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Melanie Ethier was selected as the next principal of Wire Village School.

Ethier named new Principal at Wire Village School

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – School officials recently announced that Melanie Ethier has been selected as the next Principal of Wire Village School.

Ethier will begin her new position on July 1. She succeeds current Principal Linda Stanelun, who was named the director of pre-school and early education for the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District.

Ethier currently serves as the Assistant Principal of Wire Village School, her third year in that position. Prior to her current position, she spent seven years as a teacher at East Brookfield Elementary School.

For SEBRSD leaders, it's always a thrill to promote from within and fill positions with experienced, talented educators in the district.

"As a regional school district, we always want to ensure that we find the right

person for each position we fill – a person who will bring their expertise, skills, and professionalism to the role, while embracing the values of our school community," said Melissa Farrow, the district's assistant business manager in charge of human resources.

After a challenging 2020-21 school year, SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey is looking forward to a new normal in the district next year. And with the promotion of Ethier, SEBRSD officials know they can rely on a strong leadership team in place at each school.

"These are exciting times for our district and each of its schools, as we begin to chase excellence in the years ahead," said Superintendent Haughey. "It is always exciting to see our educators strive to take instructional leadership posts within our district."

Ethier's knowledge of the building, staff, and student body will allow her to make

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Leicester school officials work to address effects of oil leak

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – School officials continue to take steps toward remediating the effects of last month's oil leak at the elementary school.

The leak of heating oil at Leicester Elementary School was discovered in early April and reported to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) on April 7. According to MassDEP officials, approximately 50 gallons of Number 2 fuel oil were released after a fuel line was accidentally punctured.

School and town officials said the puncture occurred when several tents were installed outside the school in anticipation of its reopening from COVID-19 protocols.

"A tent spike pierced an oil line that leads from the outside oil tank into the building," said Town Administrator David Genereux.

"A few days later, oil odors were noted in one classroom, adjacent to where underground fuel oil lines leading from the 10,000-gallon tank emerge from the ground, enter the building, and lead to the boiler."

School personnel performed

several investigations to attempt to identify the source of the odors. Staff members hand-excavated a shallow pit outside the building where oil lines emerge. No oil was originally observed.

After a rainstorm a few days later, a mix of free-phase oil and water was observed in the pit. The contaminated water was surface runoff, not groundwater, officials said.

Following this discovery, the school department notified its insurance company and the MassDEP. Full excavation work took place over the next several days.

"On April 27, it was determined that soil contamination was more extensive," Genereux added. "Oil was observed in a catch basin near the site, and in wetlands downstream of outfall. We deployed sorbents and booms in catch basins and wetlands, and notified DEP. An emergency certification request was filed with the Conservation Commission."

Over the last several weeks, remediation work has been ongoing. The town has contacted at least one abutter about the incident, and officials are monitoring Sergeant's Pond for contaminants.

"The town conducted immediate response actions to assess the impacts and come up with a plan to clean it up," said MassDEP spokesman Ed Coletta. "The town had to hire an LSP [licensed site professional] to perform the cleanup work."

Earlier this month, the MassDEP authorized the town to remove 750 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the area. Additionally, affected classrooms have been ventilated, and indoor air samples were taken on May 3. Results were expected back this week.

"Nearby storm drains were also inspected to see if oil might have migrated to those as well," Coletta said.

As of press time, the results of the storm drain inspections had not been released.

The school building has been closed since April, with students attending classes on the now vacant Becker College campus. Leicester Elementary School is expected to remain closed for the rest of the school year.

The town continues to work with the environmental company, HETI, to resolve the issue.

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Leicester voters pass all but four warrant articles

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – All but four articles passed at last week's Annual Town Meeting, which featured a 29-article warrant.

Article 5 covered the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget for municipal and school services. The approved FY22 budget (\$30,616,675) was \$517,167 greater than the FY21 budget.

The FY22 budget includes \$150,000 in Free Cash to be used as operating capital to reopen the police station lobby to the public, effective July 1. The funds will be used to hire the staff needed to keep the lobby open around the clock.

"The station has not been open to the public since the regional dispatch agreement was signed with Worcester," read a town-issued informational statement prior to the Annual Town Meeting. "The agreement freed up funds to hire additional officers with

the savings realized by removing the cost of dispatch from the police budget. However, removal of those personnel essentially closed the building to the public."

Once the lobby is reopened, staff members will be able to serve walk-ins, take general business calls, and watch prisoners. Currently, individuals in police custody must be moved to another town for holding, and Leicester is billed for this service.

Annual Town Meeting Article 10 authorized a transfer of \$20,000 from Free Cash for stormwater management throughout the town, with funds to be expended by the Highway Department.

Article 11 transferred \$21,400 from Free Cash to fund groundwater and other studies at the former landfill site. Article 12, meanwhile, transferred \$57,672 from Free Cash to purchase and equip one new police cru-

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Article 13 focused on the FY22 capital plan, specifically six recommended projects. These include replacing obsolete equipment on the Highway Department fuel island (\$55,000); replacing a 35-year-old fire engine (\$300,000); town-wide communications upgrades (\$54,243); and replacing the fire station roof in Rochdale (\$45,000).

Article 7 appropriated \$3,301 to fund the FY22 assessment from the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission.

Article 20 did not pass. It would have transferred property from the Hillcrest Water District to the town. The property is located off Lehigh Road. Article 27 (proposed marijuana zoning bylaw amendments) and Article 22 (proposed bylaw changes involving motor vehi-

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Bicycle ride pays tribute to fallen police officer

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Local first responders recently took part in a bike ride to mark the five-year anniversary of the death of Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr.

The May 22 ride began at the Spencer Police station, then looped around the area in a circle through several towns before finishing at Officer Tarentino's grave site in Leicester.

Tarentino, an Auburn Police Officer, was killed in the line of duty in May 2016. Since then, residents have supported multiple group fundraising events

in his honor, but COVID-19 caused many activities to be canceled or rescheduled this past year.

"We want to let the Tarentino family know that LPD, and the entire town of Leicester, supports them and keeps them in their thoughts and prayers," read a statement released by the Leicester Police Department, where Tarentino worked for several years before serving the Auburn Police.

In total, the May 22 bike ride featured 74 miles throughout the area in honor of Tarentino's badge number. The ride was organized by Leicester Police Officer Mike Lombardozzi and

Auburn Police Officer Randy Hawley.

Hundreds of residents in multiple towns came out to support the riders as they passed through. These included residents of Sturbridge, West Brookfield, Leicester, Spencer, and East Brookfield, among others.

The ride was scheduled to stop at the Black and White Restaurant in Spencer, where supporters could cheer on the riders.

"We are marking the day we lost a hero," said LPD Chief Ken Antanavica.

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Photo Courtesy

Local first responders honored the life and legacy of fallen Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr.

Memorial Day Remembrances

Memorial Day Remembrance



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5/19/2018

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The Berthiaume &
Russo Families
of Spencer



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the men who died,
who gave that right
to me."*

~ Lee Greenwood

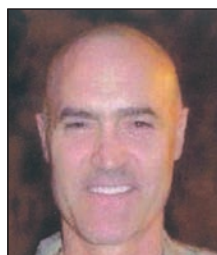
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~Brothers~

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Craig P. McEvoy
January 16, 1960
October 6, 2016

Memorial Day Remembrance

**Paul
Burke**

June 28, 1948-
February 5, 2019



**Lisa
Burke**

April 16, 1974-
October 11, 2005

You both are forever in our hearts.

— Love, Mom

MEMORIAL DAY

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Senior Center welcomes new programming coordinator

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – In her new role as the Senior Center’s programming and outreach coordinator, Kathleen Griffin is enjoying her daily opportunity to keep seniors engaged and connected.

A lifelong resident of North Brookfield, Griffin brings an extensive background of volunteering and community service to the Council on Aging. Over the years, she has been involved with the following events, committees, and organizations: The North Brookfield Helps Holiday Cheer Decorating Committee; the School Food Pantry; the PTO Craft Fair; the PAC; the Elementary School Library; and the Playground Committee.

“We’re so proud to welcome Katie as our new program and outreach coordinator. With her impressive record of service to our community, I believe that she possesses the leadership, skills, and networking capabilities vital to suc-

cess in her role, and that she will be a great asset to our team,” said North Brookfield Council on Aging Director Sharon Donovan.

As part of her new role, Griffin leads all outreach efforts, event coordination, fundraising, and grant management. She will rely on her strong community experience that includes multiple honors and awards.

Recently, she received the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women’s Unsung Heroine Award, in addition to earning a Governor’s Citation from Charlie Baker. She also won a Community Dedication Award from State Representative Donald Berthiaume, as well as a Recognition Award for her continued work on behalf of North Brookfield students and their families.

“I am really excited to be involved in reconnecting the North Brookfield Senior Center with our community after the events over the last year. It’s nice to see our seniors come in and

begin to socialize again, even just for a cup of coffee,” Griffin said. “The transition to my position here at the Senior Center has been easy thanks to all of the supporters I have. Everyone I have come in contact with has been quick to give me their suggestions and are eager to get the Senior Center opened back up one hundred-percent.”

Prior to her Senior Center position in North Brookfield, Griffin managed several roles at Palmer High School from 2016-19. These included media specialist; AV director; internship program leader; job coach; junior class advisor; drama director; unified track and field coach; GSA advisor; Youth Activation Committee advisor; and life skills program assistant.

Griffin also has work experience in private home healthcare and care-taking. Griffin graduated from North Brookfield Junior-Senior High School.

Griffin can be reached by calling 508-867-0220, or by email at coaprogamasst@northbrookfield.net.



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cle braking) also did not pass.

The intent of the proposed bylaw amendments in Article 22 was to establish an ordinance that would help minimize engine noise from trucks traveling through town, officials said. If passed, the amendments would have imposed a \$100 fine for the first offense of truckers using compression release engine brakes.

To view the complete Annual Town Meeting warrant, visit www.leicester-ma.org.

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EAST BROOKFIELD — Recently, Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District officials were notified by the Community Service Committee of The American Legion Department of Massachusetts that Mrs. Christine Lavin was selected as this year’s recipient of the John Mulkern Educator of the Year Award.

According to Sally Nay, the Service Committee Chairperson, “(We) would like to congratulate you on your nomination and selection as this year’s John Mulkern Educator of the Year Award. The committee would like to invite you to the Massachusetts state convention for a presentation of the award.”

Applicants for the John Mulkern Award may be male/female, veteran/non-veteran, Legionnaire/non-Legionnaire; and the Post that is submitting a candidate must have a current CPR and Post Roster on File for their candidate to be considered for this award. Candidates for the John Mulkern Educator of the Year Award

have to meet stringent criteria, which include but are not limited to: endorsement from an American Legion Post; accomplishments of the individual must be over and above his/her usual vocation; consideration will be given to someone whose activities in the field of education is far in excess of what one would expect in that field... to name just a few.

“Mrs. Lavin exceeds all of the criteria outlined for this honor. It is so well deserved and truly earned... It goes without saying that all of us in the district are just so proud of Mrs. Lavin on not only her nomination, but her selection as the John Mulkern Educator of the Year. Moreover, we cannot thank our local American Legion officials enough for not only endorsing her candidacy but supporting her nomination throughout the selection process with the Community Service Committee!” said Superintendent of Schools, Paul Haughey.

The award presentation is slated for early June.

PERSON of the WEEK

Deceased Veterans Of All Wars & Memorial Day Event Planners & Cemetery Workers

On this Memorial Day weekend, we’d like to honor all who gave their lives for our Country, and to the families who sacrificed so much as well. We would also like to thank all those in our communities who work so hard to bring Memorial Day events to our towns, and our cemetery workers who make the grounds look beautiful for Memorial Day. God Bless you all this Memorial Day weekend.

— The Spencer New Leader Staff

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RIDE

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Added Spencer Police Chief David Darrin, “We are honored to be part of the remembrance of Officer Tarentino – can’t believe it has been five years.”

Additionally, local officers and first responders paid their respects to Officer Tarentino by laying wreaths at his grave site.

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Joanna is described as outgoing, expressive, helpful and feisty. She is quite talkative and likes to engage with others. Joanna loves to sing, dance, color, work on arts & crafts projects, and do gymnastics. When she grows up, Joanna would like to be a famous actress.

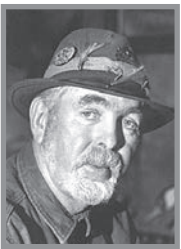
Legally freed for adoption, Joanna and Emily would thrive in a supportive and committed two-parent family or with a single-parent who has a strong support system. An ideal family will have no other children or have children older than the girls. A family must be comfortable obtaining supportive services and resources in the community for the girls, and should be open to maintaining contact with the girls’ biological brother.

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Stripers are in everywhere along the coast and in tributaries, and are chasing baitfish like porgies and herring. There are a lot of big fish in the schools of stripers, but unfortunately, they cannot be retained by recreational fishermen. Only stripers in the slot size of 28 inches and 35 inches are legal to keep. This regulation has hurt a lot of charter boats, resulting in lost revenue from fewer anglers booking reservations. They are also being hit by the loss of mates for their boats because many have left to find steady employment from other jobs during the pandemic, and they are not coming back. One charter boat captain said he has very few bookings, because he has lost his mates, and hiring new ones is almost impossible.

With Memorial Day weekend only a few days away, nutty behavior at the boat ramps is sure to be the same as in previous years. Boaters need to be respectful of other boaters waiting to launch their boats, and if someone is having a problem launching his or her boat, offering to help is often appreciated. Boaters should never back onto a boat ramp if they are not ready to launch. Getting the boat ready prior to launch should always be done prior to backing onto the boat ramp! Actual launch time should take no more than five minutes or less. Be aware that there is always someone with an attitude waiting to launch their boat. Don't ruin your day and your family's day by getting into a shouting match or a physical fight with him. It is not worth it.

This past week, my brother and I were invited to go on a fishing trip with my nephew, Captain Mel True of Fish



Photo Courtesy
This week's picture shows Ken True with a nice seabass caught last week in Buzzards Bay.

Net Charters! Mel left his high paying job at CVS to fulfill his dream of becoming a boat captain. He took a job with On The Water Magazine for a short time and then made the move to start his charter boat business. He never looked back, and has become a highly respected boat Captain on the North & South Shore. He loves to document his clients fishing trips, and is well educated in photography.

It was a nice crisp morning when my brother Ken picked me up at 4:30 a.m.! Captain Mel lives in Freetown, Mass., which is only an hour's drive to his house. We arrived on time, and Mel had his boat and trailer hooked up to his pickup truck that is well painted with his name, and sponsors of fishing tackle. His 25-foot boat is powered by a Yamaha 350 hp motor. Unloading the boat only took

minutes and we were on our way to the fishing grounds. It was not long before we were traveling close to 40 miles per hour, arriving at our first fishing spot in less than 30 minutes. As soon as we stopped the boat Mel walked up to the bow of the boat to place his new electric motor into the water. The motor is programed into his GPS, and automatically holds the boat at the fishing hot spot. Although he has an anchor on board, it is rarely used because of the new motor. "Technology."

As soon as I dropped my jig to the bottom, I had a fish on. It was a nice seabass and I was ready to place it in the cooler. Captain Mel motioned me to throw it back! It is a female, and he does not like to include them in his daily catch. My brother Ken reeled in a nice seabass, and was told to toss it back. We will be catching much larger fish than that Captain Mel stated: "It seems as though we are on a catch and release fishing trip!" Ken complied to the captain's request! It was constant lock and load on seabass and a couple of

tautog mixed in retaining only a couple of fish! "Be patient," Mel replied, "you will catch bigger fish than those you threw back."

Time to move to a new spot! After bringing the motor back into the boat, we were soon on our way to a new spot. Mel wanted to catch a few Scaup for a client, so we rigged our lures and small pieces of squid onto the hooks. The scaup were decent size with some extra-large called sea scaup. I have tried them, and do not like there taste, but many people love them. After filling a five-gallon pail with scaup, we rigged our rods with jigs. Mel has his own line of fishing rods, that make my fishing rods look antique. It was not long before we started catching seabass and tautog, but the jumbo seabass never materialized. We were more than happy to catch our limit of seabass that were nice size and great for the eating. A few nice tautog were mixed in but there were so many seabass on the bottom feeding, the tautog were outnumbered.

After a few hours of fishing, this writer quit. The captain could see that we were fished out, and were ready for the trip home. Gosh! I wish I was 20 years younger.

West Hill Dam is taking reservations for small parties like birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, etc. To reserve your date, you can call Viola at the Dam Headquarters. Reservations cost \$75. A new road is being planned for the Harringtons pool area, but until then it is nice to see the area being used!

The Whitinsville Fish & Game club is planning an "Italian Night" at the club on June19. It is going to be there first in house supper since the Pandemic. Be sure to get your tickets early. Only 60 tickets will be available for the in-house dining. Another 25 will be sold for to-go meals. Check it out on their Web site.

Fresh water fishing has been very good for largemouth bass fishing. One angler was fishing from his canoe and caught numerous largemouth bass and calico bass trolling small Rapala plugs. Shiners and small surface frogs are also catching some impressive fish.

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18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
19. From a distance
20. Winged nut
21. Consumed
22. "Heat" director
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60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
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62. Beer
63. Tooth caregiver
64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. Garden tools
2. Early Syrian kingdom
3. 500 sheets of paper
4. Information
5. Beloved comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Semitransparent glassy substance
9. Expedition to observe animals
10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
11. Obtain in return for labor
13. Inheritable genetically
17. One who rescues
24. Doctor of Education
25. Liberal arts
26. Shock treatment
27. Disfigure
28. When you hope to get there
29. Peacock network
35. Part of (abbr.)
36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
37. Not just "play"
38. Former CIA
40. Reduced to a sloping edge
41. Restricted the development of
42. Sciences degree
43. Sea eagles
44. Saturated
45. Joints
47. Sailing boat
48. Respiratory organs
49. Guitarists use them
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53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Intentionally lose
55. Muslim people of China

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Tips to Keep Cool (naturally)!

The warm weather season is finally here, but the anticipation of a long, hot summer, prompts strategies to keep cool and comfortable throughout the upcoming months. Before you run out to buy a new air conditioner, read on. The following tips are environmental friendly ways to keep your cool this season. ***

Plant a Tree: Trees are not only attractive, they provide valuable shading and cooling. For quickest results, opt for quick growing varieties. According to expert landscapers, just three trees, properly placed around a house, can save between \$100 and \$250 annually in cooling and heating costs! Need more convincing? Consider this fact: Daytime air temperatures can be three to nine degrees cooler in tree-shaded neighborhoods. ***

Fine Vines: Vines also keep your house naturally cool. Grown on trellises, vines such as ivy or grapevines can shade windows or the whole side of a house. The dark and coarse leaves also absorb solar radiation. ***

Concrete Heat: Planning to landscape? Avoid landscaping with lots of unshaded rock, cement, or asphalt on the south or west sides because it increases the temperature around the house and radiates heat to the house after the sun has set ***

Shady Deal: Shading is a valuable weapon in the battle against the heat of the summer sun. Shading that blocks summertime sun on the east, south and west sides of a house, but not cool breezes, is an effective way to keep your house cooler. Planting shade trees, especially on the west and south sides of your house can improve comfort and increase coolness. ***

Instant Shade: Erect awnings, porches, or trellises on east, south and west sides of a building. This reduces solar heat penetration through walls and windows, keeping things cool. Note: Maintaining a gap between the top of a solid surface awning and the side of your house helps vent accumulated heat. ***

Did You Know? A home's inside temperature can rise as much as 20°F or more if the east and west windows and walls are not shaded. ***

The Grass is Greener: Grass is a great natural coolant, and the more lawn you have, the greater the cooling benefit. On a hot summer day, grass can be up to 14 degrees cooler than exposed soil, and as much as 30 degrees cooler than con-



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

crete or asphalt! According to experts, the front lawns of a block of eight average houses have the cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning! That's enough to cool 16 average homes. ***

If you use an air conditioner, make sure you're using it to its full advantage. Here are some top tips for optimal operation of your cooling unit: * Did you know an air conditioning unit operating in the shade uses less electricity than one in the sun? Plant trees or shrubs to shade air conditioning units, but be sure not to block the airflow. * To boost efficiency, use a fan with your window air conditioner to circulate the cool air throughout the home. * Never place lamps or TVs near your air conditioning thermostat. The heat from these appliances will cause the air conditioner to run longer. * Be sure to add insulation around air conditioning ducts when they are located in unconditioned spaces such as attics, crawl spaces, and garages. Also, check to see that your fireplace damper is tightly closed. * If your air conditioner is old, the new energy efficient models can save you up to 50% on your cooling bills. Make sure **

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Please note the contest had been suspended due to COVID restrictions for seating in restaurants. It is expected to start up again in June. All entries have been collected and will be entered into an upcoming drawing.

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

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Tips for raised bed and elevated gardening success

Raised beds and elevated gardens provide easier access to gardens and can increase space available for growing vegetables and flowers. You will enjoy convenience and easy access when including one or more in your landscape or on your patio, deck, or balcony.

Providing proper care for these elevated planting spaces will ensure the biggest possible harvest and a growing season filled with beautiful flowers. Adapting planting strategies and care to fit the needs of these unique growing spaces can help reduce maintenance.

It starts with creating and maintaining a healthy growing foundation. Fill your raised beds with a quality planting mix composed mostly of topsoil and compost. Or create your own planting mix with lasagna and Hugelkultur techniques. These methods allow you to convert plant trimmings, compost, and a minimal amount of soil into a quality planting mix.

Elevated gardens are basically containers on legs and usually filled with a quality, soilless planting mix. The lighter weight makes it much more suitable for this type of gardening. Look for a product that provides drainage yet retains moisture. Both features are important when gardening in smaller volumes of soil.

Make sure you have easy access to water and your gardens have means for excess water to drain. The limited soil mass and increased exposure to wind, heat and sunlight make planting mixes dry out more quickly than in-ground beds. Always water thoroughly to encourage deep, more drought tolerant

roots.

Extend the time between watering by as much as 25% with the help of a sustainable, organic product like Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com). Made from wool waste, these pellets absorb and retain moisture releasing it when needed by the plants.

Purchase an elevated garden with wheels or add casters to the legs if you need to move your garden out of the way for entertaining. Take advantage of the added mobility to move your planter into the sun or shade as needed throughout the season.

Employ space saving techniques to maximize your gardens productivity. Space plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size. Plant quick-maturing vegetables like radishes, lettuce and beets between tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables that take longer to reach full size and start producing. You will be harvesting the short season vegetables just as the bigger plants need the space.

Look for compact flower and vegetable varieties that allow you to make the most of every square inch of these gardens. All-America Selections winner Patio Choice Yellow Cherry tomato produces up to 100 tomatoes on an eighteen-inch plant. Mascotte compact bush bean and Patio Pride peas are big producers suited to these and small space gardens.

Extend your enjoyment and harvest with succession plantings. Fill vacant spaces left once a row or block of vegetables are harvested. Freshen up ornamental plantings by replacing weather



Photo Melinda Myers

Get the most out of your elevated garden by spacing plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size.

worn flowers with healthy new selections. Add more planting mix along with wool pellets if needed.

Train vining plants onto trellises or other supports to save space and reduce the risk of disease. Dress them up by allowing trailing herbs and flowers to cascade over the edge of these planting beds.

Increasing growing success and reducing maintenance will make raised beds and elevated gardens a practical and productive addition to your gardening endeavors.

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BY JUDY PAS, WEST BROOKFIELD

There is no you no me
only we
No one man better
than the other
As each flower differs in
the sight
of man
yet all are called flowers
So are we all the same in
God's eyes

The dueling hummers I
saw three
fighting right in front of
me
Why oh why do they do
that
The feeder has three seats
enough for each of them
to eat
the sweet water they
won't share
so no one eats
It isn't fair

IT'S ALRIGHT

BY JUDY PAS, WEST BROOKFIELD

It's alright to forget
and every once in a while
I do
why even little children
can forget
and once in a while don't
you
Give it to God and go on
with your day we're not per-
fected as yet
we still can forget
and once in a while I do
Don't you

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

THE CROSS

BY JUDY PAS, WEST BROOKFIELD

Down from the cross You
look at me
You gaze into my eyes
my heart and soul laid
bare before thee
I hide my face in sorrow
my heart begins to sing
I AM LOVED

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

BUCKETIN' DOWN

BY RICHARD TRAUSCHKE,
WEST BROOKFIELD, MA

We've all been caught in
downpours;
when we forget to bring
our umbrellas;
we didn't know what
bucketin' was
and nobody bothered to
tell us.

Umbrellas won't help you;
with that kind of deluge;
and bucketin' is all 'bout
wettin' you thru,
so indoors is about the
only refuge.

So, if you venture out on a
cloudy morn;
and it looks like rain is a
coming notion
prepare for the worse, in a
rainstorm;
I'm talking bucketing'
down, like an ocean.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

WHY RUSH

BY RICHARD TRAUSCHKE, W
EST BROOKFIELD, MA

Don't we ever get tired of
waiting?
What happened to "quick
as a wink"?

Seems like we wait for
everything.
Except maybe the kitchen
sink!

Waiting for sunshine,
waiting for rain,
waiting for the bus,
waiting for the train.

Waiting for dinner,
waiting for dessert,
waiting for a hug,
waiting to flirt.

Waiting to bathe,
waiting to brush,
waiting to take my time,
waiting to rush.

Seems I wait my whole
life through
even for things worth
waiting for;
so guess I shouldn't com-
plain. Would you?
If you knew somethin'
nice was in store?

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

THE PAST IS TODAY

BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER, MA

As a child,
I never thought
you'd leave me.
But as a teen,
you passed
from my world.
I was devastated
That was years ago,
and now, the
past is today.
On this date
45 years ago,
my life
was forever changed.
I still miss you.
I think of you daily.
You departed too young,
as was I.
Too young to
lose my dear mother.

So today,
I shed a tear
for my loss.
I smile for
my cherished memories,
and my heart
skips a beat
when I look
at the calendar.
The past
is today.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

OWN TODAY

BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER, MA

You have to
own today,
for it is
all you have.
Yesterday is
called the past
for a reason.
It has passed
you over.
There is no
guarantee that
tomorrow will arrive.
It is elusive,
and you may
not have it.
Own today,
Be the best
you can be
in all ways.
Care, listen,
and love to
all you encounter.
This is what
is important
It is people,
so, own today,
holding fast to
every minute of it.
You owe it
to yourself
and others to
own today.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

38 YEARS

BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER, MA

For 38 years
we've traversed
thru life together.
Down in the valleys
and up to the mountain
tops.
It hasn't always
been easy.
There's been
pain and sorrow,
silence and jabs.
We always
would overcome
them tho.
For our lives
have always been
filled with a
deep, engrained love.
The kind of
love shared
only by soulmates.
There's never been
any doubt
that fate
brought us together
for that,
I am truly grateful.
You were my first
and will be my last
great love of my life.
38 years
is a lifetime.
A journey called "us."
Happy Anniversary
my dear Babe.



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EDITORIAL

Summertime
dreams

*“Rest is not idleness, and to lie some-
times on the grass under trees on a sum-
mer’s day, listening to the murmur of the
water, or watching the clouds float across
the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”*
John Lubbock, “The Use Of Life”

Summer is here. Well, pretty much. We think the threat of another snow- storm is beyond us. As we write this, the high will be 80, the windows are open, and a warm breeze is hanging about the room with a slight scent of lilac. The trees are a bright green, with the sound of birds singing, the sky is blue and well, the day couldn’t be more perfect.

A day like today has us thinking about the summer months ahead, and what they will look like. Certainly, work will remain busy, but the days are longer, affording us more time to do the things we love, and the warmer weather tends to relax us all.

We spoke with a few members of our staff who shared their favorite things about summer. The list varies, which is a nod to our versatility.

One of our Sports writers is looking forward to a trip to Tokyo for the 2021 Summer Olympics. This trek will be his third time going, to include the Winter Olympics as well. No foreign spectators are permitted, so the vibe won’t be quite the same, albeit historic.

He noted, “The Olympics are the best athletic event there is. Watching elite athletes compete at the highest level is amazing. On TV is great, but in person is even more incredible.”

When asked what his most antici- pated event to watch is, he replied, “Swimming.”

Our Editor will take advantage of the beauty at local lakes and reading books on the balcony of his new condo. Of course, the perfect summer for him is not complete without something to do with film.

“I’m looking forward to going to the drive in. I’m not quite ready to sit in a theatre for two hours and the fact that the drive in near my home is vintage makes it even better. I’m all about the vintage!” he exclaimed.

It’s true — there isn’t a movie triv- ia question from any decade he won’t answer correctly.

One of our reporters, who also doubles as an artist, is looking forward to travel, gardening and landscaping.

“Home renovations and event plan- ning will take priority, but I’m looking forward to doing some art installations as well,” she said.

When asked about home renovations, we needed to clarify whether it was to her home, or to her chicken coop that looks like the Beverly Hills Wilshire for birds.

Another of our writers will be looking forward to climbing as many mountains as possible, the more remote the bet- ter. Being outside deep into the woods is where it’s at. It’s such a grounding, refreshing activity especially on a scorcher of a day when a flowing river is close by.

Truth or consequences

To the Editor:
I don’t generally start a letter with the last line of my previous letter, but reading the comments from Jim Reid, I reiterate the words of Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan — “You are entitled to your own opinion, but not your own facts.”

On the company bulletin board, the following was posted: “The officers had an excellent softball season, hav- ing come in second. The Enlisted men came in next to last having won only one game.” This might give you the impression that the officers had a great team, but no mention was made of the quality of the other teams in their league. You would assume that the enlisted men had a particularly poor team, having only won one game. To quote the great Paul Harvey, the rest of the story is that it is a one game season against each other. My point being, without all the facts, opinions may not reflect reality, and while the post was factual, the whole story might well impact your opinion.

The consequences of insufficient

VIEWPOINT
OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A big thank you

To the Editor:
A big thank you to Scout Troop 201 201 for helping to clean up parts of The Pine Grove Cemetery on May 8!
Another thank you to the voters who approved the question on the ballot regarding the Town of Spencer accept- ing the cemetery as a gift and to take over the maintenance and financial support. It will take time to complete this process. Please know that the Board of Directors of the Pine Grove Cemetery will continue to be in charge

A United States military cemetery — our heroes lie here

To the Editor:
An entrance sign to one of our coun- try’s military cemeteries reads, “The price of freedom is visible here.” As we listen to the quietness of these sacred grounds, thoughts and emotions sud- denly become very clear.

It’s a must behavior for us to under- stand and appreciate what these mil- itary men and women did for us, so we can live our lives with family and friends in peace and harmony without any fear.

When arriving at a military cemetery and you see our majestic American flag made up of stars and stripes, with colors of red, white and blue. It’s a welcome sign for all visitors from those who gave us the freedom we now enjoy, and all they ask from us is a prayer or two.

Because of their service and actions these great warriors performed, we are now living in the “Home of the free because of the brave.”

Viewing these magnificent mani- cured grounds, we see granite or marble headstones. These are the markers of our heroes’ graves.

When they volunteered or were called by their draft board to serve us and our nation, each one of them knew their roles, tasks and mission, regardless of

until all details can be worked out.
Memorial Day is coming! Please consider sprucing up your loved one’s grave soon!
Thank you,

D. LYN STEVENS,
SECRETARY/TREASURER
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the dangers or duration.
At Christmas time, green wreaths are placed in front of each grave. They are symbols of honor, respect and victory.

We should always remember that each wreath is tied with a red bow, and this symbol stands for all Eternity.

The forest scent from the wreath means purity. And the evergreens mean endurance and longevity.

Looking at each headstone, round at the top, all the same size, all the same shape, including an American flag cre- ating a picture of perfection; they appear to be standing at attention, prepared for the next instruction, even an inspection.

Each monument seen bright and clear, row by row, as if ready for the next command, knowing someday all of us will be together in His hands.

These headstones inscribed with a name – branch of service — rank — and dates, allow us to reflect a feeling of pride knowing they served all 50 states.

Our four freedoms of Speech, Worship, Want and Fear are preserved because each person stationed here made the decision to serve.

DONALD GAUDETTE, SR.
SOUTH HADLEY
FORMERLY OF SPENCER

Brookfield is at a crossroads

To the Editor:
When Brookfield holds its annual town meeting June 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Tantasqua Regional High School, the voters will have the opportunity to reconsider the creation of a position for town administrator. With sparse atten- dance, a special town meeting last fall in 2020 approved adding an administrator to the town’s payroll.

Creating that position is a big step for a small town with only 3,390 residents. Towns with that size population in the Commonwealth generally don’t have a town manager or administrator, as it’s hard to justify the expense. In fact, you’ll hardly find another town the size of Brookfield in the Commonwealth with such a position.

As currently envisioned, the town administrator would receive an annu- al salary of \$75,000. But that’s not the entire cost to the town. As with all town salaries, benefits are not included in the job allocation on the warrant. That’s because benefits are a separate line item voted on at the town meeting. In addition to benefits, most adminis- trators have an expense account, as they often have to travel outside the town for meetings, yet the position does not have expenses allotted to it.

For a town like Brookfield with no industrial or commercial tax base, the administrator’s position will just add onto the tax burden for town residents. Residents in town haven’t had a break on taxes for years because the town government has struggled with keep-

ing expenses in line for years. The tax rate is \$17.99, which is well above the median rate of \$15.48 in the state of Massachusetts. Adding an adminis- trator’s salary at this time will only add to the tax burden when the town is considering the purchase of a new fire truck and a building for an addition to the library, all items on the annual town meeting warrant.

Although proponents have said that administrator will make town govern- ment more efficient, that won’t happen. Efficiency would result in the town pro- viding the same or more services at a lower cost. The administrator will not deal with the root cause of the town’s high costs — the unwillingness of the selectmen to hold the line on taxes or stand up to special interests. An admin- istrator will not be in a position to make a difference as the person in that position only carries out the wishes and policies of the selectmen. In fact, the only beneficiary of a town administrator are the selectmen, who shouldn’t have run for the office if they don’t want to do the job.

The vote on having a town adminis- trator puts Brookfield at a crossroads. And that’s why it’s important for all Brookfield taxpayers to make time in their busy lives to attend the annual town meeting.

Yours,

JAMES COOKE
BROOKFIELD

long survive, and going through these clown shows after every election, must end. Who is to blame when an election tally and two recounts are not enough?

While Brother Kane has some inter- esting thoughts about education, as world travelers, my wife and I find the fact that the US school system still caters to and age, where kids needed summers to work the fields or help with harvests. Except for the three R’s, which are necessary fundamentals, many societies determine abilities, special aptitudes, and design their edu- cation systems accordingly. I felt bad for a young Chinese guide, who grew up in a family of musicians, and loved it, but because of her language aptitude and skills, was trained as a guide, and translator. She was literally amazed to hear the variety of different careers, that we had been working in, over the years, because, once you get sorted there, that is your one path.

On the topic of globalism, China already is a world power. If their

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If you have children or grandchildren, you may already be somewhat familiar with the 529 plan, a popular education savings vehicle. But you may not have kept up with some recent changes in the plan’s capabilities and in the education- al environment in which the plan might be used.

Let’s start with the learning environ- ment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities switched to online classes, or at least to a hybrid of in-person and online. And even before the pandemic, many schools offered remote classes, though obviously not to the same extent. But after COVID- 19 subsides, it’s likely that the online component will remain an important part of higher education. What does this “new world” mean for you, when you’re saving for college? Will a 529 plan still be relevant?

In a word, yes. First of all, a 529 plan can offer tax advantages. Earnings in a 529 plan are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes as well as a 10 percent pen- alty.) Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before investing.

Online learning costs are eligible for a 529 plan’s tax benefits just as much as those incurred from in-person classes. Tuition, textbooks, supplies, computers and services – all of these should qualify, assuming the school meets certain cri- teria. Also, students enrolled half-time or more don’t have to live in a dorm for room and board expenses to be covered by a 529 plan – they can live in off-cam- pus housing. However, these room-and- board costs typically must equal the cost of living on campus. Some schools iden- tify a specific cost for “commuters” or “at-home students,” so you will need to contact the college directly to determine qualified room-and-board costs.

Now, let’s take a quick look at what some changes in the rules governing 529 plans over the past few years might mean for you. Eligible expenses from your 529 plan include the following:

K-12 expenses – Parents can withdraw up to \$10,000 per student, per year, from their 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at elementary and secondary schools. So, if you intend to send your children to a private school, this use of a 529 plan might interest you.

Apprenticeships – 529 plans can be used to pay for fees, textbooks, equip- ment and other supplies connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the Department of Labor. These programs, typically offered at a commu- nity college, combine classroom instruc- tion with on-the-job training.

Student loans – Families can with- draw funds from a 529 plan to repay the principal and interest for qualified edu- cation loans, including federal and most private student loans. There’s a lifetime limit of \$10,000 for student loan repay- ments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficia- ry’s siblings.

All of these newer uses of 529 plans may contain additional guidelines and exceptions, and state tax treatment var- ies, so you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before taking money from your account. But it’s valuable for you to know the different ways you can put a 529 plan to work.

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ENTERTAINMENT AND
EVENTS

DON'T MISS
A THING!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another week

To the Editor:
What is an opinion? Is it anything you might believe, regardless of the truth? Is an opinion a closely held belief in opposition to provable truths? Under an expansive definition of “opinion,” I suppose anything people think that isn’t true could be classified as an opinion. Some people think the moon landing was faked — is that an opinion? Some people think the earth is flat, is that an opinion? Some people think that the government is storing aliens in Area 51, is that an opinion? Oh yeah, some people think that Donald Trump really won the 2020 election, yet it was stolen from him and that’s right up there with the flat earthers.

The fact is that the moon landing really happened, the earth is spherical, Area 51 is an Air Force facility for fighting other humans, and Joe Biden won the 2020 presidency in a free and fair election. The electoral college voted for President Biden because as it turns out, President Biden had more legitimate votes in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Georgia, and Arizona among other states that weren’t challenged.

Mr. Reid did point out a fair warning regarding the filibuster and number of justices. If the Democrats add justices or eliminate the filibuster, I would expect the Republicans to fight even dirtier and cheat even more, using the Democrats’ recent example as cover. The Republicans represent a slight but consistent minority of Americans and as a minority party their only path to power is playing dirty, out-manuevering within the rules, or outright cheating.

The modern Republican party has become the “rural party” and the Democrats the “urban party” our Senate has a 5.0 point built-in advantage and our electoral college a 3.5 point built-in advantage for Republicans. In America in 2021 Republicans can govern without winning the most votes and this threatens our democracy (republic?). This might seem impossible since today the Democrats control the presidency, House, and Senate. But then again, Joe Biden did win 7 million more votes, or 4.4 points. While I fully expect the GOP will retaliate for Democrats trying to restore majority-rule, I honestly expect they will take these steps at the first opportunity regardless. Since the GOP is now comfortable with minority rule, I imagine that they will do whatever, whenever, to cement their position. If they’re happy governing after losing the popular by three points, why won’t they be comfortable with an even larger gap?

American democracy is doomed since we have a two-party system where one party has no realistic path to winning the most votes its base is cool with lying, cheating, and stealing as necessary to maintain/re-gain power. The Democrats don’t have the power to fix the system for good once and for all – that would require Constitutional amendments. Anything the Democrats due to try and restore majority rule will be used to justify further entrenchment of minority rule. The Democrats doing nothing and living with this five-point disadvantage might be their best course of action rather than enraging political arsonists. Whatever happens, we can be sure there will be no return to “general order.”

KIMBALL

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own interests alone, would not have put them there, seeing our automotive industry, brought to a complete halt, awaiting Chinese parts, because our greed has gone all in for cheaper and more profitable, and can now barely compete. On a related note, the USA claims to have completed our imperialist expansion, displacing natives, seizing or buying territory. Other countries, like China and the USSR, have seen contraction. For us to be surprised that they want to reclaim some of it, or arm themselves because there is a fickle and somewhat, unpredictable superpower, who devotes a third of its budget on military spending, which is more than the next ten highest spenders, which has launched unwinnable wars and confrontations with regularity.

While I am thrilled to contemplate an end to mask wearing, I will be livid when we have not achieved adequate vaccination, to not see a complete herd immunity, so have invited some new covid variation to put us back on Groundhog Day come fall. I wish I could count on unmasked people being vaccinated, when that becomes the guideline. Sorry, I have too clear a concept of what some conceive as freedom, making sure we don’t get some.

Many of the house passed bills, represent benefits to the populace. Isn’t it



KEEP YOUR DOLLARS LOCAL!

As for the comparison of Native American mascots to Klansmen and Nazis and whether human mascots glorify and give respect or if they are demeaning and insensitive... Here’s an idea – how about no human mascots? Glorification, neutral, or demeaning is in the eyes of the beholder. One Klansman might find the mascot to be demeaning their whole white supremacy political agenda whereas another might be proud and feel glorified for it, just as townspeople will all see it differently. This is kind of like how not all Native Americans view an Indian head with feathers on a football uniform the same way. An easy solution to avoid inadvertently glorifying, demeaning, mocking, or respecting human mascots is not to have human mascots... Like the David Prouty Panthers, Leicester Wolverines, and Quabog Cougars... Looks like Tantasqua might have an issue...

Oh, Mr. Robillard, how I look forward to your screeds. I really hope you show them to your children. As an engineer I am sure you are pretty good with numbers. The Republican Party bosses are good at numbers, too. As it turns out, 11 percent of U.S. citizen adults don’t have government issued photo ID. After voter ID laws are implemented, voter turnout is reduced by 2-3 percent. Well, if all races are equally affected then it wouldn’t necessarily be racist, but that isn’t the case. While 11 percent of U.S. citizens lack ID, only 8 percent of whites lack ID, while a whopping 25% of black citizens lack ID. Using these rough numbers (2.5 percent total turnout reduction, blacks 3 times more represented in that number than whites), we’d see a 2 percent reduction in white votes and a 6 percent reduction in black turnout. Since black people vote overwhelmingly for Democrats, any policy that impacts black people more seems like a winner for Republicans. Consider that the Georgia run-offs were won by Democrats by about 1 point – with a little more voter suppression the Republicans might have pulled it off!

Now to be fair, the real reason Republicans want voter ID is because they know it will increase their own chances of winning, since they seem to be in a permanent minority with free and fair elections. Clearly free and fair elections are the problem, here... I don’t actually believe there is racial animus with voter ID laws beyond “those people don’t vote for us.” I really think it is simply an effort to pervert the system in order to win – winning more votes hasn’t been a winning strategy for decades so the GOP has shifted to suppressing the other side’s votes.

COVID is rapidly become boring, even for me. Last week only 184,709 Americans who had successfully dodged the virus became ill and got tested. Only 4,046 American died of COVID-19 last week which should be shocking but against a backdrop of 590,000 confirmed deaths really isn’t much. With only 49% of Americans having had their first dose we don’t have high enough vaccination to put this behind us for good, but we probably will have the summer off before more surges.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD

about time to do something most of us want? McConnell and his multimillionaire wife don’t want to pay, so lie about a deficit, because Dems want half of the Trump tax cuts for millionaires back to pay for it.

Remember the commercial about having Mikey try the cereal, because he hates everything. If that works for you, I know a whole party dedicated to that proposition. They don’t even represent their own people anymore. I hope they face consequences.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Judgement Day

To the Editor:
I had a dream last night. I had died and gone to heaven. When I got there, there was a BLM protest going on outside the pearly gates. I asked St. Peter what was going on. He said that the Democrats and BLM were claiming that God and all those in Heaven were white supremacists. I asked why. He said because they wore white robes and believed “All Lives Matter.” Then Jesus came forth to me and said, “The evil of power and greed has filled their souls.” They worship the false doctrines of Equity and Racial Justice. They are told by these false teachings to view their existence based on their warped perceptions of race. They are instructed by their masters to label and judge others on how they want to see you instead of how you really are. We this he turned to the holy father and said, “Do not forgive them father, for they do know what they do!” I was then bathed in a white light and robe. A sense of peace, love, and tranquility filled my soul as I entered the Kingdom. I was greeted and welcomed by friends like Abraham, Martin Luther, Herman Caine. I believe this dream was a holy revelation to us all. It is our holy duty to shout out loud and proud whenever confronted by the forces of racism “All Lives Matter”. This my friends is the key to the kingdom of Heaven, Amen.

I wonder how those of the Jewish faith who voted for Biden feel now. They see his fake image of “unity” was a smokescreen to cover the progressive socialist ideology fueled by antisemitism. These fools who voted for Biden are just as responsible as Hamas is for the 3,000 rockets raining down on Israel. By voting for this puppet, they have allowed the antisemitic policies of Talib and Omar to be the hallmark of his administration resulting in the destruction and killing of innocent children and women in the renewed conflict. Unlike the deaths caused by the China virus, these deaths caused by this war are truly “Unnecessary Deaths.” Maybe the crazy Covid guy Har will be a “global citizen” and go there to help. I doubt it. You see when Trump was in office, he had shut off the funding to Hamas. His sanctions on Iran stopped the other source of their funding and had effectively stopped the terror. Peace in the Mideast was in view with Jared Kushner working out the details. However, Hamas was told by those backing Biden to “stand back and stand by.” They had a plan to steal the election and remove Trump. With the help of the many liberal voters and backers in the media, this came true. Many of the most vocal Biden supporters were of the Jewish faith. Blind fol-

lowers duped by a smiling Biden. Now with Trump gone, Biden has opened the funding to support Hamas. He has relaxed sanctions on Iran. Both groups know that they have the backing from Talib, Omar, and AOC. These three should be registered as foreign agents for Hamas and Iran. The people of Israel were sold out by many of their Jewish brethren in the America for a few pieces of gold, called a stimulus check. Those locally that voted for Biden are the equivalent of a modern-day Judas. They are willing to sacrifice the life and freedom of others so they can get easy money from the Biden infrastructure raid on our treasury. A pay off to sit fat and lazy while others die. It is not for me to judge what’s in a person’s soul but our maker sure will. I personally stand with the people of Israel as do many Trump supporters here in Massachusetts. They know what it is to live surrounded by a hostile ideological zealots.

The world sees Biden for what he really is. A false image put in front by the Democrat Progressive Socialists. A godless group fueled by power and greed. The evil forces kept at bay see him as weak and ineffective, they are told through backroom channels by the Progressives that they have the green light from this administration to be on the offensive. They see an America that has turned its own army on its own citizens. An armed capital that is surrounded by a new the “Democratic Revolutionary Guard.” An army being radicalized and demoralized by teachings of “Critical Race Theory.” If you don’t buy into the ideology, you are dismissed. Good luck winning any war with an army like this. If we see it, you can bet our foes like China and Russia surely do too. A Justice Department being used as a special political police force to hunt down and prosecute Trump supporters. A media turned into a progressive socialist propaganda machine that only attacks conservative thinking. I know many citizens now that are scared. Their afraid of speaking out for fear they will be attacked. They hope others take up the cause and try to hide from the truth. I tell them you need to be a patriot and fight back. This is your America, and if you want it to have free speech and a future, you need to be ready to fight. If you fight back, they cannot cancel us all out. Maybe the Democrats will come to their senses and impeach themselves. If they do this and ask Donald Trump to run our country, they may be able to save the world.

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Meanwhile, officials are still investigating the circumstances surrounding the punctured fuel line. Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Tencza said Dig Safe – a nonprofit organization that assesses risks prior to excavation projects – inspected the site prior to the tent installations. As of press time, it was not determined why the fuel line was punctured even after a Dig Safe review.

The school department’s director of facilities, Brian Cooper, resigned shortly after the incident. He could not be reached for comment by press time.

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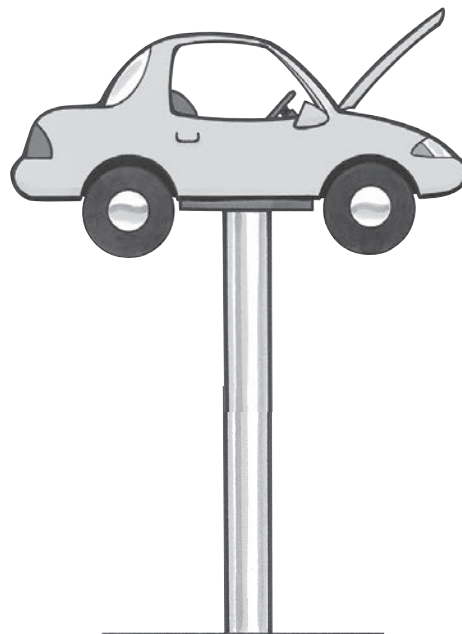
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**Notice of Public Hearing
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**
Appeal of Decision – Applicant/ Own-

er: Spencer Solar Farm, LLC; Location: North Brookfield Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R39-14. The applicant is requesting an Appeal under section 7.1.2.A (Appeals) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw Zoning to appeal the denial of the building permit by the Building Inspector. The property is located within rural residential zoning district.
May 21, 2021
May 28, 2021

**Town of West Brookfield
Zoning Board of Appeals**
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Christine Kiraly-Thomas and Donald Root, for the property located at 32 Cottage Street, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build an addition on their house, in the General District. This requires a special permit as per section, -1.5 Nonconformity:, \$1.52 (a) Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al). The public is invited to attend.
Renee Adams White
Clerk
May 21, 2021
May 28, 2021

**Notice of Public Hearing
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**
Special Permit – Applicant/ Owner: Daniel Watson; Location: 4 Chickering Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R15-1. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under section 4.9.2.A.2 (Nonconforming Structures) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to build an addition on the rear and side of an existing home. The property is located within rural residential zoning district.
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**Notice of
Special Public Hearing
East Brookfield
Zoning Board of Appeals**
This Zoning Board hearing will take place at the East Brookfield Town Hall, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield, MA on Wednesday June 9th 2021. Hearing will commence at 7:00PM or soon thereafter as can be heard. Interested parties can attend in person adhering to all CDC guidelines for COVID 19 including masks, 6-foot distancing and limited occupancy. Applicant: GERALYN MORIN; owner. Property location: 120 North Brookfield Rd, East Brookfield. The applicant is proposing to demolish an existing non-conforming garage structure and construct a new garage which will exceed a thirty percent (30%) increase in floor space and a fifty percent (50%) increase of the fair market value of the current structure, in violation of Zoning By-law section 4, paragraph 2. The applicant is requesting a finding as to whether the new structure is or is not more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use. In addition, the new structure, as proposed, violates the rear setback of 25ft with the deck being approximately 9 ft from the property line and the applicant is seeking a variance for the proposed location of the structure.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, the North Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on ____June 8, 2021____ at 7:00 p.m. at the North Brookfield Board of Health office, 215 No. Main St., No. Brookfield for NOI and associated activities at ____81 West Brookfield Road, North Brookfield____. Any person interested in this matter is invited to attend the hearing.
May 28, 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: Patrick Daly has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to add an addition to the home located at 18 Briarcliff Lane, Spencer, MA. Adrian Eugene Williams has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to repair a septic system at 28 South 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, June 9, 2021, at which time all persons having an interest may call in to participate Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m.
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman

May 28, 2021

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May 28, 2021

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DEP File No. TBD**
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June 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the Memorial Town Complex
This Public Hearing is in regards to a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Colleen DiBara for the following: The removal of a 19" DBH White Pine to prevent further damage to the shoreline retaining wall.
Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this request should appear at the time and place designated. Copies of the above noted submittal are available for review at the East Brookfield Town Clerk's Office.
Submitted by:
Robert Button
Chairman
EAST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 28, 2021

**WARREN
Office of the Collector of Taxes**
May 27, 2021
The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of WARREN and WORCESTER County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2019 as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by WARREN on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 10:00 AM for nonpayment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.
KERRY SCHMIDT
Collector of Taxes Town of WARREN
Property Location: 38 CARPENTER ST
Assessed Owners: CASAVANT, RENE
Bill Number: 60-1
2019 SEWER LIEN 1,125.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES 3,951.26

5,076.26
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.800 acres described as parcel 24 0 112 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 10670- 33, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location:
Assessed Owners:
Bill Number:
73 MAPLE ST
CORRIVEAU, JR. BERNARD 81-5
2019
REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,209.56
1,209.56
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.340 acres described as parcel 23 0 57 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 56878-324, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 798 MAIN ST
Assessed Owners: ESPINOSA, SUSAN
c/o CRISSOS, SOCRATES
Bill Number: 111-2
2019 SEWER LIEN 375.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES 2,684.88
3,059.88
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.330 acres described as parcel 24 0 20 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 57724-170, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CUTLER RD
Assessed Owners: MOOSEHEAD HARVESTING, INC
Bill Number: 255-3
2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 952.66
952.66
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 18.000 acres described as parcel 2 0 1 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 16913-59, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location:
Assessed Owners:
Bill Number:
CUTLER RD EX
MOOSEHEAD HARVESTING, INC
255-4
2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 3,303.31
3,303.31
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 81.000 acres described as parcel 4 0 19 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 16913-59, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: REAR CUTLER RD
Assessed Owners: MOOSEHEAD HARVESTING, INC
Bill Number: 255-5
2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 375.90
375.90
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 16.000 acres described as parcel 4 0 20 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 16913-59, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 28 SCHOOL ST
Assessed Owners: PEREZ, NOHENY A.
c/o HILL-PATCHKOFISKY, TA'WONDA & JAM
Bill Number: 290-3
2019 SEWER LIEN 375.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES 2,204.62
2,579.62
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.190 acres described as parcel 17 0 88 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 59096-187, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 84 SOUTHBRIDGE RD
Assessed Owners: REYNOSO, LUIS
c/o BYFIELD DONOVAN
c/o SUNTREX, LLC
Bill Number: 311-6
2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 2012.84
2012.84
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.040 acres described as parcel 24 0 159 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 58955-219, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: MAIN STREET
Assessed Owners: STUPSKI, THEODORE
c/o STUPSKI, WILLIAM
Bill Number: 367-6
2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 175.56
175.56
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.100 acres described as parcel 19 0 18 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 4358-26, WORCES-

When it's okay not to be okay

I learned a valuable lesson this week. I traveled to the University of Iowa Hospital for my monthly meeting with my oncologist and digestive health medical team. For those of you unaware, I'm fighting stage 4 stomach cancer. It was to be a quick in and out meeting and I would be on my way home by 3:00. Instead, my digestive health professional looked at me for thirty seconds and said, "I'm admitting you."

I didn't know what to say. "Wait," was the only thing I could force out.

"For what?" She paused. "Until it's too late?"

So, I was admitted and began being fed nutrients through a hose placed in my nose. Truly a dismal experience. As I looked at the bag pumping into my stomach, it looked like its contents had already been eaten then spit back out. No, none of it was a pleasant experience.

Early the next morning, my team of oncologists arrived in my room and asked, "How are you feeling?" My typical reflex answer popped out. "Fantastic!" They glanced at each other. "Really. I'm feeling great!" I



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assured them. I'm a believer that optimism and positive intentions drive good health and positive results.

They asked a few basic questions, told me they ordered a couple of scans and a round of blood tests, then left the room.

The next day, my daughter arrived and was sitting with me when the group of oncologists came again. "So, how are you feeling today, Mr. Moore?"

"Fantastic! I'm feeling great!" once again popped out of my mouth. My daughter quickly blurted out, "Dad! You are not feeling great! These are your doctors, and they aren't looking for a motivational speech from you. Tell them how you really feel!"

She then looked at the leader of the group and said, "Please understand that my Dad is a motivational speaker, writer of a column titled, Positively Speaking and an author of four positive books. It's not his nature to say anything else."

The question then hit me like an Acme Anvil dropped on my head as if I were in a Roadrunner cartoon. Is it okay, not to be, okay?

It doesn't mean I'm being negative.

Maybe it only means I'm giving my medical team accurate information to help them make sound decisions and to help me get better. They needed straight talk from me and not a motivational pep talk. People who are feeling fantastic are not admitted into the hospital.

I took a breath and gave them an accurate depiction of what I was feeling, which was far from fantastic. They seemed relieved and said what I was describing better reflected the results of my test.

I realized at that moment that being optimistic does not mean everything is perfect. It's not. It does mean I've decided to focus on the good outcomes rather than bad and to allow my mind and body to conspire together to help create a better reality. I believe optimism and a positive mindset are essential components to my healing process, but so is accuracy in describing my symptoms, positive or not.

Admitting I didn't feel well wasn't a failure to be positive. In fact, not accurately deciding the current condition of my health could create an extremely negative outcome.

I'm learning that the smart thing to do is adjust myself to the reality and truth of my health instead of trying to make the truth of my condition some-

thing that it's not. As minor as it is and as simple as it sounds, I was unable to admit I wasn't okay. It also doesn't mean I'm giving into a negative diagnosis. I'm still fighting with the attitude and belief I'm going to beat this cancer and I am. It just means my doctors need accurate information so they can help me win this battle.

This column began while I was lying in a hospital bed but is ending with me at home and back to my normal routine. I'm feeling much better and looking positively forward to my day.

Everything about life is a challenge and ongoing opportunity to learn. 'From the mouth of babes' my daughter taught me a valuable lesson about creating positive outcomes from less than positive situations when you aren't feeling positive at all.

Like you, I'm still a work in progress. I'm still learning.

It's okay, not to be okay.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryW Moore721 and at www.garyw-moore.com

LEGALS

TER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 583 MAIN ST
Assessed Owners: STUPSKI, THEO-
DORE

c/o STUPSKI, WILLIAM
Bill Number: 368-1
2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 593.26
593.26

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.480 acres described as parcel 19 0 19 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 4358- 26, WORCES-TER County Registry of Deeds.
May 28, 2021

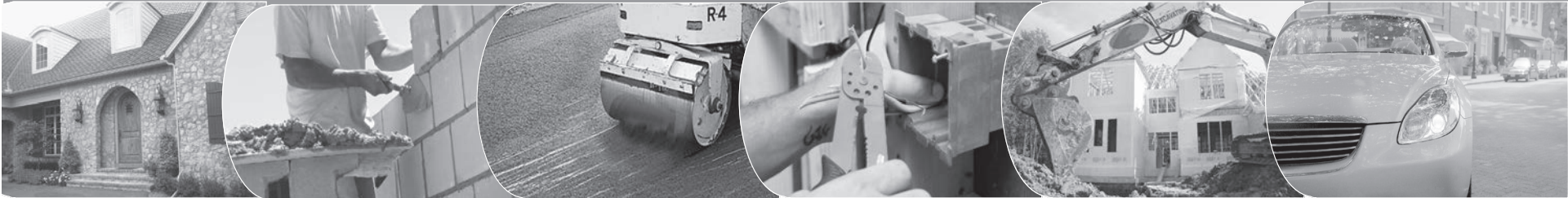
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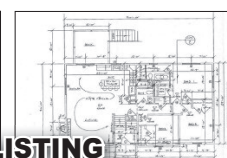
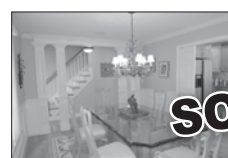
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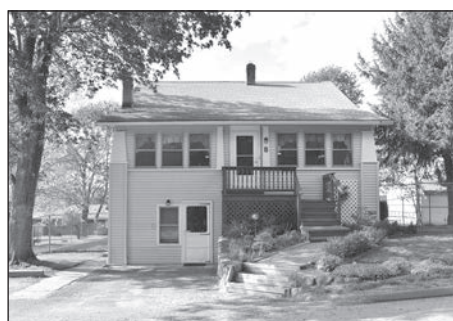
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OBITUARIES

Bertil (Bert) Wahlberg, 94,

Bertil (Bert) Wahlberg, 94, passed away peacefully on May 17. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Joy. He is survived by his sons Mark and his wife Becky, Brent and his wife Lydia, and Scott and his wife Carol Ann, granddaughters Kristin and her husband Richard, Kate and her husband Mike, and Jen, and great-grandsons Ian and Jonas.

Bert was born in 1927 in Paris, France to Oscar and Gurli Wahlberg and grew up in England until he was 13. Shortly after the outbreak of WW II he and his family came to Worcester, Massachusetts. At the age of 18 he began his life of service, joining the United States Navy and serving as a corpsman until the end of the war. Recalled as a reservist, he was especially proud of his time served during the Korean conflict on the USS Midway (CV-41).

Bert dedicated his life to the service of others and spent many years in service to the community and church. He also supported youth activities, especially youth sports and 4-H. Professionally he provided needed assistance to youth and their families as a school social worker.

Bert treasured time with family most of all. He met his wife, Joy, at Clark University and they raised three boys together. His favorite place on earth was the family cottage on South Pond in Massachusetts, where they spent many summers. Family gatherings with sons and granddaughters at the lake were very special.

He was a reliable provider, willing supporter, but most importantly, a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He had a good life and strong faith in God. Bert will be greatly missed.

A family gathering to remember and celebrate his life will occur at a later date.



BROOKFIELD / N O R T H BROOKFIELD- Ingrid C. Mierzejewski, 80, passed away on May 17, 2021.

She is predeceased by her husband Paul Mierzejewski in 1996. She leaves a son Daniel Mierzejewski; a daughter Carol Pontbriand; 2 brothers Jurgen Kollatschny of Berlin, Germany and

Klaus Kollatschny and his wife Donna of Kimballton, Iowa; 2 grandchildren Christina Berard & her husband Keiran and Danielle Mierzejewski.

Ingrid worked as a machinist at Reed-Rico for many years. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Graveside services are private in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield.

Jeannette A. Durant, 90

Jeannette A. Durant, 90, of Spencer, MA, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 3 at Quaboag Nursing Home, West Brookfield, MA with family by her side.

Jeannette was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Louis Durant, Jr.; 4 children, Kimberly Durant and partner Rhoderick Harrison, John Durant, Holly Audette and husband Ronald Audette, Jr., and Peter Durant and wife Kate (Campanale) Durant; 5 grandchildren, Nicholas DeMaio and wife Amanda Weber, Maggie DeMaio, Amelia (Durant) Sandman, Emma Durant, and Lucas Audette; and 5 great grandchildren.

Jeannette was a life long resident of Spencer, MA, working many years

for Dr. Martin Monast, DMD, Spencer; Hotel Massasoit, Spencer; Lashaway Inn, East Brookfield; The Spencer New Leader, Spencer; and Stonebridge Press, Southbridge, where she retired at age 85.

Jeannette loved nothing more than to be surrounded by her family. She was happiest when everyone was gathered together. She loved travel and travelled extensively. She also loved playing cards and bingo with her friends. Jeannette was so full of life, always laughing and always happy, and would welcome anyone into her home. She touched so many lives and will be dearly missed.

A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001, or online at alzfdn.org.



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Stripers are in everywhere along the coast and in tributaries, and are chasing baitfish like pogies and herring. There are a lot of big fish in the schools of stripers, but unfortunately, they cannot be retained by recreational fishermen. Only stripers in the slot size of 28 inches and 35 inches are legal to keep. This regulation has hurt a lot of charter boats, resulting in lost revenue from fewer anglers booking reservations. They are also being hit by the loss of mates for their boats because many have left to find steady employment from other jobs during the pandemic, and they are not coming back. One charter boat captain said he has very few bookings, because he has lost his mates, and hiring new ones is almost impossible.

With Memorial Day weekend only a few days away, nutty behavior at the boat ramps is sure to be the same as in previous years. Boaters need to be respectful of other boaters waiting to launch their boats, and if someone is having a problem launching his or her boat, offering to help is often appreciated. Boaters should never back onto a boat ramp if they are not ready to launch. Getting the boat ready prior to launch should always be done prior to backing onto the boat ramp! Actual launch time should take no more than five minutes or less. Be aware that there is always someone with an attitude waiting to launch their boat. Don't ruin

your day and your family's day by getting into a shouting match or a physical fight with him. It is not worth it.

This past week, my brother and I were invited to go on a fishing trip with my nephew, Captain Mel True of Fish Net Charters! Mel left his high paying job at CVS to fulfill his dream of becoming a boat captain. He took a job with On The Water Magazine for a short time and then made the move to start his charter boat business. He never looked back, and has become a highly respected boat Captain on the North & South Shore. He loves to document his clients fishing trips, and is well educated in photography.

It was a nice crisp morning when my brother Ken picked me up at 4:30 a.m.! Captain Mel lives in Freetown, Mass., which is only an hour's drive to his house. We arrived on time, and Mel had his boat and trailer hooked up to his pickup truck that is well painted with his name, and sponsors of fishing tackle. His 25-foot boat is powered by a Yamaha 350 hp motor. Unloading the boat only took minutes and we were on our way to the fishing grounds. It was not long before we were traveling close to 40 miles per hour, arriving at our first fishing spot in less than 30 minutes. As soon as we stopped the boat Mel walked up to the bow of the boat to place his new electric motor into the water. The motor is programmed into his GPS, and automatically holds the boat at the fishing hot spot. Although he has an anchor on board, it is rarely

used because of the new motor. "Technology."

As soon as I dropped my jig to the bottom, I had a fish on. It was a nice seabass and I was ready to place it in the cooler. Captain Mel motioned me to throw it back! It is a female, and he does not like to include them in his daily catch. My brother Ken reeled in a nice seabass, and was told to toss it back. We will be catching much larger fish than that Captain Mel stated: "It seems as though we are on a catch and release fishing trip!" Ken complied to the captain's request! It was constant lock and load on seabass and a couple of tautog mixed in retaining only a couple of fish! "Be patient," Mel replied, "you will catch bigger fish than those you threw back."

Time to move to a new spot! After bringing the motor back into the boat, we were soon on our way to a new spot. Mel wanted to catch a few Scaup for a client, so we rigged our lures and small pieces of squid onto the hooks. The scaup were decent size with some extra-large called sea scaup. I have tried them, and do not like their taste, but many people love them. After filling a five-gallon pail with scaup, we rigged our rods with jigs. Mel has his own line of fishing rods, that make my fishing rods look antique. It was not long before we started catching seabass and tautog, but the jumbo seabass never materialized. We were more than happy to catch our limit of seabass that were nice size and great for the eating. A few nice tautog were mixed in but there



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This week's picture shows Ken True with a nice seabass caught last week in Buzzards Bay.

were so many seabass on the bottom feeding, the tautog were outnumbered.

After a few hours of fishing, this writer quit. The captain could see that we were fished out, and were ready for the trip home. Gosh! I wish I was 20 years younger.

West Hill Dam is taking reservations for small parties like birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, etc. To reserve your date, you can call Viola at the Dam Headquarters. Reservations cost \$75. A new road is being planned for the Harringtons pool area, but until then it is nice to see the area being used!

The Whitinsville Fish & Game club is planning an

"Italian Night" at the club on June 19. It is going to be there first in house supper since the Pandemic. Be sure to get your tickets early. Only 60 tickets will be available for the in-house dining. Another 25 will be sold for to-go meals. Check it out on their Web site.

Fresh water fishing has been very good for largemouth bass fishing. One angler was fishing from his canoe and caught numerous largemouth bass and calico bass trolling small Rapala plugs. Shiners and small surface frogs are also catching some impressive fish.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
12:43 a.m.: parking violation (High Street), ticket issued; 2:26 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 4:30 a.m.: disturbance (Pearl Street), noise complaint; 6:24 a.m.: mv complaint (North Brookfield Road), erratic operator; 6:48 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), found work file; 7:01 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address/2; 8:58 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), voucher inquiry; 10:06 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:36 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), wound/unknown origin; 11:27 a.m.: restraining order service (Temple Street); 11:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 12:02 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:36 p.m.: mv stop (Chestnut Street), Kayla M. Ashley, 25, 47 Church Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 1:19 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:32 p.m.: restraining order service (Cherry Street); 1:48 p.m.: missing person/adult (Lakeview Drive), elderly cousin missing; 2:55 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), referred; 3:13 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 3:27 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:47 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:56 p.m.: larceny (Ash Street), being harassed by juveniles; 4:38 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 4:40 p.m.: disabled mv (Northwest Road), services rendered; 5:55 p.m.: medical/general (Beach Lane); 5:56 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 6:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), trying to retrieve property; 7:43 p.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 7:57 p.m.: elderly matter (Howe Village), spoken to; 8:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Meadow Road), investigated; 10:34 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); (Total daily mv stops – 5).
THURSDAY, MAY 13
1:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 5:38 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Rutland PD bolo; 6:40 a.m.: animal complaint (Clark Road), loose dog; 7:38 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), child w/phone; 10:48 a.m.: 911 call (Cherry Street), accidental; 11:29 a.m.: 911 call (Holmes Street), accidental; 12:03 p.m.: mv complaint (Howard Hurley Road), speeding/littering; 12:18 p.m.: medical/general (Marble Road); 1:38 p.m.: DPW call (Treadwell Drive), utility pole down; 1:53 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 2:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), dock in mv/windows up; 2:34 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 2:56 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:11 p.m.: accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 4:46 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 5:19 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator; 5:23 p.m.: mutual aid (Route 49), Sturbridge PD bolo; 5:30 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 5:43 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Irving Street), misdial; 5:44 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), unwanted parties; 6:50 p.m.: fraud (Howe Village), internet scam; 7:09 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 7:36 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 8:11 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), bear in area; 8:12 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 8:45 p.m.: disturbance (Lyford Road), intoxicated, unwanted party; 9:50 p.m.: disturbance (Wilson Avenue), info taken; 10:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), dog bite; 10:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), noise complaint; (Total daily mv stops – 2).
FRIDAY, MAY 14
12:55 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:18 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 7:32 a.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), family issue; 7:33 a.m.: fire alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 10:02 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), poss. dead dog; 10:49 a.m.: warrant service (Main Street), Robert Michael Burns, 27, 356 Main Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 11:35 a.m.: warrant service (Cornfield Road), Shawn P. Clifford, 35, 5 Cornfield Road, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 11:50 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), items lost near DQ; 1:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Thompson Pond Road), poss. dead dog in water; 1:33 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), issue re: cat; 1:40 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), unclaimed license plates destroyed; 2:57 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:33 p.m.: accident (Irving Street), hit/run; 4:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Sherman Grove), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 4:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Pope Street), re: animal in yard; 4:51 p.m.: medical/

general (Howe Village); 5:19 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 5:46 p.m.: mv complaint (Northwest Road), speeding; 6:20 p.m.: hdcp. parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 6:33 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:36 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), kids/bikes in road; 8:18 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), unwanted party; 8:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), welfare check; 8:33 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Cherry Street), contained; 9:45 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street), barking dog; 11:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), unattended mv; 11:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 11:46 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 7).
SATURDAY, MAY 15
12:00-1:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:53 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 7:19 a.m.: medical/general (Norcross Road), welfare check; 8:22 a.m.: residential alarm (Lakeshore Drive), services rendered; 10:48 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accident/Route 31 south; 11:40 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 11:56 a.m.: fire alarm (Chickering Road), referred; 12:23 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 12:25 p.m.: medical/mental health (Howe Village); 12:35 p.m.: juvenile matter (Lloyd Dyer Drive), poss. assault; 1:00 p.m.: medical/general (Brooks Pond Road); 1:02 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), assisted; 1:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Lloyd Dyer Drive), re: poss. suicide threat; 1:47 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:12 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (Chestnut Street), info taken; 3:44 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), kids/bikes in street; 3:48 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 5:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), cat in school d/way; 5:30 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:13 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 7:03 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), unwanted party; 7:09 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:17 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:23 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Paxton Road), investigated; 8:39 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 9:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 9:59 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:05 p.m.: juvenile matter (Pleasant Street), req. welfare check; 10:14 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:14 p.m.: DPW call (Howe Road), low-hanging branch; (Total daily mv stops – 5).
SUNDAY, MAY 16
12:58 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 10:00 a.m.: parking violation (Elm Street), ticket issued; 10:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), suicide threat/Facebook; 11:05 a.m.: medical/general (Sherwood Drive); 11:14 a.m.: officer wanted (South Street), req. escort; 12:44 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 12:48 p.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), barking dog; 1:45 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 2:38 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), children in mv w/o seat belts; 3:36 p.m.: 911 call (Point Eastalee Drive), misdial; 4:17 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 5:19 p.m.: RV complaint (Lyford Road), dirt bike/gravel pit; 5:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), fox/coyote in area; 5:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), skunk in park; 6:36 p.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), poss. lewd conduct; 6:38 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic operator; 8:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 9:43 p.m.: mv complaint (Meadow Road), mv w/o headlights; 10:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Buteau Road), unwanted party; 10:25 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), tailgating; (Total daily mv stops – 5).
MONDAY, MAY 17
1:51 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), stray cat; 3:50 a.m.: mv theft (Maple Street), report taken; 6:14 a.m.: residential alarm (North Spencer Road), services rendered; 7:35 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), neighbor dispute; 8:09 a.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), info taken; 8:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), loose dog; 10:15 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 10:54 a.m.: 911 call (North Brookfield Road), accidental; 1:26 p.m.: medical/general (Water Street); 1:27 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), found fanny pack; 2:01 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 2:35 p.m.: medical/general (Charron Street); 2:44 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 2:45 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), skunk on sidewalk; 2:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Nottingham Circle), re: neighbor's rooster; 3:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Woodside Road), welfare check; 3:48 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 4:08 p.m.: medical/general (Ethier Drive); 4:16 p.m.: 911 call (Lake Avenue), accidental; 6:20 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 6:44 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:48 p.m.: juvenile matter (Maple Street), kids/bikes in road; 7:23

p.m.: medical/overdose (Mechanic Street); 7:25 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 8:41 p.m.: fire alarm (Chestnut Street), referred; 8:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), welfare check; 9:01 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 9:53 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Greenville Street), accidental; 10:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 10:44 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); (Total daily mv stops – 2).
TUESDAY, MAY 18
12:10-2:05 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:22 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Whittemore Drive); 5:16 a.m.: medical/general (Candlewood Drive); 5:37 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 5:53 a.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), bear in area; 6:27 a.m.: mv lockout (High Street), assisted; 6:52 a.m.: animal complaint (Wilson Street), injured raccoon; 7:05 a.m.: mv complaint (Cherry Street), mvs passing school van; 7:56 a.m.: animal complaint (Gold Nugget Road), bears in backyard; 9:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Collier Circle), bears in yard; 10:08 a.m.: illegal dumping (Ash Street), bag of trash; 11:34 a.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), dog attack; 11:59 a.m.: fraud (High Street), police fundraising scam; 12:20 p.m.: DPW call (G.H. Wilson Road), low-hanging wire; 1:31 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic operator; 2:01 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Thompson Pond Road), accidental; 2:54 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 3:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), re: former tenant; 3:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), bear in area; 4:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Greenville Street), investigated; 4:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Rustic Lane), chickens loose; 4:40 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost wallet; 4:46 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), family issue; 4:55 p.m.: juvenile matter (Cranberry Meadow Road), rope swing in road; 5:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), lg. snapping turtle on trail; 6:51 p.m.: DPW call (North Street), wires down; 7:19 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Wire Village Road), open line; 7:25 p.m.: RV complaint (Howe Road), UTVs in park; 7:29 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 8:20 p.m.: disturbance (Brooks Pond Road), dirt bike/loud trucks; 9:12 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 10:30-10:31 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:58 p.m.: disturbance (Lake Street), noise complaint; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

Leicester Police

THURSDAY, MAY 13
10:24 a.m.: domestic disturbance (Rawson Street), peace restored; 11:16 a.m.: restraining order service (Cedar Lane), served; 11:51 a.m.: assist citizen (Pine Ridge Drive); 12:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:01 p.m.: mutual aid (Irene Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 3:24 p.m.: restraining order service (Rawson Street), served; 4:00 p.m.: summon service (Peter Salem Road), served; 4:07 a.m.: welfare check (Rawson Street), services rendered; 4:47 p.m.: lockout (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:04 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 5:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 8:12 p.m.: fire response (Gleason Way), services rendered; 9:17 p.m.: investigation (Harding Street), services rendered; 9:17 p.m.: fire response (Main Street), referred; 9:49 p.m.: welfare check (McCarthy Avenue), transported to hospital; 11:39 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported.
FRIDAY, MAY 14
5:53 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 10:02 a.m.: accident (Main Street), assisted; 11:49 a.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), services rendered; 12:13 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 3:18 p.m.: drug violation (South Main Street), report taken; 4:11 p.m.: welfare check (Lake Avenue), transported to hospital; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:15 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 5:46 p.m.: assist citizen (Chapel Street); 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:41 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 9:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 10:29 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), gone on arrival; 10:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), investigated; 11:53 p.m.: suspicious person (Hemlock Street), investigated.
SATURDAY, MAY 15
12:25 a.m.: mv stop (Whittemore Street), verbal warning; 1:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:25 a.m.: residential alarm (Charles

Street), false alarm; 10:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:32 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 11:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 2:24 p.m.: welfare check (Huntoon Memorial Highway), unable to locate; 4:46 p.m.: mv stop (Willow Hill Road), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, mv towed; 5:12 p.m.: fire response (Peter Salem Road), services rendered; 5:46 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 6:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), spoken to; 7:51 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), no action required; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning.
SUNDAY, MAY 16
9:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:38 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 11:13 a.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 12:09 p.m.: fire response (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 1:02 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 2:36 p.m.: parking complaint (River Street), spoken to; 2:43 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to; 4:19 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 5:47 p.m.: investigation (McNeil Highway), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 8:55 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate.
MONDAY, MAY 17
8:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:37 a.m.: assist citizen (Hankey Street), advised civil action; 10:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:31 a.m.: erratic operator (Ingram Road), spoken to; 3:04 p.m.: fire response (Watch Street), services rendered; 4:10 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:20 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:30 p.m.: trespassing (Mayflower Circle), unable to locate; 7:26 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 8:01 p.m.: assist citizen (Siani Road); 8:44 p.m.: suspicious mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 11:32 p.m.: welfare check (Sabina Circle), unable to locate.
MONDAY, MAY 17
8:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:37 a.m.: assist citizen (Hankey Street), advised civil action; 10:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:31 a.m.: erratic operator (Ingram Road), spoken to; 3:04 p.m.: fire response (Watch Street), services rendered; 4:10 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:20 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:30 p.m.: trespassing (Mayflower Circle), unable to locate; 7:26 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 8:01 p.m.: assist citizen (Siani Road); 8:44 p.m.: suspicious mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 11:32 p.m.: welfare check (Sabina Circle), unable to locate.
TUESDAY, MAY 18
5:00 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 5:51 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 8:50 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 10:03 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:37 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, speeding, unlicensed operation, failure to wear seat belt, citation issued; 11:37 a.m.: harassment (Bottomly Avenue), spoken to; 1:54 p.m.: assist citizen (Pine Street); 4:47 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:04 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 5:27 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwin Street), verbal warning; 5:38 p.m.: mv stop (Parker Street), mv towed; 6:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 8:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:47 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), no action required; 9:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 11:18 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), transported.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19
12:33 p.m.: abandoned mv (Carleton Road), investigated; 1:48 p.m.: mv stop (Peter Salem Road), citation issued; 3:10 p.m.: restraining order service (Waite Street), served; 4:31 p.m.: residential alarm (Baldwin Street), false alarm; 5:03 p.m.: fire response (Main Street), services rendered; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 5:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:05 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 6:46 p.m.: residential alarm (Pleasant Street), false alarm; 7:12 p.m.: welfare check (Collier Avenue), report taken; 10:21 p.m.: lockout (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 10:27 p.m.: accident (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken.

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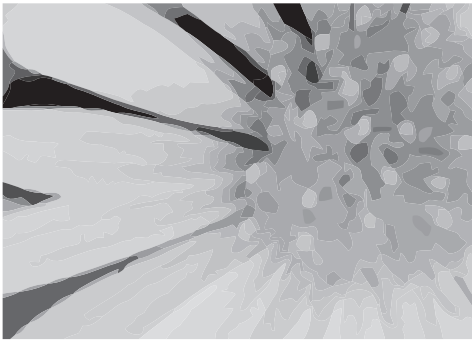
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Did you know?

SOME WILDFLOWERS ARE INVASIVE, SO THEY MAY NEED TO BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM OTHER GARDEN BEDS AND PLANTINGS.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FLOWER

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to boating.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 24 = A)

A. 4 24 12 17 5 24

Clue: Place to store boats

B. 3 22 10 24 5

Clue: Body of water

C. 7 12 24 9 10 13

Clue: Make a journey

D. 8 24 9 10 6

Clue: Curling water

Answers: A. marina B. ocean C. travel D. waves

SUDOKU

	8	1			7			
3								9
	5		8					
				3	8	7		6
	6		5				9	
4					6			8
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		4	9					1

Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	8	2	9	6	4	3	5	7
7	3	5	4	8	1	6	2	9
8	1	6	3	5	7	9	4	2
4	7	9	6	2	3	8	5	1
2	6	3	1	4	9	5	8	7
9	2	7	8	3	4	5	6	1
7	9	3	1	4	8	2	5	6
6	8	9	5	1	7	4	3	2
4	6	7	5	2	3	1	9	8

ANSWER:

What can and cannot be composted

Avid gardeners know that compost can add vital nutrients to soil used in gardens, container plants and lawns. The fact that compost is so versatile and nutrient-dense may not even be its most admirable quality. Made from items used in and around the house, compost costs just about nothing to produce.

The raw materials that make up compost come from organic waste. These can be disposables from the garden and kitchen, as well as other areas around the house. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, yard trimmings and food scraps add up to 20 to 30 percent of the municipal solid waste in the United States. Turning waste into compost not only helps the landscape, but also the planet.

Compost is relatively easy to make, and there are scores of materials that can be put into compost. But it is just as essential to know which ingredients cannot be used in compost.

Okay for compost

Most organic materials, or items that were once living, can be used in compost. Plant-based items used in cooking, such as potato peelings, carrot skins, banana peels, cocoa hulls, coffee grounds and filters, corn cobs, apple cores, egg shells, fruit peels, kelp, and nut shells, can be added to compost.

Other items from around the house, like unused kitty litter, hair, shredded newspapers and cardboard, leaves, flowers, paper, pine needles, ashes, and sawdust, can be successfully added to compost. Stick to items that are not treated heavily with chemicals.

Should not be used in compost
Inorganic and non-biodegradable materials cannot go into compost. These are items like plastic, glass, aluminum foil, and metal. Pressure-treated lumber, although a natural material, is treated with preservatives and often pesticides that can be harmful if they leech into the garden.

The small-gardening resource Balcony Garden Web indicates coated or glossy printed papers, such as those from catalogs, magazines, wrapping paper, marketing materials, and business cards, should not be added to compost piles because of the chemicals and inks used in these pages.

Planet Natural Research Center says to avoid pet droppings from dogs and cats. Animal products like bones, butter, milk, fish skins, and meat, may decompose and start to smell foul. Maggots, parasites, pathogens, and other microorganisms can form in the compost. These materials also may attract flies and scavenger animals. Plus, they decompose very slowly.



Any personal hygiene products should be avoided because they are tainted by human fluids and that can pose a health risk.

While weeds are not harmful in compost piles, there is the risk that seeds can germinate and then infiltrate garden beds when the compost is used. The

same can be said for tomato plants and some other hardy fruits and vegetables.

Compost is a winner in the garden and around the landscape. Learning which ingredients can and can't be added to compost piles is useful for any gardener.

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Meghan Bowen of Spencer receives award at Nichols College commencement

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