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In-person classes resume at area schools

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – It's back to class this week for students in the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, following a two-week hiatus due to COVID-19.

Schools were closed from Jan. 5-18. In a letter released to the community last week, SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey informed parents and students that schools would reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

"The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District received guidance from local and state officials – including the State Epidemiologist – that it is now safe to reopen our schools," Haughey wrote.

In-person classes were expected to resume for all of the district's schools on Jan. 19. Moving forward, the district will continue with the alternating hybrid education schedule, with certain days designated as remote learning days. This will allow all buildings and equipment to be properly sanitized.

Earlier this month, following a rash of positive COVID-19 tests among district staff members, Haughey and his team made the decision to briefly re-enter fully remote learning. On Jan. 4, more than 14 staff members or close contacts of students had tested positive for the virus. Several additional contacts had reported symptoms but hadn't received their test results.

Looking ahead, school officials urge the entire community to follow health guidelines so schools and businesses can stay open. With the holiday season behind us – and vaccinations continuing in stages – local officials are hopeful that the rate of COVID-19 community spread will decline.

Meanwhile, school leaders continue to work with health specialists to monitor daily conditions and make challenging decisions.

"We continue to follow sound protocols aligned with expert health guidance to ensure we are doing everything we can to protect the health of our staff, students, and families," Haughey added. "During the temporary closure, our custodial staff thoroughly cleaned and disinfected all classrooms and common areas across each of our school buildings."

All students, educators, and staff members are required to wear face coverings at school, unless medically or otherwise exempted. Social distancing and frequent hand-washing are also urged to help diminish the spread.

Parents are reminded that the battle against COVID-19 starts at home. If your child is displaying symptoms of the virus, take precautions and avoid sending your child to school.

The primary symptoms of COVID-19 are shortness of breath, coughing, and fever or chills. Other symptoms include congestion, sore throat, nausea, abdominal pain, body aches, and loss of taste or smell.

"We look forward to reopening the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District and resuming in-person teaching and learning," Haughey said. "I encourage everyone to continue doing their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses in our learning community."

Guardians are also reminded to have contingency plans in place, as COVID-19 conditions can change quickly. The fully remote learning option is available to district leaders throughout the year, if conditions worsen again.

For local tax expert, it's about more than numbers

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Few people are fluent in tax language; fewer still enjoy the process of making tax-related preparations. But for one local business owner, her mastery of the field has allowed her to help residents navigate an often slippery slope.

Danielle Perron belongs to a unique cadre of local experts who look forward to the dreaded tax season. Her business, Everyday Business & Tax Solutions, is located in Leicester's Northeast Pizza plaza (1205 Main St.). She has been in operation for more than two years, and she is always eager to assist residents seeking guidance.

"I love tax language, but I surely know that's not the case for everyone," Perron said. "One of my favorite parts of being a tax professional is the opportunity to help taxpayers understand their taxes and what factors into their refund or tax due. [I enjoy] helping them plan for any changes ahead and making them feel confident in knowing how their changes will affect their bottom line."

The business specializes in personal and business tax preparation, payroll services, and bookkeeping. Having served as a tax preparer for ten years, Perron has gained experience across multiple categories that adds to her versatile skill set.

But unlike many specialists in her field, it's not all about the numbers for Perron.

"I value the time and attention spent with clients just as much as the work itself. I wanted to create a space where taxpayers of all levels and complexities would feel comfortable opening up about their individual situations," Perron said. "A lot can change from one year to the next, and having a tax



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Danielle Perron's business keeps her plenty busy during tax season.

preparer who takes the time to listen can make all the difference in making sure you are getting everything you are eligible for."

Having earned the designation of Enrolled Agent, Perron is able to practice before the IRS, represent taxpayers facing audits, and prepare returns of all types. For residents who aren't comfortable with managing their taxes or don't have the time – or those who might be facing action from the IRS – Perron is eager to step in and help.

"Just consider me your tax land tour guide, navigating around income and deductions and keeping an eagle eye out for any potential potholes in the road ahead."

Perron holds the following hours of operation during tax season: Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-7 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fridays from 9 a.m.-4

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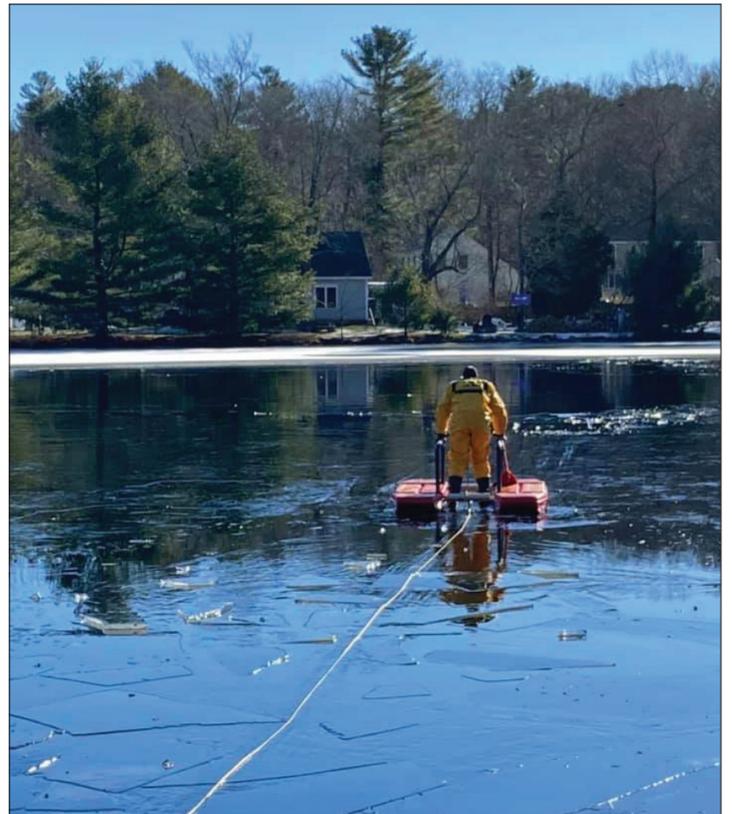


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Spencer firefighters take part in an ice rescue training session last week.

Local firefighters train for ice rescues

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Firefighters have been operating on thin ice this month to prepare themselves for rescue situations.

During the past two weekends, members of the Spencer Fire Department have conducted ice rescue trainings on Thompson Pond. The department trains extensively each year on its equipment and procedures, enabling rescuers to jump into action during an emergency.

"There is a lot of equipment and training that's involved. Everyone has prior training, so this is a refresher we give every winter," said Fire Chief Robert Parsons.

The fire department uses a specialized sled that was developed right here in Spencer by former resident Robert Beer. The apparatus, developed several years ago, is now in use around the world. It allows rescuers to distribute their

weight during responses on thin ice; the sled also features flotation capabilities.

Additionally, the fire department uses immersion suits that help combat frigid waters during rescues. The combination of equipment and apparel enables rescuers to brave challenging conditions.

"All of the equipment works extremely well. Years ago, they used to throw a ladder or ropes to someone in the water. Things are a lot different now," Parsons said.

Of course, first responders also have to be trained on how to rescue our four-legged friends. Earlier this winter, Spencer firefighters joined their counterparts in North Brookfield to rescue a deer that had fallen through thin ice on Lake Lashaway. Firefighters have also seen plenty of dog rescues over the years.

Looking ahead, firefighters are ...
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East Brookfield firefighters receive COVID vaccine

EAST BROOKFIELD – Several members of the fire department were able to receive the first of two COVID-19 vaccinations last week.

On Jan. 13, a vaccine clinic was held for local first responders at Auburn High School. The clinic was a regional effort that served fire departments, police departments, EMS services, and communications specialists from throughout the area.

First responders attending the clinic represented Auburn, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Mendon, North Brookfield, and Uxbridge.

Auburn Fire Department paramedics and nurses from the Auburn Public Schools administered the vaccine.



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East Brookfield firefighters and several other local first responders received COVID-19 vaccinations last week.

Testing leftover seeds for viability

The beginning of a new year finds many gardeners preparing for the growing season ahead. Clearing space to start seeds indoors, inventorying seeds and supplies, and ordering seeds, plants, and more are usually part of the process.



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flowers, and yarrow for three to five years; monarda four years, and calendula for four to six years.

But the longer you grow plants, the more likely you are to push the limits. This often results in unexpected success or valuable insight for future gardening endeavors.

When in doubt use this quick-and-easy test to see if your seeds will sprout. Place ten seeds on a damp paper towel. Roll up the towel with seeds inside, place in a plastic bag and store in a warm location.

After a week or so, unwrap the paper towel and check the seeds for sprouting. If nothing has happened, rewrap the seeds and wait a few more days.

If all the seeds have sprouted, you have 100% germination and can plant the seeds as recommended on the package. If only half the seeds sprout, for example, you will need to plant the seeds twice as close together to compensate for the lower germination rate.

The sprouted seeds can be planted indoors or out depending on the time of year, available space, and your climate.

If none of the seeds sprout, consider breaking out the glue and getting the family involved in turning these leftover seeds into works of art. Select a variety of sizes, shapes, and colors to create your masterpiece on wood or heavyweight card stock. Large seeds



Photo Melinda Myers

Older seeds may still sprout, but it is likely there will be a reduction in the success rate.

like beans, peas and corn are easy for crafters of all ages to handle. Use tweezers for finer seeds that add detail and texture to your creation.

Testing seeds now can help you save money when placing your seed order. You can focus your planting budget on new seeds and supplement with your existing inventory.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *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 and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Leicester police arrest two men following pursuit

LEICESTER – Two suspects are facing multiple charges following a police pursuit last week.

The Jan. 14 incident began at approximately 2 p.m., when Leicester police officers observed a vehicle that had been reported stolen out of Spencer earlier in the week. The vehicle was spotted on Route 9 in Cherry Valley.

Police attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver turned onto Church Street and then Boyd Street. The vehicle ultimately ran off the roadway, police said, and two suspects fled the scene on foot.

One suspect was located by Leicester police detectives in the area of the Princeton Street and Towtaid Street intersection. The other suspect ran into the woods, requiring the deployment of the State Police K-9 unit and the Central

Mass. Law Enforcement Council's drone team.

The second suspect was eventually apprehended by authorities.

Late last week, police announced the suspects as Tyrone Valentine, of Boston (passenger), and Elgan Webster of Southbridge (driver).

Both suspects are facing multiple motor vehicle charges. Valentine is facing additional narcotics charges.



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New director takes the reins at North Brookfield Senior Center

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – No one can ever fill the shoes of the late Diane Nichols, but new Senior Center Director Sharon Donovan is working hard to support residents through a challenging time.

Donovan was chosen to head the North Brookfield Council on Aging in November, following the untimely passing of Nichols earlier in the fall. Donovan not only inherited a senior community reeling from the loss of its director, but also struggling to navigate the pandemic.

Over the last several weeks, Donovan and her team have jumped in and faced the array of challenges. It's already been a punishing winter for seniors, but they have confidence in their leadership team moving forward.

"The unexpected October passing of beloved COA Director, Diane Nichols, left the North Brookfield Senior Center without her spirited leadership and legacy of excellence for the first time in her many years of service," Donovan said. "While a handful of dedicated volunteers continued to distribute free Hannaford bread and goodies to seniors on Tuesday mornings – and some seniors continued for a while with a guided exercise class one day a

week in the parking lot – regularly scheduled programming at the Center pretty much came to a hard stop."

For Donovan, the thought of seniors feeling isolated and disconnected from their community this winter was unbearable. Determined to ensure the continuity of vital services and community relationships, she was eager to announce her candidacy for the position.

"Our seniors want and deserve local access to vital services. [They want] to connect with their friends and neighbors, and to experience that strong sense of belonging that ensures seniors are thriving – not just surviving – in our community," Donovan said. "As with many small towns in Massachusetts, the Senior Center provides these important services and experiences, so it's vital that they remain open and operating as safely as possible."

Donovan recently produced a state-mandated Senior Center reopening plan. The document was presented to the Boards of Health and Selectmen for their consideration. Donovan believes her extensive experience in senior services helped greatly with this process, and she looks forward to leading the Senior Center into better months ahead.

"I believed in my heart of hearts that my credentials,

background, and passion for service to our community were just the right fit, and that I could continue to build upon Diane's legacy of excellence here if I were honored enough to be selected," Donovan said.

After earning a graduate degree in healthcare management, Donovan has enjoyed a lengthy career in healthcare administration, senior care marketing, and small business development. She has also worked in commercial and investment real estate consulting, large-scale property management, and community-building and programming.

Donovan's many years of experience across multiple sectors have prepared her well for the challenges ahead. She has recently earned several certifications on safe senior operations during the era of COVID-19.

Donovan's training sessions and certifications included the following categories: food safety manager certification and COVID-19 precaution training; ServeSafe takeout certification; and ServeSafe delivery certification.

"I'll be able to competently oversee all aspects of food preparation protocol and service when we resume kitchen operations to help ensure our guests are safe and protected," Donovan added.

One of Donovan's main goals

this winter is to keep seniors informed. The Center's monthly newsletter has been a helpful tool, featuring information on ways seniors can stay connected. The newsletter also promotes the volunteer work being done through the pandemic to assist residents.

"As we reflect on this year in which we've had to face so many unforeseen challenges, including the loss of our beloved Senior Center Director Diane Nichols, let us also take a moment to appreciate the many ways our community has come together in this time of need," Donovan wrote in the December 2020 issue of the newsletter.

Even though the pandemic has kept many seniors apart, several groups have utilized masks and social distancing to continue seeing each other. The Senior Center's Queens Knitting Group has taken on projects this winter, and seniors have also been active with donations and volunteerism.

Additionally, virtual activities and local cable channel senior programming have helped seniors stay engaged with their friends and the community. These programs will continue through the winter to prevent seniors from feeling isolated.

"Think of this type of programming as just one more

way folks can participate in classes and informational sessions that won't require live attendance," Donovan said. "I would love to hear from you about the types of programs and events you'd like to see in the new year. Together, we could create a fun and interesting calendar of programs and events geared toward those aged 50-plus."

The Senior Center also recently announced that Diana Byron, of Dhyana Yoga and Wellness, will prepare a lineup of programs for the new year. These include five 45-minute guided meditation sessions designed to help relieve stress.

Senior Center officials are tentatively planning to reopen on Monday, Feb. 1. Plans are subject to change based on COVID-19 conditions.

Masks and social distancing will be required when guests return. Senior Center officials are working with health leaders to establish additional safety protocols for reopening.

"Let's stay diligent and make sure we each do our part to keep one another safe and healthy," Donovan said.

For more information about upcoming events, call the Senior Center at 508-867-0220.

The Center is located at 29 Forest St.

School District steps up to keep students fed

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With financial hardships on the rise and local food pantries strained, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District has stepped up to assist struggling families.

The district has provided far more than education to students during the pandemic. Since March 23 of last year (shortly after the COVID-19 crisis began to rapidly expand in local communities), the SEBRSD has served more than 64,367 meals to students.

Since the first day of school in September, the district has served 46,037 meals. School officials thank everyone involved in the preparation and distribution efforts for their hard work in helping families in need, especially the district's Food Service Department.

"Year to date, our Food Service Department has served more breakfast this year than in the past three years combined," read a statement released by SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey.

School-distributed meals are already assembled upon distribution; they can then be heated and served. Daily breakfasts and lunches are provided together in a paper bag.

District leaders are grateful for the

efforts of staff members eager to help. With several parents losing jobs or hours due to the virus, food insecurity continues to mount this winter. Families and seniors have had an especially difficult time; many guardians have had to make career sacrifices to be available for remote learning.

"We know it's been a challenging year. However, we are so happy about the progress we have made as a department within the regional school district," read the statement released by Superintendent Haughey. "We are humbled and grateful for the opportunity to provide our families with this essential service."

If you have questions about food services provided by the school district, please reach out to the SEBRSD's Food Service Director, Brianne Pulver. She can be reached at 774-200-7162, or by email at pulverb@sebrsd.org.

District officials also thank parents and students for their cooperation and patience over the last year. The district had to return to fully remote learning this month due to several positive COVID-19 tests among staff members. This led to even more sacrifices made by weary guardians and students, including the loss of some sports seasons.

"Thank you again for allowing us to be of service to you," read the SEBRSD statement. "We deeply appreciate your partnership and support."

Nichols College students named to Fall 2020 Honors List

DUDLEY — Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley have achieved Dean's List or President's List honors during the fall 2020 semester.

The Dean's List and President's List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

Emma Barnes of East Brookfield has achieved Dean's List honors.

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Anthony Ellis of Rochdale has achieved Dean's List honors.

Nicole Murray of Brookfield has achieved Dean's List honors.

Jocelyn Nace of Spencer has achieved Dean's List honors.

Connor Niddrie of Leicester has achieved Dean's List honors.

Adam Phillips of Brookfield has achieved President's List honors.

Cody Roberts of North Brookfield has achieved President's List honors.

Julian Torres of Rochdale has achieved President's List honors.

Alexandria Bolduc of Spencer has achieved Dean's List honors.

Charles Courtney of Spencer has achieved Dean's List honors.

Reece McLeod of Leicester has achieved Dean's List honors.

Anastasia Noyes of Spencer has achieved President's List honors.

Demitria Wrobel of West Brookfield has achieved President's List honors.

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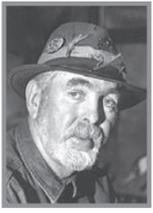
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Just when we think we are going to have safe ice, Mother Nature decides to take it all away with a good rainstorm and mild temperatures. With only five weeks left for making safe ice locally, ice fishing is going to be another short season. Trying some fishing on the Cape ponds with Rod & reel is a good way to get out & do some fishing. Some of the ponds that are a short drive from the valley include Hamblin Pond, Cliff Pond, and Mashpee Pond. They are heavily stocked with trout in the spring & fall.

Hamblin Pond is a favorite of mine, and has provided some great trout fishing all season long. Fishing at the beach area at Hamblin, is the best, and launching a small boat or Kayak is easy. Be sure to wear your life preserver if you are fishing from a boat. The beach area has a slow shallow draft, and wearing a good pair of waders can have you right into some impressive trout, which consist mainly of Rainbow & Brook trout. Shiners and grubs are the ideal bait for catching trout, not to forget the Power Bait line.

Massachusetts Wildlife

recently signed a conservation restriction in the towns of Shutesbury, Pelham, & Leverett. The 2,038-acre parcel of property will ensure that the land will be open to the public, for all outdoor activities for many years to come. The land is known as the Walter Cowsls Jones Working Forest.

The latest report on the Massachusetts 2020 deer harvest for 2020, came close to breaking the 2018 deer harvest record, with archers again having the highest number of deer harvested. The numbers are as follows: Youth deer hunt 120, Paraplegic hunt 2, Archery 6,552, Shotgun 4,855, Primitive arms, 2,802, for a state total of 14,331. The numbers are preliminary, and could change a bit. Unfortunately, the cross-bow bill did not pass again last year.

This writer reported on the planned increase in the saltwater fishing license for 2022 in Mass. & raising the free license to 70 years old. Increases in the regular hunting and fishing license are also on the table for 2022. I understand that there will be a virtual meeting for license holders on zoom or some other site, for those that may have any comments on the planned increases in the coming weeks. Stay Tuned!

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club membership chairperson Janice Neitz has set up a Venmo account for membership renewal this year because of the pandemic. You can e-mail her at uxmembersh@



gmail.com if you have any questions. The club has also set out new application forms at the club that can be picked up any day. They need to be filled out and mailed or brought to the club with your check. Your 2021 membership can be picked up the following week.

The pond Chairman, Ed Gervis, reported that the pond will be stocked with trout this Friday. Depending on the ice condition of the pond, fishing may or may not start the same

day. Be sure to check the signs at the pond, that show the pond is open or closed. Stay off of unsafe ice! Many clubs in the valley will not be stocking there pond this year because of unsafe ice. The spring derbys are still being planned!

Steelhead fishing in upstate New York was a bit slow, but started to pick up this week, according to Fat Nancy's Tackle Shop in Pulaski, N.Y. You need to be in top physical shape to do any type of fishing

at this time of year, especially fishing on the Salmon River. For those that can make a trip to New York to fish for Steel Head, the rewards are great. This week's picture shows local legend, Dan Southwick with a nice steel head caught on an earlier trip.

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Reach across the aisle in the spirit of Lincoln

I don't think I'll find many that will disagree that our nation is in turmoil. From an election that a large minority of our friends and neighbors feel was stolen, to an assault on our nation's Capital, the concern about what will come next is eerie.

There has never been a more important moment than now for both sides, red and blue, liberal and conservative, to consider the attitude and wisdom of Abraham Lincoln ...

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds ..."

We are on a dangerous path, only a few steps away from a point of no return. Let's not take those last few steps.

Can it begin now, with us? We need a peaceful transfer of power without any hitches and we need a new administration that enters office in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln.

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Yes, our nation is wounded. Anything less than this attitude carries the potential of lighting a powder keg. It's a matter of choice at this moment. President-Elect Joe Biden can calm his supporters and move forward with malice towards none and with charity for all. Extremists on the side of the left are using words like, 'purge' and 'punish-

ment' when talking about those on the right who supported President Trump. Make no mistake about it, President Trump has acted like a petulant child in the weeks leading up to the attack on our Capital. His careless words were and are dangerous.

I implore us all, red or blue, liberal or conservative, to abandon the violent and angry rhetoric and come together as friends and neighbors. We may see the world differently ... but we are still friends and neighbors.

I was taught a valuable lesson by my former, Pastor, Dr. Dan Boone. I was CEO who was at odds with a business competitor. We both attended the same church and the aggressive businessman within me was screaming, "Go in for the kill" and I easily could have. I had a clear advantage, and I could have ended my competitor's business. Over lunch. My pastor said, "Oh. I'm wondering if you'd do me a favor."

I assured him that I would. He then told me of a local business that was in trouble and asked, "Will you pray for Tom and Mary? (not real names) "There business is in trouble and a failure will cause them to lose everything." He was of course talking about my competitor.

I gave my word and prayed for them daily. My attitude changed. I found a way that my success would not cause their failure. I have never regretted the decision to back off. My prayers for a competitor created compassion and an



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invaluable realization. Life isn't a zero-sum game. For one side to win the other doesn't have to lose. I'll admit that I didn't vote for President-Elect Joe Biden, but now he's first on my daily prayer list.

Even if you were a candidate, your success in life didn't depend on this election. Your personal happiness wasn't destroyed or created by who won or lost. Your happiness is a choice. If you are angry and miserable, it is because you chose to be so.

I happened upon a delightful movie on Netflix this week. "Full Count" is a story of a young athlete's success that was unfairly stolen from him and how he deals with his future. After many twists and turns he comes to a life changing realization. "Life isn't going to make you happy. Your happiness is going to make your life." Lots of wisdom in those words.

So, what's my point? The election is over. On January 20, 2021, a new administration will take office. Let us stop being Biden or Trump supporters and be supporters of our country and each other. For those of you who pray, I'm asking you to join me in praying for peace and unity.

First, let's pray for the health of our new President and administration, let's pray for wisdom to move our country successfully forward and for compassion for, and from, our new leadership.

Let's also pray for President Trump and his supporters. Pray that he will

come to terms with his loss and move forward the rest of his life using his influence for the good of all. I pray he takes a lesson from the example set by former President Jimmy Carter.

If you're not a praying person, set aside what anger you feel for your fellow citizens. Extend kind thoughts and words for all regardless of which candidate they supported. If your candidate won, rejoice ... but please do not think of revenge or getting even. If your candidate lost, pray for the success of the new administration.

Do not allow your joy to turn into vindictiveness nor let your disappointment turn to violence. We can do better ... and will.

Only our adversaries benefit by our division and failure, while the entire world benefits from the unity and success of the United States of America. Don't allow the actions of extremists on either side to extinguish the beacon of democracy.

Will you join me in prayer and positive words and actions?

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

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Assumption students named to Dean's List

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WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those students named to the University's Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Due to the pandemic, this fall semester was divided into two accelerated seven-week terms.

- Local students include:
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"This semester, our students faced unprecedented challenges due to the global pandemic," said Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., president of Assumption College. "Following a rapid transition to remote learning, students adapted to the new form of education delivery amid difficult circumstances. The Assumption community is proud of these students who, despite the distractions of the COVID-19 situation, were able to remain focused and maintain a commitment to their academic pro-

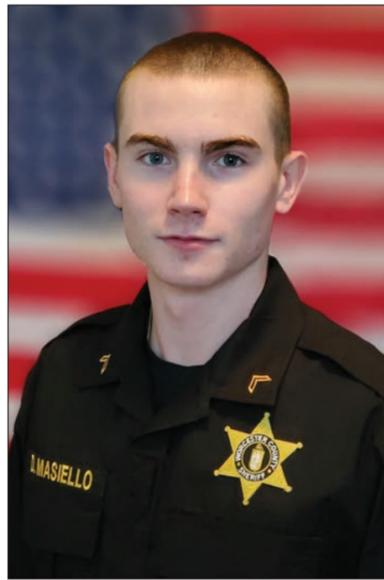
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North Brookfield resident completes training as correctional officer



Dylan Masiello

WEST BOYLSTON — Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis has announced the graduation of Basic Recruit Training Academy #54. It is the second class of recruits to graduate from the sheriff's department training academy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 54th graduating class includes 14 new correctional officers, with four members who are military or still-serving reservists in the United States Army and Army National Guard.

Among the newest class of correctional officers is Officer Dylan Masiello of North Brookfield. Masiello was also the recipient of the Paul J. Westberg

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During his tenure, Evangelidis has made significant changes to the hiring standards in order to professionalize the department. All correctional officer applicants must have, at minimum, an associates degree or at least two years of military service. They must also take and pass a written exam, physical fitness test, background check and psychological screening test. United States military applicants are given priority status in the hiring process.

"Our new officers have met the highest hiring standards in corrections today and have completed the finest training academy in Massachusetts," said Evangelidis. "Corrections is a hard job with significant challenges, our success although difficult to quantify will be measured by the crimes that are never committed in our community."

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the recruits avoided the formal cadence style entrance, presenting of the colors and customary pinning. Unlike previous ceremonies, there were no invited guests in attendance. Instead, a private, socially distanced and masked graduation ceremony provided by Sheriff Evangelidis was held on the grounds of the Sheriff's Department.

"I am incredibly proud of our new officers, not only did our 54th graduating class persevere through a global pandemic to complete their training, but they now enter the field of corrections overseeing the care, custody and control of our inmate population, many who are in the recovery phase from the ravages of an on-going opioid epidemic as well," said Evangelidis.



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Recent studies have suggested that Vitamin D is one way to build our immune systems against inflammation and viruses, including COVID-19. During summer months, it's easy to get our daily dose by eating fresh fruit and vegetables and by spending more time outdoors. However, with winter brings a challenge with shorter days and the ability to absorb the much needed vitamin.

During a trek to the top of a mountain last week, we met a doctor who went on to explain how, during winter months, the Vitamin D the sun gives off does not radiate to the levels high enough for our bodies to absorb it. He suggested taking Vitamin D supplements until about April, advice he takes himself. We can also find vitamin D in oily fish, mushrooms and certain dairy products.

Individuals who live in the Northeast during winter at higher latitudes are at higher risk of having a deficiency in the vitamin. Experts say adults should get at least 600 IU per day of Vitamin D.

It was during the 1980's when it was discovered that our immune cells had receptors for Vitamin D, and that it played a crucial role in the gastrointestinal tract. Experts suggest that the more vitamin D in your system, the less likely you will suffer from inflammatory bowel disease or Crohn's disease. Lung and gut health was also improved. Vitamin D offers aid to the gut by keeping the micro-biome healthy.

Of course, with all things, do not go overboard. It is recommended that individuals do not take more than 4,000IU per day to avoid any toxic side effects. Vitamin D aids in calcium absorption, so if those levels spike, calcium levels may spike, affecting the kidney. As with all things, always check with your doctor before taking any supplements.

On another note, this winter seems to be flying by for some of us. The holidays seem to have come and gone in a flash. We are just two weeks away from what many call the longest month of the winter, the dreaded February. Usually temperatures drop well below zero, and stay there for far too long. However, we find that if you embrace these winter months, enjoy your snowy walks and hot cocoa you might actually find yourself missing these chilly, refreshing days when the extreme heat hits this summer.

LETTERS

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VIEWPOINT

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Where do our legislators stand?

To the Editor:
 As representatives of Grassroots Central Mass., we are looking to our state legislators to publicly air their views on what happened in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 6. This isn't a partisan issue.

We need leaders to be accountable and to clearly state their views on major events. When they don't express their beliefs publicly, they aren't doing their jobs.

It is important to know if our legislators believe the Nov. 3 election was legal and fair. It is hard to know how our state representatives and senators think and feel as Americans about the breach of the Capitol if we haven't publicly been informed.

We will be watching for our legislators to express their views to all of us on these issues. We encourage residents to join us in calling for their legislators to stand up publicly as leaders.

When our representatives don't make themselves transparent, how can we hope for unity? Sincerely,

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Tears for conservative snowflakes

To the Editor:
 Some time ago, Mr. McRae told us that the virus is nothing to worry about; just the flu. Recently, Mr. Robillard told us that the virus is just the flu. Mr. McRae lamented that "conservative" voices are disrespected since there was a disclaimer on Mr. Robillard's article. I think that better handling of the Robillard letter would have been to not publish it.

Back when Mr. McRae's letter was published, maybe you could say that there was some ambivalence about the virulence of COVID-19. There is no longer an excuse for Mr. Robillard's statement. This gross misinformation about the pandemic should not be tolerated, since it can affect public health. Hopefully, nobody believes the statement. I laughed out loud when I read "I'm an engineer" when he launched into his analysis of masks, so I didn't get as far as noticing "just the flu" or the disclaimer.

400,000 people have died of this so far in the USA. It's obvious that we are going to break through 500,000 easily. This is not "just the flu."

These two people are misinformed by Trump and his media, who repeat the "only the flu" statement. I suppose they may not be idiots, but they cannot make informed statements when they do not have access to the truth. I'm certain they both believe "the election was stolen", too, but that's another issue.

Trump was interviewed by Bob Woodward, who was writing a book about him. Bob has a recording of Trump saying that the virus is five times as fatal as the flu. Of course, Trump, for reasons of his own, told a different story to the nation. One of the justifications of his lie was

that he "didn't want to scare people", like we're not grownups. Back then, I thought he had just been ignoring his briefings, so I was surprised that he actually knew and acknowledged (privately) that the virus was deadly. He was hoping the virus would "go away," which was another commonly repeated public statement.

I am betting that Robillard and McRae never heard that recording, which is why they continue to make and support dangerous statements. Woodward's book was not flattering, so right wing media must have ignored it. If they heard that recording and still repeat the lie, though, it's despicable.

I know that Trump has said that nobody is dying from the virus. These two writers listen exclusively to Trump and his media, so that's what they believe. His argument was that doctors get paid more if they say someone died of COVID so they lie about the cause of death. That's interesting. Do they get more if someone dies of a heart attack vs. cancer, say? Hmmm. Maybe it's just COVID. Who pays the bonus money? The hospital? The insurance companies? Ah, I know; it's ANTIFA! What a joke. Actually, it's not a joke since 400,000 people are dead, and 3,000 to 4,000 are dying per day. The allegation is a mendacious lie about hard working doctors and nurses.

Robillard made some snarky comment about liberals not being able to handle math. So, Mr. Robillard, 400,000 are dead. How does that compare to the flu. Can you and/or McRae add?

ALLAN JOHANNESSEN
 LEICESTER

Good riddance!

To the Editor:
 I have a feeling Mr. Biagetti is going to be waiting a very long time for Mr. Berthiaume to respond. I am sure Mr. Berthiaume reads this newspaper, and I am sure he is smart enough to ignore both Mr. Biagetti and Mr. Trump until they both go away.

I have long said that politics is a team sport, and it is clear by the way our politicians act, especially as we follow them through the years. Politics makes odd bed fellows as they say and I am sure it has been uncomfortable to be waving the GOP flag in the years since Donald Trump jumped onto the scene. Any person with the wherewithal to hold public office has to know that Trump was uniquely unqualified and outright dangerous to hold public office... Yet, Trump appealed to the same base other Republicans needed so they couldn't denounce him and at times were playing a game to show how much they loved our dictator-wannabe.

We all should have demanded that Republican elected officials at all levels - including State Rep - denounce President Trump, publicly support the impeachment and removal, or leave the party. Politics is a team sport - is President Trump what you who you want as a mascot? Are the images and videos of the Capitol storming how you want us to remember what the GOP stands for? Political parties are about shared values - it is long

past time to either functionally expel Donald Trump and say, "he does not represent us" or it is time for you to leave the party and start your own party.

Silence is violence. Silence is tacit approval.

Mr. Berthiaume, do you approve of President Trump's behavior, misinformation, refusal to concede the election he lost and incitement from Nov. 8 through Jan. 20? We're waiting...

Mr. Durant, do you approve of President Trump's behavior, misinformation, refusal to concede the election he lost and incitement from Nov. 8 through Jan. 20? We're waiting...

For a well-functioning single-member plurality style electoral system, we need two functional parties. Now, I understand that Mr. Berthiaume and Mr. Durant have no desire to be Democrats - in normal times they don't share values with the Democrats but of course in the age of an attempted autogolpe by Trump one would have hoped for a temporary alliance with the constitution over a cult-leader, yet silence...

As we come off our second week without the misinformation deluge coming from @realdonaldtrump, the spell should be wearing off. As we collectively snap out of the Trump era, we need to be demanding that our system start functioning again. The misinformation has to stop.

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Pre-retirees: Plan now for health care costs



FINANCIAL FOCUS
 JEFF BURDICK

If you're close to retirement, you'll have several financial issues to consider. But you'll want to pay attention to one of the most important of these issues: health care costs. How can you prepare yourself for these expenses? First, get an early start on estimating health care costs. More than two-thirds of those planning to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their health and long-term care costs will be in retirement, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And some people don't worry much about these costs, which may be considerable, thinking that Medicare will pay for most of them.

While Medicare does cover many medical expenses, it also has its own costs. You probably won't pay a premium for Part A (inpatient/hospital coverage), since you likely had this cost deducted from your paycheck when you were working. But if you are hospitalized, you'll have to pay deductibles and coinsurance (the percentage of costs you pay after you've paid your deductible). Part B (doctor's visits) requires a premium, deducted from your Social Security checks, and you must pay an out-of-pocket deductible. After you meet this deductible for the year, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for most doctor's services. And when you enroll in Part D (prescription drug plan), you will likely also have to pay a monthly premium, an annual deductible and coinsurance or copays.

To help pay for the Medicare deductible, coinsurance and copayments, you may want to get supplemental insurance, known as Medigap. Premiums for Medigap vary, depending on the plan you choose.

As an alternative to original Medicare, you could select Medicare Advantage (sometimes called Part C). Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private companies approved by Medicare, but the benefits and costs vary by plan. These plans generally will incorporate Medicare Parts A and B and will provide additional medical coverage, such as prescription drugs.

When you incorporate all the above, the annual out-of-pocket costs for traditional medical expenses likely will be about \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person - not insignificant, but certainly a number that can be addressed by careful planning.

But there's one more expense to keep in mind: long-term care. The average cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. And Medicare typically pays few of these expenses.

Clearly, between regular medical costs associated with Medicare or those not covered by it, and costs resulting from the possible need for long-term care, your health care bills can mount. To meet these costs, you need to plan ahead - and take action.

For example, it's essential that you incorporate health care expenses into your overall financial strategy. You can also work with a financial professional to run some "what-if" analyses to see if your strategy would be derailed by a potential long-term care stay. And the professional you work with may be able to suggest specific protection vehicles that can help you meet the costs of long-term care.

The best time to prepare for your health care costs during retirement is well before you retire. So, if you haven't already started, now is the time to do so. When it comes to paying for health care, the fewer surprises, the better.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Konrad Adenauer?

To the Editor:

Angela Merkel and her party, the conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU), have governed Germany since 2005. Sometimes she and the CDU have governed alone, but most often it has governed in partnership with social democrat, liberal and/or other conservative parties. All German parties, except the far right and left, put governing the country well first. Most political and governance specialists rate Merkel as the best Western leader of her generation (and our now ex-President Trump the absolute worst "real" and terrible reasons why he-like no other-has been impeached twice and Covid-10 continues to rampage).

This letter does not so much concern Merkel, but the origin of her political party the conservative - yet open to cooperate with others, Christian Democratic Union.

The CDU emerged out of the ashes out of Hitler's racist, ethnic cleansing, right wing, fascist (initially weakened democratic) rule.

More than anyone else, Konrad Adenauer established the CDU. Before Hitler rose to power in Germany, Adenauer, by election, governed a region that included the city of Cologne Germany. Initially, he attempted to cooperate with Hitler and his fascist supporters and enablers. However, He soon understood their agenda and

Stand up for truth

To the Editor:

I don't know about everyone else, but I am well beyond fed up with lies and alternate truth. Virtually every patriotic American that I know was sickened watching the show that went on in Washington, D. C. on Jan. 6. Our Capitol had not fallen to enemies, foreign or domestic, in over 200 years. In this instance, the atrocity was the work of the sitting president. The lie was that there was reason to question the validity of our national election.

This administration's cyber security chief was fired for stating that we had conducted the most secure election in history.

Every single instance where a "swing state" voted for the Democratic ticket was subjected to extreme scrutiny, recounts, sometimes multiple investigations. Every single state was certified.

We have been fairly successful at holding elections for about 240 years. While I have heard stories of improprieties in the past (one of my old favorites is the two party operatives collecting names off gravestones; when they came upon a name with most of the letters in the alphabet, one of them said "Do we really need this one?" His co-worker replied "He is as entitled to his vote as anyone else in this cemetery"), I have high confidence that these scenarios are largely addressed and corrected.

For most of my adult life, my mother, a registered Republican, sat beside a registered Democrat as they checked off that they were handing ballots to registered voters or receiving those completed ballots in the voting machine.. While I do recall voting in machines the size of industrial freezers, where you moved a handle that closed the curtain behind you and had levers to flip to register your vote, which occurred when you moved back the handle that opened the curtain, as well as the Florida "hanging chad" issue with punch card voting, it is my belief that virtually all ballots are now space darkened ballots that can be easily recounted at will.

While I did hope that the Georgia officials, who the President had asked to alter their vote count after a third count, had gone ahead and declared that Trump had won by one vote, then released the taped conversation. When Sen. Cruz voiced that there was "much speculation" about the validity of the election, I had to agree with the statement, while not the veracity of the contention. After all, I had heard it dozens of times from the President and echoes from his minions. I had also gained knowledge that these instances would all be addressed in court. It is my understanding that about half of the 62 cases were withdrawn when judges, from both parties, made it clear that they had things to do and no tolerance for frivolous cases that wasted their time, and would advise the bar association of any such behavior. Most of the rest that were heard, were dismissed as frivolous when it was clear they lacked actual evidence. I believe two cases were won, and gained the Trump cause over two dozen votes, but well short of the threshold for changing any outcome.

Even with all possible cooperation from the Republican swing states, honesty, patriotism and scrutiny, prompted all 50 of the states to certify their election counts and award their electors and results dictated.. It was the occasion of the counting of those electoral votes which prompted its disruption. A rational and thinking person, might ask, even if they had hung Mike Pence, killed Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer, and destroyed the envelopes, that contained the certified

resigned from public office (as did say, Jeff Flake). Hitler's government twice "locked him up." The second time, he barely escaped with his life (as possibly did Pelosi and Pence during the takeover of our Capital by Trump incited "insurrectionists").

When World War II ended, Adenauer gathered together conservatives of conscience and values (like, say, McCain, Murkowski, Kinzinger, and Liz Chaney) to form the Christian Democratic Union political party.

(Chaney, it seems, began the effort to have 10 former Secretaries of Defense, including her father, verify the election of Biden and prevent Trump from involving the military in our election processes.)

Adenauer/CDU efforts, with cooperation from other parties and "civil" society led to the re-establishment of (West) Germany, the redevelopment of its' economy and the fruit of our "Greatest Generation," the creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union (even if, according to General Kelly, Trump really considers our soldiers "suckers and losers").

Adenauer and the CDU, from the debris of WWII, also made and paved the German road to success. Then later Merkel and her CDU turned it into a well-functioning, inclusive, and most

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Oh, the incompetence!

To the Editor:

As I've reflected on the recent sweeping actions by Big Tech, it struck me as odd that five CEO's even could gang up on Donald Trump, then the sitting president, and his 88 million Twitter followers. While Trumpsters have been whining online about free speech, it stems from the assumption that the only way for Trump to communicate is Twitter, and then Big Tech ganged up on the obvious Twitter alternative.

Amazon kicked Parler off the internet and Parler filed a federal lawsuit accusing Amazon of anti-trust violations but of course that will take months to work its way through the courts. Amazon Web Services runs 45 percent of the Internet, which hardly seems like a monopoly. Of course, there is neo-Nazi content on the internet, White Supremacist content, Holocaust denial, instructions on how to build weapons and bombs, illegal internet gambling, and just about anything else one would think would be banned... Yet, Donald Trump is wiped off the internet... Seems odd...

Countries such as Iran have web servers and I've run web servers out of my basement before. Hillary Clinton even had an email server in her basement. This isn't rocket science, so how did a few CEO's wipe Donald Trump from the internet? Answer: Gross incompe-

tence and arrogance.

Trump is incredibly non-strategic for this to have happened to him. He depended on Twitter, a private company he didn't control, for his political survival. As it turns out, he had aids years ago that identified a permanent ban from Twitter as a major risk to him and urged him to move to Parler for his musings while maintaining a Twitter account as to not lose followers. The plan was for Trump to post to Parler, then 1 hour later an aid would copy & paste to Twitter. The reason for the delay was to encourage his supporters to move to Parler. Having the same information and following base, two places would remove Twitter's "single point failure" which turned out to be their leverage. After this plan was presented to Trump, he wanted no part in it. He liked Twitter. It is almost as if he was too dumb and un-strategic to see the risk depending on Twitter posed to him.

Why hasn't he gotten a VKontakte (Russian Facebook) account? VK is very permissive with their content and is known for being a haven for U.S. White Nationalists that have been barred by Facebook. Trump and his supporters would fit right in! VKontakte is controlled by Russian oligarchs and doesn't

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Whataboutism, riots, and impeachment

To the Editor:

President Trump was impeached a second time, and it was absolutely necessary. Our system depends on equal branches of government. The executive branch can't go inciting riots to take over the legislative branch, this is more or less what happened, and if that's not an impeachable offense then nothing is. Weirdly though, it seems that impeaching the president of the United States is being overshadowed by the events of Jan. 6, the turmoil it has set off between our ordinary citizens, and the aftermath we see in Washington, D.C. as 25,000 troops are assembled to protect Joe Biden's inauguration.

When we read about this time period in the history books, folks will see that impeachment was a necessary thing, not just to hold President Trump

accountable for inciting people to insurrection to try and overthrow the government of the United States, but to send a signal to anyone who might come after Donald Trump that if you try to do the same thing, there will be consequences.

We are at the beginning of the middle of this domestic terror threat. We have deep fissures in this country centered about race. It should not be lost on anyone that those insurrectionists at the Capitol were overwhelmingly white, members of all sorts of white supremacist organizations, and the number of Confederate flags seen there. For those that have forgotten the Confederate flag is the flag of traitors and symbol of white supremacy. Somehow race, extreme nationalism, Christian

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Is this what Making America Great Again looks like?

To the Editor:

Even though Trump was impeached once again, and he is the first president to be impeached twice, the impeachment still doesn't seem like the biggest story. The biggest story is about how close we came to a real coup d'état. How close we came to Mike Pence hanging in front of the Capitol and various elected officials being kidnapped. The tape of the president threatening the GA Secretary of State to "find the fraud" is impeachable in and of itself but it now seems small compared to what just happened. Now, we have 25,000 National Guard troops sent from all 50 states and all six territories. All the governors decided to contribute troops in a show of unity. We have fencing around

the Capitol campus with razor wire on top. We have residential neighborhoods that have the roads blocked for up to two weeks as they have a perimeter set up such that nobody can get close to the inauguration or get a sniper shot.

Trump long gushed about how much he loved the military, military spending, and how he was rebuilding the military. A few years ago, he wanted a North Korean style military march through Washington, D.C. to show strength and we all laughed. Who knew that he'd get the military show of force in Washington on his last day in office. Trump once said, "There's going to be so much winning you'll be tired of

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depend on Amazon, so it's probably safe... Banning VK would be harder than banning Parler because of course it isn't just the American far-right, it is a general use platform with 650 million users. Parler had 2.3 million people in December, and 15 million on the eve of the service being canceled. Perhaps Apple and Google would have gone to war with VK, but probably not.

Since migrating to Parler and VK years ago, or just operating them as backup networks would have been free, it begs the question how Trump ended up in this position... Oh, like any 74-year old that likes what he likes, he liked Twitter and couldn't grasp how much leverage he was giving Twitter. He told his aids "no" when they suggested mitigating the risk.

Objectionable as he is, Donald Trump

is widely popular with a certain subset. Some would argue that Trump is the platform, not the specific online service. It begs the question, with all of Trump's money and business acumen, why didn't he translate his popularity into an online service of his own? He could have had the "Trump app" built on non-proprietary technology and could be hosted anywhere on any hardware (no Amazon). Not only would this have fool-proofed him from getting "deplatformed" but he could monetize it! If Trump's "tweets" or "MAGAThoughts" were on a platform owned by the Trump Organization 1st, his followers would all have that app. He could have sold ads on it like other online services. I for one am not seeing the downside, except that it is harder to understand than golf courses, casinos, and hotels.

The reality is that Donald Trump is not a smart man. He is not strategic. He can't assess risk appropriately, even to

himself. Worst of all, Trump doesn't listen to the smart people that are around him and he fires them if they're too insistent. For these reasons, every venture he has ever run has failed.

Trump has kept his foot pedal to the metal until he drove off a cliff of seemingly everything. His hotels and casinos in Atlantic City – bankrupt. Trump Airlines – he defaulted on his loans and surrendered ownership to his creditors. Trump Beverages never took off. Trump: The Game (board game) was too complicated and didn't sell, Trump magazine was a joke, Trump Mortgage which was started at the height of the housing bubble still has unpaid bills... Trump Steaks were just a joke, Trump Vodka nobody bought, and we can't forget "Donald Trump: The Fragrance" men's cologne. Trump University of course not only failed but lost several multi-million dollar class action lawsuits.

The worst business failing of all

RICHARD TAYLOR
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importantly, a well maintained, institutionalized "superhighway" of governance and development.

Now we Americans desperately need some Trump untainted "Konrad Adenauer" conservative leaders. After he lost the election, Trump incited semi-organized followers to overturn Republican certified election losses. This led to the mob that stormed our capital, including those with Confederate flags and wearing "6 Million Jews Were Not Enough" and "Camp Auschwitz" t-shirts. They not only stormed the Capital and contributed to the death of five people but also stole from, and damaged, desecrated and defecated on it. The mob also sought to find and kill or kidnap the Vice-President and the 80 year old woman who is Speaker of the House. Trump called the rioters patriots he loved.

A few days later, the conservative columnist David Brooks said Trump's aim was to destroy our 250 year old separation of powers framed Constitution by eliminating our the powers of our elected Senators and members of the House of Representatives.

We, as a country and as a people, stand at great risk. The Capital Riot maybe

have ended. Trump may no longer occupy Presidency. However, by denying election results and encouraging the Capital Insurrection, he strengthened those who don't care about or are against American democracy. It would not surprise if this attack stands as a new threat, not the end of violent verbal and physical attacks on our 250 year old democracy and institutions.

(Here one might include New Leader letters that demonize those not of in religious agreement, demonstrate bigotry time and time again, advocate for reactionary Tea Party like White Nationalism, and have warm memories for Confederate Civil War vicious slave owning generals and the good old days before integration the Civil Rights Act, those which continually attack those in disagreement with these distorted beliefs.)

So while we stand, not at the end, but near the beginning of conflict, we badly need Adenauers, untainted Conservatives who, united with other Americans, will uphold and provide balance for our American democracy's institutions, values, and rules of inclusive governance, both state and national.

Kevin Kane
Spencer

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makes of individual equality.

Getting back to what remedy the founding fathers had devised for the inability to complete the electoral college vote, they proscribed to throw it to the house off representatives. You might think- gosh, why would Donald Trump think that a house presided over by Nancy Pelosi, would help his cause? Well the answer is in the specifics of how these fair minded founders who contrived such a twisted electoral college system defined as the house deciding. It would be one vote per state, and considering that there are far more red states than blue states, this was the path Trump sought to overcome the will of the people and become re-elected.

It was a monumental task that saw Donald Trump receiving more votes for president than anyone in history. It was a plethora of reasons and a gargantuan coalition that took him down. Biden and Harris received over seven million more votes than he. It was not because they were everyone's first choice, it is not because he, this time, was forced to run on his

though was lost future earnings and lost property values from calling Mexicans rapists. He lost his hit TV show The Apprentice after 14 seasons, his luxury brands all took hits, his hotels suffered business losses as more than half of America didn't want to be associated with him. Trump has lost a fortune being President of the United States by tarnishing his other properties when most people become wealthier.

One would think that he would have monetized his new weird popularity, but after his long line of failed businesses and the terrible position he leaves America in after only 1 term in office... I guess it isn't reasonable to expect he would work to even his own benefit.

He is a terrible businessman. He was a terrible President. Time will tell what Trump's next phase will look like.

record, including not actually keeping campaign promises, the most terrible management of addressing a pandemic, and not addressing racial issues with candor and action, nor was it people who so disapproved of his style-verity, lack of empathy or reasonable morality or judgement, but rather, it was all of the above.

How delusional must a person be to think that as a defeated, impeached president, skipping the peaceful transition that has marked our democracy for a long time, he should instead get a red carpet send off with an "honor" guard and a military band and throngs to see him off to Florida. We can only hope that his capital raiders go with him. Knock off the distractions and acknowledge the truth. We have much to do and the "Apprentice-Presidential Version" is cancelled.

The stock market will be fine. If you were paying attention the day Trump claimed credit for the Dow hitting 30,000, it was Nov. 7, the day Biden was declared the winner. The difference being, now the people who are not thriving also have an advocate. Stand up for the truth.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

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all the winning..." Well, if this is what winning looks like, I am tired of it. Is this what Making America Great Again looks like? Greatness is 25,000 troops protecting the winner of the 2020 election and successor to Donald Trump from Trump's supporters?

Of course, Trump needed to be impeached. If this isn't impeachable, then I don't know what is. His impeachment is however not as much of a story about what has happened to America in his single term.

As for Mr. McRae's comment about editorial disclaimers... It is not a left/right issue, and if he'd like to check his records, I got slapped with an Editor's

Note in the Aug. 17, 2018 edition.

Where Mr. McRae is correct is that the editorial disclaimers do indeed end up on right-leaning letters more often. The reason for this: it seems is that right-leaning authors simply lie or promulgate wildly non-factual information far more often. It isn't just in the Spencer New Leader, but there is far more provably false information circulating in right-wing circles. There is simply more off-the-deep end political commentary from the right-wing that the Spencer New Leader feels a need to distance from (feeding illegal aliens to alligators in a moat dug from sea to shining sea?). Most recently, Mr. Robillard published false information about masks, masks are a public health issue, and the issue has been debunked many times. Mr. Robillard's engineer-

ing credentials notwithstanding, the New Leader felt a need to distance itself from misinformation that had substantial risk of harm.

It is quite interesting how, in the same paragraph, we see somebody complaining about being castigated as racist and bigoted while in the very next sentence referring to COVID-19 as "the Chi-com virus." I think we've been over this... If you don't want to be called racist, stop calling the worst pandemic since 1918 "Chi-com virus." Adding the "-com" for Communist doesn't make it better.

I for one, can't wait to read Mr. McRae's adventures of "Insurrection Week" and why he thinks the U.S. Attorney in Boston will be so interested... I certainly hope the New Leader prints it in all its glory!

Mr. Nowak – First, thank you for not being a COVID denier... I understand the skepticism that perhaps something you can't observe yourself might be overblown. Healthy skepticism is important, and I'd like to address a few points...

COVID tests certainly aren't perfect, but false negatives are a much bigger problem and the false negatives come from insufficient swabbing. A PCR test amplifies and copies DNA that is present in the sample, so a false positive isn't possible (if the DNA is there, it's positive). Now, is every positive infectious? We don't know that. It is really a statistical argument – at a high viral load, perhaps a "close contact" has a 90 percent chance of catching it but at a low viral load the chance of transmission may be 10 percent. We just don't have that data... We aren't measuring peoples' viral loads and we haven't correlated it with contact tracing to determine how infectious one person is versus another. This virus is only 1 year old, so there is much we don't know. Perhaps the CDC should have been aggressively looking into this all summer, but that isn't what happened. Antibodies don't last forever, they become undetectable after some number of months in everybody. Just because 1 person cleared the antibodies quickly doesn't mean the test was wrong.

COVID-19 viruses are indeed very small, but they rarely are out and about on their own and they can't survive very long on their own. The vast majority of transmission is from aerosolized droplets and that is why masks work. The droplets are largely caught by the mask and even those that make it through lose so much velocity they fall to the floor faster and closer. If we put infected and non-infected people in an elevator for 12 hours, yes, everyone's going to catch it even with a mask. However, in the real world, in open spaces, if we can reduce the likelihood by 70 percent that is worth it!

Hospitals actually lose money on COVID patients compared to elective surgeries and other things, never-mind all the money they are paying in overtime and the money they spend to protect their staff. There has been much written on the topic of financial incentives for hospitals and COVID, but the topic could certainly use another expose. I have read much on the

financials of COVID and unless there is an elaborate conspiracy, hospitals lose money.

As for COVID deaths being exaggerated, I ask you to check out CDC.gov. Total deaths from all causes are 15 percent higher since the pandemic began compared to prior years. The total "excess deaths" are 38 percent higher than the official COVID numbers in part because southern states are not testing people who die at home. Perhaps there is another explanation for the excess deaths...

Mr. Robillard had an incendiary letter, but really nothing new... Just handwringing about BLM, false claims of election fraud, impeachment, etc. Regarding BLM protests causing the president to be moved to a bunker – keep in mind that was out of an abundance of caution in case a leaderless protest outside got out of hand. On Jan. 6, we had a mob assembled and riled up by 1 branch of government sent to disrupt and attack another branch of government and prevent it from honoring the election. I know if the shoe were on the other foot, you could tell the difference between an attempted coup and a protest.

I'm so glad Mr. Herholz acknowledges the horror of Jan 6, at least accepts that the mob could have been Trump supporters (or Antifa), realizes that Joe Biden (may) be sworn in as president... Baby steps... How BLM/Antifa is possibly relevant at the moment escapes me. I really want to know what evidence Mr. Herholz has on his other regular claims – Antifa, election fraud, Joe Biden stepping aside for Kamala Harris... What is so bad about Kamala anyway?

The COVID-19 pandemic of course continued to chug on. The sewers in Boston have been monitored for COVID-19 as a proxy for how prevalent it is in the community. It is estimated that only one out of four COVID cases is even getting a test, so this is a useful metric to understand COVID spreading separately from testing complications. The viral loads in the wastewater have reached record levels this week, and wastewater viral loads is usually an indication of more cases and hospitalizations to come.

Now in Los Angeles, there are several hours a day where there are literally no hospitals accepting ER patients and the ambulances drive around for hours looks for a hospital to take the patient. There was a case where a patient was in an ambulance for 17 hours and doctors actually performed procedures on the patient in an ambulance in the parking lot. One would think the same people who screamed "Death panels!" in 2009 would be the ones concerned about this, but no...

Since last week, 23,314 more Americans have died making this now the worst week yet. The scope of this disaster is putting truth to Stalin's purported quote: "one death is a tragedy but a million deaths is a statistic." We have grown numb to the deaths and disease. It's normal now.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD



Friday's Child





Hi! My name is Donna and I'm very athletic!

Donna is an athletic girl of Caucasian decent. She is incredibly articulate and insightful. Conversation comes easy to Donna. She also has the ability to let her sense of humor shine through in her conversations. Donna has a warm demeanor and is described as having the ability to "light up a room with her personality." She is very polite and always shows her caring nature towards others. Donna is very energetic and loves to participate in athletic activities, especially basketball, soccer, and working out. Aside from her activities and hobbies, she has a great love for all animals. She hopes to be a veterinarian one day so she can spend all her time

around animals! Donna is also a BIG fan of Dominican food, music and good shoes. Donna is always appreciative of people who spend time with her. She loves connections with adults, they are very meaningful to her and she holds these relationships as very special. Regardless of her age, Donna is still wishing for a forever family to come into her life.

Donna is legally freed for adoption. She very much wants to be adopted. She welcomes the idea of moving out of state if it's the right family for her. Her social worker believes that a family with at least one female parent would be of benefit to Donna. Additionally, it is recommended that Donna be the only child in the home or the youngest child in a home with much older children. Donna responds well to nurturing behaviors and clear communication styles. The ideal family would encourage Donna's many aspirations, support her hobbies and positively influence her potential.

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nationalism, and economic anxiety have been fused into one poisonous fiber that somehow the Republican party needs to find a way to expunge.

It has been incredible to see Trump supporters online try and explain what has happened. Some of Trump's base was doubling down on blaming Antifa and left-wing violent actors as part of a giant ruse to make Trump look bad, some claiming every movement has a fringe while ignoring that President Trump solicited his fringe, riled them up, and sent them on a mission. Mostly though, we have seen a ridiculous attempt to try and tie the BLM protests of summer 2020 to the attempted overthrow of the U.S. government.

The amount of "whataboutism" I have seen in social media in these last few days is simply unreal. Many are falsely trying to compare the storming of the U.S. Capitol to the BLM protests of the summer and they are nothing alike.

Whataboutism is an old Soviet propaganda technique meant to divert attention from whatever the issue at hand is by instead pointing out that nobody is perfect and drawing false equivalencies that are time consuming to explain why they are false. Most things in the world are complex, require context, and nuanced. A "whataboutism" response requires a lengthy explanation to put down and it is likely that neither party in the discussion has the time or patience leading to one or both to give up. Whataboutism's basic tenet is since we're all not perfect, we're all equivalent so you have no right to point out objectively worse things me or my side is doing.

The impact of vandalism, riots, insurrection, or domestic terrorism is not measured in dollars of damage. It is not measured in number of burned buildings. It is not even measured in number of people killed or number of people arrested. It needs to be looked at from a sociological perspective – what was the impact to society, who was behind it, and what was their goal.

President Trump invited a crowd on a Wednesday in January to march on the

Capitol while our entire legislature was in session to certify Joe Biden's victory. The purpose was clear – to interfere with their constitutionally mandated business with the hopes of preventing it, to threaten members of congress, to disrupt the proper workings of government, and hopefully deliver power to the guy who lost. This makes it a coup and not vandalism.

Did Barack Obama assemble a BLM crowd at the White House and tell them to storm the Capitol to stop Trump's electoral votes from being counted? No, he didn't.

See below for a letter I wrote into this publication in 2018.

August 10, 2018
To The Editor:

WHAT ABOUT THE EMAILS!?
Whataboutism is an old Soviet propaganda technique which is a cancer infecting American political discourse being used by none other than Donald Trump and his (close to being proven beyond a reasonable doubt) Russian handlers. Whataboutism is a logical fallacy that attempts to discredit an opponent's position by charging them with hypocrisy instead of refuting or disproving their argument. It is the practice of changing the subject to someone else's perceived wrongdoing.

President Trump does this all the time, most famously when he was asked why he hadn't forcefully condemned the Neo-Nazi's in Charlottesville in 2017 and his response was, "What about the alt-left that came charging at the alt-right, do they have any semblance of guilt"? It takes a lot of nerve to say that there is blame on both sides of a white nationalist protest where one of the white nationalists killed a counter protester.

This technique of saying "what about" is an old Soviet propaganda tool that is dangerous because it implies that all actions, regardless of context, share a moral equivalency and since nobody is perfect, all criticism is hypocritical. It is a depressingly effective tool. The problem with whataboutism is that it doesn't actually solve a problem or win an argument; It just muddies the waters to make the other side angry. What about Hillary? What about the Clintons? It is 21 months past time for the Republicans to stop being sore

winners. Regardless of what you think about the Clintons they are gone and out of the picture, irrelevant. Every time Trump or any other conservative brings them up from a TV talking head to a politician it is a transparent attempt to deflect and change the subject. Trump won the election per the text of the U.S. Constitution, continuing to bring up his opponent from 2 years ago is nothing more than avoiding an honest discussion about what he is doing and what is going on right now.

Whataboutism is used to perpetuate the concept that everybody is corrupt, nobody is moral, therefore you can ignore the misdeeds of the speaker. Whataboutism implies a moral equivalency where there often is none, and forces the entire debate to roll around in the mud. Donald Trump and the Republican party of 2018 (it has changed a lot over time) is most comfortable fighting in the gutter and can play to their strengths in the gutter, so they do what they can to bring their opponents down into the gutter.

Another closely related issue is the false equivalency between our 2 major political parties. We've all heard it, "they are both terrible", "both parties do it", etc. While it is true that nobody and no organization is perfect, it is a dangerous fallacy to assume that all things less than perfection are equivalent. In modern times, saying that Democrats and Republicans are the same is ridiculous and dangerous. The Republicans fight much dirtier than the Democrats when it comes to gerrymandering, voter suppression, and irrelevant unimportant but emotionally charged issues. By accepting the notion that both sides are equally dirty, it gives an inherent advantage to whichever side chooses or has the political ability to fight dirtier. In today's political climate the Republican Party is very cohesive and homogeneous whereas the Democratic Party is much more diverse in terms of a variety of factors which allows the Republicans to fight dirtier. Pushing the false equivalence of the Democrats and relegating political campaigns to the gutter only helps whoever is most corrupt.

DAVID ROSENBERG
SPENCER

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

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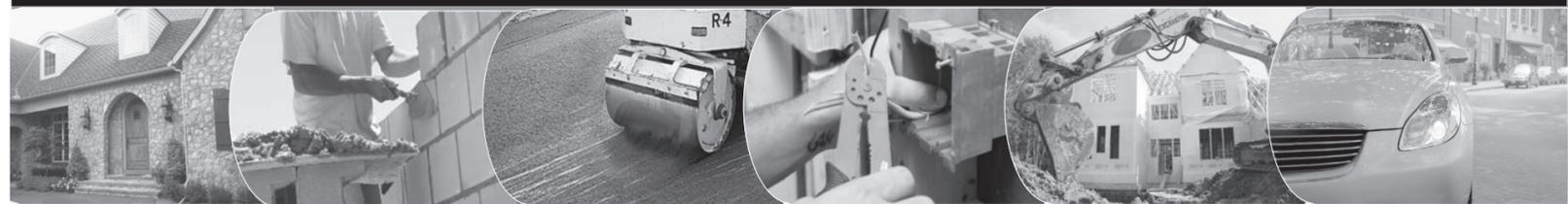
• **1945:** FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT IS SWORN IN FOR AN UNPRECEDENTED FOURTH TERM AS U.S. PRESIDENT.

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POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

12:52-1:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:25 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:47-2:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:00 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Temple Street), no contact; 7:00 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 7:03 a.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 7:03 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 8:30 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:29 a.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), family matter; 1:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Rene Drive), loose dog; 3:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Charron Street), Rx shipped to wrong address; 3:32 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), erratic operation; 3:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), rep. mv theft; 4:02 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 4:09 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bay Path Road), accidental; 4:30 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 4:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), assist motorist; 5:15 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), neighbor issues; 5:22 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 6:19 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:03 p.m.: medical/general (Cranberry Meadow Road); 7:15 p.m.: mutual aid (South Spencer Road), welfare check; 7:40 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); (Total daily mv stops – 5).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

12:23 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (McDonald Street), hang-up; 12:38-2:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:35 a.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 8:35 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:01 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (Brooks Pond Road); 11:00 a.m.: lost/found (Mechanic Street), bike abandoned; 12:15 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:34 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 12:53 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:09 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 1:44 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), fight; 2:27 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 4:45 p.m.: DPW call (High Street), low-hanging wire; 5:06 p.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), erratic operator; 5:41 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 6:07 p.m.: medical/general (Kitteridge Road); 7:16 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 8:02 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), poss. restraining order violation; 8:18 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), belligerent Uber passenger; 10:06 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); (Total daily mv stops – 3).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

12:04-12:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:57 a.m.: parking violation (Grove Street), ticket issued; 12:58-1:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:07 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:20-2:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:36 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), referred; 6:43 a.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), hang-up; 7:33 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street) LTC change of address/2; 9:39 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:59 a.m.: fraud (Main Street), unauth. use of cc; 10:06 a.m.: 911 call (Charlton Road), hang-up; 11:58 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), inquiry re: hacking; 1:38 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), services rendered; 2:05 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), bikes in traffic; 2:35 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator/cell phone use; 2:58 p.m.: building checked, secure; 3:32 p.m.: disabled mv (Cherry Street), assisted; 3:36 p.m.: RV complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), dirt bikes/Jeep on ice; 3:37 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 4:10 p.m.: mv complaint (Old Farm Road), speeding; 4:13 p.m.: medical/general (Fourth Avenue); 4:13 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 5:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: missing mail; 5:14 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 5:43 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report

taken; 5:57 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 6:06 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), dangerous skateboarding; 7:50 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Cross Road); 8:17 p.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 10:22-10:37 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 3).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

12:06 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo; 12:31-12:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:44-12:45 a.m.: parking violations/3 (Mechanic Street), tickets issued; 12:45-12:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 12:50 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:53 a.m.: medical/general (Lakeshore Drive); 12:56-1:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:12-1:17 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Cherry, Pearl streets), tickets issued; 1:21 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:27-1:38 a.m.: parking violations/5 (Pearl, School streets), tickets issued; 1:43-2:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:55 a.m.: parking violation (Pleasant Street), ticket issued; 7:53 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Avenue); 9:24 a.m.: mv complaint (South Spencer Road), speeding; 10:13 a.m.: parking complaint (Pearl Street), c/o winter parking ban; 11:31 a.m.: suspicious persons (Valley View Drive), investigated; 12:36 p.m.: elderly matter (Main Street), services rendered; 12:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 1:13 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 2:53 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (East Charlton Road), accidental; 3:21 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:41 p.m.: disturbance (Briarcliff Lane), neighbor issues; 4:10 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), neighbor issues; 5:35 p.m.: medical/general (Cranberry Meadow Road); 5:49 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:01 p.m.: disturbance (Old Farm Road), noise complaint; 7:10 p.m.: medical/general (Sherwood Drive); 7:31 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:43 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:48 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 11:28-11:44 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 3).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

12:00-12:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:19 a.m.: parking violation (South Street), ticket issued; 12:22 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:26 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Mechanic Street), tickets issued; 12:27-1:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:03-1:17 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Meadowbrook Road, Grove Street), tickets issued; 1:18-1:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:39 a.m.: parking violation (May Street), ticket issued; 1:49 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:55 a.m.: parking violation (Church Street), ticket issued; 2:02 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:01 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 11:01 a.m.: illegal dumping (Lakeshore Drive), services rendered; 11:34 a.m.: officer wanted (Cranberry Meadow Road), multiple deer carcasses left behind; 12:18 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 1:11 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 2:00 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:53 p.m.: RV complaint (Thompson Pond Road), bolo ATV; 3:34 p.m.: medical/general (Dufault Road); 3:35 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 4:24 p.m.: juvenile matter (Smithville Cross Road), re: kids on bikes; 4:36 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 5:16 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), skateboarding in road; 7:17 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:41 p.m.: suspicious persons (Greenville Street), investigated; 7:59 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), West Brookfield PD bolo; 8:38 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:43 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), silent call; 8:43-8:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:22 p.m.: medical/general (Debbie Drive); 11:34 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), loud m/f dispute; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

12:26-12:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:55 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Pearl Street), tickets issued; 12:55-1:07

a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:08 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Mechanic Street), tickets issued; 1:15 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:21 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 1:27-2:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:18 a.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), unwanted party; 6:39 a.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road), lift assist; 7:51 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 10:40 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:48 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), key fob lost; 11:14 a.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), dangerous bike-riding; 11:33 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Sumner Street), poss. scam; 12:41 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:49 p.m.: suspicious persons (Sherman Grove), investigated; 1:13 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 1:22 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:49 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 3:54 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chickering Road), kids on ice; 6:04 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/8 (West Main Street), assisted; 6:31 p.m.: medical/general (Brooks Pond Road); 6:44 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wire Village Road), investigated; 7:16 p.m.: fire alarm (High Street), referred; 8:15 p.m.: disturbance (Oak Lane), neighbor issues; 8:17 p.m.: fire (Main Street), referred; 10:21 p.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road), lift assist; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

12:27-1:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:51 a.m.: commercial alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 6:16 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street), lift assist; 6:49 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 7:03 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 7:53 a.m.: fire alarm (South Spencer Road), referred; 8:46 a.m.: medical/general (Sunberg Road); 8:43 a.m.: medical/general (Woodside Road); 11:02 a.m.: vandalism (Pleasant Street), mv drove over lawn; 12:23 p.m.: medical/general (Brown Street); 12:28 p.m.: restraining order service/2 (West Main Street); 1:10 p.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), info taken; 1:23 p.m.: larceny (Ash Street), passenger didn't pay cab fare; 2:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mechanic Street), investigated; 2:30 p.m.: 911 call (Pleasant Street), open line; 3:14 p.m.: suspicious persons (South Spencer Road), info taken; 3:28 p.m.: suspicious persons (Valley Street), investigated; 3:31 p.m.: parking complaint (Temple Street), services rendered; 3:45 p.m.: safe keeping property (Wire Village Road), discarded needles/side of road; 3:55 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:00 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), erratic operator; 4:24 p.m.: harassment prevention order (West Main Street); 4:35 p.m.: runaway (Main Street), two children ran; 5:30 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 5:30 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:11 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:21 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:25 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 9:28 p.m.: suspicious persons (Brown Street), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 5).

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

2:40 a.m.: mv stop (Chapel Street), verbal warning; 11:31 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 1:29 p.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), verbal warning; 2:44 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:23 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:20 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 6:31 p.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), report taken; 9:01 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 9:19 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

12:46 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:00 a.m.: mv stop

(Stafford Street), Angel M. Barbosa, 30, 59 West Street, #59B, Southbridge, warrant/uninsured mv, arrest; name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, speeding, criminal application issued; 8:29 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:53 a.m.: structure fire (Virginia Drive), services rendered; 11:15 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 12:45 p.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Street), message delivered; 2:46 p.m.: property found (Stafford Street), report taken; 6:43 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), investigated; 9:57 p.m.: investigation (Main Street, Worcester), services rendered.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

12:12 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), message delivered; 1:07 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 1:12 a.m.: disturbance (Pine Street), transported; 8:47 a.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), no action required; 9:14 a.m.: malicious mischief (Henshaw Street), report taken; 11:34 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 12:16 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 1:51 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 2:48 p.m.: ambulance (Parsons Hill Drive, Worcester), no action required; 9:30 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 10:57 p.m.: family problem (Mannville Street), peace restored.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

6:28 a.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 10:05 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 10:23 a.m.: debris in road (Crystal Street), no action required; 6:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Washburn Square), assisted; 9:33 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

1:36 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), unable to locate; 9:00 a.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 11:11 a.m.: investigation (Whittemore Street), services rendered; 11:19 a.m.: investigation (White Birch Street), services rendered; 11:40 a.m.: investigation (Bond Street), services rendered; 2:49 p.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 3:07 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 4:58 p.m.: summons service (Trenton Street), served; 5:09 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 6:15 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 7:52 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1200 by false pretense, criminal application issued; 10:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

12:56 a.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), verbal warning; 1:24 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:22 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:02 a.m.: suspicious mv (Lehigh Road), unable to locate; 9:02 a.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street); 11:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, citation issued; 5:29 p.m.: restraining order service (Pleasant Street), unable to serve.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

12:02 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 5:32 a.m.: mutual aid (Church Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 7:35 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:43 a.m.: suspicious mv (Billy's Way), services rendered; 10:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:04 a.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), verbal warning; 11:20 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), gone on arrival; 1:15 p.m.: harassment (Main Street), assisted; 4:30 p.m.: warrant service (South Main Street), Glenn McCallum, 49, failure to appear upon recognition, arrest; 9:52 p.m.: gunshots heard (Main Street), unable to locate.

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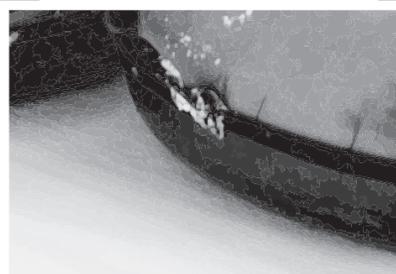
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LEGALS

PUBLIC HEARING

The West Brookfield Water Department is having a public hearing on Feb. 4, 2021 on the updating of the West Brookfield Water Department Rules & Regulations, and rate increase, to obtain a copy of proposed updates, please call (508) 867-1421 Ext. 8 or Ext. 306 office to be mailed a copy of planned updates and rate increase or Town Clerks office to review updates during regular office hours. Proposed updates will take effect immediately. The West Brookfield Water Department hearing is in the Town Hall, 2 East Main Street, in the Great Hall, West Brookfield, Massachusetts 01585 on Feb. 4, 2021 at 10:00a.m. Any Person wishing to be heard and have discussion on the proposed updates should appear at the time and place designated.

Respectfully Submitted
The West Brookfield Water Department
Board of Water Commissioners
Robert E. Benson - Chairman
January 22, 2021
January 29, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

The North Brookfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:15PM at the Police Station meeting room, 55 School St. to consider the application of CMG Engineering/C.C.S. Realty LLC for a convenience store/gas station proposed for 192/206 North Main St. per zoning bylaw Section IV. C. b. and E. and Section VI. G. 2. a. Any person interested in this proposal is invited to attend this hearing. Copies of plans and project application for a special permit and site plan review are on file at the office of the Town Clerk, 215 North Main St., North Brookfield, MA. William King, Chair
Planning Board
January 22, 2021
January 29, 2021

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 000045 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Aline G. Riedle and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 76 Thompson Pond Road, given by Frank Riedle and Aline G. Riedle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB dated March 21, 2008, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42607, Page 288, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 2/22/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER,
Chief Justice of said Court on
1/8/2021 Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
January 22, 2021

Brookfield Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with M. G. L., Chapter 40A, and the provisions of the Brookfield Zoning Bylaws Section 4.D, Use Regulation Table 6.c; Section 8.C., Site Plan Approval; and Section 12.C., Special Permits; the Brookfield Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on an

application for the construction and operation of a commercial Fuel Storage Facility (propane) in on property owned by TCP Realty, LLC, 37 Hook Street, Southbridge, and located at 14 Post Road, in a Business "A" District.

The public hearing will take place on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 via Zoom, starting at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard. To attend online or via telephone, go to the Planning Board page at www.mytowngovernment.org/01506.

Note: The Town Hall is currently closed to the public. A copy of the application and site plan may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk at Brookfield Town Hall by appointment; call (508) 867-2930, ext. 12 or (508) 867-5500. Masks are required.

Sharon Mahoney, Chair
Brookfield Planning Board
January 22, 2021
January 29, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Teresa Johnson and Phyllis Schoof to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., "Lender"; and its successors and assigns dated April 24, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41306, Page 356, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated October 26, 2011 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 48090, Page 120 and as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated November 20, 2015 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 54663, Page 74, and assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated July 6, 2017 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 57379, Page 185, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2021**, on the premises known as **115 Charlton Road, Spencer, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

A certain tract of land on the easterly side of the Charlton Road, Route 31; in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as a parcel of land entitled "Norman S. Kenward (sic), et ux, September 12, 1972, Reney Bros. Inc. Registered Engineers and Surveyors, Worcester, Massachusetts" which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 370, Plan 84 and which property is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof, which point is in the easterly line of said Charlton Road, Route 31, and which point is the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Eaton;

Thence N. 05° 44' 05" E., 376.6 feet +1- along said Charlton Road, Route 31, to a point at land now or formerly of Hamelin;

Thence S. 84° 16' 00" E., 155.2 feet along said Hamelin land to a point at land now or formerly of Myron H. Sibley;

Thence S. 11° 09' 00" W., along said Sibley land to a point at land now or formerly of Eaton; Thence N. 84° 16' 00" W., along said Eaton land to the point of beginning.

Granting the right of way to take water for ordinary household purposes from a spring on Myron Sibley's land lying easterly of the granted premises; and subject to the restriction that the grantees premises and the adjoining land of Myron H. Sibley.

Being the same premises conveyed as described in a deed epm (sic) Harold

E. Tousignan and Marian L. Cutter to Alfred E. Deschamps dated September 30, 1991 recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 13682, Page 239. See also deed from Irene R. Kenward to Harold E. Tousignan and Marian L. Cutter dated July 31, 1980 and recorded in said Deeds in Book 13616, Page 27 regarding water rights.

Conveyed with an easement to maintain an existing barn on land of Myron W. Sibley as recited in a deed from Harold E. Tousignan and Marian L. Cutter by deed of Myron W. Sibley dated September 26, 1991 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 13682, Page 327.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$10,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within forty-five (45) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 208, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder. Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.

Dated: January 15, 2021
Present holder of said mortgage
MTGLQ Investors, L.P.
by its Attorneys
Guaetta and Benson, LLC
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire
P.O. Box 519
Chelmsford, MA 01824
January 22, 2021, January 29, 2021
and February 5, 2021
January 22, 2021
January 29, 2021
February 5, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Raymond W. Clinton and Nancy L. Lewis to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for NE Moves Mortgage, LLC, "Lender" and its successors and assigns dated August 27, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41710, Page 167, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated February 6, 2013 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 50467, Page 299 and as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated June 26, 2017 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 58403, Page 68 Assignment dated January 7, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District)

Registry of Deeds, Book 59913, Page 115 and as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated April 4, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 60246, Page 240 and as assigned by Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated May 29, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 60492, Page 44 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 11:00 AM, on February 12, 2021**, on the premises known as **40 Ash Street, Spencer, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, on the west side of Ash Street in said Spencer, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner thereof on the west side of Ash Street; Thence southerly by said street about 82 feet to the center of a brook;

Thence westerly by the center of said brook about 90.0 feet;

Thence northerly by a fence about 96.0 feet, the last two courses being by land conveyed to Charles Perron; Thence easterly by land now or formerly of George Walker about 86.0 feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagors by deed dated August 22, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith in Book 41710 Page 165.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$10,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within forty-five (45) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 208, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

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Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.

Dated: January 15, 2021
Present holder of said mortgage
NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
by its Attorneys
Guaetta and Benson, LLC
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire
P.O. Box 519
Chelmsford, MA 01824
January 22, 2021
January 29, 2021
February 5, 2021

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By the time of publication, Donald Trump will no longer be the president of the United States. His term expired at 11:59 a.m. on Wednesday and the Donald automatically became "Former President Trump." Even if something terrible happens to Joe Biden between this writing and the Presidential Succession Act will determine the rightful president and it will not be Trump.

My sincerest hope between this writing and Wednesday is that President Trump strikes a deal with Mike Pence,

he resigns, and then Pence pardons him. I have no interest in prosecuting Trump for his many crimes because I think it is more important for the United States to move forward than it is to put one mentally ill man in prison. The United States can and should be saved the national pain of a trial. There is nothing more fitting and humiliating than for Trump's single term to result in two impeachments, a resignation, a pardon by his Vice President, and then finally the Senate disqualifying him to hold public office in the future due to his involvement in insurrection against the

United States. Presidents swing for the history books – tarnishing the 45th president in history is the message that needs to be sent to all future presidents.

I imagine President Biden has already repealed the worst of Former President Trump's executive orders. Now, it is time to focus on the important work of repairing this country: Adding justices to the Supreme Court, admitting all of our territories as states, and splitting up are largest states.

FRED BAGG
SPENCER



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News, really close to home

OBITUARIES

David A. Terry, 78

Brookfield - David A. Terry, 78, of Brookfield, died on Friday, January 15, 2021 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield following a brief period of declining health.



He leaves his wife of 53 years, Marcia M. (Phipps) Terry; his son, David A. "Bunk" Terry, Jr. and his wife Michelle of Brookfield; a daughter, Valerie Quadlin and her husband Lance of LaPorte, Indiana; six grandchildren, Cameron, Ethan, Perrin, Clayton, Joshua & Eric as well as eight great-grandchildren; his sister, Gayle Bourdeau of Arizona; two step-brothers, Paul Kelly of Maryland, and James Kelly of Ware, as well as many friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Kathleen Terry and his brother, Richard Terry. He was born in Ware, son of the late Robert L. and Evelyn I. (Dennis) Terry and was a life-long resident of Brookfield.

Shortly after high school, Mr. Terry enlisted in the United States Navy, and

served on the U.S.S. Zellars, a Summer-class destroyer. After his honorable discharge, he worked as a construction laborer and supervisor for over 30 years, and was long-time member of the Teamster's Local 170 in Worcester, and the Laborers International Union 243. When he was younger, he was a member of both the Brookfield Fire Department and the Brookfield Police Departments.

David had a deep love for his entire family. He was also an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed going to Nantucket, rabbit hunting with his friends. He was a life-long member of the Brookfield Rod & Gun Club where he served as President for many years and participated in or oversaw most of the improvements and renovations to the club. He was a long-time member of the New England Beagle Club, and running his beagles in the woods was one of his most enjoyable hobbies.

David will be deeply missed by his family and friends. At his request, no services are planned at this time.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

George Richard Kay, 87

SPENCER: George Richard Kay, 87, of Spencer, peacefully passed away on Saturday, January 16th at St. Vincent Hospital, after a brief illness.



George was born on July 14, 1933 to James R. and Alice N. (Bowers) Kay in Chicago and graduated from North High School in Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 62 years Joyce C. (Ring) Kay, three sons; Ralph W. Kay and his wife Ada of North Brookfield, Randy J. Kay and his wife Cindy of Warren, Douglas W. Kay and his wife Jane of Brookfield. He was called Grampa by ten grandchildren;

Sarah, Timothy, Matthew, Heather, Matthew, Tanya, Kristopher, Jeremy, Aimee and Tiffany. George also had fourteen great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Marjorie (Kay) Robertson of Estes Park Colorado.

George served as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, was a member of the FreeMasons and former Captain for the Spencer Rescue Squad. He worked at Millbrook Inc. in Worcester and retired from FLEXcon Co. in Spencer.

Community minded, George was the President of Spencer Little League, coached minor league baseball, served on numerous town committees and started the first youth center in Spencer. He was an avid cheerleader for his children and grandchildren at all of their events.

The family would like to express a special Thank You to the staff at St. Vincent Hospital for the kindness and compassion shown to this wonderful man. Due to Covid-19 concerns, services will be held privately for the family in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Spencer Rescue Squad Inc., 6 Bixby Road, Spencer, Ma. 01562. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer is directing funeral arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Roland B. Colby, 71

LEICESTER: Roland B. Colby, 71, of Waite Street died Thursday, January 14 in St. Vincent Hospital after a brief illness.



He leaves his wife of 51 years, Arlene R. (Bisco) Colby, two sons; Kevin S. Colby and his wife Tracy of Leicester and Matthew R. Colby and his fiancée Michelle Joubert of Charlton, a daughter Laurie A. Austin and

her fiancée Ames Jones of Rochdale, nine grandchildren, who affectionately called him «Appa»; Shane, Jeremy, Billy, Ally, Aubrey, Ainslee, Casey, Jordan & Chris, two brothers; Wayne Colby and his wife Linda of Leicester and James Colby and his wife Melissa of Rochdale, two sisters; Christine Colby and her fiancée Todd Jyringi of Rochdale and June Kennedy and her husband John of Spencer, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews as well as many friends that are the same as family. He was predeceased by a brother Daniel Colby in 2013.

Roland was born in Worcester, son of John C. Colby and Doris (Carpenter) Colby. He owned and operated Colby Fire Protection, Inc. for 31 years. He graduated from Leicester High School in 1967 and continued his education at East Coast Aerotech. He was an avid New England Patriots fan and a long-time season ticket holder. He enjoyed classic cars and attending car shows. He always looked forward to the time he could spend at his home in Florida.

A Memorial service will be held at a later date and at a time to be announced in Greenville Baptist Church, 674 Pleasant Street, Rochdale. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Calling hours will precede the service in the church. When a date is selected the obituary with updated information will be posted in the Telegram & Gazette. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Why Me Inc., 1152 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrangements.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Richard R. Greene, Jr., 59

WEST BROOKFIELD- Richard R. Greene, Jr., 59, of West Brookfield, passed away on December 28th, 2020.



Robbie was born July 19th, 1961, and grew up in West Brookfield. He graduated from Quaboag Regional High School in Warren in 1978. He was the son of the late Richard R. Greene, Sr. and Barbara L. (Dupuis)

Greene. Robbie leaves behind his loving daughter, Nicole D'Angelo and her husband Bryan of East Longmeadow, his sister Kelly and her husband Tom of Warren, and his brother Michael of West Brookfield, as well as his niece

and nephews.

Robbie enjoyed hunting, reading, and walking in the woods. From his working years, Robbie can be remembered through his beautiful landscaping work. He later endeavored long distance truck driving that allowed him to see more of the country over the years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and living in the moment. His greatest satisfaction in life and happiest moments were his daughter.

A Celebration of Life for Robbie will be held in the spring at Salem Cross Inn.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

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Spending more time watching television, playing video games, texting friends, or browsing the internet can lead to a condition known as "computer vision eye strain." Eye strain also may be caused through intense eye use, such as while driving long distances or engaging in activities that require close attention, such as crafting or reading.

The American Optometric Association says digital eye strain can result in various forms of discomfort, which increase with the amount of screen use. The most common symptoms include:

- headaches;
- blurred vision;
- dry, watery or burning eyes;

- increased sensitivity to light; and
- neck and shoulder pain.

The AOA says viewing a computer or digital screen often makes the eyes have to work harder. The AOA notes this is different from reading a printed page. The letters are not as precise or sharply defined, and areas of contrast can be muted. Also, the presence of glare and reflections on the screen may make viewing difficult. Furthermore, the Mayo Clinic says people tend to blink less while using digital devices, and view them at less than ideal distances or angles.

Alleviating eye strain from digital sources involves making changes in daily habits or the environment. Taking regular eye breaks, and looking at objects from different distances can help them focus. These tips may help as well.

- Adjust the lighting to reduce glare on screens or your task.
- Limit screen time as much as possible and engage in other activities.



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- Consider the use of artificial tears products to lubricate dry eyes.
- Choose the right eyewear, and work with an eye professional to find products that can assist you. Specialized glasses or contact lenses are designed for computer work. Investigate tintings and coatings that also may help.
- Blink often to refresh the eyes.
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