Don’t be too fussy, as details won’t show once the apple has dried. Some suggestions: Poke whole cloves

in eye sockets; place raw rice in the mouth for teeth. Allow apples to dry in a warm, dry place for two weeks. To expedite the drying process, place apples in the oven at lowest temperature for several hours, then allow to sit at room temperature for a few days. Shape the faces as they shrink and harden.

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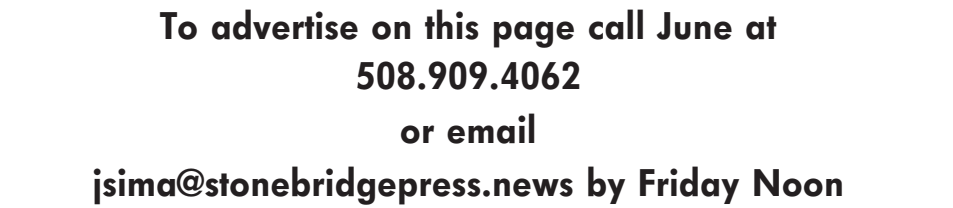
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DISCHARGE

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“The water was being treated all along, but we were advised to do that [issue the statement] by the DEP when we only had one person on staff,” said Lisa Digris, a secretary for the Board of Sewer Commissioners. “We posted it as a precaution to give people a heads up.”

MassDEP officials were informed of the town’s imminent staffing challenges in the spring.

“MassDEP was notified in late April 2021 of the upcoming retirement of the chief wastewater operator and the resulting issue regarding the ability

to properly ensure disinfection,” read a statement released by MassDEP spokesperson Kathleen Fournier.

A second staff member was added on July 6 to help run the plant, with a third person added on July 26. There are no current dangers associated with wastewater discharged into the river, officials said.

Additionally, state officials delivered multiple orders to the town to help ensure the compliance of its facilities moving forward.

“MassDEP anticipates compliance with the administrative consent orders and the unilateral administrative order, and will continue to work with the town

and the wastewater treatment plant personnel to provide guidance,” the MassDEP statement read.

Because Warren officials reported to the state that disinfecting procedures took place throughout the spring and summer – even during the low staffing periods – MassDEP has not conducted testing of the river water. MassDEP required the town to provide public notice and postings, officials said.

Selectmen could not be reached for comment on the situation by press time. When the New Leader called the treatment plant seeking comment from officials, inquiries were directed to Digris.

Local residents named to Clark University’s Dean’s List

WORCESTER — The following local residents were named to Clark University’s Spring Dean’s List:

Kate M. Beland, of Brookfield, was named to first honors.

Carley S. Cascione, of Rochdale, was named to first honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

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LEGALS

(SEAL)
TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS THE SUPERIOR COURT Worcester Superior Court 225 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01608-1203 Docket No: 2185CV294 ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Judith A. Maloney and Robert Maloney VS. Unknown Defendants

WHEREAS a Complaint was filed in our Superior Court Wherein it is seeking to: Establish title to an area of land located to the Southeast of Chickering Road, between the roadway to Stiles Reservoir to Adverse Possession.

We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on or within such **9/20/21** further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence. It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day in the:

Date Issued 07/26/2021
Clerk of Courts/Assit. Clerk
Laurie Jurgiel
August 8, 2021
August 13, 2021
August 29, 2021

Notice of Public Hearing for a Special Meeting Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, or remotely on the following item(s) starting at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Zoning Amendments: Zoning Bylaw Section 4.8.9 Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations

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

August 20, 2021
August 27, 2021

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. W021P1639PO TRUST CITATION In the matter of: Amanda Lebeau Trust

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Amanda Lebeau of Spencer MA** requesting for the appointment of a Successor Trustee.

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 09/14/2021.

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 11, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

July 27, 2021

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 005851 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Steven M. Barry and Elise D. Barry and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*)
The Money Source Inc.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **East Brookfield, numbered 128 North Street**, given by Steven M. Barry and Elise D. Barry to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for 1st Alliance Lending, LLC., dated May 25, 2017, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57166, Page 202, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 9/27/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 8/19/2021. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
August 27, 2021

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Jeff Hebert has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a new home, septic system, well, driveway and Utilities located at 39 Chickering Road, Spencer, MA. Reverend Robert M. Powers has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to remove 16 trees at 34 Lamoureux Lane, Spencer, MA.

Anthony Allen has file an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to demolish and rebuild a deck at 33 Oakland Drive, Spencer, MA. Edward Pendergast has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to add an addition to a home, cut 10 trees and install a new septic system at 88 Lakeshore Drive, Spencer, MA.

Tiffany Myers has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to add an inground pool at 124 North Spencer Road, Spencer, MA.

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
August 27, 2021

Spencer Zoning Board

of Appeals PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit – Applicant/ Owner: Scott & Grace Conner; Location: 7 Brewer Lane/Wilson Ave, Spencer Assessor’s Map U29-107. The applicant is looking for a special permit under Section 5.2.6 (Detached Accessory Structure) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to erect a 600 sqft accessory structure. The property is located in the Lake Residential zoning district.

Special Permit – Applicant/ Owner: Town of Spencer; Location: 69 West Main Street, Spencer Assessor’s Map R29-01. The applicant is looking for a special permit under Section 3.4.1 (Aquifer Protection) and 4.2 (Major Utility in Commercial Zone) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to upgrade and improve the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The property is located in the Commercial zoning district.
August 27, 2021
September 3, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Angela N. Erickson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., dated May 29, 2015 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53781, Page 339 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to JP-Morgan Chase Bank, National Association dated August 1, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 55754, Page 147, and Assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC dated January 23, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59981, Page 147, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 8 Oakland Drive, Spencer, MA 01562 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on September 20, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northerly side of Oakland Drive in the town of Spencer, in the County of Worcester, containing forty-four thousand six hundred and sixteen (44,616) square feet more or less and being shown as lot #6 on plan to show Division of Land in Spencer, Mass. Owned by G. & C. Lussier Builders by Kenneth Shaw, dated August 23, 1972, recorded with Worcester District Deeds, Plan Book 371, Plan 56. Premises to the conveyed are more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwesterly corner of the tract to be conveyed at an angle in the northerly line of Oakland Drive at the southeasterly corner of Lot #7. THENCE by Lot #7 N. 49° 49’ 49” E., 342.79 feet to an angle. THENCE by Lot #7 N. 29° 37’ 49” E., 120.00 feet to a rail fence. THENCE by rail fence N. 85° 37; 49” E. 101.92 feet to a ring of stones. THENCE by Lot #5 S. 35° 49’ 17” W. 492.63 feet to Oakland Drive. THENCE by Oakland Drive N.63° 47’ 29” W. 150.00 feet to the point of beginning. For title, see deed recorded herewith. For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53781, Page 336.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled

to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Lowell, MA 01851
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Erickson, Angela N., 19-035575
August 27, 2021
September 3, 2021
September 10, 2021

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. WO21C0211CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Desiree Dominique Viruet

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Desiree Dominique Viret of Brookfield MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Valkyrie Dominique Viruet**

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 09/07/2021. 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: August 10, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

August 27, 2021

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. WO21C0367CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Blakely Lucy Abdow

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Blakely Lucy Abdow of Spencer MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Blakely Lucy Cariglia**

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 09/14/2021. 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: August 11, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

August 27, 2021

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11
12:27 a.m.: vandalism (South Spencer Road), car alarm sounding; 1:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:23 a.m.: fire alarm (Lincoln Street), referred; 1:47 a.m.: building checked, secure; 4:34 a.m.: medical/general (North Brookfield Road); 5:53 a.m.: missing person (Town House Court), info taken; 9:48 a.m.: medical/general (Pond Street); 10:26 a.m.: restraining order service (Church Street); 10:42 a.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), lg., dead snake; 10:42 a.m.: restraining order service (Valley Street); 10:46 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), lost cat; 11:31 a.m.: building checked, secure; 11:58 a.m.: counterfeiting (Pleasant Street), forge/altered check; 12:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Lakeview Drive), rep. loud bang; 12:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), caught pet bird; 12:30 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), req. escort; 12:55 p.m.: animal complaint (R. Jones Road), stray cat; 1:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), req. escort; 3:53 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), child at corner crying; 4:10 p.m.: fraud (Howe Village), wire fraud; 4:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), lg. water leak; 4:12 p.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 4:47 p.m.: disabled mv (Greenville Street), assisted; 4:48 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), no action required; 5:00 p.m.: disturbance (Richland Avenue), domestic issue; 6:05 p.m.: RV complaint (Rustic Lane), kids/dirt bikes; 7:56 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 8:15 p.m.: disturbance (McCormick Road), noise complaint; 9:09 p.m.: elderly matter (Bay Path Road), req. welfare check; 9:10 p.m.: RV complaint (Main Street), ATVs by water tower; 9:12 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 9:35 p.m.: suspicious mv (Park Street), investigated; 10:16 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 11:08
12:11-12:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:10 a.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), assisted; 1:37 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:59 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Warren PD bolo; 8:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), bear in area; 9:24 a.m.: parking complaint (Salem Street), services rendered; 9:45 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:12 a.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), poss. att. abduction previous day; 10:50 a.m.: 911 call (Kittredge Road), erratic dump truck; 11:03 a.m.: mv complaint (Cherry Street), speeding; 11:08 a.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), re: scooter; 11:38 a.m.: medical/general (High Street); 11:49 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), referred; 12:40 p.m.: animal complaint (North Brookfield Road), injure cat; 1:03 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 1:04 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 1:39 p.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 1:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), spoken to; 2:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: pedestrian eastbound; 2:07 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:15 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), old report; 3:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Crestwood Avenue), req. welfare check; 3:28 p.m.: mv complaint (R. Jones Road), req. patrols; 4:01 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), speeding; 4:48 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 6:00 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 6:01 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 6:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Salem Street), info taken; 7:05 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 7:16 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), hang-up; 8:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Marie A. Wilnot, 69, 195 Main Street, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, arrest; 9:15 p.m.: intelligence/criminal (Howe Village), info taken; 9:57 p.m.: vandalism (South Street), mv reportedly keyed; (Total daily mv stops – 9).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13
12:06 a.m.: mv repossessed (Bay Path Road), info taken; 12:24-1:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), William Joseph Boria, 55, 13 Evergreen Street, North Brookfield, possession Class B drug, no inspection sticker, mv lights violation, arrest; 4:08 a.m.: disturbance (Richland Avenue), domestic disturbance; 8:00 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Maple Street), no contact; 8:32 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), police fundraising scam; 8:34 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 9:10 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 10:37 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Maple Street); 11:22 a.m.: animal complaint (Main

Street), turtle crossing road; 11:40 a.m.: parking violation (Clark Road), ticket issued; 12:16 p.m.: DPW call (Old East Charlton Road), boulder in road; 12:39 p.m.: fraud (Duggan Street), scam call; 1:19 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 2:56 p.m.: medical/general (Woodchuck Lane); 3:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Grove Street), misdial; 3:50 p.m.: parking violation (Grove Street), ticket issued; 3:56 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), paycheck found; 4:37 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), barking dogs; 5:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Irving Street), missing cat; 6:14 p.m.: mutual aid (Howe Village), message delivered; 6:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), people swimming; 7:12 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Oakland Drive), no contact; 8:22 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street), lift assist; 9:27 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Cherry Street), back yard fire; 9:49 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:49 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), accidental; 10:05 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 7).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
1:20 a.m.: disturbance (Prospect Street), rep. assault; 2:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Shore Drive), barking dog; 6:00 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:03 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Clinton Hosp. CT down; 7:24 a.m.: vandalism (East Charlton Road), tire marks in yard; 8:04 a.m.: suspicious persons (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 9:36 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:45 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:50 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 10:54 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT up/running; 10:57 a.m.: lost/found (McDonald Street), wallet found; 12:00 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 12:14 p.m.: lost/found (North Spencer Road), wallet found; 12:30 p.m.: 911 call (Lake Avenue), open line; 12:54 p.m.: 911 call (Terkanian Drive), open line; 12:55 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 1:15 p.m.: lost/found (Highland Street), license plate found; 1:35 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), panhandling; 2:27 p.m.: 911 call (Highland Street), open line; 2:37 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), retrieving belongings; 3:05 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:05 p.m.: residential alarm (Paxton Road), services rendered; 4:07 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant View Road); 4:53 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 5:11 p.m.: fire alarm (West Main Street), issues w/alarm; 5:23 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:14 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), services rendered; 7:31 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 7:59 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), beaver in trap; 8:26 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:44 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 9:26 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Oak Lane); 9:48-9:49 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:51-10:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:44 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
12:02-12:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:08 a.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), referred; 12:37-1:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:20 a.m.: parking violation (Ash Street), ticket issued; 1:22 a.m.: suspicious persons (Olde Main Street), investigated; 1:38 a.m.: building checked, secure; 9:51 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Dufault Road), spoken to; 10:00 a.m.: parking complaint (Grove Street), services rendered; 10:05 a.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), hit/run; 10:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), unauthorized use/mv; 10:51 a.m.: commercial alarm (Bixby Road), services rendered; 11:00 a.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 11:07 a.m.: 911 call (Howe Road), hang-up; 11:07 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:09 a.m.: mv complaint (Mechanic Street), mcs speeding; 11:31 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 1:18 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 2:26 p.m.: RV complaint (McCormick Road), hazardous jet ski operation; 3:05 p.m.: 911 call (Smithville Road), open line; 5:23 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 5:33 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 6:01 p.m.: 911 call (South Spencer Road), open line; 7:46 p.m.: trespassing (Route 49), fishing on R/R property; 8:14 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:15 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo/missing person; 8:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), domestic issues; 8:51 p.m.: medical/general (Cottage Street); 9:49 p.m.: building checked, secure;

10:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. welfare check; 10:39 p.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), open line; 10:47 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:54-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 3).

MONDAY, AUGUST 16
12:19-12:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:29 a.m.: suspicious mv (Park Street), investigated; 1:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:04 a.m.: officer wanted (Dufault Road), re: restraining order; 1:12-1:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:03 a.m.: medical/general (Lloyd Dyer Drive); 2:13 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:04 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 9:05 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), found cell phone; 9:09 a.m.: suspicious persons (Church Street), investigated; 11:06 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 11:13 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 11:46 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 1:17 p.m.: disturbance (Smithville Road), services rendered; 2:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), services rendered; 2:28 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 4:12 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator; 4:43 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no contact; 5:05 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/6 (West Main Street), assisted; 6:02 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:12 p.m.: suspicious persons (Charlton Road), spoken to; 8:33 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Martin Road); 8:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Dufault Road), re: personal safety; 10:46 p.m.: medical/general (Kittredge Road); 11:00 p.m.: suspicious persons (Olde Main Street), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17
6:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Dufault Road), re: personal safety; 8:35 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 8:56 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Fitchburg PD bolo/runaway; 10:35 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 11:14 a.m.: suspicious persons (Bacon Hill Road), info taken; 11:19 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:36 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:02 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 12:31 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), services rendered; 12:32 p.m.: accident (Alix Road), train vs deer; 1:16 p.m.: medical/general (Lakeshore Drive); 1:50 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line/disconnect; 3:05 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), social media issue; 5:25 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), unwanted party; 5:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Chickering Road), injured pheasant; 6:37 p.m.: warrant service (Brooks Pond Road), Jason M. Jarmulowicz, 42, 40 Brooks Pond Road, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 7:10 p.m.: nature of call redacted (Bixby Road), police response redacted; 7:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Ashview Drive), skunk in dog kennel; 10:35 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); (Total daily mv stops – 2).

NOTE: Details regarding two arrests – time, date and location of arrests, names, addresses, alleged violations – completely redacted from police arrest log for week of 08/11 to 08/18.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 12
1:36 a.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), Damien George Brewer, 28, 64 Everard Street, #3, Worcester, OUI liquor, negligent operation, mv towed; 11:09 a.m.: investigation (Edward Street), services rendered; 1:50 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), investigated; 3:51 p.m.: restraining order service (Fairview Drive), unable to serve; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), no action required; 4:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:58 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:38 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:11 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 9:54 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), mv towed; 10:20 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13
11:41 a.m.: parking complaint (Barrett Drive), citation issued; 1:20 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 3:02 p.m.: assault (Main Street), gone on arrival; 5:00 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, mv towed; 5:33 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 7:33 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warn-

ing; 7:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:06 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:19 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:22 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unfounded; 8:35 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), spoken to; 8:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 11:33 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), services rendered.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
12:18 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Cricklewood Drive), services rendered; 10:54 a.m.: family problem (South Street), peace restored; 12:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 3:55 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), report taken; 5:40 p.m.: assist other PD (Sterling Street), services rendered; 6:28 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), verbal warning; 7:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Tobin Road), spoken to; 8:09 p.m.: family problem (Green Street), report taken; 8:16 p.m.: disturbance (Paxton Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
12:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Joseph C. Mustakangas, 37, 20 Holmes Street, #B, Spencer, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 9:20 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 9:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:46 a.m.: threats (Tobin Road), spoken to; 5:27 p.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 6:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:05 p.m.: missing person (Brickyard Road), report taken; 9:19 p.m.: noise complaint (Boyd Street), unable to locate; 10:45 p.m.: investigation (Brickyard Road), spoken to.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16
12:23 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), no action required; 8:39 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 8:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:18 a.m.: larceny (Main Street), report taken; 1:46 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), report taken; 4:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, unregistered mv, mv towed; 4:34 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), no action required; 7:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), no action required; 8:43 p.m.: welfare check (Pine Street), no action required; 9:01 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:13 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), criminal application issued; 9:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:02 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 10:24 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17
1:14 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:28 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:23 p.m.: assist citizen (Pine Street); 4:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:40 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), written warning; 5:13 p.m.: assist citizen (Pine Ridge Drive), report taken; 5:15 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 8:05 p.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18
12:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, speeding; Christian Felix Sierra, 20, 46 Heywood Street, #5, Worcester, straight warrant, arrest; 6:57 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 10:46 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 4:07 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), report taken; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 5:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 6:58 p.m.: disturbance (Towtaid Street), no action required; 7:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:49 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 7:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:42 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), investigated; 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:20 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning.

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MURRAY

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the age of 21. He'd been having pain in his side assumed to be a cracked rib. Then, eventually, was found unresponsive."

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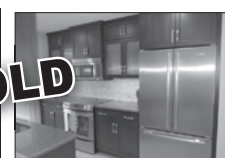
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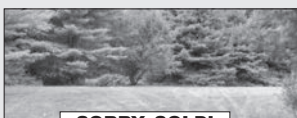
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chairs. This was very important, as it was a way for our residents and families to still be able to see each other in person. We decorated the tent with lights and decorations for Christmas. The residents and families were so grateful, and it kept us all feeling connected.”

Quaboag staff members told the New Leader they view their positions as a calling, not just a job. Many staff members, including Corfey, have been in their positions for multiple years. This has led to a strong system of procedures and communications, which became critical over the past year while defending the facility against the virus.

“Good communication was key, and being there for each other daily kept us all strong throughout an impossible situation,” said Corfey, who has worked at the center for over 14 years. “We saw what was coming and were able to make changes very quickly to the system, and we prevented COVID from coming into our facility with the first wave. Families and staff were so supportive of all measures taken.”

The staff also preemptively purchased

all needed PPE to keep employees and residents safe.

Over the last several months, the Quaboag staff has carefully monitored the wildly undulating battle against the virus. COVID-19 conditions rapidly improved in June, but a sharp increase in community transmission triggered by the Delta variant has led to increased cases and hospitalizations nationwide.

At Quaboag, the staff continues to adhere to all DPH guidance on visitations. Both outdoor and indoor visits are currently permissible with certain infection control guidance in place. And with cooler weather on the horizon, staff members are urging visitors to join the effort to keep the senior community safe.

“We strongly encourage our visitors to consider getting the COVID vaccine to help keep our residents and their loved ones safe,” Corfey added. “We also offer assistance with virtual visits with the aid of iPads and tablets available to use, along with the ability to use our website to send electronic greetings as well. We have received many compliments from families and friends on how we have supported their ability to see their loved ones while adhering to whatever the current DPH and CMS guidance for visitation is.”

Staffing and recruitment are also daily focuses at Quaboag. The team is committed to finding the next wave of caring professionals to join the mission, but competition is strong for top candidates.

“The healthcare industry overall has been in a shortage for many years,” Corfey said. “We have participated in helping the local schools with being able to add a certified nursing program to their curriculum. We initiated a program years ago where we would – and continue to – send people to school to become a certified nursing assistant. This has been a great program offering a career to those who need one and are motivated to help others. Now, many area facilities are doing the same thing.”

Added Corfey, “We work hard to ensure fair and competitive wages and benefits for our current staff, and for new team members that join us at Quaboag.”

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