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School officials brace for potential reductions in state funding

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – With the town facing challenging financial constraints, school officials are bracing for a potential major loss in funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

Officials have posted the town's preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22). The budget vote will likely be adjourned at the May Annual Town Meeting and taken up again in June, officials said.

In a joint decision for the preliminary FY22 budget, the Select Board and Finance Committee recommended that the schools receive approximately \$5.6 million from the town. The proposal represents a roughly \$473,590 deficit from last year's town contribution to the schools.

The school department had sought approximately \$6.5 million from the town for FY22, officials said. Selectmen ascribed this year's deficit to reduced overall town revenue, as well as reduced state monies allocated to the town.

In particular, the state's charter reimbursement to the town was significantly down this year, officials said. North Brookfield is also losing 116 students to school choice this year, which will result in a loss of approximately \$689,000.

Additional state monies could be announced over the next month. For this reason, officials prefer to adjourn the Town Meeting budget discussion each year from May to June. Newly announced state monies could cause adjustments

to the overall proposed budget and the school funds, officials said.

School leaders, who have scrambled to deal with financial adversity in previous years, are dreading the next potential wave of cuts. If the current proposed school budget is approved at Town Meeting, it could lead to the elimination of certain staff positions, elective programs, athletic activities, or other extracurricular programs.

"We are already down to bare bones," said North Brookfield Public Schools Superintendent Richard Lind. "If the budget keeps getting cut, we lose programs and then we end up losing our students to other districts that offer those programs."

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The police department recently welcomed K-9 Curtis, the latest addition to its roster. Purchased from Shallow Creek Kennels in Sharpsville, Pa., Curtis will be paired with Officer Brandon Fullam. Next week, the duo will begin twelve weeks of training at the Berkshire County K-9 Academy. Funding for the program, in part, is being provided by a grant from the Stanton Foundation.

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With safety protocols in place, local seniors have been able to enjoy programming and volunteering throughout the winter and spring.

Leicester Senior Center keeps programs going through pandemic

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Senior Center officials have been working hard over the last year to help local seniors stay active and connected during the pandemic.

Combining teamwork and creativity, Senior Center leaders managed to maintain a limited schedule of programs throughout the winter. Most of the activities were held outside with social distancing, even during cold weather.

"Throughout the winter months, even

with snow flying, there has been activity outside with the purchase of propane heaters," said Senior Center Director Rachelle Cloutier.

Even though the center's full schedule of events had to be reduced this winter, local volunteers and organizations still found plenty of ways to give back. The center received multiple food deliveries from Bill Moore, the CEO of Project New Hope. Additionally, a group of volunteers has regularly distributed food to homebound

seniors and residents sheltering during the pandemic.

The Senior Center staff also transformed the building to ensure that all safety regulations were met.

"Through a grant, we received acrylic dividers for our large Binienda Room, including dividers at the kitchen itself," Cloutier added. "Our Meals on Wheels program is ongoing with a higher demand and has never stopped."

The center was also

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Leicester officials gearing up for town meeting

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Residents are gearing up for an Annual Town Meeting that will feature multiple protocols to keep voters safe.

The Annual Town Meeting is set for May 11 at 7 p.m. It will take place inside the Leicester Middle School gym (70 Winslow Ave.).

"Extensive efforts on the part of multiple members of the Leicester Town staff have been made

to create a safe environment with effective social distances," read a town-issued statement.

Voters must wear a mask or cloth face covering, unless exempted by Department of Public Health guidance. An ample supply of hand sanitizer will be made available at the meeting, and voters are asked to arrive early for check-in procedures.

"Check-in will be slowed by the requirements of social distancing, and to allow checkers

working under challenging circumstances to process voters as efficiently as possible," read the town-issued statement.

The chairs in the school gymnasium will be arranged to ensure proper social distancing. Please do not move the chairs during the meeting.

The Town Meeting warrant features 29 articles.

Article 5 includes the Fiscal Year 2022 operation.....
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School officials plan fully in-person return this fall

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – By the time September rolls around, school officials are hoping to establish a new normal for fully in-person learning.

The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District is planning a full reopening of schooling for the fall of 2021. This will include in-person classes, activities, and events at all four of the district's campuses: Wire Village School, East Brookfield Elementary School, Knox Trail Middle School, and David Prouty High School.

In announcing the return to a more traditional campus experience,

SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey thanked the school community for its hard work and patience over the last year. Students, guardians, and staff members all came together to push through an unprecedented year of hybrid learning, with many parents opting for the fully remote format.

By September, SEBRSD officials anticipate that the vast majority of students will be back in class. They will also have an opportunity to return to many sports, programs, and activities that were called off during the pandemic.

"I'm very much looking forward to seeing all our students and facul-

ty in person for the fall 2021, and seeing our campuses bustling again," said Haughey. "I've been impressed at how well the students, faculty, and staff have adapted and succeeded through the last year of the pandemic, but I'll be even more pleased to see us all back to something close to normal SEBRSD life."

Officials recognize that the pre-pandemic environment won't likely be returning to local schools any time soon. Mask use and social distancing regulations may remain in place for the foreseeable future, depending on several factors in the battle against the virus.

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Leicester Middle School honor roll

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Kate Barbato, Avery Bullock, Brandon Escobar, John Gahagan, Emily Hunt, Christopher Moffat, Claudia Moisan, Grace Price, Lucas Sampaio, McKenzie Settle, Jack Skoglund, Dakota Zinkevich.

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Lena Dolen, David Johnson, Jeremy Ledbetter, Jacqueline Lyons, Ryder Mandella, Kaydi Marttila, Kaidyn McDowell, Rachel Nguyen, Gianna Panepinto, Hannah Spratt, Abigail

Valinski.

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Brady Bouchard, Jude Campbell, Logan Clark, Isabella Cortes Florez, Zachary Couture, Haylee Kularski, Trinity Medeiros, Charlotte Mercer, Desmond Strom, Ryan Sweeney, Jayke Williams.

8th Grade Honors

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North Brookfield Jr.-Sr. High School honor roll

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Junior-Senior High School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Grade 7

Honors: Isaac Cowher, Brayden Lopato, Cooper Mann, Reece Miner, Declan Simpson

High Honors: Dominic Boyd, Joseph Daige, Tayte Drake, Kadin Dufault, Sophia Giangrande, Samuel Kittredge, George Macpherson, Jackson McGarry, Gabrielle Riendeau, Nathaniel Stonehouse, Jacob Toomey

Grade 8

Honors: Michael Enetzelis, Alana Huard, Alexie Morrison, Blayke Morse, Angelina O'Clair, Dominic Schoff
High Honors: Mikayla Clyne

Grade 9

Honors: Megan Bokis, Kailey Dutter, Jamaal Jackson, Jacob Lamy, Kyle Norrie, Jenna Oberg, Laura Orne, Kaylee Peterson, Jacob Standrowicz

Grade 10

Honors: Matthew Adams, Sophia Hearnlaye, Connor McCormick
High Honors: Aiden Brunelle

Grade 11

Honors: Kelly Daige, Sarah LaMontagne, Riley McGarry, Eve Tonks

High Honors: Jenna Dupell, Abigail Hildick, Maria Kapoukranidis, Rebecca Miner

Grade 12

Honors: Mikayla Bokis, Evelyne Fantasia, Johnna Farley, Kyla Marcustre

High Honors: Cami Zalauskas

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Alvin is known to be very courageous and daring. He can be very curious at times and asks a lot of questions. He is very interested in how things work. He is also very affectionate and does well with lots of one-on-one attention, hugs, and kisses. Some of Alvin's interests are using his iPad and playing sports. His favorite sport is soccer, and he's very good at it!

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Gosselin hopes experience will propel her to Town Clerk's office



Photo Courtesy

Michelle Gosselin is running for Town Clerk in Spencer.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – In a tight three-way race for the Town Clerk position, Michelle Gosselin is hoping her municipal experience and community involvement will help propel her to victory.

Gosselin, who serves as Spencer's Assistant Treasurer, enjoys helping community members through her work each day. If elected as Town

Clerk, she would have a far broader role of assisting residents and officials requiring important services.

"I've always had a passion for working with the public. To be able to come to work every day and do what you love, especially for your community, brings such personal satisfaction on many levels," Gosselin told the New Leader. "Over the years, I built strong community ties through volunteerism, as well

as in my role as Assistant Town Treasurer. I take such pride in helping Spencer residents that I would like to continue doing so for many years to come but in a different capacity, as Town Clerk."

Before running for the position, Gosselin took plenty of time to evaluate the requirements and decide whether she wished to pursue the challenge. Her family and supporters helped cement her decision to enter the race for Town Clerk.

"This is not a decision I made lightly. My family and I talked at great lengths regarding the new career path that I am so eager to embark on," Gosselin said. "I did a lot of research to learn just what the position entails and what the necessary skillset required is to be a successful Town Clerk."

If elected, Gosselin would strive to bring stability and longevity to the position. Like many residents, she was inspired by the work of previous town clerks and hopes to follow in their footsteps.

"The town of Spencer has been extremely fortunate with having had knowledgeable and dedicated former Town Clerks," Gosselin added. "Both former Town Clerks, Jean Mulhall and Laura Torti, served successful multiple terms. I wish to continue the trend in serving the Spencer residents for many years to come."

Gosselin graduated from Nichols College with a B.A. in psychology. As Spencer's Assistant Town Treasurer, she helps residents with their tax inquiries and other municipal matters. She believes this experience will serve as a strong springboard into the Town Clerk role.

"As a municipal employee, I have gained direct knowledge of the daily town operations. I have built strong working relationships with the other

departments," Gosselin said. "Providing exceptional customer service will continue to be a top priority of mine."

Prior to working for the town, Gosselin was an office manager for an engineering firm in West Boylston. Over a five-year period with the company, she took on multiple roles and handled public bids on large upscale municipal wastewater projects. She was also responsible for following up on project leads and reviewing legal documents for execution.

Outside of work, Gosselin enjoys volunteering in the community and giving back. Over the years, she has been involved with the Girl Scouts of America, as both a Girl Scout leader and a service coordinator. Additionally, she has served on the Spencer Soccer Board as the vice president of marketing and financing.

Recently, she began volunteering at Spencer-based Donations for Dignity, which provides clothing and other items for children and families in need.

In combination with her professional experience, the skills Gosselin has acquired in community service translate well to the office of Town Clerk.

"I believe that not only my experience, but who I am as an individual, makes for the right combination for a great Town Clerk," Gosselin told the New Leader. "The role of Town Clerk does not require years of working in town government. Instead, it focuses on strong project management skills, excellent organizational and record keeping abilities, a willingness to listen to the public and help whoever comes to your office navigate the various Town Hall departments, understanding and implementing Massachusetts General laws, computer skills, and leadership. I believe I have these qualifica-

tions and skills."

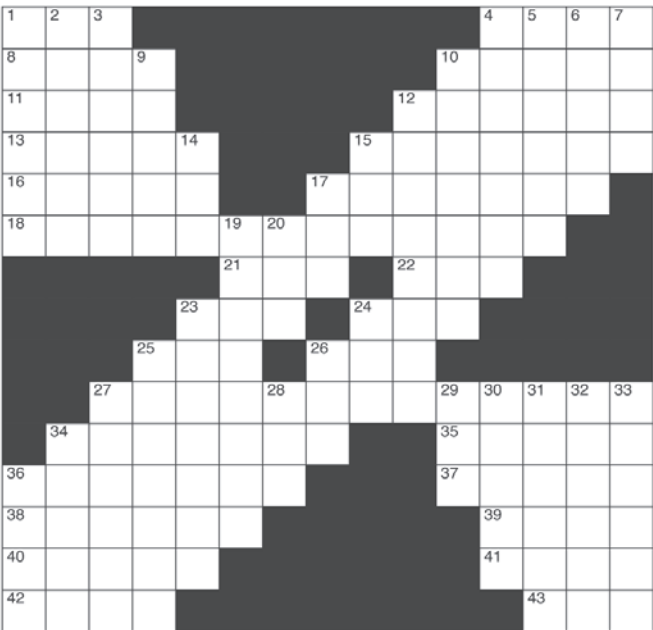
Added Gosselin, who has lived in town for over 16 years, "I will not be working for any specific interest group – I will be working for the entire Spencer community."

Gosselin raised her three children in Spencer: Joseph (21), Antonia (18), and Vincent (13). Her husband, Kenneth Gosselin, is a lifelong resident of Spencer.

If elected, Gosselin's first priority would be to review follow-up materials from the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting to ensure that all required tasks and reports have been completed. Next, she would turn her attention to imminent tasks and deadlines, including mailing out business certificate renewals and annual appointment letters for election workers. The new clerk will also need to submit the monthly vital records report to the state; set up departmental accounting spreadsheets; and handle daily voter registration tasks.

While many people associate the Town Clerk's office mostly with running elections, Gosselin has familiarized herself with the numerous lesser-known requirements of the job. Her goal is to be prepared for work on day one, if elected.

"I have a good working relationship with the Assistant Town Clerk, Brynn Johnson, and I believe that we will make a great team," Gosselin said. "The part-time assistant clerks, Karen and Diane, are also a pleasure to work with and I am looking forward to becoming part of this very successful team. I have never put myself out there as much as I have for this election. I realized early on in this election process that this is not just a multi-panel interview, but instead the 8,606 registered voters are my interviewers. I want to win their vote of confidence."



CLUES ACROSS

1. Engine additive
4. A hearty laugh
8. Restrain
10. Dried coconut kernels
11. Nefarious
12. Elderly
13. Central part of a church building
15. Throw into confusion
16. Intestinal
17. Qualities of being religious
18. Live up to a standard
21. Seize
22. Go quickly
23. Automated teller machine
24. Bowling necessity
25. One point east of due south
26. Japanese honorific
27. A way to induce sleep
34. Makes cash register rolls
35. A city in S Louisiana
36. Make more cheerful
37. Manicurist
38. Consents
39. Network of nerves
40. Mocking smile
41. It covers the body
42. Partner to pans
43. Perform in a play

CLUES DOWN

1. Beautiful
2. Polynesian island country
3. Shrub of the olive family
4. Self-governing Netherlands territory
5. Shared one's view
6. Tailless amphibians
7. Charge passengers must pay
9. Sound sheep make
10. Known for sure
12. Filled with unexpressed anger
14. Student (abbr.)
15. Criticize
17. Gathering place
19. Informal alliances
20. One's mother (British)
23. Landholder
24. Peter's last name
25. Parties
26. Title of respect
27. Red wine
28. Pearl Jam's debut
29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
30. Frosts
31. Cry of joy
32. Induces vomiting
33. Mother or father
34. Dal __: Musical navigation marker
36. Door fastener part

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BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Town Clerk candidate Gary Woodbury is seeking voters' support at the May 11 election.

Woodbury, a four-term selectman, is no stranger to service and leadership in his community. He is also a member of the Spencer Cable Access Board and the Financial Planning Committee. Additionally, he served many years on the Disability Commission and was the west regional representative for nine towns on the Central Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization. These towns included Leicester, Spencer, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Brookfield, West Brookfield, Warren, New Braintree, and Hardwick.

Woodbury believes his extensive municipal experience would greatly benefit the office of Town Clerk. This experience includes a broad understanding of all Massachusetts general laws, knowledge of state ethics laws, and knowledge of the requirements of election laws set forth

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Jolicoeur promises to stay focused on infrastructure



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Adam Jolicoeur ran unopposed for a seat on the Brookfield Select Board.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – Committed to giving back to his community, Adam Jolicoeur recently ran for a Select Board seat during a critical time of transition.

Running unopposed for the seat left by Selectman Clarence Snyder, who did not seek re-election, Jolicoeur has spent the last several months connecting with residents and deepening his knowledge of projects and challenges. Although COVID-19 restrictions limited his in-person campaign opportunities, he was still able to engage with residents and officials remotely.

“I had many phone calls with members of the town, where they were able to ask me my thoughts and ideas, as well as explain to me what they were hoping and looking for over the next few years,” said Jolicoeur, who currently serves on the Planning Board. “I really enjoyed these calls and am happy that so many reached out. It shows me

that a lot of people care about the town and the direction in which it is headed.”

Added Jolicoeur, “I also took the opportunity to meet with individuals at the Congregational Church to have some socially-distant conversations and gather signatures. Brookfield’s church communities are a center of the town, and I felt this was a great opportunity to get to know those that are so involved with what Brookfield is and does.”

Although he lacks extensive experience in municipal roles, Jolicoeur is no stranger to service and volunteerism. He has been involved in Scouting for 25 years, as both a youth Scout and an adult leader.

“I’ve traveled around the United States and overseas with the Scouts, helping the local youth gain life experiences that they may not have otherwise been able to have,” Jolicoeur told the New Leader. “I’ve been very fortunate to be in positions to help various communities through fundraising, donations, and event coordinating.”

Active in Freemasonry since he was 18, Jolicoeur has had the opportunity to take part in several service projects, including providing clothing and food to those in need; helping to lead safety and identification programs for children through the MyCHIP program; and providing support at local events.

“Volunteering is very important to me, and I hope that I’ll be able to continue to do that while a member of the Board,” Jolicoeur said. “My inspiration for running on the Board of Selectmen is simply a love of the community. I’ve lived many places, and I’ve never actually wanted to become involved in town issues until my family and I moved to Brookfield.”

Jolicoeur enters the municipal arena amid multiple challenges facing the town, but also significant opportunities. As Brookfield continues to emerge from the pandemic and plan for upcoming projects, officials will have the assistance of the first ever town administrator. A candidate pool is currently being assembled, and the search committee hopes to announce the administrator sometime this summer.

Jolicoeur was a strong supporter of establishing the town administrator

position, which will assist residents and officials in many areas.

“When the vote was held at the last Town Meeting, I voted in favor of it for a variety of reasons, most importantly that I believe the position will provide a necessary set of checks and balances between all of the departments that have otherwise been under the purview of the Board of Selectmen,” Jolicoeur said.

Jolicoeur is encouraged by the opportunity for an administrator to help the town operate more efficiently; coordinate operations between town departments; and ensure that the town is following all bylaws and state regulations. Communications between residents and town departments are also expected to be significantly improved by an administrator.

“There have been many instances where communications have either been directed to the incorrect departments, or citizens have just been unaware with whom to speak,” Jolicoeur said. “A town administrator should help us to remedy those issues and give the citizens of Brookfield the knowledge that there is a single point of contact through which their questions, comments, and concerns will be properly directed.”

Looking farther ahead, Jolicoeur is focused on two major issues affecting the town – infrastructure and growth. He hopes to work with the other Board members to find ways to make improvements that benefit residents and businesses alike.

“Brookfield is lacking access to public water/sewers for those that do not live in the center of town; streetlights; and reliable, fast internet access,” Jolicoeur said. “With the majority of the town on private water and sewer, we have left ourselves in the unenviable position of being unable to support businesses who need such things. Additionally, the reliance on wells and septic systems causes undue pressure on our environment and forces residents to truck in water for swimming pools or go through costly repairs for new septic systems.”

Added Jolicoeur, “Without streetlights in many communities, we have left citizens literally in the dark, open-

ing up our homes to break-ins and our children and families to walk into dangerous situations that could otherwise be avoidable. As our town grows in population, we should be investing in these things, rather than leaving it up to individual citizens to take care of. Even walking through the center of town for Halloween trick-or-treating or Christmas events, we are in the dark in a heavily trafficked area.”

Jolicoeur said the pandemic accentuated the importance of all residents having access to fast, reliable internet services. He also believes the town must upgrade various services like municipal email systems and the town website.

“With school education moving to online classes, businesses moving to work-from-home models, and local businesses utilizing online ordering, internet is now more important than ever,” Jolicoeur said. “As a member of the Planning Board, I have experienced firsthand the difficulties with moving to online meetings, and how we were just not equipped to handle sharing everything over Zoom and our town email system. With a background in IT and a deep knowledge of internet services, I would push for us to move toward a modern email system, a town-wide Zoom (or other comparable) video conferencing system, and an improved and consolidated system for updating our town website. We currently utilize two different websites to communicate with the citizens of Brookfield, which has been more problematic than helpful.”

Jolicoeur believes that infrastructure improvements will significantly increase interest in the town, both for business owners and new residents.

“The tax rate is always a source of concern and disappointment, but we have done nothing substantial to try and lower it,” Jolicoeur said. “Improving our infrastructure will bring in more businesses, which in turn will enable us to lower the tax burden on our residents. Increased revenue from businesses will allow the town to invest more in itself, improving the community as a whole for generations to come.”

Turkey season off to a great start



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Massachusetts Wild Turkey season got off to a great start, as this week’s photo shows. Ken True harvested two birds back-to-back only minutes apart. The big tom sported one-inch spurs, and a 10-inch beard. Steve Rondeau harvested his 22-pound Tom on Saturday morning which also sported one-inch spurs and a 10-and-a-half-inch beard. Both men observed numerous birds in the area that they hunted. The heavy winds on Friday & Saturday afternoon caused destruction to numerous ground blinds that were left for the next day of hunting.

Saltwater fishing was also impacted by the high winds of this past weekend, keeping most boats tied up at the dock. It normally takes a few days of good weather to

bring back fishing to what it was before the big blow. New England has been experiencing a lot of windy days in the last few weeks. Hopefully, things will start to calm down so that fishing can get back to normal, whatever that is.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual kids fishing derby this Saturday starting at 8 a.m., with breakfast being served free to kids only. Breakfast will be available for adults for a small fee. The club pond was stocked with a huge load of trout this past week, with some trout over four pounds! Every youngster in the derby will receive a prize just for fishing, so be sure to bring your kids to this great day in the outdoors and enjoy the morning fishing with the family. You may just get hooked on fishing yourself. You all deserve it after this winter and the pandemic is in our rearview mirror!

Freshwater fishing for trout continues to have anglers catching some real nice fish, but bass anglers are also enjoying some great fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. The


number one bait for shore fishermen is shiners. Shad fishing should also pick up in the days ahead. Fishing for shad in the Connecticut River in Holyoak & surrounding areas can provide some great fishing for the entire family. Using freshwater rods and shad darts fan have the entire family enjoying the shad fishing on the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers. Shad are not a good eating fish, unless you plan on pickling them, but many people love the fish eggs (Roe) from the females. Poor man’s caviar. Check out the recipes online.

Tautog fishing on the Westport River continued to be very poor up until this past Saturday on the Westport River. Hopefully, it is going full blast by the time you read this column. The water temperature was still at 50 degrees this past Saturday, and only a few more degrees should have the fish entering the river to feed and spawn.

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Steve Rondeau with his big Tom.




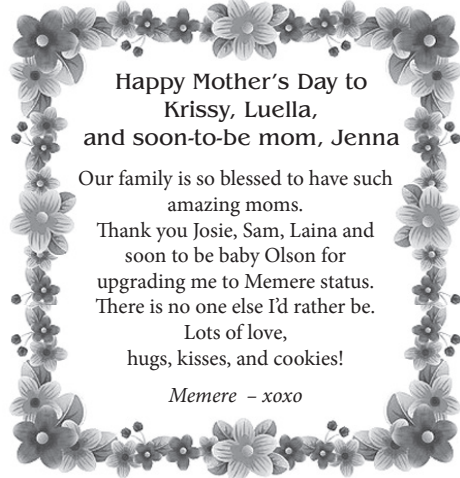


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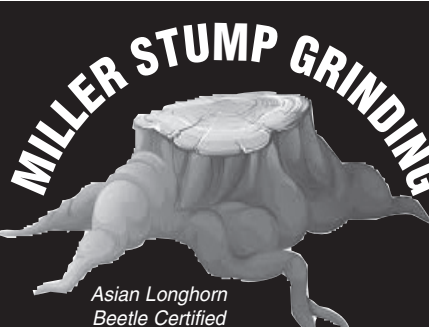


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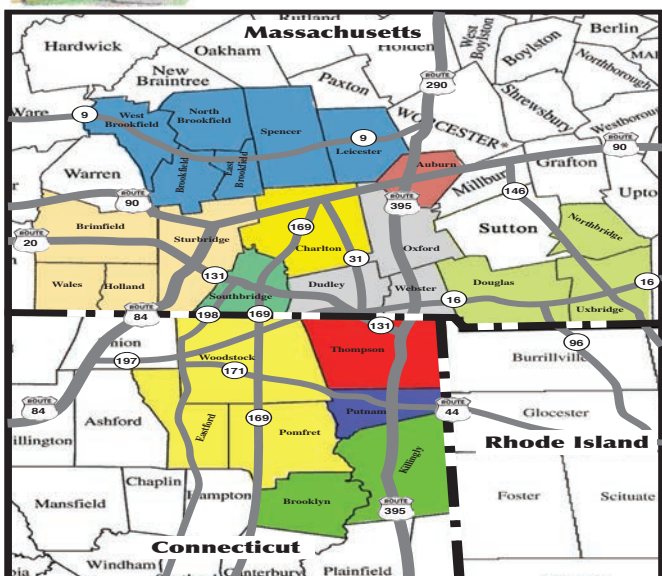
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We are told that life as we know it has been forever changed by the computer. The most complicated equations are solved. We started at a desk, then moved to a mobile laptop. A few years later our phones became computers and now it can be as small as a watch on your wrist. (Calling Dick Tracey?). Technology is instantaneous and we are told it's made our lives easier, and it has in many ways, while complicating it in others. Who is it that's telling us this life in general is made easier by technology? Is it true?

Then, why do I have three remotes sitting on my coffee table to operate one so called

"Smart TV?"

If it's so smart, shouldn't I only need a single remote ... or no remote at all?

As most of you know, we recently downsized and moved into town. The building I live in doesn't allow a dish to be installed so I called the local branch of the 'mega-cable' service. I found in my call for installation that I could easily install it myself. They pushed the do-it-yourself option hard. It was obvious they didn't want to send anyone out, so I finally said yes.

The box of wires and devices arrived, and I was lost. I called my son-in-law Jeff (an engineer) and he made it look easy. It was ready to go ... but not so fast.

Jeff handed me five remote controls and said, "These three

are for the living room and these two for the bedroom. The third for the living room operates your sound. The other two operate the TV."

Huh?

Easy for Jeff. He actually is a "Rocket Scientist." I think he can send us all to Mars using his telephone, an umbrella, and a Red Ryder Wagon. He gave me a quick tutorial and was out the door ... yet I wasn't even sure how to turn either TV on.

If they are so smart, why can't they figure out how to run on a single remote? If they are intelligent, why is it every time I talk into the voice activated feature on the remote, it answers, "There is no channel called ..." no matter what channel I choose. If they are smart, why did I walk out of

the bedroom this morning to find Arlene holding one remote over her head and the other at knee level. "What are you doing," I asked. "Trying to turn on the TV," she responded.

Oh, before you ask, no, there was no instruction manual. I called to get one and was told I could access it on my smart TV. Right.

Over the last seven months, I've learned the basics of managing my TV with these remotes. We never get too old to learn and after I figured it all out, it's not that hard. But why should I have spent the first four months only watching Netflix because I couldn't figure out how to leave the streaming services and over to cable? And please do not tell me a really smart TV can't figure out how to operate with a

single remote.

I'm sure my grandsons could have taught me. The nine-year-old down the street probably knows. I'm just not wired that way. I'm heavy on the creative side and exceptionally light on the technical, detailed stuff. I can write a column, book, or screenplay ... but if my screenplay was turned into a movie, I may miss the first half of the show while I struggle with the remote to find the channel.

So, what is positive about all this? I didn't give up and figured it out. We are never too old to learn and if we are optimistic and keep working on the problem, we can solve it.

And what did I learn from all this? Well ... I don't think the term "Smart TV" is fully

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EDITORIAL

Spring cleaning
is about more
than tidying up

It's been a rainy week, which means that spending time inside organizing and cleaning — along with watching the Red Sox hold steady in first place — was top on our to-do list. Spring cleaning, a chore that happens every year, feels great when complete. Why is it that something so tedious and boring could be so good for us?

Did you know that cleaning actually supports your immune system? Cleaning is of huge benefit especially to those with allergies. Getting rid of dust, pet dander, mildew and mold can trigger the immune system causing unnecessary illness. Those with cluttered homes tend to suffer the worst. To avoid indoor allergies, vacuum regularly, this to include your furniture.

Cleaning reduces stress. While cleaning, your brain is able to relax. This mindless activity can give you a chance to de-stress. Experts say that cleaning for as little as twenty minutes can reduce anxiety by up to 20 percent. It's a win-win — sure, it's no day at the spa, but constructive relaxation is always good. Using products with scents said to induce relaxation such as lavender is also an expert tip.

Heart health can be improved by cleaning by way of exercise. Just a half an hour of vacuuming can burn up to 100 calories. It's a known fact that people who like to keep their homes clean tend to take more interest in their overall health and well-being.

A tidy bedroom is said to help you sleep better. Individuals who make their beds are roughly 20 percent more likely to get a more restful night sleep. Seventy-five percent of people polled sleep better on clean sheets, in a room with less clutter.

When you are in a tidy area, your production increases. Less clutter means less distraction, which is said to clear up mental space. A study from 2011 published in the Journal of Neuroscience used MRI's to track the brain's response to cleanliness. More clutter was found to significantly limit the brain's processing capability.

Checking off the cleaning to do list can make you feel more satisfied and can boost your mood. A clean, fresh house is said to naturally boost endorphins and boost energy levels which leads to a decrease in depression.

Cleaning and organization can have a domino effect in that it can lead to sprucing up other areas of your life. Interesting, was the one finding that stated when individuals were placed in a clean, well-organized space they were more likely to choose healthier menu items.

Perhaps William Morris put it best: "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Michelle Gosselin deserves your vote

To the Editor:

On May 11, the Town of Spencer will choose a new town clerk. Running for this open seat in our town government is Assistant Treasurer Michelle Gosselin.

Michelle has the drive, determination, and work ethic to continue the dedication displayed by all of those who previously held this position. One of the main requirements of the position of town clerk is customer service. Everyone has a story to tell when it

come to dealing with different factions of state and local government, and if you have ever had the pleasure of interacting with Michelle, you would agree that her personality is an ideal one for dealing with the public.

I hope you will join me on election day in voting for Michelle Gosselin, continuing Spencer's long running history of exemplary town clerks.

DONNIE BERTHIAUME
SPENCER

Join me in supporting Michelle Gosselin

To the Editor:

I am endorsing the candidacy of Michelle Gosselin for the Town Clerk's position. Michelle is qualified to take on this position in town government by her experience within the Town of Spencer. Michelle has worked in the town hall as Assistant Treasurer since July of 2019. Working in this capacity Michelle has not only learned her position fluently, but she has also had to learn other protocols and Mass General Laws within the town, including some that pertain to the Town Clerks office.

As Michelle's direct supervisor I feel she will be a great asset to the Town as Town Clerk, as she presents herself very professional, learns quickly, is self-motivated and is committed to her career. Michelle will stay with the Town for many years to come to serve the residents of Spencer.

On Tuesday, May 11, I urge you to cast your vote for Michelle Gosselin for Town Clerk.

REBECCA FORAND
SPENCER

The voice of the people must not be overridden

To the Editor:

The voice of the people must not be compromised.

We, the town residents of Brookfield, Mass., have learned a lesson to be careful to trust "and" maintain integrity; I know I have.

We, the people of Brookfield, have a situation involving bad politics. A heating fuel company has just obtained a special permit to install a propane gas tank farm in a residential neighborhood with gas tanks consisting of two large above the ground tanks nine feet in diameter by 70 feet long holding approximately 100,000 gallons of gas in a residential neighborhood between Route 9, which is commercial, and Maple Street, which is residential.

There have been two previous meetings between the Brookfield Planning Board and us, the residents. The residents have voted no, and the Planning Board did not have the votes to override the residents. So! This past week, the Board of Selectmen appointed a member to the Planning Board that will vote yes, the vote the Planning Board needs to override the residents' votes. The appointment the Select Board has made is bad practice, bad

politics. Why? Because the Planning Board and Select Board are elected by the people, and there is an election on Monday, May 3, and the Select Board did not wait for the results of the election and appointed a member to the Planning Board who recently voted on April 29, overriding the vote of the people; the one vote they needed, that was appointed by the Select Board, and not the people. That is bad practice, bad politics, overriding the vote of the people. Now the people need to file an appeal before the Superior Land Court Judge to override what the Select and Planning Boards did and give back the support to the people's choice, vote, voice, who are opposing this special permit and the above ground gas tanks farm in our residential neighborhood between homes and nearby elementary school.

The people's voice votes must not be compromised. We, the residents of Brookfield and Maple Street, are reaching out for your support. Don't let this happen to, and in, our town; let us be an example to other towns.

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

Which party is really responsible for abusing the filibuster?

To the Editor:

Mr. Har-Yarok, you are 100 percent correct. The filibuster is not in the Constitution. What you failed to write is the fact that most Senate rules, especially the obscure ones, are also not part of the Constitution. However, all Senate rules are part of general order. Collectively, they are the playbook or the tools in the tool belt, available to all of our Senators, to use as they work on our behalf. If they choose to break some of their rules or eliminate others, they can do so at their own risk.

Personally, I don't care when the filibuster was born, when it was first used, why or for what it was ever used, who has used it in the past or the frequency of its use. It is part of general order and both sides of the aisle are more than happy to use it when it suits them. Its intent is not to gum up government, but rather to slow down debate so as to promote consensus. I can only wonder, of the 80 percent of filibusters that occurred in the past 30 years, what percentage of them was used by Democrats...hmm...? How many of the filibusters of the "most important" bills were led by Democrats like Biden's buddy, Byrd?

When Harry Reid (no relation) eliminated the filibuster rule for federal judges, he was warned that it could come back to bite the Dems in the butt. If it cannot be used for judges, it follows that it should not be used for justices. And so it is. As far as President Obama's third vacan-

cy, would it have been better to go through the process, possibly ruining Judge Garland's reputation and end up voting him down...hmm...? If there was a historical wrong, it rests at the door of Uncle Harry.

Washington, D.C. is in the Constitution as our nation's capital city. Does there need to be an amendment to admit it as a state? Can it be a city and a state at the same time? If not, will we need to relocate our capital city? If so, can New York City become a state? When a city becomes a state, what is lost in benefits that offsets the right to representation? Do "our 6 territories, districts and/or colonies" want to be admitted as states? I believe that at one time, Puerto Rico voted down statehood...hmm...

Finally, I believe we can all agree that most of the time, you don't have a clue. General order will return in full on the Senate's schedule, and not yours. Senators are elected by a state, but represent the country-at-large. The Trump Presidency does not, and will not, need to be reconciled – tax cuts do not blow up deficits; continued overspending does. You may think that you can discern the motives of Republicans, but race baiting should be off the table. All Americans are "Real Americans." The only sucker-punch I can see is the claim that Biden wants to unite and not divide.

JIM REID
SPENCER

Here's a
long-lasting
Mother's Day gift

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Mother's Day has almost arrived. As an adult, you can fully appreciate all your mother has done for you, so, on this occasion, you may be happy to give Mom flowers, candy, jewelry or something similar. But Mother's Day is here and then it's gone. Is there a longer-term gift that can make a real difference in your mother's life?

Actually, there is – the gift of knowledge for her financial future.

Specifically, there are two key areas in which you may be able to provide valuable help to your mother: long-term care and estate planning. But don't panic – you don't have to be an expert in either one of these subjects. You can, however, steer Mom – and possibly your other parent, too, if one is in the picture – in the right direction. Let's take a quick look at both these topics.

First, consider long-term care. If your mother is in good health, you may not have thought much about whether she would eventually need an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health aide. But the odds aren't necessarily in her favor: About 70 percent of adults who reach 65 will eventually require some type of long-term service and support, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. And this type of care is expensive: The annual median cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's nearly \$55,000 per year for the full-time services of a home health aide, according to a survey by the insurance company Genworth.

Unless your mother has accumulated a great deal of financial resources, she likely won't be able to pay these costs out of pocket without jeopardizing her financial independence. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small portion of these expenses.

To help your mother deal with this potential financial threat, you might want to suggest she meet with a financial professional, who can explore possible strategies and products designed to address long-term care. And the sooner, the better, because these solutions will become more expensive and challenging the older your mother gets.

The second topic you may want to bring up with your mother is her estate plan. Has she drafted a will? Has she safeguarded her wishes by creating the necessary legal documents? These could include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows her to name someone to manage her financial affairs if she becomes incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which allows someone to make medical decisions for her if she is able to do so herself.

Having her estate plans in order can help protect your mother's finances and ensure her legacy is honored – which is almost certainly an outcome she would keenly desire. So, if your mother doesn't already have a comprehensive estate plan, encourage her to see a legal professional to start the process.

Helping your mother protect herself from the catastrophic costs of long-term care and the chaos of an inadequate estate plan may not sound like a typical Mother's Day offering, but your actions can help keep Mom in a good place in life – and that's a pretty valuable gift.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The first 100 days

To the Editor:
President Biden gave his Address to a Joint Session of Congress last week, the speech that replaces the State of the Union Address in years when we have a new president.

We have a President of the United States who speaks to the country, doesn't go on about personal grievance, doesn't sprinkle his speech with white nationalism, and isn't all "me, me, me, me, me." We had a President focused outward. He referenced working together, trying to solve the country's problems, and making it clear that more power exists in those he was addressing than him. It was striking to see a room that could normally hold 1,600 people only have 200 wearing masks, and it was a reminder that this pandemic still isn't over.

While in some sense the speech was boring and President Biden not as animated as previous presidents, there was an energy coming from him regarding the legislative accomplishments he's already had. There was an optimism coming from the president regarding future plans and policy proposals.

The Democratic Party does well when it is a party of the working class, and does poorly when it is viewed as the party of coast highly educated elites. President Biden really focused his messaging towards a working-class agenda. There is an implied diagnosis of where

the country is – social fragmentation, social distrust, serious structural problems, and indefensible inequalities. The country needs a once-in-a-generation investment if it's going to re-energize itself and if it's going to keep up with an autocratic threat from a global rival.

Regardless of how you may feel about the specifics of the Biden agenda, the general support for his agenda comes from whether you buy the basic diagnosis of where we are. If you look at the depths of despair, rising inequality, and the rise of China, it is pretty a compelling argument to say that the status quo was not serving the bulk of the American people.

We are facing problems in this country that if we don't get moving on solving them we will not only destroy ourselves from within, China is going to overtake us in every sphere. We are looking at a choice of democracy vs. autocracy. China, with its autocracy, is able to look far into the future and plan ahead. We need to show that democracy works and that it can get things done. We need to upgrade our physical infrastructure, our internet infrastructure, or electrical grid, making sure people can work without worrying about child-care, and implementing family leave so that people don't drop out of the work-

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Whitewashing history does not promote emotional or educational growth

To the Editor:
My wife and I recently received a letter directed to the voters of North Brookfield. It claimed that our public school system was planning to purchase books that would "confuse children rather than educate." It also claimed that much of the reading is "racist against white individuals," and that it "encourages gender confusion." The author of this letter remained anonymous, signing it "Concerned voters of North Brookfield." The intent was to influence the upcoming May 3 election by supporting "two solid individuals" running for the school committee.

I found this letter very disturbing, not because there is any truth to the accusations, but because it is another example of a growing trend to anonymously spread false information to influence elections and public policy. False claims of widespread voter fraud are even now being used to support legislation intended to suppress the vote of minorities. This is a repeat of an ugly history of voter suppression in the South. The letter ended stating that "Teaching children that being white is bad is racism and detrimental to their mental health and educational growth."

Unless we know and understand our

history, we are in danger of repeating many of the mistakes of the past; and there are many. A whitewashed history that hides the truth does not promote "mental health and educational growth." What it promotes is a warped sense of reality based on a distortion of facts. White men, both past and present, have done some great things, and also some very bad things. Their actions were not due to the color of their skin. Our children should know the truth. Our Declaration of Independence states "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." But our history reflects a darker side, and it has taken over two centuries for our society to evolve closer to a true democracy in which a person has a right to vote regardless of gender, color of skin, or economic status. Unfortunately, there are forces at work trying to turn back the clock. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are great goals, but not if such goals come at the expense of others. Slavery is a dark part of our past, and we have not overcome its ramifications. Economic slavery still

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Breaking Biden news

To the Editor:
The following breaking news is a political satire of the Biden bizarre world and his Idiocrates. It is intended as a satirical look of the ridiculous policies and fake news being released on the average American from the CNN, the Washington Post, and the administration itself. Caution is to be urged by liberal idiots who cannot comprehend satire.

Breaking News! Joe and his administration reportedly are looking closely at black on black crime. His administration reports that it is discriminatory in that it predominately effects people of color. He has his Justice department looking into it. They are reportedly looking at way to make it more equally distributed. They are looking at the possibility of providing funding to criminals of color to increase their crimes on white people to make it more equally distributed. Joe Biden and his Idiocrates at work!

Breaking News! Joe and his administration are working to rev up the economy. They are reportedly looking to provide people more free money to "stimulate" you to stay home. They hope this will further "stimulate" you to continue to support them at the polls. Who will do the work? Joe and Kamala plan opening the borders so we can have a subclass of "workers" who will

do the dirty jobs Americans no longer need to do. When watching the illegal immigrants climbing the border wall Joe is reportedly said to exclaim. "Hey man, look at them, they climb like a pack of monkeys!". Jerry Nadler and Nancy Pelosi clapped back enthusiastically. Nancy reportedly is sending a truck to the border because she needs grape pickers in her vineyard. Jerry wants to get one to wear his Fit Bit for him so he can get some exercise. Stock of Amazon, Facebook, and many other companies reached new highs with the news of the cheaper labor to offset any tax increase. Joe is building back better!

Breaking News! Reportedly, people in Joe's administration want him to consider bestowing the Medal of Freedom to colored woman named Jessica Beauvais. She was a blogger who expressed hatred for the police and was intoxicated when she rammed her car into 43-year-old police officer Anastasios Tsakos, taking his life. According to unnamed sources, Joe and his administration are looking at the police as being a systemic racist organization. According to anonymous reports there are people in his administration that consider such an act to be "inspiring" and "freedom fighting".

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It's all in the timing

To the Editor:
There are multiple bills in Congress that contain provisions that 80 percent of the population believe need to be addressed. The Republicans, who have a strange habit of spending big until the Democrats propose something that actually serves the people, then we hear about deficits. There can be no argument that Trump's signature tax cut bill, which mainly served millionaires (83 percent of cost), was all borrowed money. It was another example of the oft failed "Trickle Down Theory." Will Rogers said it best when he pointed out that it was more likely a trickle up theory, for while those who most needed the money had it pass through their hands, it ended up with those who needed it the least. This is more of a commentary than an opinion, as actual figures are available that document that even a pandemic has not changed the upward trickle.

Can it be any surprise that the proposed "paid for" infrastructure bill that includes addressing not just roads and bridges, Internet, antiquated plumbing, child care, education, and climate issues, but would be paid for by the folks at the top for a change, is meeting with a stonewall, not because anyone thinks the things that it addresses are not needed or desirable, but because the famous "Citizens United" big money

interests are funding the elected officials who are spreading the costs too much, raises deficit bovine dung. They know they have a legion of not too bright people, who will echo, yet another lie about deficit, because you have been told who pays, and they are trying to get traction to not pay their fair share- not again-still.

Consider this — if we are going to address these important issues, when could be a better time than when stimulus is most needed, and before inflation puts these needed items beyond our reach. What is wrong with a society that refuses to spend to increase its own net worth, but saw no problem wasting trillions in Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan. Invested in rebuilding what world wars destroyed, but now thinks those trillions were sensible debt, but fixing so many priorities without adding debt, is a bad idea. If people really want to Make America Great Again, maybe they would be more supportive of actually doing so. I have said it before, nothing is too good for America, and that is what they plan to deliver.

I know that many of our founding fathers were very against political parties. I think we are experiencing exactly why that is. Joe Manchin and Mitch McConnell have both experienced a veto

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An open letter to the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional school "community"

To the Editor:
Despite having spent 42 years of my life as an active participant in Massachusetts public schools both as a student and a classroom teacher, my interest in and support of them has deteriorated-over the years-to the point where I now think the well-being of the children, parents, and the country would be best served by closing down all the abject failures and trying something new in a non-governmental sphere.

Nonetheless, over the past year of mask paranoia, closures, lockdowns, shutdowns, and all the other manifestations of a populace gripped by an irrational fear of the pandemic from which young people have about a 99 percent chance of recovering-in the unlikely event they contract it—I have reluctantly agreed with those who agitate for a reopening of the schools, if only as a means of giving the school personnel a justification for cashing their checks, as well as providing the students a chance to spend some time with their peers.

Now, having read a communique sent to the, I assume, "school community" by the Superintendent of Spencer-East Brookfield Schools, Mr. Paul Haughey, Ed.D., I can say -with a sad reluctance-and with regard as to what to do with the student population, forget it; send them to private, parochial, or Christian school, or, better yet, keep them home and do it yourself.

The Turks say a fish rots from the head down, and if this note-or, rather, lecture-from Mr. — sorry, Dr. — Haughey is an indication of the health and well-being of the institutions over which he is lavishly compensated to preside, I would say there is something rotten going on, and it's not in Denmark. It was a depressing thing to read, full as it was with leftist bromides and boilerplate, and exhibit A of why so many of us have simply given up on the public schools that were once the envy of the world, but which now, in many cases, have become a pathetic joke, producing graduates who have been systematically deprived of a first-class education of the type traditionally

gained from hard work by both the student and his/her teachers. It used to be about education; now it's all social justice re-education.

From the very heading of his letter-a rainbow-colored collage of the most sacred trinity of terms drawn from the argot of contemporary leftism: diversity, equity, inclusion-to his lack of candor regarding on-going anti-Asian violence in the cities of America (honest people acknowledge where most of it comes from), to his facile assumption that all people of good will agree with him and other liberals that our country-as well as this very community-is hopelessly racist and bigoted, and that the deck is stacked against anyone not white and male, one intuitively understands in their capacity as parent, teacher, or student, if you disagree with

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Letter writer's claims call for a response

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to an open letter to the community by an anonymous author regarding the actions/direction of our schools. The letter, which was sent via US Mail and shared via social media, is advocating for change through the upcoming town election, and the intent of my letter to you is not to advocate for or against any candidate. The purpose of this letter is to address the inaccuracies contained in that open letter. I usually tend not to respond to things such as this, but it is important that the community understand what is actually happening, rather than misinformation or statements that are not accurate. Unfortunately, if left unaddressed, some people assume this means the statements in the anonymous letter are true, so I feel compelled to respond. Please see the statements made in the anonymous letter and my response to each below:

Inaccuracy #1- "The School

Committee has created a wish list of 169 books for the upcoming school year which contains some very disturbing materials and authors. Subjects of these books, along with some of the authors, are inflammatory, age inappropriate and likely to confuse children rather than educate them. Much of the reading is racist against white individuals, encourages gender confusion and/or encourages hate."

Response- First, it is convenient that the author does not provide people with the list of the children's books. I would challenge the author to go through this list and identify specifically which titles are inappropriate and why. I would be interested in seeing the author's credentials as an expert in this area. This list was created by a group of North Brookfield Elementary teachers as books to explore as a staff to determine if they meet the educational goals of the curriculum. These teachers are the

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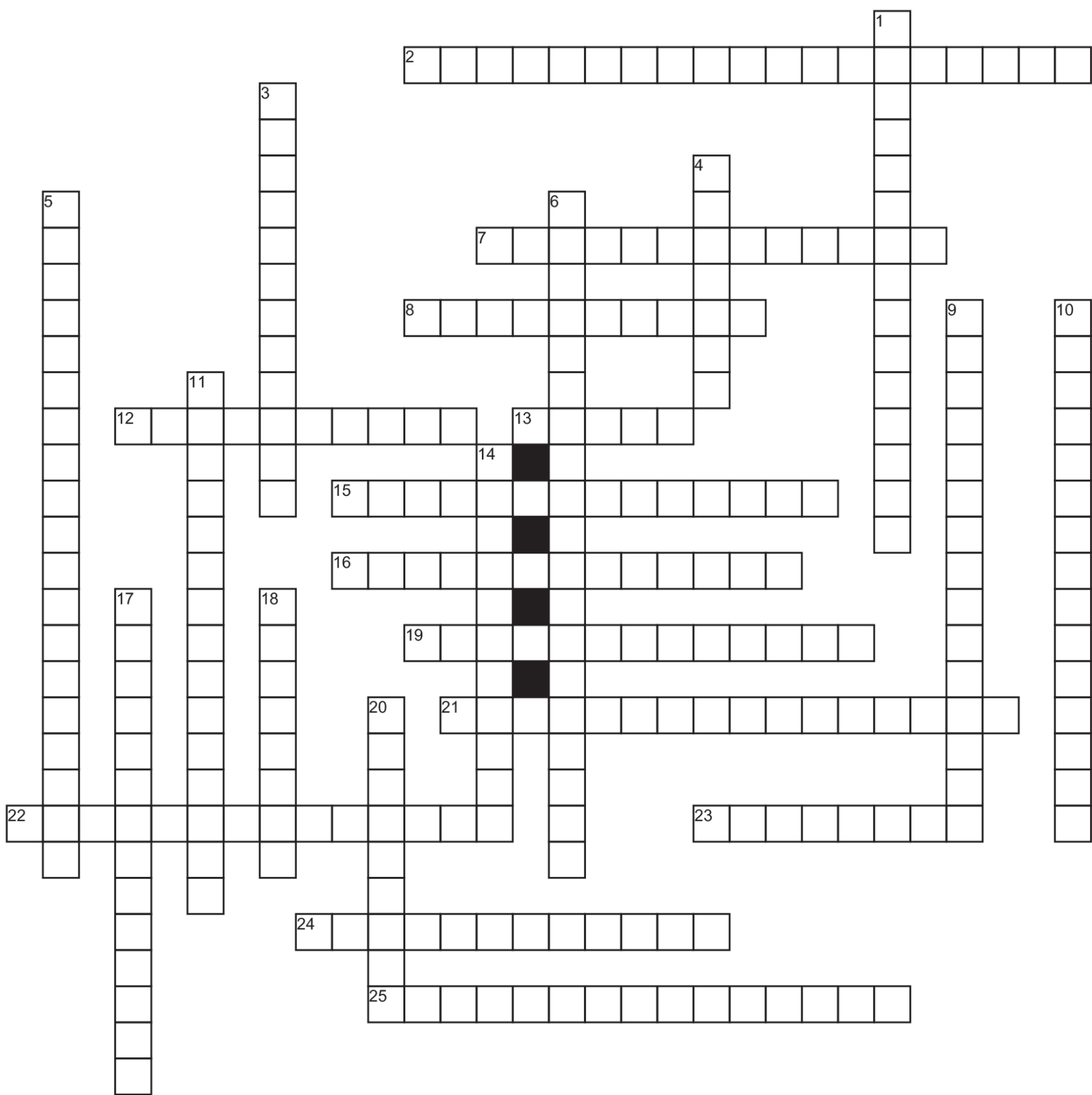
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- 12. USDOT# 2407387
- 13. We can save you time and money!
- 15. Help wanted, real estate, legals
- 16. Save you money on your energy bill
- 19. Great gifts for Mothers Day
- 21. Quality content
- 22. Weber Grills
- 23. Beautifying America one vehicle at a time
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educational experts in our community, and they are always researching ways to ensure our students are exposed to many different types of literature that allow students to read authors and see characters of different races, religions, ethnic backgrounds, gender, disabilities, etc. in the books they read. This is very important in the global community our students are growing up in and supports the vision of our school district which reads; “The North Brookfield Public Schools envision a community where all students will grow to become resilient, adaptable, passionate, confident, curious learners in an evolving and diverse world.”

Inaccuracy #2- “The School Committee has taken it upon itself to remove the longstanding mascot despite over 700 signatures against the action. Those 700+ voices were not even considered.”

Response- The School Committee took up this very controversial subject when they received a letter from a group of concerned citizens and alumni. The School Committee initiated a process by which people could voice their opinions directly to the Committee, both in writing and through testimony. The Committee took everyone’s opinions seriously. It is interesting to note that during the public comment portion of the meeting, not one individual spoke against the retiring of the “Indian” mascot. The Committee also received feedback from the Native American community. The people the “Indian” mascot is supposed to honor do not view it as an honor. Tribes across Massachusetts, including the Nipmuc nation (tribe that lives in our area), have all issued statements against the use of these nicknames and mascots. Although the Committee understood the controversial nature of this issue, they acted in a way that was respectful of all people in our community, particularly in light of the fact the Massachusetts legislature is currently looking at a bill to make it against the law for public schools to have these types of nicknames and mascots. In the end, the nickname is not what makes

Year	Total Students in building	Voc School Students (Baypath)	Out of District Sped Students	Charter School Students Out	School Choice Out Students	School Choice In Students	Home School Students	Private School Students
13-14	523	42	4	0	129	53	25	9
14-15	558	38	2	0	129	70	28	7
15-16	542	35	2	0	130	66	25	5
16-17	535	38	0	0	134	69	34	4
17-18	545	42	0	5	112	58	30	2
18-19	573	43	3	5	96	69	21	2
19-20	570	47	5	6	110	65	22	2
20-21	524	36	5	10	116	53	52	7

the community what it is, it is the people.

Inaccuracy #3- “The School Choice numbers have doubled over the last couple of years.”

Response- The author is mistaken on this point. The School Choice numbers have fluctuated over the last several years, however, they have certainly not doubled. Please see the chart below that outlines several student enrollment categories including School Choice Out information. (See graph)

As you can see, the number of School Choice Out students increased by a total of 6 students. The largest change this year, due to concerns about Covid-19, were Homeschooled students. We anticipate many of those students returning next year, and in fact, a number of those home school students have already returned. We also saw an increase in students attending private schools and charter schools this year. Again, this is most likely a result of the pandemic.

Inaccuracy #4- “The School Committee advised that the teachers and staff were forgoing their raises last year in light of Covid; however, they have submitted a budget this year that includes 8 percent raises, which accounts for last year’s forgone amount and this year’s standard raises. When advised that their town contribution would be cut this year they responded that they would have to cut programs

rather than reconsidering their own raises.”

Response- The author is off base on this point. First, the Teachers voted, and the Administrators individually chose, to forgo their FY21 cost of living increases, which are contractually negotiated. Where the author is mistaken is that each year, salaries are predetermined based on negotiated agreements. So, during the FY21 year, teacher and administrator salaries stayed at the 2020 level saving the District over \$100,000 helping to avoid cuts to programs and services. The salaries due to each teacher and administrator are part of the 3 year contract agreements with either the union or individuals, which means the 2022 salary rates already exist, and what is represented in the budget are those salaries for FY22. This can make it appear like salaries are increasing at an unusually high rate, but it is merely getting back on the schedule agreed to by the Union and the School Committee. As an example, the current Teacher contract covers three years including 2020, 2021, and 2022. A teacher receives a salary based on their experience and level of education (called steps and lanes). Each yearly salary that a teacher will receive over the three years of the current contract is pre-set. As an example a teacher hired for the 2020 school year, with a Master’s degree, in their first year of teaching would have received

LEGALS

Notice of Public Hearing
Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday May 18, 2021 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall and the hearing will be conducted remotely to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 and will be broadcast live on Spencer Cable Access channels and at SCATV.org on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard.

Special Permit – Applicant/ Owner: Jesse Kady & George Victor; Location: 4 Eagleton Street; Spencer Assessor’s Map R38-19. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under 5.3.10 (Rear lot subdivision) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to create a rear lot subdivision. The property is located within the Suburban Residential zoning district.
Special Permit Hearing - Applicant: Got Sun Go Solar Inc; Owner: Richard Monette, Location: 133 Wilson Street; Spencer Assessor’s Map U17-40. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 4.8.9 (Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to install a ground mounted (17.42 KW DC/ 15.2 KW AC) solar panel system. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.

April 30, 2021
May 7, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W021P1438EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Warren A Anderson
Date of Death: 12/17/2020**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Beverly A Nicklin of Winchester TN** and **James R Nicklin of Winchester TN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Beverly A Nicklin of Winchester TN** and **James R Nicklin of Winchester TN** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court

before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/25/2021.**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 28, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

May 7, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W021P0597EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Shirley R. Burks
Date of Death: 02/11/2013**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Mark S. Foss of Worcester MA**

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/18/2021.**

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Date: April 15, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

May 7, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
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Docket No. W021P1386EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Madelyn C Swanson
Date of Death: 01/23/2021**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lucinda Jansen of Ashland MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Lucinda Jansen of Ashland MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Date: April 23, 2021

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Register of Probate

May 7, 2021

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a salary of \$48,872. That same teacher in 2021 (Year #2) received a salary of \$50,795, and in 2022 would receive a salary of \$52,795. Based on the vote to forgo the salary in 2021, that teacher’s salary would have remained at \$48,872 (2020 level). However, in 2022, the salary schedule must return to what was agreed to during contract negotiations, and therefore would increase to \$52,795, making it look like the teacher received a double raise.

Inaccuracy #5- “The school has been extremely irresponsible with funds and assets allocated to them by this town and it simply must stop.”

Response- The author cites nothing here. He/She makes a statement with no examples. As the Superintendent of Schools, I challenge the author to cite any examples of the schools being irresponsible with funds and/or assets. Even better, I would request the author come and meet with me to discuss what he/she perceives as being irresponsible. This type of exchange will allow me to understand the perspective of the author, and it will allow the author to gather accurate information. Every person in our school district takes their job very seriously and works hard to ensure we are acting in a fiscally responsible way following all state and federal laws and regulations. People making blanket anonymous statements like this with no facts to back it up is irresponsible, and simply must stop.

As I said, this letter is not advocating for or against any candidate. It is important to make sure the people of our community have accurate information. I would encourage the anonymous author to contact me and I would be glad to sit down and review in more detail the responses shared here. If any parent/guardian, community member, etc. have questions or concerns, I can be contacted via phone at 508-867-9821 or email at rlind@nbschools.org.

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May 7, 2021		

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power that exceeds the presidency. It takes 67 votes to override a veto, but just a single senator, and particularly majority leader, for a virtual veto. The filibuster, like the electoral college, is designed to make sure majority is not the rule. The filibuster didn't come along until abolition was the topic. Seven Republican senators voted for impeachment, due to evidence as irrefutable as Chauvin killing George Floyd, likely with full knowledge, it would have no impact. If nothing is just fine with you, no need to contact your Republican Senator (considering we are publishing in Massachusetts, and we have none, so deaf ears) to ask them to stop being the party of No.

A nod to the economy and inflation. While they say inflation is low, cars now cost double what I paid for my first house, that house has likely tripled my selling price, and contractors are too busy to handle the work they have. That said, there is no aspect of the Biden plan, that will get cheaper later.

I have to pay homage to the

Fantasy Arizona recount that involved a Republican State House releasing a whole counties ballots, to a large QAnon supporter, who believes the election was stolen, has formed an entity called Cyber Ninja's, taken complete possession of all of the ballots, where monitors and press (except a hard right channel), are banned. A reporter who infiltrated, or, as an employee/counter, observed ballots being marked with inks that count machine detects. This whole drama could have easily been in Trump's garage, and holds no validity at all. I hope Arizona will replace any machines they now have.

Among the anomalies that are a recurring mystery for me is people who continuously vote or speak against their own best interests. As a resident of a state who pays more in than our state receives back in benefits, the fact that there are red states seems like Trump University.

It is time for us to reap some benefits, instead of just expenses. While I support our military, spending a third of our annual budget to protect other countries and building/operating multi-billion dollar ships, that million dollar missiles can erase, is like

defending a collapsing country, that has twisted priorities. If you don't think adoption of the whole package Biden laid out would be akin to a post-WWII USA, then the economists all disagree.

As I have mentioned before, if we will be paying some or all college costs, doesn't it make sense to limit it to fields we need. Perhaps with quid pro quo that the eight or 12 years to become a doctor come with requirement to work in underserved markets for a specific period, as with all advanced degrees. Personally, I think we have dumbed down. We boomers likely had moms around preschool to stimulate our brains, but by the time I retired, I was seeing grads, or even associates, who could not spell, fill out an employment application, or even learn American History.

The election of 2022 will determine who or what we are. If we don't breakout large, with vision and industry, we will see what the fall of Rome looked like. It is both an opinion and a fear. I guess I will soon find out who and what we are- First Class or third world.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

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force permanently. If we don't get ahead of these things, we are going to lose the future to China.

President Biden is now talking about an additional \$2 trillion added onto the \$2 trillion already spent. We're talking about childcare assistance, paid family leave, and direct subsidies to lower income families. There are many on the political right and center that say this isn't something the federal government should be doing but pretty much every other advanced democracy does it making us the outlier. We have strain on parents, strain on families, and we have been in a period of family decay for a long time. We have seen this caused by the pressures of the market, the culture of individualism, a culture that puts work over family, and in many families the simple lack of money is itself the problem. A lot of economic stress leads to family problems, so spending money can help our

society. People need financial security so they can raise children effectively.

The Biden spending plan goes right into the pockets of families. The child tax credit is a direct subsidy on raising children and goes to nearly all parents. The family leave is very important because we need to be a culture that puts family over work.

The first 100 days of the Biden presidency have been a success. Whether the rest of the term is a success depends on the Republicans and how much they want to govern to solve problems. There is too much of a thought that if the Republicans work with Biden to sign legislation it is a Biden victory and a loss for Republicans when in reality it is a victory for the country. Another determining factor as to whether Biden's term is a success is whether or not Republicans come to the table with real ideas, actual ideas that they can debate, discuss, and even compromise on to get something done.

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OBITUARIES

Robert L. Giggey, 87



S P E N C E R / L E I C E S T E R - Robert L. Giggey, 87, of Spencer and Leicester, died peacefully, at home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, April 29. His wife of 62 years, Judith A. (Moreau) Giggey, died in 2018. He leaves his sons; Brad M. Giggey of Leicester, Jay S. Giggey and his wife Ann of Leicester and Bryce

R. Giggey of Leicester, his daughter Dana A. Makie of Leicester, and Andrea Culross and family. Dad Bob's grandchildren; Aimee and husband Greg, Neal and wife Tara, Brendon and wife Erica, Nikolas, Karlee, Mitchel, Tatum, Quinn and Jordan, 5 great grandchildren; Jayden, Grace, Jack, Lincoln and Grant, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sisters Vivian and Pauline. Robert was a mechanical engineer at Formsprag-Dana Corp. for his entire career and officially retired at 80 years

old. Born in Fort Fairfield, ME., he was the son of Leonard and Fern (Gilman) Giggey, graduated from Fort Fairfield High School and Norwich University. He also served his country in the U.S. Army. Robert served as a Selectman for the Town of Leicester, was an avid snow-mobiler and co-founded the Leicester Snowrovers. He was a member of the American Legion Post 205 in Rochdale, and was active in the Leicester Little League. He enjoyed snow skiing and

water skiing in his younger years. He loved working on the family farm on Bond Street with his children and friends. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Leicester Little League, P.O. Box 393, Leicester, Ma. 01524. Private calling hours were held on Saturday in the MORIN FUNERAL home, 1131 Main St., Leicester. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

FALL PLAN

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Nonetheless, school officials are eager to see the majority of the student body back in class. "For so many students and faculty, in-person learning is an integral part of the teaching and learning experience, which is why we are eager to return to in-person schooling in 2021-22," Haughey said. "The lessons we've learned during the pandemic showed how adaptable we are as a learning

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ing budget for municipal and school services. The proposed FY22 budget (\$30,616,675) is \$517,167 greater than the FY21 budget. The FY22 budget also proposes using \$150,000 in Free Cash as operating capital to reopen the police station lobby to the public, effective July 1. These funds are requested 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. "The agreement freed up funds to hire additional officers with the savings realized by removing the cost of dispatch from the police budget. However,

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able to offer exercise programs during the winter, with heaters helping to combat the cold. Additionally, Senior Center Nurse Nancy Lamb worked hard to record each visitor and take temperatures. The center strictly adhered to all state protocols while also ensuring that seniors did not remain isolated. Senior Center volunteers and officials also hit the road this past winter and spring to provide safe services for seniors who were unable to go

community. We will use those lessons to complement our traditional experience, but I'm excited for a return to normal and seeing a vibrant school district." At the onset of the pandemic in the spring of 2020, school officials quickly pivoted to remote learning. Leaders commend the entire district for its handling of hybrid learning this year, which included a small winter stretch of fully remote learning due to a local outbreak. School administrators

removal of those personnel essentially closed the building to the public." If funding is authorized to reopen the lobby, staff members would 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. Article 10 asks voters to transfer \$20,000 from Free Cash for stormwater management throughout the town, with funds to be expended by the Highway Department. Article 11 seeks to transfer \$21,400 from Free Cash to fund groundwater and other studies at the former landfill site. Article 12, meanwhile, seeks to transfer \$57,672 from Free Cash to purchase and equip one new police cruiser. Article 13 focuses on the

out. "Nancy [Lamb], along with Genevieve Grenier, has assisted in every way she can, including going out to homes. They clean, sanitize, and handle all sorts of programs," Cloutier said. Additionally, a local podiatrist has regularly visited the center to assist seniors by appointment. Tax preparation services were also offered this spring. The Leicester Council on Aging Board continues to meet each month using Go To Meeting media. As the state continues to advance its

and teachers have also been praised for their implementation of stringent safety standards throughout the 2020-21 school year. This included teachers constantly monitoring mask and social distancing compliance for all students. "As SEBRSD returns to as close to a normal and traditional learning experience and we turn the corner on the pandemic, many safety precautions will be kept in place, while paying close attention to public health guidance – all with a goal of providing

FY22 capital plan, specifically six recommended projects. These new items are being financed in single appropriations to avoid committing free cash in future years. The capital projects 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 6 will determine whether voters support appropriating \$1,023,000 for vocational tuition expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Article 7 seeks to appropriate \$3,301 to fund the FY22 assessment from the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission. To view the complete Annual Town Meeting warrant, visit www.leicesterma.org.

reopening plan, local officials and seniors are looking forward to more events taking place this summer. "We are planning many activities for the month of May – all to be held outside," Cloutier said. "We also thank our wonderful Town Administrator, David Genereux, and Assistant Director, Kristen Forsberg, for their support of our center. They attend our COA Board meetings and are very loyal to making sure that our seniors are informed." On Friday, May 7, a Senior Center Mother's Day tea event will take place at noon, sponsored by Vibra Hospital of Western Massachusetts. Additionally, Ann Barrett will visit the center to perform the following historical presentations: Short Skirts, OH My (May 11); Theater in America (May 25); and Hollywood Wild

students a safe environment to pursue their public education," Haughey said. For many students, it's exciting to return to the classroom after struggling with remote and hybrid learning. Even the most comprehensive virtual education models can never replace the quality of in-person instruction and facilities, officials said. As district officials look ahead to the next five years, there is plenty for educators and students to be excited about. The SEBRSD already offers multiple advanced placement courses, college prep courses, and DESE-approved Chapter 74 vocational courses in criminal justice and early education. The district also offers Perkins courses of study in environmental science and

BUDGET

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Each student lost to school choice costs the town \$5,000 as a base, plus any additional funding which may be necessitated by specialized services for that student. School officials described a vicious cycle in which continued budget cuts lead to a hemorrhage of staff, programs, and ultimately students. Selectmen said many difficult decisions were made this year in the budget recommendation process. The majority of town departments will likely see reductions from last year's funding, with Annual Town Meeting voters set to decide on the final structure. "Town Meeting voters will set the budget. They will decide where other cuts will be made if they want to give the schools more money," said Selectman Dale Kiley. If the \$5.6 million recommendation is approved for the

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health sciences. Presently, the SEBRSD is working with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to identify building project opportunities for David Prouty High School. This will help align the high school with 21st century learning standards, officials said. "David Prouty High School is located in the heart of Spencer, and serves the students of Spencer, East Brookfield, and the surrounding Southern Worcester County region for those students whose families choice into the district," read a statement released by the district. To learn more about school district happenings, visit www.sebrsd.org.

schools, Superintendent Lind said school leaders would be forced to discuss where to make significant cuts. Approximately \$850,000 would need to be shaved from the school department's preliminary budget for FY22. "If this budget is passed, it would hurt our kids and families. We are hoping the voters will show up and support our schools," Lind said. Due to previous financial challenges, the school department decided to cut the high school principal position last year. Following the brief installment of an interim principal, Superintendent Lind and Assistant Superintendent Jeanne Powers are serving as co-principals this year. Additional staff cuts are possible, if the current budget is passed. STEM offerings and the arts could also be affected, Lind said, and class sizes could significantly increase. The proposed town budget can be accessed by visiting www.NorthBrookfield.net.

West (June 8). If you are interested in attending an upcoming event, call the Senior Center in advance at 508-892-7016. Space at Senior Center events is limited, and all guests must wear masks.

ROBILLARD

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Breaking News! Reliable sources say Joe Biden and his administration have determined any criticism of his policies or any political satire of his administration can be classified as hate speech. It is therefore not protected by the Constitution. It amounts to you yelling "Fire" in a crowded movie theater, even if it is burning. He reportedly has instructed the Justice dept to prosecute anybody who uses this "hate speech" to the full extent of the law. The law being the one he and his administration make up, because constitutional amendments are not absolute anymore. Its great that Joe and is Idiocrates have found the ability to override and reinterpret our Constitution. Reported people in his administration

feel "what the government gives, it can also easily take away". Breaking News! People in the CDC and colleagues of Dr. Fauci reveled today that they are looking at a new medical procedure to solve the Covid problem. They are developing a medical procedure to permanently implant a mask on a person's face. Reliable sources say Dr. Fauci estimates that this medical break thru will same 500,000 people annually! Those close to him asked how a person will eat, he responded there will be a food hole opened on the neck with a removable plug. Expect local idiots to line up to be responsible Global citizens. Locally in the Spencer area, the crazy Covid guy has volunteered to be one of the first to receive this to help save humanity. Thank God for

innovation and groundbreaking medical treatments from the Biden brain trust. Breaking New! Reliable sources tell us that Jesus Christ returned and was immediately arrested as a racist white supremacist terrorist by the Biden's Justice Department. They go on to say that he walked around and preached that "All Lives Matter and are sacred." In the interest of unity, the Justice Department, in conjunction with the Biden Energy Department, will have him tied to a sacred windmill

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exists, and prejudice is still all too pervasive in our society. If our children are not made aware of problems to address, how will they come up with the solutions we so badly need? The letter claims that addressing gender issues could encourage "gender confusion." Gender identification is a complicated phenomenon, and most people do not appreciate that complexity. What ultimately determines a person's gender identity is not below the waist, but above the neck. There are regions in the brain, referred to as sexually dimorphic nuclei, that differ between males and females. The development of these nuclei can be influenced by early exposure to certain chemicals, as has been repeatedly demonstrated in animal studies. There are many estrogen mimics pervasive in our society, both as contaminants of our environment and as components of our food chain. For example,

phthalates are a type of plasticizer found in many plastics, and they can block the action of testosterone. A study of pregnant women revealed that those with high levels of phthalates in their urine gave birth to boys that were anatomically more feminized. These boys later displayed what were considered more feminine behaviors. Gender identification is a matter of biology, not choice. To ostracize a child dealing with a gender identity issue is cruel, and the tragic consequence is that the incidence of suicide among such children is much higher than an already high national average. Much of the discrimination in our society is fostered by ignorance. Hopefully, education can bring greater understanding and tolerance for individuals who fail to fit into preconceived norms. Going back to the letter, it was mentioned that a significant number of individuals in the community were against changing the town mascot. People do not like to be stereotyped, and our historical treatment of Native Americans has

been far from praiseworthy. It seems to me that it is not asking much to appreciate issues sensitive to other cultures. On that subject, it's also high time we got Andrew Jackson off the \$20 bill. He was responsible for the mass removal of the peaceful Cherokee nation from their homeland. The "Trail of Tears" resulted in the death of thousands. Their lands were converted into large cotton plantations where many thousands were uprooted from their homelands in Africa and forced to live in slavery. During his lifetime, Jackson himself owned over 300 slaves to work his cotton plantation; and he was not known to be sparing with the whip. White supremacy has put an ugly stain on our history, and it's about time we stop venerating characters like Jackson, and start recognizing some of the amazing individuals who have truly made great contributions to our society.

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the perceived wisdom of the chief executive officer of the institution, you better not let it be known. So much for tolerance, liberal style. But, it was good to know the Pacific Islander community in our school district is now under the watchful and solicitous eye of the doyen of our illustrious educational complex.

Here are some reactions I had while perusing the document. First, the flagship school of the system is the regional high school, which has orange and black as its colors. In the interests of boosting sagging local school spirit, why not use them in his heading, or does a rainbow motif send another not-so-subtle signal? Secondly, as is all the rage these days amongst leftist scribblers, he capitalizes “Black,” which is only a color just like white, and, until recently, neither one took a capital. Another coded message for the “woke?” Thirdly, he invokes the now-deified name of George Floyd while lamenting the so-called epidemic of violence by police against black men. Like all guilt-ridden white liberals, he is loath to make the slightest reference to the almost unbelievable levels of murderous violence committed against black males by other black males. No liberal wants to discuss the destruction of the family, schools, and lifestyle of inner-city black America almost certainly a consequence of the disastrous social and cultural policies promulgated by...white (and black) liberals. Democrats!

We’ve already seen the regard liberal educrats like this superintendent have

for concepts like “tolerance,” which is none if you dare take a position in opposition to that of the administrator/teachers’ union ruling class.

And, as far as “diversity” goes, they’re all for it when race, sex, and immigration status is the subject, but the diversity that really counts—that of opinion—is not a thing in which they have any interest at all. To the liberal classroom teacher, or the building administrator, or the big boss in the front office, it’s the same old same old: my way or the highway. Independent thinkers, mavericks, and nonconformists need not apply. John 8:32, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free,” is an arcane and meaningless notion to them. They much prefer the taunt of Pontius Pilate: “The truth? What is truth?” Who cares what the truth is as long as we have our “diversity?”

And, what of Mr. Haughey’s dutiful obeisance to “equity?” Whatever happened to “equality?” I thought that was the sacred cow of their vaunted and precious “democracy.” Once, we were all supposed to have the same opportunity to work and reach the fullest measure of our potential, whatever that might be. But, “equity” stands all that on its head. Now, in the brave new world of the left, everyone will arrive at the same place, the same status, the same level of accomplishment regardless of talent, sacrifice, determination, and effort.

You’ll forgive, I’m sure, an old man too set in his ways to make any late-stage adjustments, but for me, “equity” meant work and planning, and defer-

ring gratification, as in, for example, building up value in your house or land or business so as to increase its worth as time goes on. But, to be given things taken from other people simply because of the accident or condition of one’s birth and calling it equitable is a concept utterly alien to my understanding of the language and history.

Finally, and with proper deference to Mr. Haughey and his position in the power structure of the “community,” I would say, this area is the Brookfields, not Brookline; Spencer, not Springfield. It may shock your conscience to consider your munificent salary and perquisites of office are paid you out of the pockets of the taxpayers of these two towns, which, I am everlastingly proud to say, voted—despite four straight years of non-stop hateful propaganda and lies against him—for President Donald Trump. I’m sorry you have to live with the mortification of that albatross around your neck, but that’s just the way we rubes roll. It must irritate you to consider that if you intend to green light the introduction into our schools of a curriculum that is totally at odds with the wishes of most of those of us who have to subsidize it, it portends rough seas ahead for the school district. There are still a few Americans left even here in navy blue Massachusetts who will not simply roll over.

We, most of us, aren’t interested in lectures and harangues about having “to work harder” to make our schools and our country better and safer places and all the rest of your sanctimonious blather. Most of the people around here work hard enough as it is. All we want

from you, sir, is the assurance that you, of all of us, are striving hard to provide for our working class children the knowledge, tools and skills they will need to become successful and independent citizens of our country and not illiterate, innumerate, incompetent, and helpless drones dependent, for the rest of their lives, on Big Brother government.

You could start by demanding from your teachers and building supervisors a demonstrated competency in their subject areas, a dedication to order and decorum everywhere on school grounds, and, above all, an insistence on keeping their radical teachers’ union politics out of the classroom. We, who pay your and their salaries, deserve better than America-bashing and white-hating Critical Race Theory, the discredited and mendacious 1619 Project, and all other attempts to indoctrinate the children many of whom, unfortunately, have no other option but to show up and be entrusted to some adults whose interests are not so much with the students but, rather, with the agenda.

To hearken back to Scripture, when it comes to the Superintendent urging a “healthy” return to excellence and sanity in our local schools, rather than trying to lay a guilt trip on those out here who are doing their best every day despite the odds against them, I would say, “Physician, heal thyself.”

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

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accurate. I find both of my televisions to be less intelligent than Alexa (Amazon) or my iPhone. I guess my TVs could be classified as learning impaired, but that’s okay. They both now perform as needed when I have all the remotes at my disposal.

The world is constantly changing around us, and we can choose to be lost within it or to keep up.

I decided to keep up. What about you?

I encourage all of us that were born before the computer boom to continue learning. You’re never too old and your certainly smarter than my two TV’s. Learn a game or a task your phone can do. Get on a computer and learn something today you didn’t know yesterday.

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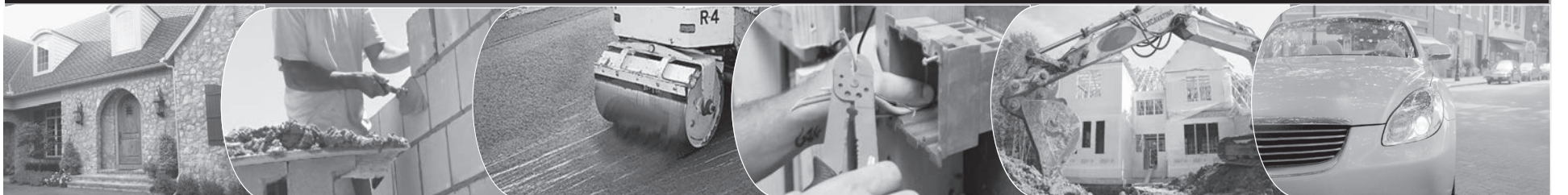
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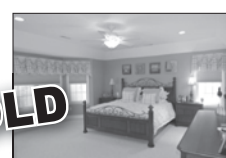
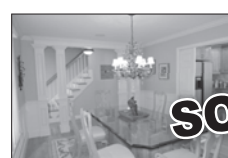
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12:12 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:30 a.m.: suspicious persons (Maple Street), investigated; 1:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:03 a.m.: juvenile matter (Elm Street), family issue; 6:06 a.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), info taken; 6:43 a.m.: medical/general (McDonald Street); 9:03 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 10:12 a.m.: illegal dumping (South Spencer Road), report taken; 10:55 a.m.: warrant service (Main Street), Robert A. Waite, 69, 204 Main Street), Spencer, warrant, arrest; 11:20 a.m.: 911 call (Holmes Street), accidental; 11:25 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:49 p.m.: parking complaint (Lincoln Street), mv on sidewalk; 12:49 p.m.: DPW call (Cooney Road), tree on wires; 1:09 p.m.: missing person/adult (Main Street), info taken; 1:17 p.m.: suspicious mv (Smithville Road), investigated; 1:33 p.m.: sex offender registration/annual (West Main Street), assisted; 1:35 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), rep. of theft; 1:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), welfare check; 2:39 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), welfare check; 3:22 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 5:57 p.m.: mv lockout (North Spencer Road), assisted; 4:21 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 5:26 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:55 p.m.: DPW call (Lyford Road), branch on wires; 7:01 p.m.: parking violation (Temple Street), ticket issued; 7:07 p.m.: DPW call (Treadwell Drive), truck struck utility pole; 8:09 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 8:18 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:33 p.m.: parking violation (Elm Street), ticket issued; 8:34 p.m.: medical/general (East Charlton Road); 8:49-8:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:26 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wilson Avenue), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

12:19-12:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:44 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), sheet metal in road; 8:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), spoken to; 8:30 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 8:44 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pearl Street), child w/phone; 9:00 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:01 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 9:03 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), inquiry re: pocket bike; 9:17 a.m.: mv complaint (Mechanic Street), info taken; 10:07 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Oxford PD bolo; 11:05 a.m.: LTC issued/2 (Main Street), assisted; 12:40 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 12:52 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), info taken; 2:14 p.m.: fraud (Maple Street), report taken; 2:42 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), neighbor issues; 3:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Road), bears in area; 3:22 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 4:41 p.m.: officer wanted (West

Main Street), re: flag concerns; 5:36 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 5:36 p.m.: 911 call (Cranberry Meadow Road), issue resolved; 5:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), apt. lockout; 6:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Howe Road), loose dog; 6:08 p.m.: 911 call (Greenville Road), misdial; 7:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), domestic animal bite; 8:38 p.m.: disturbance (Bay Path Road), family fight; 8:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dogs; 9:18 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 10:20 p.m.: disturbance (North Spencer Road), unwanted party; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

2:03 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 2:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:44 a.m.: medical/general (R. Jones Road); 9:22 a.m.: mv repossessed (Pleasant Street), info taken; 9:23 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 9:47 a.m.: animal complaint (Howe Village), re: rabies clinic; 9:54 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 10:59 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), testing; 11:00 a.m.: mv complaint (Lincoln Street), speeding; 11:20 a.m.: harassing calls (Valley Street), rec. harassing calls/texts; 12:48 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 12:54 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), re: dangerous tree; 1:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), maskless people at park; 2:43 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 3:07 p.m.: restraining order service (Langevin Street); 5:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), re: damage to mv; 5:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), debris in road; 7:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), bldg. lockout; 8:03 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 9:19 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 9:11 p.m.: vandalism (Marble Road), tire slashed; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

12:00 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Adams Street), accidental; 12:03 a.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 1:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:16 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 6:43 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:58 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:18 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 12:18 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 2:49 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), missing dog; 2:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), spoken to/family matter; 3:55 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Charlton Road), hang-up; 5:34 p.m.: school alarm (Lake Street), Andrew Felix Kokernak, 18, 174 Charlton Road, Spencer, breaking/entering for misdemeanor, trespassing, arrest; 5:50 p.m.: illegal dumping (Charlton Road), investigated; 6:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), barking dogs; 7:35 p.m.: harassing calls (Pearl Street), issues w/ex; 7:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), poss. intoxicated customer; 7:36 p.m.: 8:13 p.m.: officer wanted

(West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 8:15 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 9:46 p.m.: mv lockout (Pleasant Street), assisted; 10:28 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), m/f confrontation; 10:29 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:48 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 11:02 p.m.: parking violation (Pope Street), ticket issued; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

12:40 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield accident; 12:40 a.m.: medical/general (Holmes Street); 2:00 a.m.: disturbance (Chickering Road), loud argument; 8:45 a.m.: medical/general (Norcross Road); 12:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Woodbine Terrace), welfare check; 1:09 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 1:20 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Paxton Road), referred; 2:10 p.m.: 911 call (R. Jones Road), misdial; 2:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 3:16 p.m.: residential alarm (Park Street), services rendered; 4:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Summer Street), vultures; 4:28 p.m.: threats (May Street), rep. threats; 5:57 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), barking dog; 7:37 p.m.: lost/found (Valley Street), bike found; 7:55 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 8:07 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), runaway juvenile male; 8:44 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), Benjamin T. Harmon, 25, 87 Millbury Street, Worcester, possession Class B drug, arrest; William L. Mosqueda, 38, 43 Olga Avenue, Worcester, marked lanes violation, reckless operation, op w/license suspended, warrant, arrest; 9:08 p.m.: 911 call (McCormick Road), no contact; 10:13 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), info taken; 10:48 p.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), hang-up; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

MONDAY, APRIL 26

12:14 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Warren PD bolo; 2:12 a.m.: parking violation (High Street), ticket issued; 2:18 a.m.: DPW call (Prospect Street), broken water main; 2:28 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:22 a.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road), lift assist; 7:27 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:39 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rem. debris from road; 7:57 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose cat; 9:17 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 9:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), rep. runaway; 9:51 a.m.: citizen complaint (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 10:12 a.m.: animal complaint (Gold Nugget Road), barking dog; 11:31 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 12:09 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), skunk under shed; 2:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), rep. of theft; 2:21 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Ash Street); 2:22 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), speeding; 2:30 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Maple Street); 2:31 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), unrestrained child; 3:16 p.m.: aban-

doned 911 call (Main Street), no contact; 4:43 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/4 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadowbrook Road), baby squirrel found; 5:56 p.m.: accident (Route 49), report taken; 7:12 p.m.: medical/general (Grant Street); 7:18 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 8:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), malfunctioning hot water heater; 8:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (Park Street), investigated; 11:24 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), transport; (Total daily mv stops – 6).

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

4:09 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road), lift assist; 6:01 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), truck vs deer; 7:51 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 8:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Bemis Street), need help w/blue jay; 10:11 a.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Pond Road), spoken to; 10:21 a.m.: vandalism (Main Street), damage to bathroom; 12:07 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 12:36 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost keys; 2:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), welfare check; 2:41 p.m.: vandalism (Meadow Road), kids throwing rocks at cars; 2:48 p.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), info taken; 3:10 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:28 p.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), loose dog; 3:41 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), tenant/landlord issues; 3:55 p.m.: medical/general (Wilson Avenue); 5:20 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), kid/bike in traffic; 5:37 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), passport found; 6:03 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), speeding; 6:27 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Ash Street), brush fire; 8:18 p.m.: mv complaint (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 8:29 p.m.: missing person/juvenile (Duggan Street), info taken; 9:15 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; (Total daily mv stops – 7).

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THURSDAY, APRIL 22

1:03 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:37 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 8:40 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:25 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 11:07 a.m.: restraining order service (River Street), unable to serve; 12:17 p.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 1:14 p.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), served; 1:41 p.m.: parking complaint (Town Beach Road), spoken to; 2:18 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 7:14 p.m.: investigation (Oxford, no address noted in police log), services rendered; 11:52 p.m.: wel-

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fare check (Winslow Avenue), services rendered.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

12:14 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 1:11 a.m.: assist other PD (Lake Sargent Drive), Jeffrey A. Sprague, 40, 110 Chase Avenue, Webster, administrative booking, arrest; 4:39 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), transported; 4:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:53 a.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), written warning; 9:18 a.m.: debris in road (Pleasant Street), removed; 10:44 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:44 p.m.: suspicious person (Fairview Drive), spoken to; 2:02 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), assisted; 7:47 p.m.: summons service (Sunset Drive), served; 10:00 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), no action required.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

12:47 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 8:50 a.m.: debris in road (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 9:42 a.m.: disturbance (Soojians Drive), transported; 10:51 a.m.: mutual aid

(Merriam District, Oxford), no action required; 1:29 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Oxford), services rendered; 3:29 p.m.: summons service (Birchwood Drive), unable to serve; 3:45 p.m.: summons service (Burncoat Street), unable to serve; 3:49 p.m.: summons service (Rawson Street), served; 4:00 p.m.: summons service (Brookside Drive), unable to serve; 4:14 p.m.: malicious mischief (Main Street), report taken; 5:44 p.m.: investigation (Blueberry Lane), services rendered; 7:05 p.m.: erratic operator (McCarthy Avenue), message delivered; 8:23 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to; 8:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, mv towed.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

1:39 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 3:03 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), gone on arrival; 3:15 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), investigated; 4:00 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted

from police log, number plate violation, number plate violation to conceal ID, uninsured mv, mv towed; 5:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:01 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, report taken.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

10:52 a.m.: assist citizen (Bottomly Avenue); 2:17 p.m.: accident (Main Street), assisted; 2:34 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 3:47 p.m.: summons service (Burncoat Street), served; 4:02 p.m.: summons service (Brookside Drive), served; 4:52 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:18 p.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), removed; 10:56 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), transported.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

1:35 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 11:26 a.m.: fraud (Cemetery Road), report taken; 12:50 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), report taken; 2:27 p.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), report taken; 3:08 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warn-

ing; 4:11 p.m.: restraining order service (Chapel Street), unable to serve; 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 6:29 p.m.: investigation (out of town, no destination noted on police log), services rendered; 8:18 p.m.: accident (Paxton Street), mv towed; 8:53 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Street), mv towed; 9:12 p.m.: restraining order service (Chapel Street), served.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

8:48 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 9:35 a.m.: investigation (Forest Street), unfounded; 12:14 p.m.: malicious mischief (Paxton Street), report taken; 12:56 p.m.: malicious mischief (Paxton Street), report taken; 12:56 p.m.: assist citizen (Pine Street); 1:51 p.m.: welfare check (Town Beach Road), no action required; 2:48 p.m.: accident (Main Street), Joshua Ammons, 30, 148 Popple Camp Road, Petersham, OUI liquor, open container of alcohol in mv, negligent operation, arrest; 4:29 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), referred; 10:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Collier Avenue), unable to locate; 11:22 p.m.: domestic disturbance (Main Street), report taken; 11:46 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered.

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Edamame is an ancient Asian vegetable and is often eaten right from the pod like peanuts. Edible soybeans are also used for making tofu, tempeh, soy nut snacks and more. In addition to their high fiber content, soybean's high protein content has made them a popular meat substitute.

Soybeans can be grown in a variety of soils and climate. They tolerate adverse conditions but perform best in warm temperatures, full sun, and moist well-drained soils. Add organic matter to less-than-ideal soils to improve drainage in heavy clay soils and increase the water holding capacity in sandy and rocky soils.

Try growing one of the edible soybean varieties such as Agate, Chiba Green, Midori Giant, and Envy. These have a better flavor and are more suited to your garden and recipes than field varieties.

Wait for the soil to warm for quick germination and increased success.



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out by removing the weaker seedlings, so the remaining plants are six inches apart.

Harvest the soybeans when the pods are plump, green, rough, and hairy. They are usually ready to harvest in 80 to 120 days, depending on the variety. Check frequently and pick when the seeds are fully enlarged but before they get hard. Waiting too long to harvest the seeds reduces the flavor and quality. Since all the seed filled pods usually ripen at the same time, you can pull up the whole plant and harvest the seeds from pods while sitting on a chair in the shade.

Use edamame within two to three days of harvest for the best quality. Store fresh edamame in the refrigerator in a perforated plastic bag.

Cook edamame by steaming, boiling, or microwaving the pods. Allow them to cool, then pop out the seeds to enjoy. Don't let any surplus go to waste. Blanch, then freeze whole pods or the seeds. Or dry the shelled edamame in the oven or dehydrator to use through-

Grow edible soybeans in a sunny spot. Plant and care for them the same as you would lima beans. Plant seeds three inches apart and one to one and a half inches deep in rows 24 to 36 inches apart. Once the plants sprout and grow, thin them



Photo Melinda Myers

Edamame pods are ready to harvest when they are plump, green, rough, and hairy.

out the year.

Purchase seeds and carve out some space in your garden or containers for this nutritious vegetable.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The*

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Baseball antique and auction news

There is some promising news for local antique shows. After all three Brimfield shows were cancelled last year due to the pandemic, Brimfield will be reopening, although it will be on a limited basis. Many of the fields have opted to remain closed for the May show. The website thebrimfieldshow.com lists Brimfield Auction Acres (formerly J & J) as the lone May show. It will open from May 12 through May 15. Expect to see more fields open for the July and September shows.

There has been a lot of recent antique news from outside of our area as well. A 1794 "No Stars Flowing Hair Dollar" far exceeded expectations when it sold at auction last month. ESPN reported that "while it closely resembles silver dollars that were later minted in Philadelphia, it gets its name because it is missing stars." It sailed past the \$350,000 to



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\$500,000 estimate, reaching \$840,000. The reason that ESPN reported on the sale of a rare coin is because it was previously owned by Texas Rangers co-chairman Bob Simpson.

In other baseball related auction news, a Honus Wagner T206 tobacco baseball card will be offered with a \$1 million starting bid in an auction ending this month, according to a Bleacher Report article. David Sax of

Smithsonian Magazine told the Bleacher Report that, "it's believed that Wagner demanded the ATC pull his card from circulation because he didn't want anyone else profiting from his likeness." Other sources have reported that Wagner didn't like tobacco and refused to allow his image on tobacco cards. NJ.com reported that a different Honus Wagner card sold for \$3.25 million at auction last year.

There is more baseball mem-

orabilia news closer to home. I have loaned many pieces from my personal collection of local baseball historical memorabilia to the Worcester Red Sox to be displayed in Polar Park. A large display piece of the 1880 Worcester Worcesters team will be the highlight of the exhibit. Lee Richmond is pictured who pitched the first perfect game in baseball, along with the rest of his team. I have also loaned the Worcester Red Sox a letter from the 1880 Worcester team requesting to be admitted to the National League. There are many other items with Hall of Famers Jesse Burkett, Gabby Hartnett, Connie Mack, and Sliding Billy Hamilton. Other great local players photos, programs from the Blackstone Valley League, and local industrial league teams will also be included. People who tour Polar Park will be able to see the exhibit in the DCU Club. I am always looking to acquire local baseball memorabilia from major league, minor league, and industrial league teams for my collection. I hope to see you in the stands at Polar

Park this summer.

Our online auction of sports and non-sports cards all from one estate will soon be running. Our multi-estate online auction with Rock memorabilia from James Brown, Elvis Presley, Janice Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, and other famous performers will begin this month and end on June 9. We are nearing the deadline for accepting quality consignments for this auction. The third session of model trains, die-cast cars, and other

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