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Plans move forward to turn Heller House into a hub of history



Photos Kevin Flanders

Brookfield Town Meeting voters recently authorized the purchase of this building at 18 Common St.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – After Town Meeting voters authorized the purchase of Heller House, plans are moving forward to transform the 1840 building into a hub of town history.

Located at 18 Common St., next door to Merrick Public Library, the building has been leased for three years while serving a variety of organizations. These include the library's Banister Book Group, the town's Historical Commission, and local scouting troops, among others.

Additionally, the Friends of the Library and the Historical Commission have long envisioned the

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Merrick Public Library Director Brenda Metterville with Brookfield Historical Commission member Donald Faugno.

Shivick re-elected Chair of Moose Hill Water Commission

LEICESTER — The recent Moose Hill Water Commission meeting revealed more progress on the long-standing reservoir project. This May's historic meeting with representatives from the Town of Spencer found parties engaged in a non-binding discussion regarding water supply and filtration, including possible mutually beneficial scenarios. The discussions remain ongoing.

The Chair of the Moose Hill Water Commission, Michael J. Shivick, of Rochdale, also worked relentlessly to convene a separate and equally unprecedented meeting comprised of local, regional, and federal players. Attendees of the June 24 meeting included DEP Regional Director Mary Jude Pigsley, DEP Deputy Regional Director Mariell Stone, Drinking Water Section Chief Bob Bostwick, Senator Warren's Office, Senator Markey's Office, Congressman McGovern's Office, state senator Michael O. Moore and his chief of staff, state representative David Leboeuf and his aide, Kevin Bergin from Cherry Valley

Rochdale Water District, Mark Thompson and two staff from Kleinfelder, Town Of Spencer Board of Water Commissioner Steven Tyler and COO Greg Karpowicz and Superintendent William Cundiff, Town of Leicester Town Administrator David Genereux and Town Planner Michelle Buck.

The meeting with DEP and regional leaders was important because it served to dispel many myths that had served for years to prevent the development of Moose Hill and maintain the status quo on water in Leicester. The representatives from the DEP noted that they were simply there to process applications in accordance with regulations, and not act as an arbiter of local policy. Representatives from engineering firm Kleinfelder, who merged with the architects of Moose Hill Reservoir and the Route 9 Rezoning Project, noted that any changes in water quality since the last series of water tests may have been outpaced by technological advances – the

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Brookfield hires first Town Administrator

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – Selectmen recently announced that Kelli Robbins, of Holland, has been chosen as Brookfield's first

ever Town Administrator.

With decades of experience in municipal government, Robbins brings a strong background to Brookfield. She most recently served as the town manager in Lanesborough,

a small community in the Berkshires where she was responsible for managing town affairs and operations while working with municipal department leaders. Lanesborough and Brookfield

have similar populations, which should assist with Robbins's transition, officials said.

"We are excited to welcome Ms. Robbins," said Brookfield Select Board Chair Beth

Coughlin. "Her hiring is the result of over 20 years of debate within Brookfield, from the original Town Administrator recommendation back in 2002 to the hard work of our more

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North Brookfield given community development award by CMRPC

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission presented the Town of North Brookfield with the Community Development & Planning - Community Partner Award at their Annual Meeting on June 10. The award, which was originally scheduled for the COVID-Cancelled 2020 Annual Meeting, recognizes the entire North Brookfield community and "the energy expended over the past three years to set the groundwork to rejuvenate" the town.

In her introductory remarks, Kerrie Salwa, the Principal Planner who helped the Downtown Development Committee formulate a Strategic Plan for North Brookfield, named several people in particular who were instrumental in the town's planning efforts: Sheila Orsi, Chair of the Downtown Development Committee, "whose passion and commitment led her to be awarded the Citizen Planner of the year award by the Massachusetts American Planning Association"; Marilyn Borst and Eva Brown, "who



Photo Courtesy

Receiving the award for the Town from Kerrie Salwa, third from the left and Janet Pierce sixth from the left, are: Marilyn Borst, Eva Brown, Sheila Orsi, Jim Buzzell, and Ethan Melad.

have been active in Friends of the Town House and DDC matters, and in one way or another were available at the drop of a hat to meet about opportunities that come up or to submit a support letter or spend their vacation writing expressions of interest or ... (grant) applications"; and the late Diane Nichols, Senior Center

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North Brookfield Savings Bank announces trustee retirement, promotions

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank recently held their Annual Corporators Meeting at which time Thomas Baker III was re-elected as a Corporator, Damien Berthiaume, Donna Boulanger and Harold R. Chesson III were all re-elected as Trustees and Elizabeth Martinelli was elected Clerk. M. Richard Pluta was recognized for his service as a Trustee since July 2014 as he will retire from the Board of Trustees following the Annual Corporators Meeting.

"We are grateful for Mr. Pluta's service to the Bank and the communities we serve. He has been an advocate and ally of the Bank, and he will be missed. On behalf of the Bank, the Trustees, and the Corporators, we wish him all the best," stated Roland Gauthier, Chairman of the Board.

In addition, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held with Roland Gauthier re-elected as Chairman of the Board until Jan. 1, 2022, at which time he will assume the position of Vice Chair and Donna Boulanger will become Chairwoman of the Board with Marco Bernasconi becoming Chief Executive Officer and President.

Excellence is a value that North Brookfield Savings Bank holds in high regard, and recently two Bank employees were recognized for their commitment to excellence, their dedication to the Bank's customers, and the Bank's overall success. North Brookfield Savings Bank is

pleased to announce the officer promotions of John Thomasian and Cheryl Orne.

"We are so pleased to announce these very well-deserved promotions and to have these driven individuals continue to grow with North Brookfield Savings Bank," said North Brookfield Savings Bank CEO Donna Boulanger. "They have continually shown that they embody the Bank's values of excellence, integrity, kindness, teamwork, and support of our communities. Their commitment to providing valuable support and service to our customers while contributing to the Bank's overall mission and success makes all the difference, and that is why we are proud to have them represent the Bank in an Officer role. I know they will continue to be great assets to our North Brookfield Savings Bank team and our customers."

John Thomasian of New Braintree has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer. John is responsible for managing and leading the Finance Team. He works closely as a senior management team member to help the Bank reach its strategic goals.

John joined North Brookfield Savings in 2020 as Vice President/Chief Financial Officer amid the pandemic. He has more than 10 years of professional banking experience and is a graduate of Nichols College. He is a North Brookfield native and is active in the community.

"I look forward to helping the Bank grow and succeed while continuing to build relationships," said Senior Vice President John Thomasian. "I appreciate this recognition. I get to work closely with our skilled and enthusiastic team every day to help the local community achieve their financial goals and that is what it truly is all about."

To reach John Thomasian, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, call 508-637-7420 or email jthomasian@banknbsb.com.

Cheryl Orne of North Brookfield has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Deposit Operations Manager. In her role, she will continue to manage the deposit operations department and assist customers with their banking needs.

"This recognition means a lot to me and I look forward to my continued growth with NBSB," said Assistant Vice President, Deposit Operations Manager Cheryl Orne. "Helping customers, answering their questions, and putting them at ease as they traverse the banking process is something that I not only enjoy doing but I take a great deal of pride in. It is important to me that our customers feel confident and taken care of when they put their trust in us."

To reach Cheryl Orne, Assistant Vice President, Deposit Operations Manager, call 508-637-7401 or email corne@banknbsb.com.

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Local residents make Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of

BOSTON — The following local students have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for

SHIVICK

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result being an even cheaper, smaller, and more efficient water filtration system than was originally designed for the project.

"The Moose Hill-Shaw Pond dichotomy presents a powerful regional option on water and, in fact, has been the main plan for water in this area for decades," said Shivick, a local attorney who served as a Select Board member in Leicester from 2016-2017. "Local feuds have since taken precedence, and the results have been catastrophic."

Commissioner Jay Powell, also of Rochdale, nominated Shivick for a second term as Chair of the Commission at the June 24 Moose Hill Water Commission Meeting.

Powell stated, "[Mike] gets projects moving like no other."

Shivick was elected unanimously for another year at the helm of the reservoir project.

The Moose Hill Water Reservoir Project has been subject to numerous starts and stops over the years, most recently in 2009 with former Select Board Chair Thomas V. Brennan deeming the project at a dead halt because the DEP would not provide "conditional preapproval" for the project. Such a concept of "preapproval" or "conditional preapproval" appears absent from the pertinent regulations related to water certification. Around the same time, the Town directed \$300,000 in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act dollars to Becker College for the "May House" that never came to fruition.

the Spring 2021 semester.

* Alec J Barber of Spencer

* Cody John Miarecki of Warren

Wentworth Institute of Technology Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology is a nationally ranked university offering career-focused education through bachelor's and graduate degree programs in areas including engineering, architecture, computer and data science, life sciences, man-

tion. The ARRA money was never used and the town forewent that funding opportunity.

"The acts and omissions of past officials make you wonder," said Shivick. "Where did they get the concept of 'conditional preapproval' from? That's not even a thing. I have been on this for only a few months and we have righted the ship, including finding a state grant and submitting an application that, if successful, could cover the vast majority of the certification cost. Where were our leaders over the last 15 years, while the residents bore the brunt of a civic planning emergency on a basic resource and human right — clean, accessible drinking water?"

The meeting with the DEP and regional leaders expressly dispelled any myth regarding "conditional preapproval," which has no basis in law or fact.

Moose Hill is subject to a 2003 Intermunicipal Agreement, a contract made pursuant to M.G.L. c.40 s.4A, which makes development of the reservoir and/or Shaw Pond as a class A water supply for the town of Leicester a legally binding goal through 2028. In 2003, the Town of Leicester and Leicester Water Supply District contracted to develop Route 9 West as a business corridor.

The contract expressly stated that, as of 2003, water supplies were only a temporary solution, and required the town to pay for LWSD's infrastructure, in exchange for LWSD promising to make it their goal to bring Moose Hill and/or Shaw Pond online, as well, among other legal requirements, such as installing a water storage tank on Blueberry Lane for the Town to store Moose Hill water.

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WEST BROOKFIELD — After a one-year hiatus, the Annual Flea Market on the W. Brookfield Common is returning on Saturday, Sept. 11! Vendors are being sought to participate. Flea folk, growers, tag-salers, antiquers and others are welcome to reserve a 20 x 20 grassy spot on the W. Brookfield Common for \$40. The Flea hours will be 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Send an email to Karen at FCCofWBFleaMarket2021@gmail.com to request an application to reserve a spot. For more information call the church at 508-867-7078.

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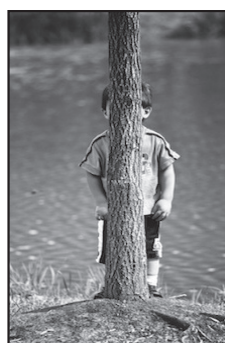
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Area students receive degrees at Clark University's Commencement ceremonies

W O R C E S T E R — Clark University awarded 490 Bachelor's degrees, 501 Master's degrees, and 10 doctorates, and conferred three honorary degrees during the University's 117th Commencement ceremonies. Graduates were urged to ask the hard questions, drive change, and even occasionally stir some trouble. Among the graduates were:

Karishma Bhawani Sewsankar, of Leicester, graduated with a Master of Business Administration. Sawsankar is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society.

Douglas E. Dillon, of Leicester, graduated with a Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy.

Emma Rose Witbeck, of Leicester, graduated with a Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy.

Carley S. Cascione, of Rochdale, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science and Studio Art.

Kate M. Beland, of Brookfield, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

Jacob C. Robert, of Leicester, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Management.

The weekend's events marked President David Fithian's first Clark Commencement ceremony since he himself graduated from the University in 1987. In his remarks, Fithian praised the persistence shown by this year's graduating class in transcending the many disruptions posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"When you began your Clark journey, you could not have imagined what your junior and senior years would entail. Your grace, resilience, and adaptability throughout has been remarkable," Fithian told the Class of 2021. "While I certainly would never have wished this experience on you, I do believe you may nevertheless extract from it a strength of spirit and resolve that is remarkable, and that may reinforce your own sense of what you are capable of overcoming."

President Fithian said the Clark degrees that the students earned represented more than the culmination of formal study. They were also a "gateway to a life of learning."

"Every opportunity to question, whatever the motivation - curiosity, confusion, uncertainty, defiance - is an opportunity to hear something you may not have heard before," he said.

"At the end of each day, ask yourself, in the quiet of your own counsel, what did I learn today? And then do it again tomorrow and the next day."

James McGovern, United States Representative

for the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District, delivered the Commencement address and urged graduates to speak up for what they believe in, even when it's hard to do so. McGovern recalled the accomplishment of his friend, the late Congressman John Lewis, to lead 600 peaceful protesters on a 50-mile march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 to bring attention to Alabama's discriminatory voting policies. Despite being beaten and barely escaping with his life, Lewis marched again a few weeks later. Subsequent demonstrations captured the awareness of the nation, and just four months later, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act.

McGovern stressed that issues like climate change, gun violence, racial injustice, and inequality will never improve unless like-minded people

come together to demand change. He urged the Class of 2021 to become the "biggest class of troublemakers that Clark University has ever graduated" in service to a better nation and world.

"When the historians pick up their pens to write the story of this century, I know you'll give them something to write about. That you'll challenge convention. That you'll change our world."

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were conferred on McGovern; Liberat Mfumukeko, MBA '94, former secretary-general of the East African Community; and Naomi Oreskes, the Henry Charles Lea Professor of the History of Science and affiliated professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University.

In his concluding remarks

to the graduates, President Fithian told the graduates, "Take pride in who you are and what you are capable of. You have unlimited potential to do good, be compassionate, and shape those around you."

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UMass Lowell names local students to dean's list

LOWELL — Local residents have been named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Among those recognized for achieving academic distinction

for the spring 2021 semester at UMass Lowell are:

* Briana Fancy of Spencer, majoring in business administration

* Benjamin Leach of Spencer, majoring in computer science

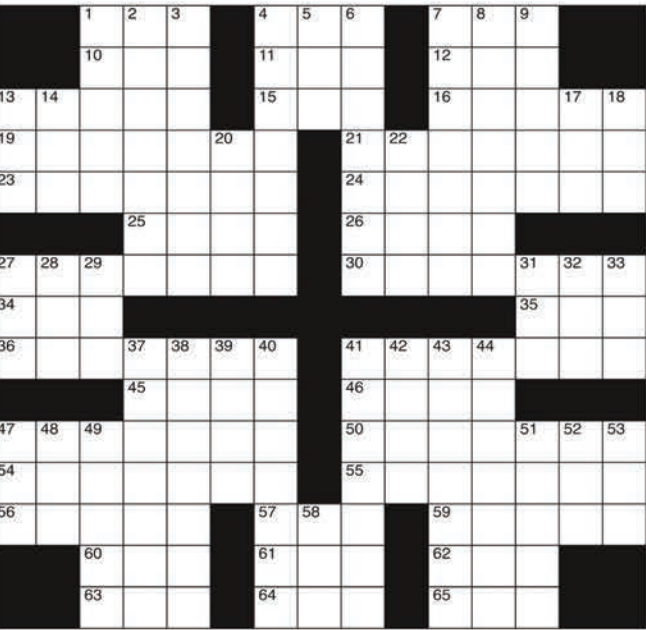
* Evans Soter of Spencer, majoring in exercise science

* Hayley Cook of West Brookfield, majoring in art

* Danielle Spitz-Gassnola of West Brookfield, majoring in psychology

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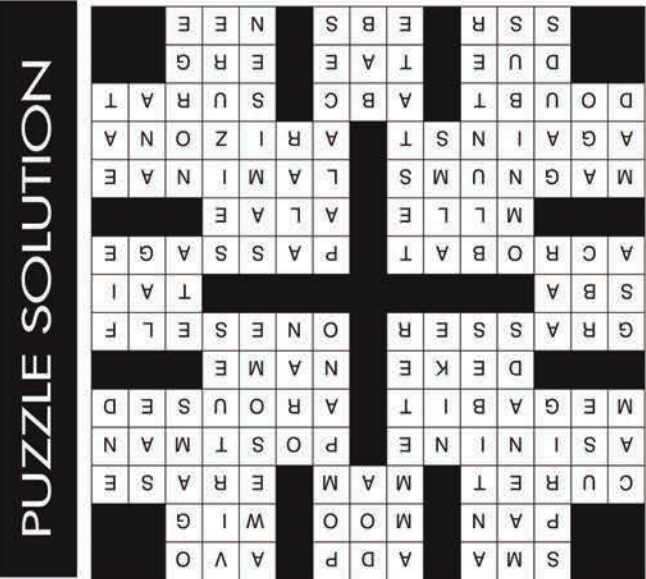


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- 1. Sr. enlisted Army member
- 4. Payroll firm
- 7. Monetary unit of Macao
- 10. Cooking vessel
- 11. Cow sound
- 12. Hairpiece
- 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
- 15. Mother
- 16. Remove from record
- 19. Foolish
- 21. Mailman
- 23. Unit of data size
- 24. Stirred
- 25. Deceptive movement
- 26. We all have one
- 27. Direct from pasture beef animal
- 30. A person's own self
- 34. Helps little firms
- 35. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 36. Tumbler
- 41. A short section of a musical composition
- 45. Young woman (French)
- 46. Wings
- 47. Wine bottles
- 50. Thin layers of rock
- 54. Opposite to
- 55. American state
- 56. Uncertainty about something
- 57. Basics
- 59. Indian seaport
- 60. Owed as a debt
- 61. Buffer solution
- 62. Unit of work or energy
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. One point south of due east
- 65. Born of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small stem bearing leaves
- 2. Female Bacchanalians
- 3. Mediterranean city
- 4. Measures electric current
- 5. Arrived extinct
- 6. Edible butterflyfish
- 7. Causing wonder or astonishment
- 8. Behaviors showing high moral standards
- 9. Ancient Irish alphabets
- 13. Footballer Newton
- 14. Utilize
- 17. Sum of absolute errors
- 18. Opposite of the beginning
- 20. Shoe company
- 22. Algerian port city
- 27. Girls organization (abbr.)
- 28. Type of cell (abbr.)
- 29. Swiss river
- 31. When you hope to get there
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Expresses distaste, disapproval
- 37. Volume containing several novels
- 38. Less sharp
- 39. Food for the poor
- 40. Having made a valid will
- 41. Royal estates
- 42. Relating to wings
- 43. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 44. Taking something through force
- 47. Angry
- 48. Before the present
- 49. Showy ornaments
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\$316,850, 7 Park Ln, Rau, Joseph A, to Mulcahy, Christopher M, and Laramee-Wright, Abigail.

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\$177,500, 5 Colonial Dr, Lavin, Thomas, to Lavin, Thomas D.

\$139,900, 75 Huntoon Memorial Hwy #5-3, Marshall, Cynthia, to Hayes, Joshua R.

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\$540,000, 37 Mill Rd, Moiles, Jason T, to Johnson, Christopher, and Johnson, Christine.

\$330,000, 8 Walnut St, M&K Realty LLC, to Morales, Alexander.

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\$275,000, 82 Walnut St, Brunelle, Stephen, and Brunelle, Maryellen, to Mendez, Miriam A, and Craine, Nolan M.

\$55,000, 19 Ryan Rd, Xenos, Sean A, to Morrison, Scott.

\$25,000, 4 Brookfield Rd, Camp, Joanne G, to Burritt, Leonard M.

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\$270,000, 32 Cooney Rd, Baker, Peter, and Baker, Garrett, to DaSilva, Gustavo, and Fontourna, Catherine H.

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\$187,000, 59 Dean St #A, Anderson, Mary L, to CBA LLC.

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Haston Library invites children to join in summer reading program

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library staff invites local youngsters to cool off and celebrate the start of summer reading with a good book.

Summer reading is especially important this year, library officials said, with local kids hoping to keep their literacy skills sharp after a disjointed school year of remote and hybrid learning.

“The kids are out of school and looking forward to an off-line summer after a tough year-and-a-half. With all the concerns about whether or not they have lost academic ground during the pandemic, it’s more important than ever that they keep reading over the summer,” read a statement released by the library.

Children ages three to 13 are invited to register for the library’s Tails & Tales summer reading program, which runs from July 6 to Aug. 20. All children will receive a reading log in which they can record the books they have read each week. Parents can also record the books they read to younger children.

“As long as they have read at least one book for the week, children can choose a prize from our prize collection,” the library statement read. “At the end of the summer, on Saturday, Aug. 21, we will host a summer reading party with additional prizes for everyone and the kids who have read the most.”

The library’s summer programming will also feature “Maker Mondays” at 2 p.m. As part of this program, kids can stop by each week and take part in an array of fun, educational activities. Planned projects include lemon volca-

noes, dinosaur egg geodes, and moon phase cup kits.

On Tuesdays this summer, the library will feature story time sessions for younger kids at 10:30 a.m. This program will include a story and a quick craft activity.

Henry the Juggler will visit the library on July 17 at 10 a.m. Henry the Juggler (also known as Henry Lappen) features several engaging items in his act, including rings, clubs, balls, and even torches. Youngsters and their families won’t want to miss this exciting program.

Also, on Saturday, July 31, at 10 a.m., Ed the Wizard will visit the library to show kids how to turn ordinary balloons into fascinating animals. The program is intended for kids age seven and up. Kids will learn to make a variety of animals to take home, such as a dog,

mouse, cat, giraffe, bunny, and others.

Space for both of the aforementioned programs is limited. To register, please call the library at 508-867-0208.

Several library programs this summer are supported in part by grants from the North Brookfield Cultural Council.

In other library news, the Haston Library Book Group will be serving as “beta readers” this summer for a book by local author Jack McClintock. Readers will also enjoy “The Night Watchman” by Louise Erdrich. Copies of the book are available in the library.

The library also reminds residents about its Art Club, which meets on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Call the library at 508-867-0208 for more information.

Cruising for Charity event proceeds despite weather

SPENCER – Even a stormy evening last Wednesday didn’t stop local residents from Cruising for Charity.

Held on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer, the charitable events feature classic vehicles from across the area. Events are held by the 25th Masonic District.

Last Wednesday, July 7, the event started off beneath sunny skies before a wall of gray over-spread the region. Many partic-

ipants headed home when the rains came, but a few hardy residents and families stuck around.

Events feature different themes each week. Looking ahead, themes will include best ‘70s; modern muscle; best truck; best Mustang; best Corvette; and best of season. Each week, a best in show category is held.

In the event of a cancellation, the missed week’s awards will be given at the next cruise night, along with the regularly sched-

uled awards. In the event that the grand finale show is rained out, the season will be extended one week in order to hand out awards.

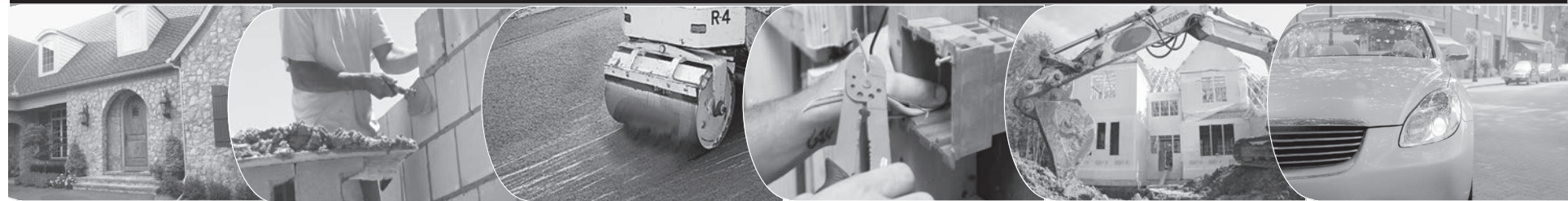
The final event of the summer is scheduled for Aug. 25.

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The Gagne family, of Brookfield, enjoys their night of watching classic cars.



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Quaboag Regional High School honor roll

WARREN — Quaboag Regional High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Grade 12
1st Honors: Sadie Bridges, Megan Courtney, Joshua Gray, Eli Homon, Jordyn Janosz, Hannah Martin, Madeline Nemeroff, Sarah Niedzialkoski, Sarah Rimmer, Darian Shepherd, Andrew Sweet
2nd Honors: Paisleigh Atwood, Ania Bolaske, Tyler Bond, Abigail Bouchard, Ashlynn Cook, Sydney Corfey, Cole Crosby, Kirah Czub, Brooke Dion, Melissa Drago, Liam Flynn, Matthew Griffing, Kylee Julian, Allison Kelleher, Grace Kelley, Lauren Kimball, Christopher Laprade, Sophia Rimmer, Nicholas Robbins,

Elizabeth Schwenker, Ryan Seeton, Cassidy Silva, Jessica Tetreault, Jenna Wade
3rd Honors: Austin Lourake
Grade 11
1st Honors: Alyssa Abbe, Emma Aberle, Bryanna Anderson, Elias Berthel, Alexander Carter, Riley Como, Jaden Darnell, Samantha Ford, Lauren Gassnola, Ainslie Lafko, Katerina Landon, Sydney LaRocque, Emma McGinty, Anabel Melanson, Andrea Melendez-Rojas, Keertan Patel, Paris Prinsen, Grace Schmidt, Allison Tiberii, Jordan Torres, Joline Wheeler
2nd Honors: Andrew Araujo, Laci Blount, Jakob Burrill, Parker Doe, Dylan Fernandez, Jakob Geer, Wyatt Gilman, Benjamin Goulet, Jacob Harder, Zoe Harder, Aniah

Harris, Ava Paradis, Ezekiel Powers, Derrick Shepherd, Hannah Southwick
3rd Honors: Anjolina Fantaroni, Margaux Morales, Sean Moriarty, Timothy Toomey
Grade 10
1st Honors: Brandon Allen, Olivia Bagg, Jakob Bond, Brendan Burke, Aaden Caruso, Phoebe Clowes, Preston Clowes, Cadel Courtney, Elizabeth Czaja, Paige Dion, Katelyn Fountain, Andrew Gagnon, Grace Hannah, Madelynn Huard, Emily Hunkins, Serenity Kauppila, Josephine Landon, Gage Lane, Summer Mageau, Ariana Jane Masterjohn, Adrik Matys, Tristan Mauro, Victoria Morgan, Bryan Para, Wylliam Pennington-Russell, Cody

Perron, Chase Potvin, Charles Schwenker, Margaret Stevens, Ryan Wilson
2nd Honors: Arianna Belen, Julien Compher, Luisa Feeney, Declan Flood, Alexandra Garrand, Madison Gray, Zhoe Guidetti, Kayden Lourake, Hannah Manzano, Rebecca Martin, Lynne Merrill, Joseph Novak, Isabelle Russell, Hailey Samek, Lucy Sanelli, Megan Shea
3rd Honors: Noah LaFlamme, Aja Noelle Mercer, Hayley-Marie Southwick, John Wilk

Grade 9
1st Honors: Ethan Araujo, Mason Blount, Camrin Bolduc, Antonio Congelos, Forrest Dezfoli, Chloe Fredette, Cameron Giroux, Jayden Gonzalez, Ayla Iwaniec, Dawson Kelly, Abigail Long,

Rachel McGrath, Hanna Nemeroff, Lily Potvin, Thomas Robidoux, Alexander Russo, Kenady Sloan, Riley Sloan, Owen Stevens
2nd Honors: Riley Blair, Allison Brooks, Zachary Carlson, Olivia Dumas, Ryan Fernandez, Aidan Flood, Madison Hamlin, Laine Hatstat, Jason Houle, Charleigh Hurley, Kendall LaRiviere, Evan Long, Joshua Lucier, Isabella Paolucci, Dylan Piazza, Hunter Regan, Haileigh Swistak, Helena Thompson, Matthew Tiberii, Patrick Toomey, Tyler Withers
3rd Honors: Matthew Carter, Jenna Duff, Amber Gagnon, Emma LaFleche, Jaden Ostiguy, Cole Waz

LOCAL GOLF RESULTS

Quail Hollow Country Club
Red, White and Blue Tournament
Women's Division
Low Gross, 94
Wendy Ridley
Low Net, 70
Sandi Thorpe
2nd Net, 77
Cathy LaPrad
Men's Division
Low Gross tie, 71
Ryan Toomey
Tom Staiti
Low Net, 62
Dylan Allen
2nd Net, 65
Rick Rearick
3rd Net, 68
Mark Ressler

4th Net Tie, 69
Rick Lindsten
John Haverty
6th Net tie, 70
Tom Lowe's
Mike Toomey
8th Net tie, 71
Ron Jette
Joe Beauregard
Tom Cournoyer

Pit's Crew
1st - Bill Babineau, Hector Vasquez, Bill Gaudette, Rich Olson; minus 9
2nd - Stan Nolin, Bob Demaio, Paul Sokol, Bud Powers; minus 8
3rd - Rick Nolin, Rich Ferguson, Bob Varnum, Charlie Keyes; minus 8

Holes in One
Dick Ullman using a 4 -iron on the Par-3 165-yard 11th hole on July 6. Attested to by Hugh Bouchard, Ron Thompson and George Lawton.
Glen Wuerthele scored his first Hole in one Thursday, July 8. Glen scored his ace on the par-3 4th hole using a 4-iron. Witnessed by Denice Wuerthele and Brian Roy.
Rick Ullman scored a Hole in One on the 17th hole using a 9-Iron on July 8. It was Dick's second Hole in One in two days. This Hole in One was witnessed by playing partners Carl Ahonen, Dick Morse and Ron Thompson. It was Dick's third hole in one.

Ozzie Open Results
1st, 60
Jacob Young
John Sullivan
Nick Beaudoin
Kyle DiTtough
2nd Tie, 61
Brian Dunn
Nick Farland
Jake Farland
Nate Geyer;
Jim Kularski
Ryan Kularski
Chris Depasse
Kristen Depasse;
Norm Delongchamp
Alan Lucia
Scott Packers
Justin Milton

Summer Member Member
Women's Division
1st Net, 68
Sandi Curci
Carolyn Semon
Mixed Division
1st Net, 65
Joe & Mary Amidio
Men's Division
Low Gross, 70
Pete O'Packi
Tom Gareau
Low Net, 61
Kevin Vessair
Dennis Rice
2nd Net tie, 63
Mike Caruso
Rick Lindsten;
Chris Wylie
Ryan Desrosier
4th Net, 64
Tom Staiti
Matt Stepanski
5th Net, 65
Tom Cournoyer
Ron McCann

Kettle Brook Golf Club
Kettle One League
Week 11
First Place: Al Morin/Kris Houston +10
Second Place: George Kiritsty/Steve Thebodo +4
High Individual: Kris Houston +5
Closest to the Pin on No. 6: George Kiritsty

ROBBINS

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recent search committee.”
The process of installing Brookfield's first administrator featured plenty of pushback this year. An Annual Town Meeting citizen's petition sought to remove the TA position from the town's personnel. Petitioner James Cooke and other residents spoke in favor of the petition at Town Meeting, but the motion was eventually defeated by a moderator-declared majority.
Looking ahead, officials are eager to work with Robbins, an attorney with a concentration in municipal law. Her expertise in this area will be an invaluable asset to the town, officials said.
“Adding professional town management to support the growth, planning, and day-to-day operations is one more resource for townspeople,” Coughlin added. “Several town meetings, the creation of the position, and the funding of it have consistently shown that people see this as positive change.”
A seven-member Town Administrator Search Committee chose Robbins as a finalist from a pool of ten applicants.

She was interviewed by selectmen last month.
“She comes from a small community and will be a great fit for our town,” said Selectwoman Linda Lincoln in a previous interview. “She has strong experience and knows the inner workings of small communities like ours.”
Robbins was expected to begin her role as Town Administrator on July 6. Later this month, the New Leader will have a full feature introducing her to readers.
Officials thank all search committee members, who overcame several challenges and worked through a pandemic. Despite the delay from the citizen's petition, they were still able to recommend a candidate within their initial projected window.
“The town is very fortunate, with the pandemic and all going on at this time, to have these volunteers stepping up,” said former Select Board chairman Clarence Snyder in a previous interview. Snyder did not seek re-election this past spring, but he was a major supporter of the administrator position.
For more information about town affairs, visit www.brookfieldma.us.

Spencer Police Association to hold golf tournament

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EDITORIAL

Keep it civil

One of the great things about being an American is the right to free speech. A recent uproar in a small community regarding a vulgar word prominently displayed for all to see on a main stretch of road prompted this editorial.

On commercial property, with specific sign ordinances, in a quaint New England town, there is a vulgar sign. One in which children of reading age, five and six years old, can easily look out the car window and sound it out and herein lies the problem. It's our job as adults, to set a high standard for our children and to protect them at all costs.


Now, while the First Amendment protects free speech, that does not include all speech, when it pertains to commercial or public property. Profanity is not always protected as well when it pertains to threats of incitement, fighting words, etc. or when used against a public official in a public forum.

Even so, just because you have the right to use profane language, does it mean you should? Can you get your point across without it? My father always told me there was a 'time and a place' for everything. If you know children could potentially see this profane language, is it the best choice to still put it on display? Further, not only should children not see this, but there are generations of people who come from a time when profanity could only be found in seedy areas of big cities. To them, it is even more offensive from the feedback we have received.

This is why movies, plays, music and books are given ratings, because then you have the choice on whether or not you or your children see it. In a public area, we think it's important to keep things classy, and set a better example as adults for our children. If you feel you need to use profanity in such a way, well sure that is your right, we all utter those words from time to time, however a display in a public place is a different animal.

Using a vulgar word, at the end of the day will not change anyone's mind about whatever it is you're upset about. It simply won't. Civil language is far more conducive to meaningful discussion and debate.

Dying in public has its hazards ...



POSITIVELY
SPEAKING

GARY W.
MOORE

One combination off them being I missed a publishing deadline for the first time in my life. I'm sorry. I'm on some heavy painkillers and anti-anxiety meds and my mind isn't quite as accurate as I'd like. I'm too late for a few of my publications but I'll give it my best shot.

I'm still here. I'm still writing. I'm still ringing the bell for positivity and optimism. For some, that's still good news. Unfortunately, for others, they'd rather my voice be silenced. My computer was hacked over the weekend and at the same time, my Facebook pages were all locked. Hopefully by the end of the day, all will be back up and running but as of now I'm only partially up.

Thank you for your understanding. As long as I am up and breathing, I will be back next week!

May God bless you all.

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truth, justice, and the American way

To the Editor:

In my youth, I watched "Superman" on TV and was told that he stood for truth, justice and the American way.

Well, in today's American way, one of my right leaning classmates suggested that they publish the name of the person who shot and killed the congress invader. I responded that they should have shot anyone who invaded the Capital and participated in what was a clear insurrection. Both grandfathers, my father, all of my uncles, both of my sons and one granddaughter USAF- current, have served in uniform. I take the defense of our nation seriously. My comment was deemed to violate FB guidelines, and I was locked out of commenting for 24 hours. I am unclear if this act was a political commentary, suggesting that this defender should be subject to harassment or assassination, or that my concept that the capital, in the midst of counting electoral votes, only deserves a severely measured resistance.

Maybe I and those who serve are naive in our beliefs in what is the American way.

Is it outlandish to think that we ought to be able to sort out who is eligible to vote, and do it in advance of election day? Shouldn't it be easy and expedient to actually cast a ballot? Does it seem right to not make sure voters must stand in lines for

hours, and not outlaw intimidating them while they do so? If Memorial Day, July 4th and Veterans Day are worth getting a holiday, should not practicing the very freedom they celebrate be as entitled to be so designated?

Even though there is no reason to put any credence in the outcome of the Arizona Cyber Ninja clown show, I can hardly wait to hear what the QAnon owner offers as a report. That said, every credible source, from Trump's security chief, to Mitch McConnell, Lindsey Graham and GOP state election boards nationwide, have presented exactly zero evidence of any significant fraud, and most of the instances of ballot harvesting, dead people voting and officials attempting to alter results, all favored the loser. It will be a sad day, indeed, when simply not liking election results creates a never ending circus, and becomes sufficient to force doubt on a system that has worked hundreds of years.

Between Citizens United, which allows special interests to spend any amount, gerrymandered voting districts, and the impediments being engineered to determine outcomes, it scares me to think this is the new American way.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

The precious present, part 2

To the Editor:

The boy was becoming a young man now, and felt a bit foolish for asking, and uncomfortable. The boy began to see that he was not achieving what he wanted. Again, he asked another question, is the Precious Present, a sunken treasure, rare gold coins buried by pirates long ago?

"No," the old man told him. "It is not."

The richness of the Precious Present is rare indeed, "but" the wealth of the present comes only from itself, within. The young man thought for a moment. Then he became annoyed. You told me the young man said "that anyone who receives such a present would be happy forever. I never got such a gift as a child. The old man gently corrected the young man, I'm afraid you don't understand the old man responded. You already know what the Precious Present is, you already know where to find it, and, you already know how it can make you happy. You knew it best when you were a younger child. You have simply forgotten in your adolescent years. The young man went away to think. But as time passed, he became frustrated and finally angry. He eventually confronted the old man.

"If you want me to be happy," the young man shouted, "why don't you just tell me what the Precious Present is? And where to find it?"

"Yes, exactly," the young man demanded.

"I would like to," the old man said. "But I do not have such power. No one does."

"Only you have the power to make yourself happy," the old man said. "Only you."

The precious present is not something that someone gives you; it is a

gift that you give yourself. The young man was confused, but determined. He made up his mind to resolve, to find the Precious Present himself. And so... He packed his bags. He left where he was and went elsewhere to look for the Precious Present.

After many frustrating years, the man grew tired of looking for the Precious Present. He had read all the latest books, and he had looked in the mirror, and into the faces of other people. He had wanted so much to find the precious present. He had gone to extraordinary lengths. He had looked for it at the tops of mountains and in cold dark caves. He had searched for it in dense, humid jungles, and underneath the seas, but it was all to no avail. His stressful search had exhausted him. He even became ill occasionally.

The man returned wearily to the old man's side. The old man was very happy to see him. They often laughed out loud together. The young man liked to be with the old man. He felt happy in the old mans presence. He guessed that this was because the old man felt happy with himself. It wasn't that the old man's life was so trouble-free. The old man didn't appear to have a lot of money. He seemed to be alone most of the time. In fact, there was no apparent reason why he was so much happier and healthier than most people. But happy he was, and so were those who spent time with him. Why does it feel so good to be with him?" the young man wondered. "Why?" Again, the young man left wondering. To be continued!

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

Filtered news

To the Editor:

It used to be you could believe the news. Nowadays, that is not the case even with local news stations. The news feed is being filtered to be aligned politically with the government's Progressive administration. It's not clear whether it's out of fear of cancellation and retribution from the FCC or from the owners of the networks. But it is clear that the news feed is being filtered to the public.

Take, for instance, the news from the 11 armed militia members recently arrested here on our highways. The news stories mention that they were all members of the group called "Rise of the Moors." For you who don't know who the Moors were, they were the Muslim Caliphate that dominated upper Africa in the Middle Ages. They tried pushing into the Christian Europe, but were repulsed by the Crusaders, so who is this group called "Rise of the Moors?" Well, if you read the filtered news, it tells you nothing about their makeup and goals. You see, the reason for this is, it's not politically correct to identify this. You see, they are are a Black Muslim group. It appears their im is to create a separate new Caliphate here in the United States controlled by blacks and with Shira law. They do not recognize

our laws. It's not politically correct to label them as a black supremacist group. I guess people of color cannot be supremacist, according to the Progressive politics. You notice none of this is in any news stories put out by the press. You can bet your top dollar that if it was 11 Proud Boys, there would be a banner headline of White Supremist Terror and the FBI flooding our state. But with the Moors, crickets. You see, this doesn't fit their narrative, so it is filtered, suppressed, and allowed to be washed away.

One of my daughter's friends is in the National Guard. He is a paratrooper. This is a young man ready to jump into harm's way from an airplane to defend our country. In the summer, they are usually sent to get special training to hone their skills. They usually get a stipend for doing this, which helps them out financially. They were told they would not get it this year. You see, all that money was spent to send the Guard down to enforce a perimeter around the Capital to protect the privileged. No money being spent to train and protect you. You don't see or hear any news stories about this. Why? Because it doesn't fit the Progressive political agenda.

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Don't let investments go on vacation



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Now that we've gained at least some space from the COVID-19 pandemic, summer travel is heating up. But while you might be eager to hit the road, you won't want your investments to take a vacation – you need them to work hard for you consistently. But how can you make this happen?

Here are some ideas:

Know your destination. "If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't matter which path you take." This bit of wisdom, paraphrased from the classic children's book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, may be appropriate for, say, hikers exploring a new landscape. But as an investor, it matters a great deal which path you take. If you only dabble in investing, occasionally putting some money into one investment or another, it will be difficult to build a portfolio that's consistently working in your best interest. It's important to create a long-term investment strategy based on where you want to go in life – that is, how long you plan to work, what sort of retirement lifestyle you envision, and so on.

Match goals with investments. Some investments are designed to achieve certain goals. To illustrate: When you contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you're investing for one specific, long-term goal: a comfortable retirement. While you can tap into these accounts for other purposes – though doing so might incur immediate taxes and penalties – they are designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. Similarly, you may have other investments for other purposes, such as a 529 education savings plan. Here's the key point: Goals-based investing, by its nature, can help ensure your portfolio is always working on your behalf, in the way you intended.

Invest for growth. Ideally, hard work produces results, and one of the main results you want from your investments is growth – that is, you want your investments to appreciate in value so they can eventually help you meet your goals. But if you are overconcentrated in vehicles such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities, you may end up lowering your growth potential. That's not to say that CDs and Treasury bills are in some sense "lazy." They can provide you with income and help you reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. But to achieve most of your goals, you'll need a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments working for you, with the exact percentage based on your needs and life stages.

Check your progress. How else can you ensure your investments aren't just taking it easy? By checking up on them. If you follow a buy-and-hold strategy, your portfolio shouldn't require many changes if it already reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Too much buying and selling could jeopardize your ability to follow a consistent, long-term strategy. However, "buy and hold" doesn't mean "buy and forget." By reviewing your portfolio at least once a year, you can determine if your investments are performing as they should. If they're not working for you as you'd like, you may need to make some changes.

If you're traveling this summer, relax and enjoy yourself – but keep those investments working hard.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How do you solve a problem like Maria?

To the Editor:
The “Great Awakening” of the 1740’s in America was marked by an explosion of personal religious fervor in many parts of the colonies which led, some historians say, to the willingness of significant numbers of colonials, thirty-five years later, to take up arms and fight for their independence from the King of England just as, theologically, they had resisted the doctrines of the established Anglo-American church of the times.

There was another such movement in the 1790’s known as the Second Great Awakening which, though not as transformative as the First, at least saw the re-emphasis among the so-called elite universities of the training and education of clergymen and missionaries. That’s right: Harvard, Dartmouth, Yale, etc. once served a useful and admirable purpose.

We may be witnessing the birthing of a third such “Awakening,” although not necessarily rooted in a spiritual or religious grounding. At present, this movement seems to be primarily preoccupied with cultural, educational, and, yes, moral concerns such as those raised by the imposition from the “progressive” left on society of radical—and deceitful—views of race, sex, culture, and history.

You would have had to have been away for the past few months ascending the snows of Kilimanjaro, or trekking along the rooftop of the world in Nepal to not have known of the incip-

ient rebellion breaking out in school board/committee meetings all across the country—or at least in “Flyover Country,” where real Americans live—staged by parents who have had enough of the Marxist indoctrination, overt racism, and gratuitous sexualization of their school-age children being forced upon them. If, by now, you don’t know what Critical Race Theory and a perverted “Health Education” curriculum produced by Planned Parenthood and those loveable gents over at the Mattachine Society means for your children (or grandchildren) and your country, then you’re asleep. If you don’t wake soon, you’ll miss the complete and utter collapse of the greatest Constitutional Republic in the history of the world.

As President Reagan said, “Freedom is a fragile thing and it’s never more than one generation away from extinction.” Unfortunately, thanks to 50 years of liberal hegemony in government and the institutions, this current generation of lazy, stupid, ill-educated, amoral, ungrateful, self-absorbed Americans are the ones most likely to lose it all: the freedoms, the opportunities, and the safety so uniquely enjoyed by most people blessed, over the past two centuries to have been born here.

But, there are those who, like Cassandra of Greek mythology, sense the danger and are trying desperately to rouse the sleepers and warn them of their certain fate if they don’t stand up

now and act.
Such is the case in neighboring North Brookfield where, God be praised, some folks are now, not “woke” but, rather, awoke, and, like their patriot predecessors from the area 245 years ago, are joining this anti-totalitarian, grassroots insurrection as it spreads, hopefully, to every “village and farm” in the land.

North Brookfield is an interesting story. A small, quiet, generally conservative and traditional New England town which twice was carried by President Trump, it nonetheless suffers from a highly problematical school situation which, in my opinion, results from being dominated at the admin and school board level by true-believing, ultra politically correct liberals who have made “social justice” their primary—if not only—concern while giving short shrift to true academic achievement.

Look at the record. From my perfunctory on-line research, I notice the North Brookfield children test out as proficient in reading and math at 34 and 32 percent, respectively. That alone should depress you. The town spends \$17,300 on average per student. For \$16,850 you can send your kid to St. John’s in Shrewsbury, where virtually all the students—if they took the same exams as the public schools—would prove to be at least proficient in reading and math. Teachers in North Brookfield average 12 students per class, a number which doesn’t seem an unbearable burden. The average teacher earns \$60,500 per year, not to mention supplemental benefits (even for the entire year in which they stayed home and hid out.) There are 570 students in the system, but, according to the recent article in the New Leader quoting the superintendent, 116 (!) potential students from the town are school-choiced out at other schools in other towns. To preside over this lackluster (I could think of a more appropriate term) enterprise, the town, in its congenial and trusting magnanimity, pays the current superintendent \$146,000 per year. Nice work if you can get it, and if you get it, won’t you tell me how! More and more frequently the term “rocket” seems to creep into my vocabulary.

If there are any residents in the town who are paying for this low quality product—other than the few activist already on the alert—and find themselves asking “What is going on?!” I would suggest you look no further than the school board that hires these people who oversee what appears to be abject failure, and, more specifically, the leader of the pack, the Chairman, Ms. Maria (whose last name escapes me at the moment) and who apparently sees herself as the indispensable savior of the town and its children and whose mission it is to as drag the Neanderthals of the town—the clear majority—kicking and screaming into the light of the brave new world where a handful of the elect will dictate to everyone else how they will live, and what they shall think, say, and do.

But these public servants, like Chairman Mao, sorry, I mean, Maria, are good people, they love “democracy”! Right, so long as they get what they want from it. They love it so much they can completely ignore the felt wishes of the community to keep their traditional school team nicknames and logo, and impose something entirely antiseptic and utterly uninspiring, like Tomcats, or Cool Cats, or Bobcats...or whatever the kids of No. Brookfield will henceforth have to call themselves. What? Ask the townspeople who pay all the bills to

weigh in on whether or not they’d like to keep the name “Indians?” No way. What if they chose wrong?

But, it’s in the area of Critical Race Theory (which you know they will deny they use as part of the curriculum) and a mandatory and totally degenerate sex-ed program for all ages which should alarm normal people the most. Surely, decent adults will be horrified to learn what is contained in both of these concerted efforts to indoctrinate and manipulate the emotions and convictions of these children who are viewed by the left as nothing more than lab rats. If, by the end of the experiment, the children don’t end up hating their country, their race, their religion, their parents and themselves, then the progressives will have failed. But, they don’t expect to fail.

Who to blame and hold accountable? I’ve already told you: those who sign on to these perfidious programs and who will carry out their implementation and dispense a toxic potion of racism, hatred, and historical illiteracy on a daily basis to the children of the town: teachers, principals, and superintendents.

But, none of it could happen without the enthusiastic—and mindless—support from the school committee. That’s where this woman, this Maria and her left wing co-conspirators come in. The buck stops with them. I wouldn’t know North Brookfield’s Maria from Maria von Trapp, but at least the song and dance routine Frau von Trapp did for us on the silver screen was fun and inspiring (thank you, Julie Andrews), while the radical socialist showboating of the completely out-of-touch and narcissistic North Brookfield School Committee with Dame Maria emulating Madame Defarge while playing the leading role is ugly and disgusting.

So, in answer to the question posed by the title of this brief note, you solve the problem of the Maria’s of the school committee by getting rid of them. Recall all of them who subscribe to these idiotic and malignant programs. Thank you, esteemed members, for your service, and now hit the road. They work for you, and not the other way around. Which, I can guarantee you, will come as news to them. And, above all, don’t cower before these people, be they teachers, administrators or the school committee. These are your children, for Pete’s sake, are you too timid and fearful to stand up for them? If you won’t fight for your own flesh and blood, what on earth—if anything—will you fight for?

A hundred years ago in your little town, many kids had to leave school after the eighth grade as they needed to assist on the farm or go to work to help support the family. I would bet everything I own they were all far better educated, stronger, kinder, more generous and worthwhile than the typical product coming out of the public school system these days—ruined, as it has been, by liberals who wreck everything—every single thing—over which they gain control. And it didn’t require \$17,000 per student per year to accomplish their quite excellent education.

If what we see and read about in North Brookfield and other towns in the once great Commonwealth is what one gets for one’s money, close ‘em down, give the kids vouchers, and let them find other ways to begin to get a real education. This isn’t working and shows no signs of ever again being able to do so. Recall them all!

For the children...

JOHN McRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

Your rights for your safety

To The Editor:
After bumbling his way through another speech, former Vice President, Whispering Joe Biden, announced that he is going to combat the latest string of violence by clamping down on our gun rights. To all of you who voted for him and took him at his word when he said he wasn’t going to come for our guns... See, I told you so. Imagine that — a career politician not keeping his word. As if to put mayonnaise frosting on a doggie-poo cake, he planned on appointing none other than, “You’re Damn Right I’m Coming for your AR-15,” Robert “Beto-Male” O’Rourke as his “Gun Czar.” Mr. O’Rourke, to you I say, Come and Take Them.

Just this past April, Biden stated, “No Amendment is absolute.” In the back of my mind, I knew this was just an inroad to attacking the Second Amendment, as well as the rest of the Constitution. My suspicions were confirmed when he doubled down with, “The Second Amendment, from the day it was passed, limited the type of people who could own a gun and what type of weapon you could own. You couldn’t buy a canon ... We’re not changing the Constitution, we’re enforcing it.” I’ve been told, by more than one line-toeing liberal, that Biden is a smart man... nay, a brilliant man! So, I suppose I must have misinterpreted the following: “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” How silly of me to think that the Framers of the Constitution, after having just beaten the British who wanted to regulated everything everyone owned right down to the tea they drank, would want to craft an amendment that would ensure, not grant, the right to own a firearm... any firearm. I should be able to park an Abrams (the tank, not that failed gubernatorial candidate from Georgia) in my front yard as long as I am not

threatening my neighbors or anyone driving by with it.

Biden continued his teleprompter tirade by mocking the Second Amendment, saying, “Those who say the ‘blood of patriots,’ you know, and all the stuff about how we’re going to have to move against the government. Well, the tree of liberty has not been watered with the blood of patriots. What’s happened is that there have never been, if you want to, think you need to have weapons to take on the government, you need F-15s and maybe some nuclear weapons.” If that’s the case, then explain to me why, on Jan. 6, the Capitol Building was supposedly “stormed” and “nearly taken over” by unarmed Trump supporters, making it worse than Pearl Harbor or 9/11. Just ask Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez; she’s in therapy and suffering from post-traumatic I was in a completely different building blocks away from the Capitol Syndrome. Far be it from me to say that she didn’t suffer some sort of traumatic experience, but I think most of it came from her own imagination.

Between the soaring prices for food and gas; the constant drip of Washington double-speak; a “president” who is, once again, bowing down to China; the extended wing of the Democrat party, also known as the mainstream media, sweeping all of Hunter Biden’s nefarious exploits under the rug (the laptop is real, his crack smoking is real, his racism is real... I could go on, but I want to save a few trees), I can’t imagine that there are still people blind enough to think that all is well. Need I mention the continued efforts to keep the different races at each other’s throats while they get away with murder in D.C.? Critical Race Theory, anyone? I’ll have more to say about that in a future submission.

MATHEW HERHOLZ
SPENCER

Chemical Free Solutions for Summer Ailments

Summer fun in the sun isn’t always as carefree as the season. Along with the sunny weather, such ailments as itchy skin and sunburns also make an annual appearance. While there are numerous commercial products on the market to treat such maladies, chemical concerns have prompted a resurrection of old fashioned “home remedy” treatments. Read on for some chemical free remedies to cure what ails you this season.

And remember readers, the Publick House contest has resumed! Send in your favorite tips and you could win a three course dinner for Two at the Publick House!

Please note the following suggestions are not intended as medical advice or treatment. Do not try these home remedies without consulting a health professional to make sure they are appropriate for you. Suggestions offered should not be used as a substitute for proper medical treatment.

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Problem: Motion Sickness

Solution: Location, location, location!

It’s vacation time, and nothing can put more of a damper on travel than motion sickness. Whether you’re riding in a car, plane or boat, chemical-free treatments can keep you feeling up



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less likely to get sick. If you’re on a boat, choose a seat on deck where you can see the movement of the water. In a car, sit up front to watch the road. If you are on a plane, sit above the wing where there is less turbulence.

And before you embark on your vacation, take a trip to the health food store for some powdered ginger. It can alleviate symptoms of motion sickness naturally.

As with any product you use for the first time if you have sensitive skin it can be best to test a small area first if you have never worked with the product before on your own body.

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Problem: Sore Sunburn

Solution: Reach for Pantry Products

If you think tea is just for sipping, think again. Studies show the tannic acid in tea naturally draws out the heat from a sunburn. For isolated areas, place a few wet tea bags directly on the burn and cover with gauze to hold in place. If you want to soothe a large area, drop a few tea bags in a bowl of

water, allow to steep and apply the cooled liquid to sunburn.

Milk can also help to soothe sunburned skin. Simply apply a compress of cool milk to the burn for about 20 minutes. Reapply after two to four hours. Also, try rubbing plain yogurt or honey lightly on burnt skin. One theory is that the yogurt and honey are effective because they both have the power of retarding the growth of some pathogenic bacteria. White household vinegar is another pantry product that can relieve sunburn pain quickly. Just pour a full cup in with your bathwater and have a good soak.

To promote the recovery of skin injuries (including sunburns), apply Seabuckthorn Oil:

Generously to the area and cover with dressing if necessary. Clean the area and reapply oil in 8 - 12 hours. Continue daily applications until healing process is well under way.

If you grow mint leaves, you have a virtual sunburn soother right in your own yard. Bring to a boil two cups of fresh mint leaves, three tea bags and four cups of water. Allow to simmer three to four minutes. Remove from heat and steep the mixture with the cover on the pot for a few minutes. Then strain liquid into a jar and allow to cool. To use, dip a cotton ball into mixture and dab over damaged skin for instant relief.

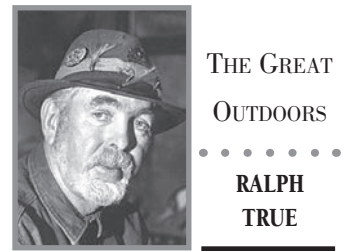
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Problem: Itchy Skin

Solution: Household Helpers

Once your sunburn finally subsides, the second stage of sunburn - itchy skin - kicks in. Worse yet, the urge to scratch can come from poison ivy or other allergies. Read on for some natural ways to treat the summer “itches.”

Oatmeal is the classic itch reliever, but before you dish out big bucks for a popular drugstore oatmeal bath product, why not skip the hype and use the basic ingredient? Just sprinkle one cup of uncooked oats into a running bath of lukewarm water. Soak for up to 20 minutes, exposing all affected skin to the oatmeal soak. If you insist on the very fine consistency of the commercial oatmeal soother, simply run your oatmeal in a food processor until it is powdered. Or just toss an oatmeal ball in your tub. Pack some dry oats into the foot of old pantyhose and tie off the end - it works as well as the expensive stuff, and there’s no mess to clog the drain! Still scratching? A simple vinegar bath has an impressive virtue: It can reduce itching naturally by maintaining the skin’s natural pH levels. Or why not whip up a homemade spray that not only relieves itchy skin on contact, but also refreshes and cools the skin? Pour into a spray bottle, one half cup water and one half cup



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Every morning, my two dogs — Twig, a yellow Labrador Retriever, and Molly, a 13-inch beagle — get me out of bed early to go outside. After they have taken care of business, they are brought to a fenced in area of my property. The Lab is great, but the beagle digs out of the fenced in area almost daily. The scent of cottontail rabbits is everywhere, and doing what she is bred for, she cannot resist the joy of chasing rabbits. There certainly is no shortage of these furry creatures, and listening to many local gardeners about the damage to their crops it is high priority to build fences to keep them out of the garden. The rabbits were few and far between for many years, but there is a population explosion in the last two or three years.

Molly cannot resist the urge to find the scent of the rabbits and track them down.

If she has a rabbit come into view on the other side of the fenced in area, she will bark and howl frantically. But when she gets her freedom to chase and track the rabbit, she runs silent. She is supposed to be vocal while tracking the rabbit, but she runs without a sound. I was hoping to hunt with her this fall on rabbits, but she needs to learn how to bark and trail the rabbit. I had run her on pheasant in the past few years, and she does the same thing with them. I think

if she runs with another dog, she may open up and be vocal, as she trails a rabbit or pheasant. I hope so!

This year, a nasty fly known as the horse fly, also called the green head horsefly is extremely abundant in local covers, and causing nasty bites if they are not killed when they land on the human skin. They can also become extremely aggressive to cattle and horses. Using some sprays like mosquito repellent can help, or wearing a net covering on your head can also help, but the sound of the large flies just buzzing your head, can become very annoying.

It is almost time for picking wild blueberries! This past week, while taking my two dogs for a run-in local cover I managed to find a few to eat, but the good picking high bush wild blueberry is still a week or two away. Be sure to wear long sleeve shirts and long pants when looking for wild blueberries. Mosquito repellent and a hat need to be worn to keep of all forms of bugs. You also need to be extremely careful of hornets or bee's nest. Bites from the latter two can be harmful to many people that are allergic to their bites. Be sure you bring along an epinephrine pen, especially if you are allergic to bug bites.

All insect bites are serious, more so for some than others and can cause life threatening reactions. Spider bites are also serious, so you need to check and treat all forms of bug bites as soon as possible. Tick bites are becoming more of a major

Chasing rabbits

health problem for humans and pets every year. They need to be spotted and removed as soon as possible, and leaving them on for more than 24 hours will often require a doctor's visit, and a prescription of dicyclomine to combat the bite will often be necessary. I know! I have had Lyme disease a couple of times. Every doctor treats a tick bite differently.

Fishing took a hard-hit last week with the extreme heat and remnants of hurricane Elsa. Freshwater fishing in streams, rivers & ponds will take a few days to improve, and saltwater fishing may take a bit longer, as the ocean settles down from the wind & rain. Last Friday, prior to the storm, the canal heated up with stripers chasing mackerel and other forms of bait fish, providing anglers with some great fishing for stripers. You need to be there at the right time!

Local Rod & Gun Clubs are planning their annual field days again. The Whitinsville Fish & Game clubs annual field day is planned for Sept. 18 this year. More dates will be published as they become available in the coming weeks. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club is holding a long overdue clam-bake this Saturday July 17. A few tickets were available as of this past week. Lobster, clams, chowder, littlenecks, clam cakes and corn are on the menu.

I found my wife's favorite receipt for baked stuffed flounder (fluke) this past week and decided to give it a try. I took two filets of fluke from the



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This week's picture shows five of the seabass this writer caught in Buzzards Bay last month. Commercial fishing for these fish opened this past week in Massachusetts. They can harvest 200 pounds daily.

freezer and stuffed them with a mixture of crabmeat, seasoned bread crumbs, a crushed ritz cracker, and a teaspoon of melted butter. Carefully placing a teaspoon of the mixture of crabmeat onto the fillets, salt and pepper, I gently rolled them up and secured

them with a toothpick. I placed the two fillets in my preheated toaster oven, and cooked them for 20 minutes. Delicious! I am going back this week to catch a couple more fluke, I hope!

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Still time to plant vegetables



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Now is the time to plan and plant vegetables for a bountiful fall harvest. Planting now extends the harvest season for greater yield without expanding the garden.

Start by looking for vacant spaces in the vegetable garden. Fill areas that were not planted this spring or replant rows of quick maturing vegetables like lettuce, spinach, radishes, and beets that have already been harvested. Expand your search to other vacant spaces in flowerbeds, mixed borders, and containers.

Select vegetables that will have sufficient time to reach maturity before your growing season ends. Simply count the number of days from planting to the date of the average first fall frost in your area. Those in frost-free areas can plant longer season crops that benefit from maturing during the cooler months of fall.

Second plantings can be started from seeds or plants, if available. Check the back of the seed packet or plant tag to find out how many days each plant variety needs to grow and produce. Add a few weeks to allow time for harvesting. As long as there is enough time for the seeds to sprout, grow, and produce before the end of your growing season,

they can be added to the garden.

Fill your late season garden with lots of variety. Include root crops like beets, carrots, radishes, and turnips. Greens like leaf lettuce, spinach, collards, kale, and chard provide the basis for a great fall salad and some make great additions to stir fries. Try onions, kohlrabi, cucumbers, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and sweet corn for some variety. Just make sure the seeds or transplants will have enough time to grow and produce.

Some vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts taste better when grown and harvested during cooler months. These along with other vegetables like spinach, mustard, lettuce, radishes, and leeks tolerate a light frost, giving you a longer harvest season.

Wait for the soil to cool before planting lettuce and other vegetable seeds that require cooler temperatures to germinate. Or start the plants indoors and move them into the garden as transplants. Help keep the soil cool by mulching plantings with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic mulch.

Water your gardens as needed throughout the season. New plantings will need a bit more attention when establishing roots during the hot summer months.

Extend the harvest season with a bit of frost protection or added warmth as needed. Cover plantings with floating row covers that allow light and water through while trapping heat around the plants.

Cold frames and high tunnels are



Photo Melinda Myers

For a fall harvest, plant areas in the garden that were not planted this spring or replant rows of quick maturing vegetables that have already been harvested.

other options that allow you to plant earlier and harvest longer. You will find ready-to-purchase options or instructions for creating your own season extending growing system.

Midsummer planting adds a few extra weeks, even months, to your harvest season. You will enjoy the garden-fresh flavor while benefiting from the increased nutritional value of your fall meals.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Collectibles market investing boom



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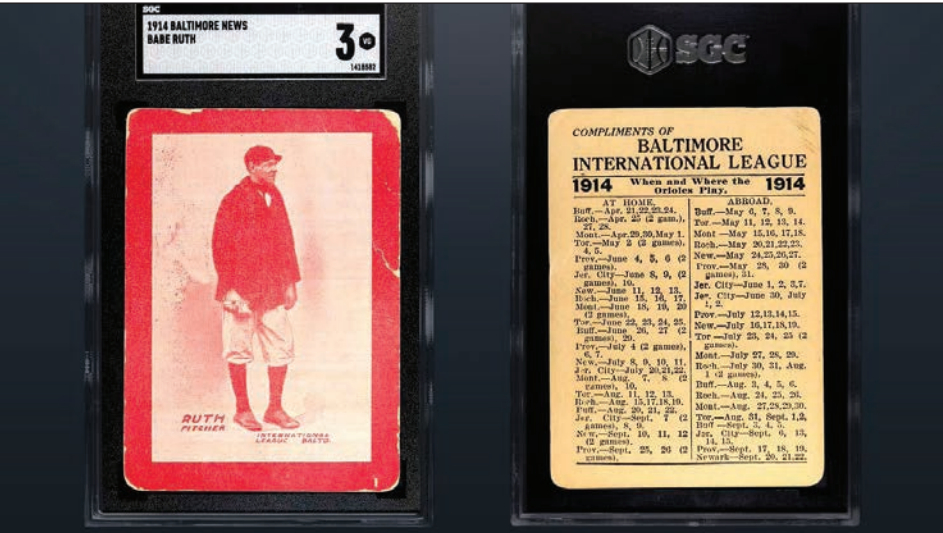
In recent columns, I've discussed how major investors are buying into the collectibles market. The trend is continuing, with one group of big-name investors purchasing an auction house and another group purchasing a coin and card grading company.

According to the Tampa Bay Times, "Sarasota's Certified Collectibles Group is selling a majority stake in its company to private equity firm Blackstone in a deal that puts the company's value at more than \$500 million." Blackstone's investors include NBA star Andre Iguodala, as well as rapper, song writer and music executive Jay-Z.

Other big-name investors recently purchased Goldin Auctions. According

to Yahoo News Ken Goldin "sold Goldin Auctions to Collectors Holdings, a group owned by New York Mets owner Steve Cohen, hedge fund billionaire Dan Sundheim and venture capital investor Nat Turner." The terms of the deal weren't disclosed. The Los Angeles Business Journal wrote that Goldin also made another deal recently. They've partnered with Barstool Sports. Barstool Sports' website describes it as "a sports & pop culture blog covering the latest news and viral highlights of each and every day with blogs, videos and podcasts." Goldin hopes to capitalize on Barstool Sports' mostly younger audience and attract them to invest in sports memorabilia.

Along with these major investments, the digital age is bringing change to the way sports collectibles are sold. Leaf, Upper Deck and other card manufacturers have inserted patches from uniforms or slices of game-used bats inside sports cards. When these cards were first produced over 20 years ago, collectors could own a small piece of Michael Jordan's jersey or a slice of Babe Ruth's bat. MarketWatch reported that small



investors are now able to own part of an item without having it literally sliced into pieces.

Collectable.com is offering the public an opportunity to invest in a \$6 million Babe Ruth rookie card in \$3 shares. According to MarketWatch, "Collectable is a platform that allows people to buy equity in memorabilia when they may not be able to afford the piece as a whole. This concept is similar to how brokerage firms like Robinhood offer fractional shares of public companies. Investors in the card can sell their fractional shares at any time, and if the card is outright sold at a higher price in the future, those investors would see a profit. The price per share of the collectible only changes when the item is sold, not on perceived value change."

The drawback that I see with this model is that you can only see a profit (or loss) when Collectable decides they want to sell the card. However, in my opinion, it is still much better than cutting up a bat or jersey.

I'm happy to announce that I'll be

returning to some in-person events soon. I'll be appraising items for the public at the John B. Gough House in Boylston, MA on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Looking ahead to the fall, I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path Evening School on Wednesday Nov. 10.

We have an exciting upcoming online auction featuring a Mickey Mantle card, a Roberto Clemente card as well as other baseball cards and memorabilia scheduled for August. Session 4 of our model trains, die-cast toys and models online auction will begin soon. Other events are also being scheduled. Visit our website for details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>.

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Friday's Child



Serenity
Age 13

Hi! My name is Serenity and I love working with animals and want to be a veterinarian!

Serenity is a curious and friendly girl of Caucasian descent. Serenity can be shy upon first meeting her, but once you start talking to her about her interests, she becomes much more talkative. Some of Serenity's favorite activities include being outside, at the beach, walking, going to the park, or staying inside and watching TV. She wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up because she loves working with animals.

Serenity is legally freed for adoption and would thrive in a home with a female caregiver and is ideally seeking a single female or two female household but is open to exploring a mother/father household. She should also be the only or the youngest child in the home. Serenity has an Open Adoption Agreement with her birth mother consisting of two visits per year. Interested families should be open to maintaining these visits.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

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rubbing alcohol. Add three to four drops of peppermint oil. Shake well before each use. If your sunburned skin is feeling tight and uncomfortable, slather on petroleum jelly, or just add a couple of tablespoons of olive oil to a warm bath to moisturize and soothe skin.

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Talking to him, it is evident that our army is being neutered and demoralized. Monies used for training to better equip our soldiers is being diverted to teach Critical Race Theory. Instead of giving them the tools to fight in combat, we are giving them reasons to doubt our country. What a great job Joe Biden is doing! Demoralizing our fighting forces while antagonizing our enemies by trying to push their global progressive values on sovereign countries. One thing we have learned from history is that to

If you're already itching from a poison ivy rash, try this thrifty alternative to calamine lotion: Believe it or not, some say an egg white solution can help the rash heal quicker! Just apply egg whites to the rash. Let it completely dry, then rinse off. Or apply a paste of baking soda to the skin to help clear up the itchy rash. And if you dare to try an unconventional approach to relieve the

itchies, try rubbing the skin with the inside of a banana peel to neutralize itch fast.

Problem: Too Hot to Handle
Solution: Common Sense Coolers

Did you know when you make your head cold, the chilled blood circulates and cools the rest of your body? The next time you need to cool off quick,

get us in a war with half our populace against it is a sure way to lose it.

If you get your news from the major news stations, just be aware that you are only hearing and seeing what they are allowed to show you. Investigate and go online to get alternate points of views. Listen to what your sons and daughters who are serving in the armed services are being forced to learn. Evaluate and know the real truth. Hopefully, you will know who to vote for in our next elections before it's too late.

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Brookfield to elect delegates to Democratic State Convention

BROOKFIELD — Democrats in Brookfield are invited to caucus Wednesday, July 21 at 7 p.m. to elect one delegate and one alternate to represent the town at the 2021 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. The caucus will take place online via Zoom. Register to participate at: brookfielddtc.org/event/2021caucus.

The state convention is planned for Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Tsongas Center, Lowell, to adopt the state's Democratic Party Platform for the next four years. It's a key opportunity to shape the future of the party and set expectations for Democratic candidates and elected officials in Massachusetts. The event will follow all federal, state and local health guidelines and will include a virtual option for par-

ticipation.

The caucus is open to all voters registered as Democrats in Brookfield. Youth who are 16 as of June 15, 2021 and pre-registered as Democrats will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Check or change your voter registration status online at: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>.

Applications will also be available for add-on delegates to represent historically underrepresented populations, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, people of color and emerging immigrant communities, and young people.

The Brookfield Democratic Town Committee works to

elect candidates and pass legislation to uphold Democratic ideals. Democrats believe every person has the right to live a full, meaningful life with equal access to opportunity, security, and inclusion, and that the government exists to empower people by providing high-quality public education, ensuring universal access to healthcare, protecting our environment, reducing income inequality, and guaranteeing equal rights and opportunity for all. Those interested in getting involved with the Brookfield Democratic Town Committee should contact Danielle Kane at brookfield.dtc@gmail.com or visit the Web site at brookfielddtc.org.

Summer Concert Series continues with Heavy Horses

SPENCER — The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission's 2021 Summer Concert Series continues from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 18 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer with Heavy Horses.

Heavy Horses was formed when some of the best Central Massachusetts musicians were looking for an excuse to get together on the same stage. They bring the best of golden age 70s rock, back when FM radio was king. Playing hits and deep cuts, showcasing amazing four

part harmonies and premier musicianship, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

Next up in this series that continues every Sunday through Aug. 22 will be Fender Road on July 25.

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EDUCATION

Leicester Middle School honor roll

LEICESTER — Leicester Middle School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

8th Grade High Honors

Kayla Bouchard, Dylan Delage, Ryan Delage, Kathryn Dolimount, Lorenzo Francis, Vivian Giles, Layla Gustin, Alexis Herbert, Jaden Jaillet, Jack Ledbetter, Alexander Ngo, Coddan Nguyen, Nicole Nguyen, Sedona Richard, Nya Santana, Jenna Savoie, Elizabeth Sosa.

7th Grade High Honors

Abigail Baker, Brandon Escobar, John Gahagan, Emily Hunt, Isabella LePoer, Christopher Moffat, Claudia Moisan, Nola Perry, Grace Price, McKenzie Settle, Tyler Williams, Dakota Zinkevich.

6th Grade High Honors

Kelsey Cole, Lena Dolen, David Johnson, Jeremy Ledbetter, Jacqueline Lyons, Ryder Mandella, Kaydi Marttila, Kaidyn McDowell, Rachel Nguyen, William Nguyen, Gianna Panepinto, Ashley Pereira.

5th Grade High Honors

Brady Bouchard, Jude Campbell, Isabella Cortes Florez, Zachary Couture, Haylee Kularski, William Loosemore, Julianna McCormick, Trinity Medeiros, Katarzyna Piascik, Desmond Strom.

8th Grade Honors

Sean Alves, MacKenzie Bowen, Jaiden Burrell, Jacob Cruz, Jacob Dolimount, Valerie Fanion, Corey Gaulin, Aynslei Holmes, Benjamin LaPointe, Madeline Milonis, Gia Norcia, Jordan Patterson, Dylan Raskett, Fatimah Robbins, Erick Rosado Soliver, Edward Rose, Brenna Savoie, Ella Smith, Shawn Wells, Cooper White.

7th Grade Honors

Kate Barbato, Alana Beando, Eryn Berkstresser, Avery Bullock, Dimitri Burt, Massimo Cascio, Adam Corriveau, Makenzie Cortes, Jacob Cosper, Sarah Dee, Shane Garrahie, Arianna Gonzalez, Brody Grant, Michael Hagglund, Rowen Hennessy, Natalia Kallio, Casey Knott, Savannah Lumb, Carlee McShera, Zoe Morales, Connor O'Brien, Rhaegan Perry, Cassidy Poce, Maxavier Rust, Alexander Samia, Lucas Sampaio, Maxwell Sealey, Jack

Skoglund, Jack Tuomenoksa, Nicole Tuson, Isabel van Lingen.

6th Grade Honors

Brady Bates, Jacob Beaulac, Jaxson Burrell, Alexa Butler, Margaret Dillon, Sierra LaCroix, Arianna Lemerise, Joshua McCormick, Nayeli Merino Canas, Laila Paquin, Ava Petruzzi, Jillian Rodrique, Taylor Rodrique, Madelyn Schrader, Hannah Spratt, Abigail Valinski, Mary Van Hazinga, Sabrina Wright.

5th Grade Honors

Jack Albro, Matthew Alves, Rory Barrett, Kennedy Bates, Emma Bernabei, Jonathan Ho, Riley Jones, Hailey Knott, Kobe Lavin, Zachary Macedo, Kyah McDowell, Charlotte Mercer, Max Milonis, Trevor Moorghen, Brandon Nguyen, Katherine Ozarowski, Alivia Perry, Romelle Romey, Nicholas Stuart, Shane Stuart, Andrew Sullivan, Ryan Sweeney, Jayke Williams, Brayden Wilson Thomas, Jameson Wood.

Worcester State University announces Dean's List

WORCESTER – Worcester State University congratulates the following local students on being named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of 2020.

Brookfield

Isabel S. Bartlett, Heidi M. Jackson, Jade E. Menard, Cayleigh L. Peterson, Mia E. Wilbur

Cherry Valley

Dima A. Arabi, Megan Gaucher, Elise M. Leveillee, Alison G. Milgate

East Brookfield

Emma J. Bain, Aidan L. Joyce

Leicester

Riane E. Anderson, Ryan P. Carney, Hawraa H. Chreim, Haylee D. DiLiddo, Kaitlyn R. Fitzsimmons, Patrick D. Gallant, Kelley A. Hall, Michaela R. Hippert, Efstathia Kapoukranidis, Konstantina Kapoukranidis, Kayley L. Laflamme, Josie R. Lavin, Mackenzie A. Lavin, Andrew H. Le, Judy Le, Anthony M. Madonna, Amelia M. McCarthy, Alex M. McCormack, Trevor V. Mott, Meagan M. Perro, Kyra N. Prouty, Evgenia Psarras, Alyssa M. Pupillo, Madison F. Seroter, Elyse A.

Whitemore

North Brookfield

Brodin P. Coughlin, Janet M. Fortune, Breana L. Joubert, Liberty H. MacMillan, Kari M. Mickunas, Madison J. Parker, Tory E. Zalauskas

Rochdale

Gina M. Endres, Kaylee M. Fleischer, Tracy A. Fortin, Joseph S. Hart, Callie Kmon, Alyssia L. Peloquin, Justin P. Turgeon

Spencer

Cameron T. Anderson, Megan G. Askew, Christina R. Berard, Liam J. Bowler, Colby S. Brennan, Shelby F. Brooks, Rachel M. Duda, Madison R. Gallagher-Gould, Jaymee L. Hayes, Alexandria J. Hensel-Werderitch, Abigail L. Meyer, Kayla A. Morrison, Jeffrey M. Morrissey, Margaret E. Mullaney, Cassidy R. Murphy, Johnny C. Nguyen, Nicole A. Ouellette, Michael D. Perro, Shawn A. Reniere, Samantha R. Sousa, Sarah K. Stepien, Ariana R. Strout, Rachael L. Thibeault, Logan J. White, Selena M. Wilson

West Brookfield

Angela M. Landino, Ian J. Merry, Leah J. Robillard

University of Maine announces spring 2021 Dean's List

ORONO, Maine — The University of Maine recognized 3,670 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the spring 2021 semester, including Mikayla Adams of North Brookfield, Madison-Riley Powell of Rochdale, and Sarah Delmonte and Allison Tytula of West Brookfield.

Of the students who made the Dean's List, 2,392 are from Maine, 1,195 are from 39 other states and 83 are from 35 countries other than the U.S.

Due to the unusual and challenging circumstances faced this semester amid the global pandemic, the university has modified its Dean's List policy for the spring 2021 term. The requirement that students earn 12 calculable credits to be eligible for Dean's List has been waived. Instead, students will be eligible if they earned a minimum of nine letter-graded (A-F on the transcript) credits for full-time students in addition to the criteria in the catalog. For part-time students

to be eligible, they must have earned at least six letter-graded credits across the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters, in addition to the criteria in the catalog for Part-time Dean's List. Courses with P/F grades selected by the student will not count toward the total of nine (for full-time) or six (for part-time).

Liam Flynn of West Brookfield to attend Clarkson University

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Liam Flynn of W. Brookfield will attend Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., as a member of the Class of 2025. Flynn, who will be majoring in Engineering & Management, will begin studying at Clarkson in the fall.

"We look forward to having Liam join us on campus in August," said Vice President for Enrollment & Student Advancement Brian T. Grant.

High school students can schedule a personalized visit to Clarkson, which includes things like a campus tour tailored to their interests and a visit with an admissions counselor. Students can always check out Clarkson's virtual viewbook & interactive campus map. Just contact the Admissions Office at admission@clarkson.edu.

As a private, national research university, Clarkson is a leader in technological education and sustainable economic development through teaching, scholarship, research and innovation. We ignite personal connections across academic fields and industries to create the entrepreneurial mindset, knowledge and intellectual curiosity needed to innovate world-relevant solutions and cultivate the leaders of tomorrow. With its main campus located in Potsdam, N.Y., and additional graduate program and research facilities in the New York Capital Region, Beacon, N.Y., and New York City, Clarkson educates 4,300 students across 95 rigorous programs of study in engineering, business, the arts, education, sciences and health professions. Our alumni earn salaries that are among the top 2 percent in the nation and realize accelerated career growth. One in five already leads as a CEO, senior executive or owner of a company.

LEGALS

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Worcester Probate
and Family Court
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Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO21C0290CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:**

**John Christopher Cormican-Kobel
A Petition to Change Name of Adult
has been filed by John Christopher
Cormican-Kobel of Spencer MA
requesting that the court enter a
Decree changing their name to:
John Christopher Cormican**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Any person may appear for purposes
of objecting to the petition by
filing an appearance at: Worcester
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10:00 a.m. on the return day of
07/27/2021. This is NOT a hearing
date, but a deadline by which you
must file a written appearance if you**

**object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,
First Justice of this Court.**

Date: June 28, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

July 16, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P0847EA
Estate of:
Barry A Carpe, Sr.
Date Of Death: 12/29/2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner **Deborah A Carpe of East
Brookfield, MA**
Deborah A Carpe of East Brookfield, MA
has been informally appointed as the
Personal Representative of the estate
to serve with surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered un-

der informal procedure by the Personal
Representative under the Massachu-
setts Uniform Probate Code without
supervision by the Court. Inventory
and accounts are not required to be
filed with the Court, but interested parties
are entitled to notice regarding the
administration from the Personal Rep-
resentative and can petition the Court
in any matter relating to the estate,
including distribution of assets and
expenses of administration. Interest-
ed parties are entitled to petition the
Court to institute formal proceedings
and to obtain orders terminating or re-
stricting the powers of Personal Rep-
resentatives appointed under informal
procedure. A copy of the Petition and
Will, if any, can be obtained from the
Petitioner.
July 16, 2021

**Brookfield Planning Board
Notice of Public Hearing**

At a regularly scheduled Brookfield
Planning Board meeting on Wednes-
day, August 4, 2021, a public hearing

will be held starting at 6:45 p.m. or as
soon thereafter as can be heard at the
Banquet Hall of the Town Hall, 6 Cen-
tral Street, to review the following, pur-
suant to M.G.L., Chapter 40, Section
15C:

The applicant of record, Steve
Bressette of Summit Engineering &
Surveying, Inc., 710 Main Street, North
Oxford, MA, seeks permission to re-
move portions of existing stone walls
on the Town of Brookfield's right of way
fronting property at 5 Molasses Hill
Road, a Scenic Road, to facilitate the
creation of two curb cuts onto the prop-
erty. Said property is owned by Tyler
J. M. Latour of 9 Molasses Hill Road,
Brookfield, and is shown on the Town
of Brookfield's Assessor's Map 4B,
Parcel 19.B.

Any persons interested in or wishing to
be heard on this application should ap-
pear at the time and place designated.
Sharon Mahoney, Chair
Brookfield Planning Board
July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021



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SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplaced Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 24' Master w/ Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$549,900.00**



DUDLEY - 10 Camelot Circle 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath, 2,520' Center Hall Colonial featuring an In-Ground Pool on a 28,131' Lot! Tile Entry Foyer w/ Guest Closet! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Spacious Dining Area, Tile Flr, Pantry Closet, Recessed & Pendant Lighting! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Chair Rail! Formal Liv Rm w/Crown Molding! 13.6X27' Fam Rm w/Fireplace w/Wood Pellet Insert, Soaring Cathedral Ceiling, Ceiling Fans & Skylight! Half Bath! 3 Season Porch! 1st Flr Laundry! The 2nd Floor w/4 Bdrms! Spacious Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Vanity! C/Air & Vac! 2 Car Garage! Fire Pit! Many Updates! Original Owner - Pride of Ownership! **\$509,900.00**

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Beautiful Stone faced. 8 room Colonial, 4 bedroom, 3 Full baths, one Half bath. Stone fireplace, 2236 Sq. Ft. living area. Walk up attic. 2 car garage. Heated by Natural Gas, Town Water, assisted sale **\$660,000.**

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

12:22 a.m.: fire alarm (Adams Street), referred; 6:36 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 8:19 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), found baby bird; 8:27 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), vandalism w/mv; 8:47 a.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), spoken to; 8:47 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street), re: harassment; 10:17 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 10:50 a.m.: accident (Marble Road), truck vs pole; 11:05 a.m.: disabled mv (Church Street), assisted; 11:57 a.m. 911 call (Wildwood Lane), misdial; 12:10 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 12:22 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), mv carrier dragging ramp; 12:28 p.m.: residential alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 1:31 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 1:41 p.m.: restraining order service (Elm Street); 1:57 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 2:50 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:16 p.m.: restraining order service (Church Street); 4:20 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:26 p.m.: suspicious persons (Pleasant Street), investigated; 4:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), req. welfare check; 4:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), generator not working; 5:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), weather advisory for lifeguards; 5:19 p.m.: DPW call (Borkum Road), log-hanging wire; 5:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), re: small bird; 5:25 p.m.: accident (Bacon Hill Road), report taken; 5:43 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Cranberry Meadow Road), no contact; 5:49 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:28 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 6:39 p.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 6:47 p.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), limb on wires; 8:26 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Clinton Hospital CT down; 8:53 p.m.: disabled mv (Chickering Road), assisted; 9:14 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 10:37 p.m.: suspicious persons (Craig Road), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 0).

THURSDAY, JULY 1

12:39 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:52 a.m.: parking violation (High Street), ticket issued; 12:59 a.m.: vandalism (Elm Street), mv window broken; 1:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:07 a.m.: suspicious mv (Charlton Road), investigated; 1:17 a.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), spoken to; 3:24 a.m.: medical/general (R. Jones Road), lift assist; 7:52 a.m.: mv complaint (Howe Village), erratic operator; 8:57 a.m.: mv complaint (South Spencer Road), speeding; 9:12 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:24 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 9:42 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:26 a.m.: restraining order service (G.H. Wilson Road); 11:32 a.m.: 911 call (North Brookfield Road), hang-up; 12:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Bell Street), stray cat; 12:16 p.m.: medical/general (East Charlton Road); 12:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), re: harassment; 2:36 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), info taken; 2:41 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 2:45 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:06 p.m.: 911 call (Donnelly Cross Road), accidental; 3:52 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Deer Run Road), no con-

tact; 6:13 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), mailbox key found; 6:50 p.m.: medical/overdose (Tom Casey Road); 7:29 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 8:06 p.m.: medical/general (Sherry Lane); 8:20 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), almost struck pedestrian; 8:25 p.m.: fraud (High Street), unauth. use SS#; 8:41 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), hydrant blocked; 9:00 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), Trevin K. Kelley, 26, 19 Bixby Trail Terrace, Spencer, warrant X 3, arrest; 10:22 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), no action necessary; (Total daily mv stops – 7).

FRIDAY, JULY 2

12:34 a.m.: accident (Wire Village Road), mv hit utility pole/left scene; 7:48 a.m.: sex offender registration/monthly (West Main Street), assisted; 9:22 a.m.: elderly matter (Howe Village), services rendered; 11:45 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 12:27 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:47 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 12:54 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:18 p.m.: DPW call (Chickering Road), limb on wires; 2:04 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:07 p.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), loose cows; 3:17 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), concern for employee; 3:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), apt. lock-out; 3:54 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 4:11 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 5:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), tenant issue; 5:58 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:38 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: mv title issues; 8:23 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), wallet found; 10:14 p.m.: disturbance (Greenville Street), explosion heard; 10:34 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

SATURDAY, JULY 3

1:31 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), courtesy transport; 3:20 a.m.: fire alarm (South Spencer Road), referred; 1:47 p.m.: DPW call (Chickering Road), branch on wires; 4:16 p.m.: fire alarm (Crestview Drive), referred; 4:31 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 5:17 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), wrong-way driver; 6:27 p.m.: medical/general (Marble Road); 7:21 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 7:59 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Main Street), fireworks at high school; 8:28-10:18 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

SUNDAY, JULY 4

12:24 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 12:42 a.m.: officer wanted (Gold Nugget Road), tree partially blocking road; 12:42-1:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:05 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 3:31 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 8:27 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), pregnant fem/SOB; 9:38 a.m.: accident (Olde Main Street), bike vs mv; 9:55 a.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 10:41 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), phone line down; 10:46 a.m.: fireworks complaint (Chestnut Street); lit fw in roadway; 11:10 a.m.: 911 call (High Street), open line; 12:29 p.m.: lost/found (Greenville Street), DL found; 1:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), rep. of assault; 2:21 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 2:34 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 3:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street),

Police seek help identifying suspected shoplifter



SPENCER – Police are asking for the public's help in identifying a person of interest at the scene of a theft last week.

The incident occurred on July 8 at the Liquor Barn (133 Main St., Spencer). The business reported that a bottle of Hennessy Cognac was stolen from the store.

As of press time, police were still attempting to identify a man appearing in surveillance footage at the store. The man was listed as a person of interest in the investigation.

Anyone who may have information on the incident is asked to call Officer Shea at 508-885-6333.

loose rooster; 3:45 p.m.: fireworks complaint/2 (Lake Street); 6:01 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:22 p.m.: DPW call (Chickering Road), leaning utility pole; 6:39 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 7:17 p.m.: 911 call (Oakland Drive), misdial; 7:37 p.m.: fire/rescue (Route 49), canoeist in water; 8:21 p.m.: disturbance (Marble Road), noise complaint; 8:30 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 8:52-9:25 p.m.: fireworks complaints (Church, Main, Mechanic streets, Bixby, Buteau roads); 9:46 p.m.: suspicious persons (Adams Street), investigated; 9:54 p.m.: medical/general (Duggan Street); 9:59 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Cherry Street); 10:30 p.m.: suspicious persons (South Spencer Road), heard yells for help; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

MONDAY, JULY 5

12:01-2:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:44 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 7:11 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), barking dog; 8:53 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv drove over septic system; 10:05 a.m.: fire alarm (Grove Street), referred; 12:27 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 1:03 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), earrings found; 1:46 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 2:44 p.m.: mv complaint (Rene Drive), speeding; 3:12 p.m.: mv lockout (East Charlton Road), assisted; 3:38 p.m.: RV complaint (McCormick Road), spoken to; 4:33 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 4:36 p.m.: medica/general (Pleasant Street); 4:42 p.m.: larceny (Charlton Road), theft from job site; 4:51 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), missing dog; 5:03 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:16 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:45 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lloyd Dyer Drive), no contact; 7:22 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), acci-

dental; 7:33 p.m.: juvenile matter (South Street), concern for young fem; 8:58 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Main Street), near DQ; 9:19 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Elm Street); 9:52 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mechanic Street), investigated; 10:26 p.m.: 911 call (Charlton Road), misdial; 10:38 p.m.: medical/general (G.H. Wilson Road), (Total daily mv stops – 5).

TUESDAY, JULY 6

12:15-12:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:35 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 9:11 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost ID; 9:18 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 10:06 a.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 10:34 a.m.: medical/general (Bond Street); 10:35 a.m.: elderly matter (Howe Village), welfare check; 11:10 a.m.: juvenile matter (G.H. Wilson Road), welfare check; 11:13 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), gas payment dispute; 11:47 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: restraining order info; 11:56 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 1:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Hastings Road), dead rabbit; 1:42 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 2:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), mv tampered with; 2:56 p.m.: DPW call (Chickering Road), tree leaning over road; 3:45 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 4:19 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 4:19 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:33 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:53 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), rep. identity theft; 5:09 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 6:57 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:05 p.m.: mv complaint (Brooks Pond Road), speeding/unsafe operation; 8:30 p.m.: lost/found (Smithville Road), lost clutch; 9:28 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, JULY 1

1:46 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 2:50 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 3:28 a.m.: mutual aid (R. Jones Road, Spencer), no action required; 5:11 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 7:53 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), no action required; 11:33 a.m.: child abuse/neglect (Cemetery Road), report taken; 2:42 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), mv towed; 4:00 p.m.: harassment (Lakeview Drive), report taken; 5:12 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

2:57 p.m.: runaway (Main Street), spoken to; 4:00 p.m.: fraud (Stafford Street), report taken; 5:26 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), spoken to.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

2:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 4:16 a.m.: mutual aid (Northbridge

Police), no action required; 8:19 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 11:54 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, mv towed; 1:32 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 3:51 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street), unable to serve; 5:11 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street), served; 8:53 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), mv towed; 9:24 p.m.: disturbance (Homestead Lane), unable to locate; 9:45 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), no action required.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

6:17 a.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), assisted; 9:32 a.m.: larceny (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, report taken; 11:47 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Chapel Street), no action required; 4:26 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 4:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:32 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 10:11 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), no action required; 10:47 p.m.: disturbance (Bottomly Avenue), unfounded; 11:03 p.m.: accident (Marshall Street), John Oliver Webb, 109 Pleasant Street, #109, Paxton, OUI liquor/2nd offense, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, arrest.

MONDAY, JULY 5

12:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:22 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), no action required; 1:17 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street),

no action required; 4:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Carleton Road), spoken to; 4:54 p.m.: investigation (Carleton Road), services rendered; 5:20 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), unable to locate; 6:22 p.m.: assist citizen (Pakr Lane), spoken to; 7:09 p.m.: erratic operator (Paxton Street), spoken to; 8:10 p.m.: assist other PD (Laflash Lane), no action required; 10:00 p.m.: disturbance (Rawson Street), unable to locate; 11:20 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), assisted; 11:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:59 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

12:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:27 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 12:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:03 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 5:17 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 8:44 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), no action required; 11:11 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:17

p.m.: accident (Chapel Street), mv towed; 3:47 p.m.: welfare check (Spring Street), services rendered; 4:44 p.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street); 6:42 p.m.: restraining order service (Pleasant Street), unable to serve; 9:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

12:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:47 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:04 a.m.: suspicious activity (Paxton Street), spoken to; 1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:26 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:54 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 9:25 a.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street), services rendered; 12:13 p.m.: accident (Auburn Street), report taken; 1:42 p.m.: disabled mv (Soojians Drive), assisted; 1:49 p.m.: larceny (Soojians Drive), report taken; 3:21 p.m.: welfare check (Winslow Avenue), spoken to; 5:25 p.m.: disturbance (Waite Street), no action required; 11:44 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning.



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