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Leicester voters say no to school proposal

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Special Town Meeting voters last week overwhelmingly rejected the proposal for a new school.

A two thirds majority vote was needed at the Sept. 26 Special Town Meeting for the proposal to move forward, but instead it was rejected by nearly two thirds of voters. The final vote was 506-315 in opposition to the project.

The proposed \$91.4 million school on Paxton Street would have served students in pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) had already pledged \$41.9 million for the project, but residents strongly opposed the town’s plan to secure the remaining funds through a debt exclusion.

Now, with the proposal scrapped, it’s back to the drawing board for school leaders. The new school would have

solved the issue of major repairs and upgrades needed at aging buildings, but officials will now have to revisit talks of costly renovations.

“I’m very disappointed in the vote. I felt the plan that had been developed over years, with community involvement, was a good one,” said Leicester School Committee member Tom Lauder. “Our kids deserve better schools, and trying to renovate what we have is a waste of time and money, in my opinion.”

School officials are especially frustrated by the missed opportunity to partner with the MSBA on a new school. The proposal went through several stages of approvals with the MSBA before ultimately derailing at Town Meeting.

“I’m not happy that we hand back \$42 million from the MSBA and basically say, no thanks, we’re not ready to make the investment in our schools. Now we’re on our own,” Lauder added.

“Leicester is a proud town. We have a new fire and EMS station, a new library, and a relatively new police station. Apparently, a new school was too much and not a priority for us. I’m afraid we will regret this vote.”

Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Tencza could not be reached for comment by press time.

Meanwhile, voters who opposed the proposal are relieved that Leicester’s many struggling residents will not face an additional financial burden. The combination of existing challenges for residents and the Covid-19 pandemic created an insurmountable barrier for the new school proposal.

“This project was not only fiscally irresponsible in itself, but Covid-19 has caused so many uncertainties with the economy, unemployment, and the future of learning,” said resident Joel Hart, who voted against the proposal. “Not to mention the devastating effects it would have on our aging population of fixed income seniors and the people of Cherry Valley that are suffering from \$300-600 a month in water/sewer bills.”

Several opponents of the proposal were frustrated by the district’s decisions in recent years, including the closure of the Memorial School.

“If the school department did not close the options on renovating Memorial School with MSBA eligible reimbursement, we may have had a different outcome,” Hart added. “In our opinion, that lack of open-mindedness – and putting wants before needs – caused the people to say no.”

The Special Town Meeting was nearly called off two days before the meeting, as selectmen held an emergency session to discuss a possible postponement due to a positive Covid-19 case at the high school. Selectmen wound up voting 3-2 to move forward with the meeting.

School district pays off deficit loan

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – School officials recently announced that the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District has paid off its deficit loan.

In a Sept. 15 announcement, SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey said the district has paid off the loan. Back in 2013, newly approved legislation authorized the district to issue up to \$3 million in deficit obligations, to be amortized over a period of up to 10 years. The monies funded the district’s fiscal year 2013 budget deficit.

On July 11, 2013, the district secured approval from the Commissioner of Education to issue \$2 million of authorized debt. Within six months, roughly \$837,000 was already paid back, officials said.

State legislation also required the district to set aside funds each year for a fiscal stabilization fund. Over the last seven years, the district has been paying down the remaining \$1,163,000 balance from the 2013 budget-financing obligation, officials said.

“It is with great pleasure that I inform you and the District Committee that on Sept. 1, 2020, payment of \$170,000 has retired the district’s deficit financing obligation pursuant to Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2013 – nearly three years early,” wrote District Treasurer William Schlosstein in a recent correspondence to Superintendent Haughey.

Additionally, the district’s Fiscal Stabilization Reserve Fund now holds nearly \$390,000.

“Congratulations to the district for its perseverance and rigorous discipline in seeing through a difficult chapter in its history,” Schlosstein added.

District officials thank the entire financial team within the Spencer-East Brookfield

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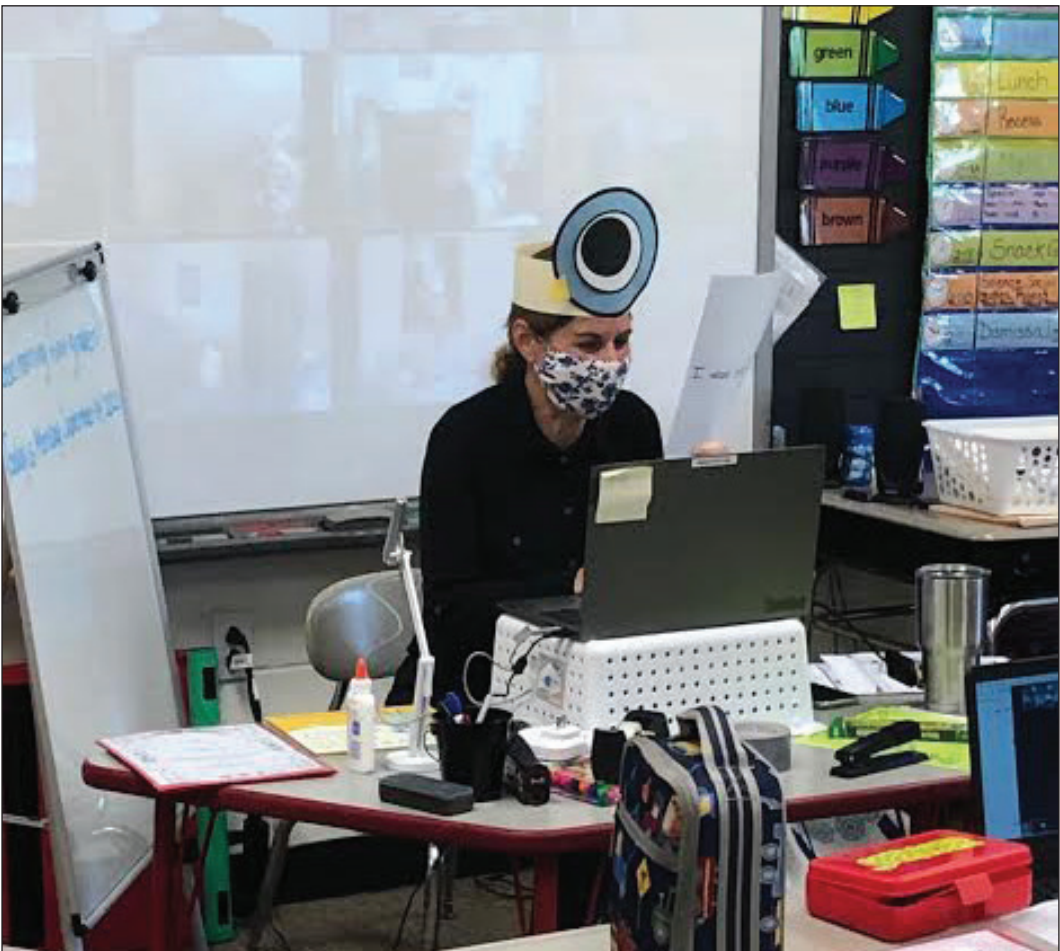


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Kim Welsh, a first grade teacher at Warren Community Elementary School, takes part in a virtual learning lesson.

Local students and school staff adjust to the new normal

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – With masks, social distancing, and partially remote learning in effect, students and staff at local schools continue to adjust to a new normal.

It’s been a challenge for area districts to implement and enforce all of the new policies, but staffs are working hard to ensure safety. The process starts at home, officials said, with parents and guardians asked to perform a daily symptom check of students and keep those who aren’t feeling well at home.

In the classroom, meanwhile, kids are slowly getting used to life at school with social distancing and specialized “cohorts” of students who attend classes together to limit greater exposure. The majority of local districts are only currently featuring

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Photo Courtesy

Everett Allen, a World War II hero and longtime West Brookfield resident, turned 100 on Sept. 16.

Local veteran turns 100

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – A decorated veteran and local legend was honored last month in a centenarian celebration.

Everett Allen, a World War II hero and longtime West Brookfield resident, turned 100 on Sept. 16. His family, friends, and First Congregational Church members helped him celebrate by displaying a special sign that was visible from the road outside his house. Passing drivers, many of whom know Allen personally, sounded their horns in celebration.

Last week, the New Leader spent some time with local historian William Jankins, a close friend of Allen who discussed his service and heroism during the Second World War.

Allen was a member of the U.S. Army and 8th Air Force 458th Bomb Group, which helped destroy French bridges to prevent Nazi forces from advancing on D-Day. Weeks later, serving as a tail gunner during a mission in late June of 1944, Allen was forced to evacuate his aircraft after taking enemy fire. He was eventually captured by the Nazis and imprisoned in a POW camp. After enduring almost a year in confinement, he was liberated by Russian forces in the spring of 1945.

For his valor in combat, Allen earned the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Prisoner of War Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Now, 75 years later, residents continue to be inspired by Allen’s service and patriotism. Up until a few years ago, he marched in the town’s Memorial Day parade every year, in full uniform (he is now greeted by paradegoers as he passes by in a vehicle). And residents are always excited to see him out and about in town.

“Everyone in town knows Everett. He still drives to the post office every day and meets new people,” Jankins

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Fire Station Building Committee provides progress updates

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Officials continue to update the community on the efforts of the Fire Station Building Committee.

In 2017, selectmen directed the seven-member committee to study the needs of the fire department moving forward and produce a building design concept. Among several other tasks, the committee was charged with hiring a designer and project manager to identify the scope and cost of a new fire department headquarters that would be located on Grove Street, adjacent to the police station.

Extensive evaluations have taken place over the last three years, and officials want to make sure residents are apprised of the latest actions.

"We're educating the public on the preliminary design that we have, and roughly what it will cost the community," said North Brookfield Fire Chief Joseph Holway. "All of this information is extremely important for residents to see."

The current fire station was built in the 1800s. Despite a pair of major additions, the building does not meet the space requirements for housing the department's equipment. The hovercraft and trailer, dive rescue boat, and the forestry truck are currently stored outside and exposed to the weather. Additionally, the aerial tower unit is taking up a bay from the Highway Department and is exposed to dust, grindings, and damaging humidity.

Moreover, the fire station does not meet OSHA health and safety guidelines that the Department of Public Safety adopted this past year.

"There is no exhaust system to vent the bays when the diesel trucks are started for calls," read a statement from the fire department. "This carbon build-up is very evident when we wash the station walls and floors. The existing facility is no longer able to support the needs of today's firefighting operations, training, and life safety."

In recent weeks, fire department officials decided to reduce their communications about the project in an effort

to allow residents to focus instead on the state-mandated upgrades needed for the wastewater treatment facility. A debt exclusion ballot vote, scheduled for the Nov. 3 election, must be successful for the project to proceed. Town Meeting voters approved \$13.1 million for the project on August 18, and the preliminary design for the upgrades was approved by the MassDEP and USDA.

Recognizing that the wastewater treatment facility upgrades should take precedence, Chief Holway and his team are patiently waiting before advancing their project to residents for consideration.

"Right now, the Fire Department is supporting the Sewer Commission regarding the mandatory requirements for the upgrades," Holway added.

Meanwhile, residents interested in learning more about the need for a new fire headquarters are invited to tour the existing facility. Please call 508-867-0210 to schedule a tour; the department also plans to hold an open house in the near future.

If the project is ultimately approved, the new headquarters would also house the North Brookfield Emergency Medical Squad.

Previously, selectmen authorized \$40,000 for the project design architect (Tecton Architects) and \$20,000 for the project manager (Colliers Project Leaders). Specialists have also explored whether the existing facility could be upgraded to meet the needs of the department, but they determined that a new structure is needed.

"The current fire station has served the community well for over 100 years, but times have changed and the North Brookfield Fire Department has changed as well," the department's statement read. "We have more and larger equipment to help us provide better service. We must be better trained to address the challenges we face in our community, and we need the facilities to support the staff when they remain at the station ready to provide service."

Over the last decade-plus, several studies have detailed the occupational hazards firefighters face related to

cancer and other illnesses. A new headquarters would go a long way toward protecting North Brookfield firefighters from the unseen dangers of the job.

"It is important to keep those contaminants out of our living and office space until all our gear has been cleaned," read the department's statement. "In this way, we can maintain a safe and healthy working environment as we strive to protect our community."

The current design proposal for the new building would allow for the future addition of solar panels on the bay roof. The building would also meet all current energy guidelines and code requirements, officials said, including mandates on insulation, lighting controls, and indoor air quality.

Pending approval from voters, the project would likely be bid in 2021. Construction could possibly be completed by the summer or fall of 2022.

Before taking the project to voters, officials are still working on securing additional funding.

"We continue to work closely with Senator Gobi's office to advise on our current status and funding issues," the department's statement read. "The committee is also working with State Rep. Donald Berthiaume's office. The committee will work with many organizations to seek additional funding sources, from utility rebates to federal grants."

Looking ahead, the Building Committee plans to eventually ask voters to approve an estimated \$8.2 million for the building construction and soft costs for the project. The town would need to borrow this money as a municipal bonded project, officials said.

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Worcester County for each student who attends our schools," Haughey said.

Added Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee Chairman Jason Monette, "I commend the School Committee and administration for staying focused each budget season to make sure we paid off this debt. This shows that we are working hard to prove fiscal responsibility to the communities that we serve. Congratulations to all involved, past and present, for this great accomplishment."

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Friday's Child



Photo by Linda Fitzpatrick

Gianna
Age 13

Hi! My name is Gianna and I am up for adventures!

Gianna is an outgoing and friendly girl of African American and Caucasian descent. Though she is quiet when she first meets people, she is sweet, friendly and funny with a great sense of humor! Gianna is very interested in gymnastics, running and walking 5K's, and cheerleading. Gianna's social worker describes her as a resilient child who is very determined and kind hearted.

Gianna has attended weekend sleep away retreats with her sister through the sibling connections programs on a few occasions and has enjoyed this opportunity. Any opportunity to spend time with her sister is enjoyed and anticipated greatly by Gianna. She is supported by an IEP in school and has developed some very close relationships with her support staff there. She has begun to

take great pride in her work and earned honor roll all of the past academic year. Gianna works hard in school and truly appreciates the positive feedback and recognition that she receives as a result.

Legally freed for adoption, Gianna would do best in a single-female-parent or two-female-parent home where she is the youngest or only child. She will need continued contact with her younger sister who is placed separately. Gianna loves animals and learning about how to care for them and would love to have a pet. In a future home, Gianna hopes to have her own room. Her social worker is open to exploring local families that could potentially start off as a visiting resource for her in order to build a relationship prior to place

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You ain't black

Police in the inner cities are in a war on drug dealers and dangerous felons accused of violent crimes. It is the duty of the police to serve these warrants and arrest these individuals. It just so happens that some of these felons happen to be black. Now, I have known a lot of black people in my life. All I have known have been good hard-working people trying to make it in life. So why does

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BLM seem to imply the majority of the black people are these thugs and felons that are confronting the police in the interest of protecting other balck citizens? The obvious reason is that BLM has a political agenda and don't want to portray the truth. The vast majority of black Americans want peace and security in their lives. They want good jobs and good schools to send their

children too. If a black person speaks out against the group, they are eviscerated as "not being black," attacked, and torn down. This just happened to Charles Barkley and Shaq when they said this on TV.

Take the case of Breonna Taylor. The facts of the situation are as follows: The police had a warrant to search an apartment of a drug dealer. They knocked on the door. The drug dealer thought it was other dealers trying to rob him. (They often act like the police). The dealer fired his gun thru the door and hit one of the officers. The officers fired back. In an unfortunate tragedy they hit the drug dealer's girlfriend, Breonna. This was presented to a grand jury, a jury of our citizens. They found the officers totally justified. So, what does BLM do? They start riots and go after the attorney general who is black. By all accounts a decent hard-working black man trying to make it better for all people. On CNN, they interviewed a black mother who said "What do I tell my daughter to keep her safe?" I can tell here one easy answer. Tell her 'Don't shack up with a drug dealer or armed felon!' There's an old saying. You lie down with dogs you get fleas. It was also interesting that it was shown on the news that a U-Haul truck arrived after the verdict and started handing out rioting supplies. It was obvious

the rioting was a planned-out event.

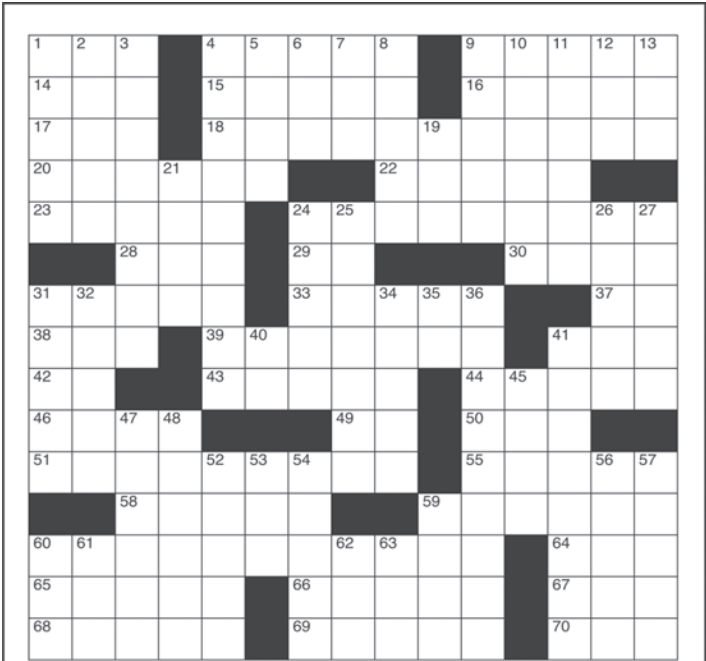
This is the same scene played out in the Rayshard Brooks case in Atlanta and that of Jacob Blake in Kenosha. The felon, knowing he is going to jail for his outstanding warrant, instead choses to fight with the police. These are police being sent by the black community to get these losers put behind bars. CNN and BLM try to show them as the black normal. The black average person. I personally take insult to this narrative. I grew up in Worcester and went to public school. I have interacted with people of all races and faiths. I know most black people in these communities are good decent people. In fact, the staff at the nursing home in Worcester where my late wife was taken care of was mostly black. I have to say that these people were some of the finest people in the world. The care, compassion, attitude, and love they have exceeded any others I have ever met. These are the people that BLM should put forward as role models. Instead BLM takes the few bad apples and makes them the icons of their movement. I personally believe every man should be judged by their character and nothing should be based on their race. That's how I was taught. Your character is developed by your environment and not by the race. To me every life matters but those of the good people matter to me more than those who are bad. Other liberal racist writers who send letters to the editor seem to see every situation based on race. There life is viewed thru glasses that only see this vision. They seem to identify more with the drug dealers and sexual predators over their victims. I feel empathy for those with hearts so hardened by their warped perceptions of life.

Another fake concept being put forward by CNN

and BLM is that only a black person will get shot by police when they fight with the police. In my life growing up, it was generally understood that if you broke the law and fought with the police, there was a high likely outcome of being shot no matter what race you are. The ones that particularly knew this to be true were the thugs and felons. It was taught that if you crossed the line to the criminal side, that's part of the life. They get off by pushing the law to the limits. In addition, most people (especially the hard-core criminals) would say that the police are totally justified. So, this crap that these guys don't know the chances they are taking is total BS. They are the ones putting those with them at risk, not the police. The crying mothers and girlfriends rolled out by CNN does not move me. Instead it makes me fail sorry for the families of the victims of these felons who the news never gives voice to.

So, what's the reason for all this fakery and feigned indignation by BLM and Antifa? It's obvious it's a ploy by the Democrats to try to sway suburban women to vote for empathetic compassionate Joe. They hope to persuade this group to vote against brash Donald Trump in the hopes that it will be calmer after the election. If this works, they will find out the truth. BLM and Antifa will not stop. This will just be the start. If history has shown us anything, it is that peace does not come from appeasing the radical socialist. Indeed, it just emboldens then to do it more. This evil growth must be met with force and resolute determination. To put out this spark of intolerance and destruction we need to vote for Trump. He will stamp this out so all men and women of all races everywhere can return to live and work with peace and security.

Mark Robillard is from Spencer



CLUES ACROSS

1. Part of (abbr.)

4. Persons

9. Moved with a curving trajectory

14. Bitterly regret

15. Cause to feel embarrassed

16. Type of toast

17. Bobby __, NHL champ

18. Analogies

20. Mixes

22. Beloved flowers

23. Clinton special prosecutor

24. Avoids

28. Innermost brain membrane; __ mater

29. Atomic #18

30. Remain as is

31. One who's been canonized

33. Indian king or prince

37. The Bay State

38. Forms adjectives
39. Give off

41. Partner to flow

42. Biblical Sumerian city

43. Popular clothing material

44. Organism parts

46. Central US Native American people

49. Blood type

50. Wrath

51. Perennial tropical grass

55. Vetches

58. Buffaloes

59. Envelope type

60. Tuberculosis

64. Israeli city __ Aviv

65. Pops

66. Indo-European languages

67. Fiddler crabs

68. Large bank

69. Not fresh

70. Scientist's device (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. High schoolers' dances

2. Style of rock music

3. Maryland athlete

4. Softened by soaking

5. Native Aussies

6. Some are on it

7. Clairvoyance

8. Broken piece

9. Wrong

10. Starts over

11. Where to hang clothes

12. One point north of due east

13. Gov't lawyers

19. Mass of eggs in a shellfish

21. Smile

24. Wrap

25. A citizen of Iran

26. Island off the coast of Tanzania

27. Attempts

31. Beloved "Doctor"
32. Type of turtle

34. Leg (French)

35. Indicates position

36. Self-doubt

40. Of I

41. Retired but allowed to retain title

45. Algerian port

47. African country

48. "Wayward Son" rockers

52. Bring out of sleep

53. Auburn legend Newton

54. Heavy wooden shield in ancient Greece

56. Choose to represent

57. Peace

59. Work hard

60. Reciprocal of a sine

61. Express delight

62. Explosive

63. Journalist Tarbell



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said. Born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Allen has lived in town since he was four years old, when he was sent to live with his uncle after his mother's death. He attended a trade school in Worcester before enlisting in the Army. His faith and church have always played an important role in his life. Although the Covid-19 situation prevented First

Congregational Church members and residents from sharing a large party with Allen, they still found a fun way to celebrate his milestone birthday. Residents were also planning to send 100 cards to the beloved veteran in time for his big day. Moreover, Allen received citations from the state Senate and House of Representatives to recognize his birthday. From all of us at the New Leader, happy 100th birthday to West Brookfield's Everett Allen.

Local students enroll at Nichols College

DUDLEY — The newest class is welcomed to Nichols College. Connor Niddrie of Leicester Meghan Fuller of Spencer Jevic Quinones of Spencer Benjamin Nerreau of West Brookfield About Nichols College Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education

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North Brookfield Cultural Council Seeks Grant Proposals

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Proposals will be open for consideration beginning Thursday, Oct. 1 for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs. The North Brookfield Cultural Council (NBCC) has set Monday, Nov. 16 as the deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community. According to NBCC Chair Laura Dusty, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in North Brookfield, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

Last year the North Brookfield Cultural Council

distributed \$5,700 in grants. Some previously funded projects include Theatre Guild of North Brookfield, Family Fun Day by Friends of NB Playground, Friends of NB Town House media presentation, St. Joseph's Family Fair, Sundays at Wendemuth Meadow, Ed the Wizard, The Ukulele Workshop, and more. The Council looks forward to considering and choosing this year's worthy proposals.

The NB Cultural Council's webpage at www.mass-culture.org/North-Brookfield outlines the following priorities: "The North Brookfield Cultural Council prioritizes those proposals that have the greatest impact on the community. We prioritize proposals that serve specific audiences

as well as those that work to bring together diverse groups. School programs, senior programs, library programs and local organizations are priorities and should demonstrate the backing of the appropriate authorities. In order to maximize the funds, the council may partially fund a proposal." For more details and funding guidelines, visit the Web page.

This year applicants must apply electronically online at www.mass-culture.org/North-Brookfield. If you do not have a computer, please visit the Hoston Free Public Library or your local library for assistance, or email Laura Dusty at dustyl@lpsma.net if you need to make other arrangements. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, Nov.

16.

The North Brookfield Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural

Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

For specific guidelines and complete information on the North Brookfield Cultural Council, visit www.mass-culture.org/North-Brookfield. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.asp.

Leicester Arts Council seeks funding proposals

LEICESTER — The Leicester Arts Council invites interested organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities. The Leicester Arts Council is a local agency funded by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

To be eligible, applications must be submitted online by Monday, Nov. 16.

Application forms, complete information on the grant application process, and specific guidelines for Leicester applicants are available online at <http://www.mass-culture.org>.

Grants can support a variety of projects and activities in Leicester-- including exhibits, performances, festivals, workshops and lectures, as well as field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools.

Previously funded projects have included: Leicester Concerts on the Common, art classes at the Leicester Public Library, visiting artists and field trips to cultural events for Leicester school children, music and drama performances for the Leicester Senior Center, and grants to local artists.

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SPENCER – School officials recently announced that the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District will continue to serve free breakfasts and lunches through Dec. 31.

Meals will be provided to any child under the age of 18 during this time period. This includes household members who are not currently enrolled in the district.

The food service program will provide meals for students participating in both hybrid learning and remote learning. For students in the hybrid model, meals will be served in the classrooms. Students will have the option to take extra meals home on Thursday that can be eaten during the fully remote Friday schedule.

Remote learners will be able to pick up meals at Knox Trail Middle School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. This includes extra meals for the other schooldays. Remote pickup will be in bulk and ordered on a Google form.

"This is a new program for the food service staff, and we hope you will grow with us as we continue to feed the children in the SEBRSD

community," read a statement released by SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey.

If you have questions about the program, contact the district's food service director, Brianne Pulver, at Pulverb@sebrsd.org, or by phone at 774-200-7162.

"This program brings a huge relief to families who might not qualify for free meals, yet are still going through a difficult time," read a statement issued by Pulver. "Now, families will have some relief on how to keep food on the table for their children in either mode of learning, hybrid or remote."

The program is made possible by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has extended several assistance opportunities through Dec. 31.

Since March, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District has served nearly 24,000 free meals to members of the community. The district's food services department will continue to collect free and reduced meal applications, which can be dropped off at any of the schools or the administrative building.

Warren Public Library offering limited services

WARREN – The staff at Warren Public Library reminds residents that the building is open for limited services, including browsing, computer use, faxing, copying, and printing.

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District Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs are happy to acquire Face Shields for their local First Responders. The maximum amount that any department could request is 25. Paxton Lions Club are happy to acquire 25 Shields for the Paxton Fire Department. A young Leo from the Wachusett Regional High School Leo Club

who lives in Princeton was successful in obtaining a similar request from the Princeton Fire Department. A Leo who lives in Sterling contacted the Sterling Fire Department, but they are all set for shields.

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Pictured, left to right: Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Whynot, Firefighter/Paramedic Rick McGinn, Paxton Lion Bob Wilby and Emergency Management Director/ Assistant Fire Chief Michael Pingitore.

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hybrid learning for elementary school students, with middle schools and high schools operating remotely.

The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District is offering a hybrid learning model to students in pre-kindergarten through the third grade.

"A hybrid model of learning with safety precautions means Monday through Thursday following an A-Week / B-Week schedule and school year calendar – with the understanding that every possible resource is brought to bear to ensure the safety, health, and wellness of our students and staff," read a statement issued by SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey.

The SEBRSD recently released data on attendance for each cohort at the two schools currently offering hybrid learning – East Brookfield Elementary School and Wire Village School in Spencer.

At EBES, a total of 190 students in grades pre-K-3 are taking part in some

form of education. This includes Cohort A (31 students); Cohort B (21 students); Cohort C (12 full-time students); Cohort D (81 fully remote students); and 45 preK students.

The overall attendance rate for all EBES students during the first week of school was 99 percent, officials said.

At Wire Village School, 334 students in grades K-3 are attending some form of classes. This includes Cohort A (116 students); Cohort B (100 students); Cohort C (18 full-time students); and Cohort D (100 fully remote students).

Like EBES, Wire Village also saw a 99 percent attendance rate for in-person and remote learners.

In Leicester, 275 students are participating in fully remote learning. The district is using the Florida Virtual School platform to provide curriculum lessons to those students.

Additionally, Leicester's hybrid learning structure has been a successful tool for students looking to return to the classroom.

"The hybrid model is going very well so far. It has been an adjustment

for staff and students, but everyone has been very cooperative and we are all learning to navigate the new normal at school," said Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Tencza. "Having students back in small groups has been a positive in this difficult educational environment. We are all happy to see them in person."

The Quaboag Regional School District is currently running a hybrid model at its elementary schools in Warren and West Brookfield. Combined, the schools have seen 419 students in grades K-6 participate in hybrid learning, plus another 205 students who are receiving a fully remote education this year.

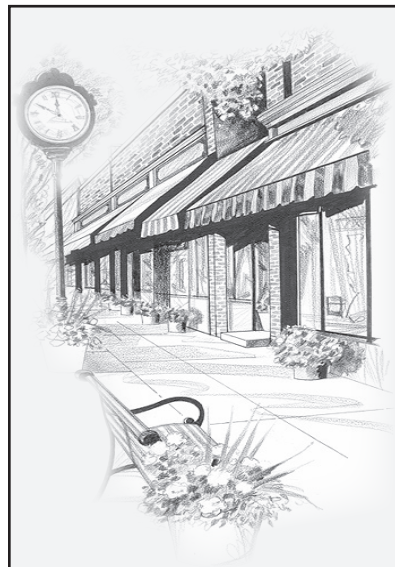
"Everything is going well as teachers and students adjust to the new normal and education in 2020," said QRSD Superintendent Brett Kustigian. "Our teachers and staff are really stepping up to the plate, and they are working harder than ever before in adapting to remote instruction. The increased time with professional development really helped, and our dedicated staff are making a positive difference in the lives of

our students."

Leaders of the North Brookfield Public Schools have seen about 15 percent of students take part in the fully remote model. The district has benefited from having all students learning remotely on Wednesdays to provide proper sanitation. On the other four days, assigned groups of students alternate between in-person and remote learning to ensure enough space for social distancing.

"Things have gone very well. It is definitely strange to have so few students in the building at any one time, but everyone is adjusting," said North Brookfield Public Schools Superintendent Richard Lind. "There are problems that pop up, and we are addressing those things as they arise. The students and staff are doing a really good job with masks and physical distancing."

Officials at all area school districts have also made preparations for a potential return to fully remote learning if Covid-19 conditions worsen. They will continue to rely on state guidance and data as the year progresses.



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EDITORIAL

Leave the signs where they stand

As the days wind down to the Presidential election, we’re seeing more division than ever. Fortunately, in smaller areas such as ours, it’s largely business as usual, and people on both sides can still have friendly conversations, in person that is.

The online banter and sign stealing is another story, however. We must note that sign stealing is a crime that comes with a fine of \$1,000. Stealing signs will in no way sway someone to change their vote.

Beware the division that social media can sew and intended to sew all along. If you read something, don’t automatically take it as fact. There’s been a veer from reality due to social media trolls, with the sole purpose of dividing the country. We are better than that, and intelligent enough to see through it. We’ve said it before, if you see something you disagree with online, you don’t need to jump on it and chime in. Think for yourself and trust your own ability to weed out what’s true and what’s not. Private conversations are also best. Further, commenting on a stranger’s post is absolutely useless, don’t even waste your time.

It’s not OK to hate another person due to their political views. If someone disagrees on policy with you, that’s ok. Maybe you don’t want to go to Sunday brunch with that person, but there’s no need to hate. It’s especially hard when you see some individuals who think that acting mean and condescending is a sign of toughness. It’s not. It just means they are simply, mean and condescending.

What’s interesting is that the people you see on television shouting rude comments and carrying guns as a way to intimidate, probably don’t like it when someone yells back. The second amendment was not intended to be used to intimidate fellow Americans into thinking the same way that we do. We think it’s safe to say that those same individuals, prefer when people in their own lives are kind to them. So, what gives? The hate is exhausting.

While this may be easier said than done, if you see a sign that you don’t agree with, at least try to appreciate the fact that in America we have the freedom to think differently from one another, and to make it known. For example, if you drive by a sign of a person you would not vote for, just shrug your shoulders and remember the freedom that those different signs represent. A freedom that must be protected.

A prayer as our nation replaces Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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His message took form in the vision of our Founding Fathers, as they fashioned a nation where all people might live as one.
This message lives on in our midst as a task for us today and a promise for tomorrow.
We thank you, Father, for your blessings in the past, and for all that, with your help, we must yet achieve.
Bless our nation as we engage in this process of transition on the Supreme Court.
Bless our President as he carries out his duty to choose a qualified nominee. Give wisdom, insight and courage to the leaders of the United States Senate, and to all our Senators, that they may

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We as a nation

To the Editor:
We as individuals and a Nation need to praise and call upon God.
God’s Word is very clear, explicit “if” my [Gods] people who are called by my [Gods] name. The people God is calling upon are the people who profess to be believers, Christians, will humble themselves and pray and seek my [God’s] face, turn from their wicked ways. What God is warning us, many of us; we are not living in obedience to God. We need to come out of our comfort zone and stand for God’s Word, God’s moral law, “then” God will hear from heaven and forgive and heal us, this land, country, nation from this pestilent Coronavirus and those murdering, destructive paid rioters. [2 Chronicle 7: 14] [Psalm 67]
Come on people, we have a responsi-

I cry for our future

To the Editor:
It was kind of grey and a little chilly as I stood there, head bowed kind of in prayer but also deep in thought, reflecting on this morning 19 years ago. I could remember every detail of that day and my heart ached like it was yesterday. After a while, my thoughts wandered to another memory, a trip we took a couple years ago. It was a dream trip for me, a celebration of cancer recovery, family, visiting my granddaughter in Hawaii as she attended university there. My dad served in the Navy in the South Pacific during WWII, so we had to visit Pearl Harbor. He wasn’t much more than a boy having my grandfather sign for him to enlist at barely 17. The museum tour is hard to

Join the rally!

To the Editor:
Join us in Auburn for a Trump Rally Friday, Oct. 2!
Auburn 2016 presidential results were 4,408 votes for Clinton (49 percent), 3,936 votes for Trump (44 percent), and Johnson and Stein had 685 combined votes, 7 percent.
Let’s help swing the pendulum to Trump. Join us for a Trump rally in

Baffling

To the Editor:
A baffled world is watching the United States in horror. How did a superpower allow itself to be taken to its knees by a virus and end up with a president who won’t commit to a peaceful transfer of power? Members of Parliament in Myanmar have expressed sorrow for the United States. Politicians in Canada have described watching the news in the US as akin to watching the decline of the Roman Empire. A sentiment expressed by political leaders around the world in big and small countries, rich and poor, is “The USA is a first-world country but it is acting like a third world country.”
Adding to the sense of bewilderment, Trump has refused to embrace the indispensable principle of democracy

carry out their duty to conduct a fair confirmation process based on the qualifications of the nominee.
And bless our fellow citizens, that they may understand the proper role of the courts and let their voices be heard in defense of the principles our Founding Fathers invoked.
Bring all of us to the day when our laws and our courts protect the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and recognize that those rights are not given to us by kings or courts, but only by you, the Lord of every nation.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen. Rev. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life

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JIM REID
SPENCER

bility to humble our self and do what God is warning us and need to be doing, standing before God in repentance and living according to God’s Word, God’s will, God’s moral laws and God will forgive us and heal this land, country, nation. The choice is ours. We must do our part and God will do for us what we cannot, forgive and reconcile us to Himself, remove the corona virus and establish peace in our states, country and nation. [2 Chronicle 7: 14] [Psalm 67]
As always, the choice is ours. Do you want to be blessed? Submit and live by God’s moral laws, and, an added blessing is living by God’s dietary law.

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

describe, sort of somber and beautiful at the same time. Reading monuments and heart wrenching stories but also beautiful celebration of lives and miracles memorialized there, ...and lives brutally cut short for our sake, to preserve and protect our freedoms. The Navy sailor guides, seemed so young like my dad might have been, reminded us as we took the ferry to the Arizona to be respectful, that it is more than a memorial, it is sacred ground where sailors, forever young lay entombed there. Thank you for your service sounded so inadequate. And I cried tears of respect for them.
And then I heard the cars going by ...and sadly, the too common insults of

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Auburn on Friday, Oct. 2 from 4 – 6 p.m. at Drury Square, the intersection of Route 12 and Auburn St, near Auburn High School and Auburn Fire Department.
Help us turn Auburn Red! Bring your flags and signs for a great time!

JEN GAUCHER
SPENCER

(republics ultimately controlled by the people) in dodging questions or outright refusing to cooperate if he loses. His demurral combined with attacks on the voting process reminds me more of Belarus, when a person cannot admit defeat and looks for any means to prove he didn’t or couldn’t lose. Between our politics and our COVID management, the world sees dismantling social cohesion within American society. There is a vacuum of leadership in the world and America is abdicating.
I’ve often said that I like to be entertained by my politics and every presidential election cycle I tell myself it couldn’t possibly get any better. In 2008, the sun, the stars, and the moon all

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I thought we wait for the next president...

To the Editor:
Ruth Bader Ginsburg was both the first woman to ever lie in state in the U.S. Capital, as well as the first Jewish person to ever lie in state. While RBG certainly deserved ever bit of honor she received, it is mind-boggling to me that in 2020 neither a Jewish person nor a woman had ever been honored in this way.
Amy Coney Barrett has been nominated to the Supreme Court to fill Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s seat. She is well regarded and well qualified. She is a conservative, a disciple of Antonin Scalia. She was on the Norte Dame law faculty and is currently a judge on the D.C. District Court. Ironically if it had not been for Ginsburg’s activism, Amy Coney Barrett likely wouldn’t be a lawyer never mind a judge, never mind a Supreme Court nominee. The hypocrisy of a woman who wouldn’t have any the opportunity without RBG being the one to tear down RBG’s legacy is striking.
Personal attacks aren’t likely to work on Ms. Barrett. She seems to be a genuinely good person, she has five children of her own including a Down Syndrome child she knowingly birthed and two adopted children. She is a devout Catholic and while that is not normally a problem, those personal views enter the courtroom they are a problem. She needs to understand that her personal views are for her and her family only, not for the country at large. Our laws need to protect all

It’s Apple Season!



TAKE
THE
HINT
KAREN
TRAINOR

It’s apple season and apple offerings are plentiful in our area. New England grown apples have been pleasing the palate since the 1700s. The area’s hot summers, cool fall days, and rocky soil are credited with the production of big, red apples with a unique mix of sweet and tart flavors. Read on for a lesson on “apple-ology!”
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If the various varieties of apples have you confused, the following guide identifies some of the most popular regional apples:
Native New England Apples: New England apples boast a unique blend of sweet and tart flavors, attributed to the region’s long, hot summers and crisp fall days. About 40 varieties of apples are commonly grown in New England apple orchards. The most popular today are McIntosh, Cortland, New England Red Delicious, Macoun, Empire, and Rome. Other favored New England varieties include Crispin, Mutsu, Gala, Golden Delicious, IdaRed, Jersey Mac, Jonagold, and PaulaRed,
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Historic Heirloom Apples: Apples have a long and vital tradition in New England. Many varieties were discovered here, or go back centuries. A commercial apple-growing region since the 1700s, New England is still known for its distinctive varieties, particularly the McIntosh, which accounts for two-thirds of the region’s crop. Other classic New England varieties are the Macoun, Cortland, Empire, Eastern Red Delicious, and Rome. New England orchards are also keeping alive heirloom varieties like Northern Spy, Baldwin, Pippin, Roxbury Russet and Red Gravenstein.
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Pick the Correct Apple: While all apples are delicious and refreshing, some strains of apples are better for cooking than others. Here’s the rundown: According to expert chefs, the following apple varieties are excellent choices for baking: Cortland, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Jonagold, Jonathan, Rome. Good varieties for baking include: Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Ginger Gold, HoneyCrisp, Newton Pippin.
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Since competition for blue ribbons is fierce at annual apple pie contests, the heads up on the best baking apples may give you the edge. Here are some excellent pie apples: Cortland, Golden Delicious, Jonathan, Newton Pippin, Rome. Also good for pie baking: Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Ginger Gold, and Jonagold.
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Looking for a great applesauce apple? A general rule is any apple but Red Delicious is acceptable, but here are
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LIKE NO OTHER

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal knitting: 101 – Towing with yarn

To the Editor:

There seems to be a common thread among democrats of towing the line, no matter what the latest cause may be. From the supposed wild swings in temperature, the alleged rising seas (I was under the impression that the Immaculated One, Obama, was supposed to have stopped that, wasn't he?) to the cries to defund the very men and women in blue that they would call in a nano-second if they felt the least bit threatened. These 'science based' social justice heroes have vowed to be the ones that will save America from the evil clutches of capitalism, growth, and prosperity and turn it onto the Venezuelan utopia that dances and sparkles in their collective dreams. Since March, we've had a taste of that dystopian paradise.

Thanks to the China Virus (or Covid-19 for all you namby-pamby, man bun, tight pants and Birkenstocks wearing Bernie-Bros) everything is now in high demand. When the virus first hit there were legions of people pushing and pulling carts and pallets filled to capacity with cases of bottled water and toilet paper, loading them into cars or truck beds which were already heavily laden with the same products from another store they had just cleared out. Five months went by before my wife and I were finally able to purchase bone-in chicken breast! For whatever reason, the only option was boneless skinless, as if the last available breed of chicken left was little known

Be very afraid

To the Editor:

I expect that I am not the only one who is extremely concerned about the status of our rights. I have lived through the loss of a grandchild eight and a half months into a pregnancy, and that child's father to depression and dependency. My remaining family is the most valued treasure I will ever have. One of my prom dates mentioned that her college roommate, used abortion as birth control. It is stories like that, which worry me the most. You need better education and qualifications to drive or vote, than to become a parent. As a church deacon, we used to present a rose to parents at baptisms. The speech was-"As this was once but a seed, with care and nurturing, it has grown to be the beautiful rose you see.. It is our hope that this child who was once just a seed, with care and nurturing, will grow into a beautiful person, who will not be a problem for the world, but an answer to the world's problems."

In reading the comments of Brother McRae, it occurs to me that simply being born, is only an opportunity. The people who are problems to the world come from somewhere, possibly raised by people who did not do the required nurture route. Personally, I do not feel qualified to sit in judgement of others, some of whom make very hard reproductive decisions. A rubber stamp is not the answer.

For people who are paying attention, we have lost a liberal giant supreme court justice this last week. You may remember that Justice Scalia died 11 months before the end of Obama's term, and the GOP position was that in an election year, the voters should pick a president to fill the seat. You

So much for reasonable discourse

To the Editor:

I have never considered myself much of a "fan" of anything (fan being short for fanatic), but this election season I have had strong feelings for one side, in spite of my usual independent (my wife says "uncommitted") bent. This has led to me helping her put up various signage on the house and around our yard supporting Democratic hopefuls for all offices from the state on up to the Biden, whom I strongly back.

Unfortunately, political discussions between people who don't necessarily agree on issues or candidates seem to have gone the way of the dodo, and have been reduced to "mudslinging," name calling, outright lies, and Internet trolling, and even foreign help during the election cycles.

On a town level, some of those who supported our current President were satisfied in 2016 (when we had up some similar signage) to merely drive by at high speed and yell the candidate's name, obscenities, or insults, or throw beer bottles on the lawn. This was done many times while my wife and 90-plus-year-old mother in law were out in the yard, without any regard for any sort of decorum

Gobi vs. Hall

To the Editor:

Sadly, one of the few contested state races in our towns is this very interesting, not to mention important State Senate contest between Sen. Ann Gobi and Mr. Steven Hall

The quote comes from US Congressional leader Thomas "Tip" O'Neil, political friend of President Reagan while at the same time leading the 'loyal opposition.'

Back to the State Senate race which marks the second consecutive time the two have competed, with Senator Gobi having won in 2018. Statements made during a WWLP TV debate in that campaign present a good way of pointing out a important difference on how the two would represent our Senate district.

Sen. Gobi: "When it comes to overrides, when there are things for the district, you bet I'm going to make sure that we override. That's what a state senator is supposed to do; to be there to work for their district."

She seems to know as a proven, experienced public servant, problem solver, and opportunity seeker what to do. This means that where the benefits for our communities exceed the costs, she will do everything she can to secure the necessary state funding.

Since most of our towns lack the financial resources of say, the Boston suburbs, state funding has become an absolute need both to maintain our infrastructure and services and to move our towns, families, and children forward.

Noboneian, oddly enough only found in, of all places, Venezuela. There was also a run on paper towels, paper plates, stretch wrap, aluminum foil, butter, milk, steak, bacon... mmmm, bacon... You were lucky to find Tylenol or Motrin. The shelves at BJ's, which used to hold these item were bare. This baron wasteland included the top shelves that were usually packed with stretch wrapped goods on full sized pallets, chomping at the bit just waiting for their chance to take the place of the previous round of purchased products. Walmart looked like a tornado had ripped through, pulling anything of value off the shelves along its path of destruction. If you compare and contrast how the average person reacts to a stressful situation to that of a crowd, the dichotomy is quite alarming. Present one person with a dire situation and they can usually pull it together and react in a rational manner. Introduce a few panicked lemmings and most, if not all, lose their minds!

Presently, our exalted governor, Lord Baker has mandated that us peasants need to wear masks in businesses, maintain six feet of separation, get tested and/or quarantine if we left the state. If you walk into any store, every five minutes they broadcast a China Virus PSA over the PA system. Sure, it makes you feel all warm and fuzzy that they 'care' about our wellbeing. Personally, I've had enough with this, almost subliminal, indoctrination and the soft as puppy crap motto's like,

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may have noticed that the GOP is now tripping over itself trying a bum's rush to get a replacement for RBG in before Oval and Senate change hands.

McConnell and his do nothing senate, have focused on filling lifetime court seats with young, unqualified and inexperienced conservatives, and don't expect different for SCOTUS.

So, let's take a measure of what we see going on in our country right now. Even though this president appears to have declared the pandemic over, and everyone should take off their masks and go back to work, many will not have work to go back to. Actual counts of new case and deaths do not support it being over. Where countries are actually doing masks, distancing and tracing, they are reporting that their flu cases counts are way down as a result of these steps. I feel confident that with the number of clueless mask avoiders, the flu and Covid counts will remain ridiculous, and with the boneheads saying they will take the risk, they need to be marked as they are also taking the risk for all with whom they interact. There was a recent Maine wedding, where the attendees appear to have done fine, but the death count on those they brought it home to is still rising.

In light of the inept response to this disease, using the US Mail to vote, as has been common dating back to the 1780's, seems a smart option. We have after all been having elections for over 200 years, put men on the moon 51 years ago, so can even handle the rocket science of the post office, that delivers billions of cards and packages every Christmas, delivering ballots which are most likely

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in the most cowardly manner imaginable. So much for reasonable political discourse.

Now, in 2020, these same elements have brought it up a couple of notches, destroying my mailbox this week and some very expensive signage on my property in the dark of night last night, again sneaking on to the property like the cowards they are instead of having a reasonable discussion. This seems to be the encouragement they are getting from a candidate who will lie, cheat, work with adversary foreign powers on re-election help, and throw this country under the bus just to maintain his hold on power, the country be damned.

The more this happens, the more signs and the more my efforts against the current administration go up.

I am sure most of the Republican voters are not like this, that it is a very small minority causing this damage, but it is personally very disappointing that we have come to this.

Vote Democratic.

RUSTY POWELL
SPENCER

Meanwhile, in the debate, Mr. Hall, then a nursing home consultant, argued that the district needs someone who would go along with the Republican Governor Charlie Baker when it comes to spending cuts. Regarding cuts, remains consistent. In the 2020 Ballotpedia, survey Mr. Hall indicates as a first priority; "I will fight for lower taxes." This means less funding for our district, towns, and families and that more money stays in the pockets of the very wealthy.

The difference between Sen. Gobi and Mr. Hall could not be more stark

The experienced Senator Gobi wants more state resources for us.

Mr. Hall proposes cutting taxes which mainly helps others.

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

NOTICE HYDRANT FLUSHING TOWN OF SPENCER

The Town of Spencer Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the distribution system starting October 5 thru October 23, 2020. Flushing removes sediment from the water mains to help maintain water quality.

When the Water Department staff is in the immediate area, residents could experience loss of pressure and short periods of rusty water.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the Water Department office at 508-885-7725.

Thank you.

Attention North Brookfield Water Users:

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Oct. 5, 2020 through Oct. 24, 2020

The North Brookfield Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout town beginning Monday, October 5 through Saturday, October 24, 2020.

The purpose of the flushing is to remove sediment buildup in the mains. The flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles dislodged during the flushing. This discoloration might stain your laundry, especially white materials.

Flushing is performed between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. We post our daily flushing schedule on the North Brookfield Water Department's Facebook page. If you would like additional information, please call the Water Department at (508) 867-0207.

Our American flag matters

BY DONALD L. GAUDETTE, SR.

When our National Anthem is played, all
Military personnel stand at attention and
Salute
Civilians should stand tall and straight, giving
Respect

Take the time to honor those who made the
Ultimate sacrifice for our preservation

Looking at the Stars and Stripes and reflecting
On what they represent should make all of us
Very proud

The white in the flag represents innocence and
Purity, the red representing valor and the blue
Vigilance, persistence, and justice giving all a
Feeling of purpose and unity

Seven red stripes and six white stripes
Represent the thirteen original colonies and
The fifth white stars include all of our states
And symbolic of our growth and togetherness

All of us acting as one must be prepared and
Ready at all times to defend

Seeing our flag wave in the wind and listening to
The music, should give all of us a feeling of
Goodness and nostalgia

All Americans, yellow, red, black and white
Should be proud and have the willingness to give
Honor and protection to our flag when required

Yes, Black Lives Matter, all colors living in our
Nation matter. It's also a fact our flag matters
Too. Make sure we take the required time to
Understand our common interests and
Differences and work together in peace and
Harmony

May God bless America

Another side of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

To the Editor:

In last week's New Leader, as one might have expected, the apotheosizing of the dearly departed liberal lioness of the Supreme Court, R.B. Ginsburg, was in full throat with a lengthy, fawning editorial by the editor himself--unusual for him, as he normally doesn't reveal his political inclinations--and another puff piece submission from one, Powell. Well, it's only natural, I suppose, for leftists to mourn the passing of one of their own who, they had come to believe, was immortal and probably walked across the Potomac (not on a bridge) to get to her office. Those of us who revere the Constitution will probably feel the same way when our hero, the great originalist on the Court, Justice Clarence Thomas, sheds his mortal coil.

We read and heard all the paeans sung about RBG by adoring feminist fans for a week or more (until ACB--Amy Coney Barrett--knocked Ruthie off the front page), about her heroic life in overcoming bias, her medical challenges, her fighting for the marginalized in society, and all the rest of it.

You did notice, I'm sure, how we on the right just let it go on and on--the adulation--without having much to say. Unlike the left, we do not celebrate the death or misfortune befalling our political enemies, those who devoted their every waking hour to defeating us in every conceivable way: politically, economically, and culturally.


We'll never forget, though, the vicious and cruel comments coming from the left when, for example, Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, Antonin

Scalia or other luminaries from our side passed away. Forgive and forget is not the credo of classless liberals. Our side consists of just better people, that's all there is to it.

In this case (RBG), I think enough time has elapsed so that it's fair to register a few salient points regarding her unassailable iconic stature in the liberal world. This virtual, for liberals, reincarnation of the Old Testament's "Esther" (or Hadassah, take your pick), this fearless warrior taking on Trump as did Esther with Haman (greatest story in the Old Testament if you haven't read it!), this cynosure of all things militantly feminist/progressive....had a few warts none of her idolaters seem to want to discuss:

Item: Before her funeral at the Supreme Court building, someone thought it would make a great photo to have as many of her law clerks from over the years as possible stand on the steps of the imposing edifice, each one dressed, appropriately in black suit and white shirt. Nice, right? The only problem was that, upon inspection of the cleverly set up picture, it showed exactly no, zero, zip, nada, zilch

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PERSON *of the* WEEK


Carol Dufault of Spencer

Carol tirelessly goes up and down Route 31 and cleans up roadside trash. She should be recognized for her commitment to the community and her hard work.

— Submitted by Jenn Wysocki.

If you would like to nominate an upcoming Person of the Week, please email your suggestion and the reason you're nominating him or her, or a group of people to June at jsima@stonebridgepress.news.

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aligned where we had black man running for president who was objectively a great candidate but we also had a pointless war that turned into a quagmire and an economy in freefall of what was the worst recession since the great depression. In that election, we saw America elect its first black president and with him sweep in a filibuster-proof supermajority for the first time since right after Nixon resigned. We saw conservatives going bananas with the conspiracy theories and overt racism while we saw the Republican nominee, John McCain, choose not to engage and lose the election with his dignity.

The next four years were pretty incredible while the Republicans drifted into the realm of conspiracy theories, white nationalism, and took a ‘burn it all down’ attitude by trying to use the full faith and credit of the United States as a bargaining chip. The 2012 election was comical as the Republicans tried to find their way and they ended up going with a Mormon Northeast moderate elite turned deplorable-panderer that honestly nobody liked by the end. As we barreled through Obama’s second term with a hostile opposition party that was taking America hostage and seemed willing to shoot the hostage, we ended up at the first time in history that a Supreme Court seat would be intentionally left open for a full year in hopes that they could roll the seat to the next president. Mitch McConnell is a genius, evil, but genius nonetheless. Who would have thought he was willing to break everything to shift the power on the court for a generation?

Throughout the Trump presidency, the inappropriate behavior, the inappropriate language, the cronyism, the corruption, the violation of norms, the extortion, the impeachment... We are about to enter a new phase – il fascismo. Donald Trump is behaving like Benito Mussolini and despots that the U.S. usually condemns.

The topic came up again this week and again Trump has refused to commit to a peaceful transition of power if he loses the election and shatter a tradition

that lies at the heart of the democratic process in the United States and places our republic in mortal danger. Combine that with Trump’s relentless disinformation campaign, celebration of violence against journalists, and incitement of armed militias, and scheming to pressure Republican controlled state legislatures of swing states to overturn their elections if Biden wins. Trump’s behavior would be swiftly and unequivocally condemned by the entire world if it was happening elsewhere.

“We’ll have to see what happens,” Trump said when asked if he would accept the final results of the election. He has given the country myriad signs he will not concede under any circumstances, placing the US on the precipice of a political crisis like nothing we have ever experienced.

No other American president ever played with this kind of fire in advance of an election, suggesting that the results of the upcoming election ought to be disregarded. There has never been anything remotely similar. To find an example of this in history we have to look at leaders like Mussolini. Mussolini started as a man of the people and slowly consolidated power over 3 years. This is the way dictators come to power. This is not a drill.

To respond to Mr. Herholz – The term “China-virus” is racist. This has been explained many times, from many angles, from many people. Your insistence on continuing to use it is illuminating. Let’s not forget that the confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. per capita are 332 times higher and the confirmed COVID-19 deaths per capita are 183 times higher than China...and growing... Go ahead and hate China, having a villain you don’t understand can make explaining a complex world a lot easier.

Mr. Herholz made a false comparison between COVID-19 and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic. He is absolutely correct, there were an estimated 60 million cases. He is also correct, there were about 13,000 confirmed deaths from that flu. He is also correct that we did not impose social distancing, masks, close things down, etc. Think about that though... While the H1N1 looked dangerous at the outset, President Obama

started filling up the national stockpiles with medical equipment and PPE, and took a wait and see approach. It proved to have a 0.02 percent death rate early on and the reason we got to 60 million cases is because it wasn’t deemed worth draconian measures to control. It seems like President Obama handled the H1N1 like a conservative/Republican dream, background government preparation without major disruptions to daily life.

Juxtapose COVID-19, the estimated death rate is 2 percent, or 100x the H1N1 flu. We have seen 7 million cases with 200,000 deaths, or 142 times the rate we observed with H1N1. Based on antibody studies it looks like letting COVID-19 rip would result in more than two million American deaths – a far cry from the 12,000 we saw with H1N1. We don’t even know if we can make a vaccine for it, never mind how long that will take whereas we knew we could make a new influenza vaccine within months. There are also the long-term effects – months out something like 25 percent of COVID-19 patients under 40 without preexisting conditions have ongoing symptoms such as fatigue, headaches, organ inflammation, etc. If we didn’t have Obamacare, recovered COVID-19 would be a pre-existing condition that would justify either higher rates or no-bids on health insurance. We know that humans that recover from influenza have truly recovered.

Mr. Herholz – I encourage you to save every letter you have written. Put them in a box and promise not to read them for at least 10 years after Trump (or any vestige of the dynasty) is gone. Promise me you will read them. I wonder how supporters of Mussolini and Hitler felt in 1955 looking back at their prior selves...

Mr. Robillard – For starters, Donald Trump become a politician the day he descended that escalator. Secondly, he is a career con-man and objectively a terrible businessman. He ran a casino, and airline, and a football league bankrupt. He made his money off of being a celebrity, a TV star, a gameshow host. He would be five times richer if he put his inheritance in an S&P 500 index fund and literally did nothing his entire career.

As for supply and demand, you are

looking at microeconomics as opposed to macroeconomics. Donald Trump’s understanding of economics is that of Mercantilism or “fixed pie theory” and was the dominant economic theory of the 16th-18th centuries – i.e., before the industrial revolution. Mercantilism operates under the concept that there is only so much “stuff,” value, or money and for every winner there is a loser. It doesn’t recognize that the economy, or the pie, can grow. The theory was rejected by Adam Smith and Capitalism, which is the theory of which capital can be used to grow more capital, is the dominant theory now. No mainstream economist still believes in Mercantilism but of course it is simpler than reality.

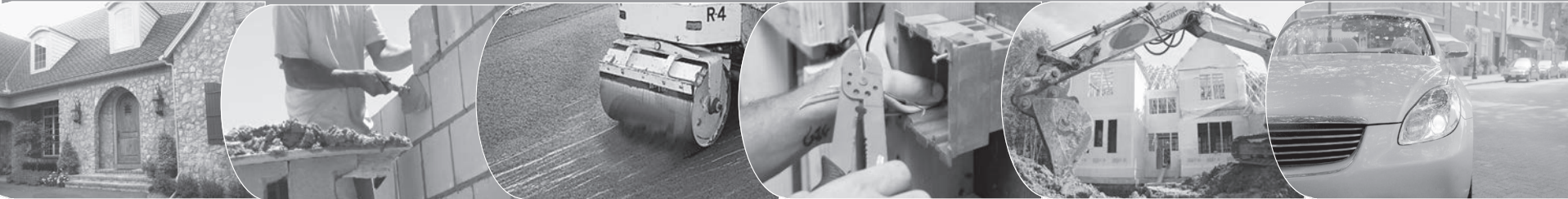
At the nation’s founding, we had four million people. We have grown the population to 328 million and we are far richer as a country today... How could this be? The reason is our economy grew. As our economy grew, we needed more workers. Our country actively sought immigrants (from Europe) because without workers our industrial base couldn’t grow. With more workers were more consumers who grew other industries.

Mr. McRae – How do you think James Madison would feel about President Trump labelling the press as “the enemy of the people?” How do you think Madison would feel about Trump’s open threats to turn the United States into an autocracy if not a monarchy?

Finally, COVID stats... We now have 7,081,505 confirmed cases and 204,527 deaths. We are still #1 on both counts, but within a month India will likely take our crown. Antibody studies have indicated that 10% of Americans have had COVID, either confirmed, symptomatically without a test, or asymptotically. We have started to see the fall increase already; daily cases are up 22 percent since two weeks ago. We can expect 2 million total deaths if we continue on this path. This is sad. It is pathetic. There’s nothing else to say about it.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
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a carful of young people screaming, “F--- You!” hanging out the windows waving their middle fingers. We were just standing there to honor fallen heroes, and this is the respect they get? I reminded myself that these young people maybe weren’t even born then or maybe just babies but how could they not know? This standout, unlike others, was completely nonpolitical. Just an inadequate way to show our respect. I was not born yet when Pearl Harbor was attacked but I know to respect their great sacrifice. Do they not know on 9/11, families were ripped apart? That thousands endured the unspeakable? Are they so callous and self-centered to be ungrateful of the freedoms they have while these lives were brutally cut short? Unable to honor those who gave their lives to save others? And I cried tears for this irreverence.

How did our country come to this? What are we teaching our youth? To be so ignorant of common courtesy? To be so disrespectful? When did it become acceptable to use such foul language? To express such vitriol? What curriculum includes this?

And why are we not aghast at this behavior? Do the parents know? Do they care? Does our society care? Why do we not expect more of our youth? Of each other?

Standing out, I see this venom constantly. I can understand disagreement. New ideas and compromise come from disagreement. I cannot understand hatred and disrespect especially for veterans and seniors who have served our country and worked so hard to create a better life for us or the little ones looking up for an example to follow disrespected by juveniles who haven’t worked or served our country, whose main worldly experience is video games or social media. I don’t understand how our military and police who put their lives on the line everyday are maligned and it is hoodlums and criminals who get celebrity treatment. As I look across our country and see the destruction, what change do they really think they can accomplish? What exactly will be better by burning, looting and murder than what they already have? Do they even know what they want?

I grew up during the Civil Rights movement, the protests, assassinations, and it was nothing like now. We were appalled by violence and recognized evil for what it truly was. Even in protest, respect was still expected for others, authority, adults, the law and military, God and country, even property! and that expectation effected change for the better. These young brats obviously aren’t learning our history, or they would know how far we have come and how our country offers so much more than any other, freedoms no other country has. They would know that change doesn’t come from this hatred dragging our country down to depths like Venezuela or China or North Korea. Is this what they want? Do they realize they won’t be free to express their hostile dissatisfaction? They won’t be free to waste time thumbing away on their phones? If they even have a phone! Is it too late to learn to love our country? To appreciate our liberties and those who sacrificed to protect them? To learn from our past to pave way for a better future? Is it too late to learn pride and honor and respect? I cry tears for their future ...our country’s future.

Respectfully,

DIANE BUZZELL
NORTH BROOKFIELD

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power since Scalia was such a conservative icon. It seems that RBG being a liberal icon has not meant that “the next president” should pick her successor.

Assuming Mitch McConnell even allows questions at the confirmation hearings (he didn’t allow evidence to be presented at the impeachment)... Listen for answers to the hard questions. People care about Healthcare and the Affordable Care Act faces extinction in the court yet again. Twenty million people got Healthcare for the first time during the Obama presidency, and 3.8 million have lost it in Trump’s term.

It isn’t just Roe v. Wade that is on the chopping block. Hopefully our senators will ask how Ms. Barrett feels about Griswold v. Connecticut, Lawrence v. Texas., or Obergefell v. Hodges. Amy Coney Barrett may be a lovely person, but she threatens to transform this country into a theocracy that very few Americans actually want.

Trump has been casting doubt on mail-in ballots virtually every day. The president is refusing to promise to respect the results of the

election. I have never been more pessimistic about where the country is than now. Our social fabric has been fraying for years. The president has been ripping the country and institutions he is supposed to lead from top to bottom. The Supreme Court fight maximizes the sense that the other side is illegitimate and not playing by the rules. Now we walk into an election where the results could be genuinely unclear and the sitting president is refusing to concede even if it is clear and he is scheming to get key swing states whose state governments are controlled by Republicans to flip their states for him. As it turns out, presidential elections are merely non-binding recommendations and it is state electors that determine the next president.

Our system only works on goodwill of the players. Without goodwill, the spiral of accusation and animosity will see things devolve to levels not seen in this country since 1865. I hope that an aroused citizenry will not tolerate the kind of behavior Trump is openly talking about, and Republicans as a party won’t tolerate it either.

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Spencer Police Logs

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
12:24-1:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:37 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 1:50-1:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:17 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:20 a.m.: DPW call (Jolicoeur Avenue), wire across road; 8:06 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), threats; 10:02 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 10:24 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 10:40 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:58 a.m.: residential alarm (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 11:38 a.m.: commercial alarm (Smithville Road), services rendered; 11:39 a.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), spoken to; 11:56 a.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), possum in yard; 12:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), unwanted party; 12:27 p.m.: fraud (Charron Street), SS scam call; 2:24 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 2:32 p.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 2:57 p.m.: disturbance (Prospect Street), services rendered; 3:26 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 3:31 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:05 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Main Street); 4:12 p.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), child w/phone; 4:15 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:15 p.m.: FID card issued (West

Main Street), assisted; 4:39 p.m.: residential alarm (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 4:50 p.m.: animal complaint (North Brookfield Road), loose dog; 5:11 p.m.: mv complaint (Gold Nugget Road), spoken to; 5:19 p.m.: parking complaint (West Main Street), TT blocking entrance; 5:21 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 5:44 p.m.: RV complaint (Rustic Lane), dirt bikes by lake; 6:36 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:09 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 7:15 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), poss. injury; 8:20-8:32 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:34 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), info taken; 9:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), apt. lockout; 9:34-10:01 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:47 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; (Total daily mv stops – 18).
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
12:06-12:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:36 a.m.: suspicious mv (Gauthier Road), investigated; 12:38-12:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:52 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 1:08-1:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:19 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 6:41 a.m.; officer wanted (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 7:01 a.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), cows loose; 8:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), motorized bike dispute; 10:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Wall Street), ferret abandoned; 11:59 a.m.: fraud (Oakland Drive), scam call; 12:24 p.m.: officer wanted

(Paxton Road), welfare check; 12:41 p.m.: fire alarm (South Spencer Road), referred; 12:42 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 2:22 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 2:56 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:24 p.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), info taken; 5:34 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Summit Street), no contact; 5:55 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Grant Street), open line; 6:08 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), skateboarding in traffic; 6:45p.m.: restraining order service (Mechanic Street); 7:52 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. assault; 7:52 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 8:13 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 8:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), spoken to; 8:27-8:53 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:55 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Church Street), illegal burn; 9:19 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 9:32 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 9:47 p.m.: suspicious mv (Smithville Road), investigated; 9:53-10:03 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:11 p.m.: disturbance (Borkum Road), mailbox damaged; 10:16 p.m.: disturbance (Brooks Pond Road), lg. gathering; 11:29 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 19).
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
12:06 a.m.: disturbance (Charron Street), loud verbal altercation; 12:31-2:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:41 a.m.: medical/general (Old Farm Road); 9:19 a.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln

Street), apt. lockout; 9:24 a.m.: fire alarm (Temple Street), referred; 12:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), spoken to; 12:48 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 12:58 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:21 p.m.: animal complaint (Hastings Road), missing cat; 1:46 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 2:53 p.m.: DPW call (Pearl Street), sewer problem; 3:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Oakland Drive), rabid raccoon; 3:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), abandoned mv; 3:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), info taken; 4:17 p.m.: larceny/shoplifting (West Main Street), snow blower stolen; 4:30 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:30 p.m.: FID issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:59 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 5:12 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 5:26 p.m.: mutual aid (Route 49), Sturbridge PD bolo; 5:28 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:38 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Street), lift assist; 6:39 p.m.: RV complaint (Rustic Lane), dirt bikes at lake; 8:49 p.m.: FID issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:49 p.m.: disabled mv (Route 49), assisted; 8:52 p.m.: disturbance (Brooks Pond Road), noise complaint; 9:01 p.m.: citizen complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), info taken; 9:17 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:29 p.m.: RV complaint (Greenville Street), dirt bike; 9:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), spoken to; 10:11 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; (Total daily mv stops –

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OBITUARIES

James P. Dolan, 52

SPENCER- James P. Dolan, 52, passed away Tuesday ,September 22, 2020 peacefully surrounded by his family after a short illness at St. Vincent’s Hospital.



He grew up in Leicester, Ma. He was the son of James W. Dolan and Barbara A. (Baillargeon) Dolan. He attended Worcester Vocational Technical High School. He was a stay at home father.

He was a carpenter by trade and worked various jobs throughout Massachusetts and Maine. He loved Maine, he lived in Maine for several years. That was always home to him. He was a devoted father, who loved his son more than life itself. His son was his everything. He was always there to help anyone in need and would give

anyone the last dollar he had in his pocket. That’s who he was, he had the most caring soul.

He is survived by his wife Kelly (Knowlton)Dolan;asonJamesK.Dolan; father, James W. Dolan and his wife Janet; mother Barbara (Baillargeon) Dolan; three sisters, Christine Dolan, Karen Dolan and her spouse, Kirk Doucette, and Stacey Dolan; two nieces and three nephews, Cara and Joshua Diaz, Morgan and Nicholas Malesky and Riley Landry; two great nephews, Armando and Shamus Diaz; many uncles, aunts and cousins.

At his request there are no services. The family would like to thank the staff in the ICU unit at St. Vincent’s Hospital for their outstanding care and compassion. Pillsbury Funeral Home, 163 Main St., Spencer is entrusted with arrangements. pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Item: In an interview with the New York Times (2018), Ginsburg stunned the interviewer by commenting that in her view the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 was probably arrived at in an effort to “...control populations we don’t want to have too much of...” (paraphrased.) If this wasn’t code talk for dealing with poor black people (just as her heroine, the eugenicist Margaret Sanger had advocated), what was it? Read the interview for yourself, if you find it hard to believe.

Item: For one sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, Ginsburg had an unconventional way of championing it as the greatest document of self-government and protection of individual rights the world has ever seen. When asked, in 2012, what constitution she might recommend for newly emerging countries around the globe, her response was “I think they ought to look at that of the Republic of South Africa.” Right. South Africa, whose constitution has allowed it to become one of the very most dangerous, violent, and corrupt places on earth in the few short years it has been in existence. But, it was a nice, progressive, brainy thing to say, one that all the faculty lounge lizards would think was simply brilliant.

I know I’m not supposed to speak unkindly of the dead, but, as John Adams famously said, “Facts are stubborn things.” And these are the facts, Jack. If I have to listen unceasingly to these mindless encomiums heaped upon someone who, interesting as she

away from strong odors, which can be absorbed.

Apple Fun Facts: Did you know? Apples are a member of the rose family.

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Apples are the second most valuable fruit grown in the United States. Oranges are first.

Newton Pippin apples were the first apples exported from America in 1768, some were sent to Benjamin Franklin

HERHOLZ

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“Together, we will make it through this.” Why? A 99% survival rate, that’s why. Yet, my mask happened to dip below my nose, and even though I was well outside of the six-foot bubble of anyone else around me, I get called out in the checkout line at Walmart for not wearing a mask. It took every fiber in my being not to go all, Tommy DeVito on Walmart’s personal savior, and ask him, “Mask? What the [fornication] does this thing look like?!” But, I didn’t. Most likely he is just towing the line of what is being told he needs to do, much like another associate insisted that my wife needed to lower the face shield on the full face helmet she was wearing... Same Walmart, different associate, different visit.

I’ve been known to indulge in an argument or two in the past on the Face Gram... or is it Twit-Book... with

KIMBALL

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mailed locally.

If you are paying attention, President Trump will likely be indicted on multiple counts , fairly soon after he leaves office. I think that is the best explanation for ridiculous message control of health care experts, and down playing that the pandemic is surely not nearly over in the USA. I believe that he will reach to obscene levels to hold on to the oval office.

I hope I am wrong about the likely October surprise. He seems to realize that the constant drone about Hunter Biden receiving money from foreign sources is getting little traction, since it appears common among government connected families and Jared and Ivanka have raked in over \$375 million from their West Wing office. That being

may have been, was really not much more than a reliable far-left vote on every single issue to come before the court, and one who did more to politicize the law than anyone else in recent history, then you liberals can afford to have your mind troubled at least a little as to the possibly less admirable side of the woman.

I am a constitutionalist, a “conservative” if you will, and viewed RBG and her leftist colleagues on the Court (Breyer, Sotomayor, and Kagan) as key players in the left’s plan to remake America into something unrecognizable: a socialist hell-hole where the only people with any kind of a life would be others like themselves, the elites from the ruling class. I really don’t think they like America or Americans. So, I’m glad she’s no longer on the Court.

As to her dying, she was 87 years

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liberals and it always seems to end up the same. When their house of cards eventually crumbles under the weight of actual facts and (dare I say it) logic, they always resort to personal insults, usually starting with a slam on intelligence. When that happens, sit back, pop a cold snack and end all your replies with #MAGA. You’ll be able to see the mushroom cloud from your front porch.

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MATHEW HERHOLZ
SPENCER

the case, I think the lions share of the terrorist rioters are Trump driven and I expect that the people he has told to try to vote twice, is specifically for the purpose of perverting the voting process, so he can get his partisan minions and courts to invalidate the elections in which we will all vote in large numbers,, and have them declare him the winner without looking at vote counts. We should all be very afraid should there even be any hint at invalidating legitimate votes. Mussolini used a similar process in his coup.

Make America remain America. If a snake oil selling, reality TV host can destroy the greatest experiment in democracy, that has been holding fair presidential elections for hundreds of years, we deserve to cease to exist.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

old. People die. I will say one thing, though, about her that I liked. When her hubris kept her from resigning her seat at age 80(!) when Obama could’ve put another leftist loon in her place (to stay for the next 40 years or so), that set in motion the wheels that brought us to this moment in time: say hello to Amy Coney Barrett, a great judge who reads the Constitution as it was written, and who is not someone from the D.C.-NYC-Boston corridor who thinks they run the country and that the rest of us are untermensch who have no rights anyone has to respect. So, great move, RBG, back in 2013. Much appreciated. You may have saved the country.

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

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the top choices. Cameo, Cortland, Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, HoneyCrisp, Jonagold, McIntosh, Newton Pippin, Rome. These apples also work well for applesauce: Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Ginger Gold, Jonathan.

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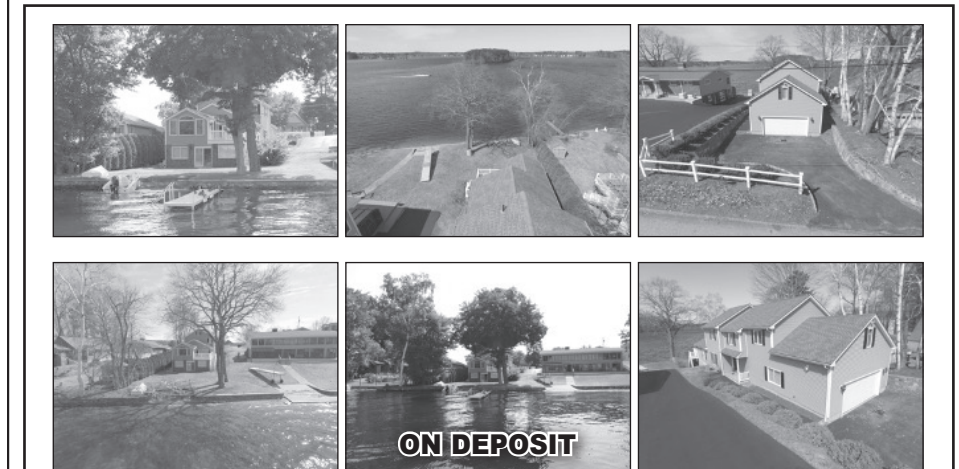


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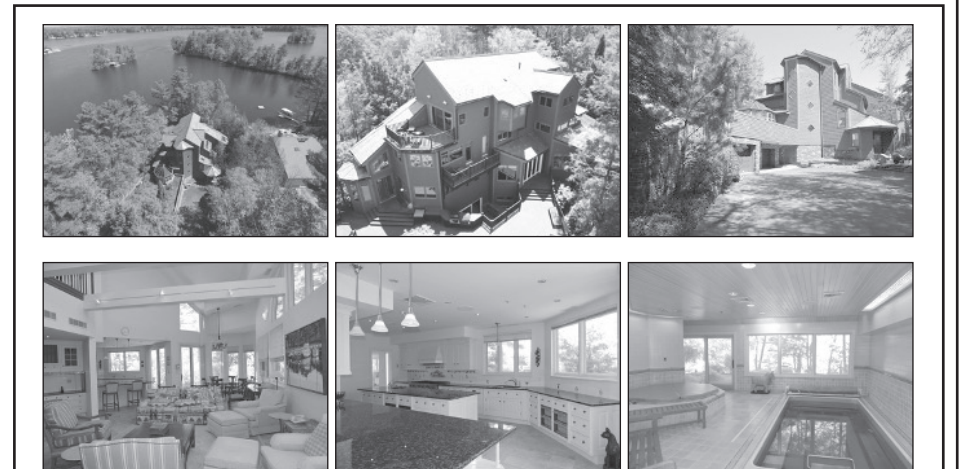
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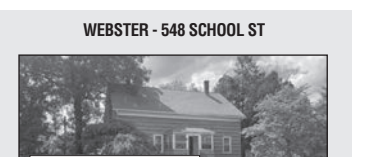
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

12:01 a.m.: animal complaint (Candlewood Drive), missing dog; 12:16-3:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:49 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 10:17 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 10:35 a.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), theft by nephew; 10:38 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 12:10 p.m.: mv lockout (Howe Road), assisted; 12:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Borkum Road), bear in area; 1:12 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:46 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), hit/run; 2:58 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 3:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), investigated; 3:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), unknown mv in yard; 3:10 p.m.: fraud (Vista Lane), SS scam call; 4:22 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 4:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Clark Street), services rendered; 5:19 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 5:23 p.m.: medical/general (North Brookfield Road); 5:59 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 6:08 p.m.: vandalism (Borkum Road), rep. of bullet hole; 6:11 p.m.: larceny (Grove Street), apt. broken into; 6:42 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:53 p.m.: juvenile matter (Maple Street), gathering of youths; 7:57 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:22 p.m.: disabled mv (Meadow Road), assisted; 8:48 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), Antonio Patrick Foley, 24, 48 Irving Street, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, arrest; 11:01 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Elm Street), neighbor complaint; 11:46 abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road), accidental; (Total daily mv stops - 14).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

1:02-1:11 a.m.: buildings checked,

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secure; 1:12 a.m.: suspicious mv (Smithville Road), investigated; 1:54-2:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:46 a.m.: medical/general (Polar Springs Road); 8:23 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Street), lift assist; 12:55 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 2:50 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 2:54 p.m.: warrant service (Woodside Road), Kellyann R. Kaiser, 26, 22 Woodside Road, Spencer, warrant arrest; 3:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Auburn PD bolo; 3:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), difficulty retrieving belongings; 4:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Northwest Road), gunshots heard; 5:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 5:28 p.m.: fire alarm (McDonald Street), referred; 6:04 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), 6:32 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 10:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Cranberry Lane), spoken to; 10:28 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 11:43 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops -11).

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:13-1:48 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:48 a.m.: fire (West Main Street), referred; 1:49-2:15 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:52 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 7:42 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 7:44 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:58 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 9:50 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 9:57 a.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 10:09 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 10:49 a.m.: fraud (Greenville Street), scam call; 11:51 a.m.: disturbance (Temple Street), male making threats; 11:59 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), welfare check; 1:26 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street), lift assist; 1:54 p.m.: parking com-

plaint (Mechanic Street), mv/no parking zone; 2:13 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), mutilated animal left by door; 2:40 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 2:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Sullivan Street), domestic concerns; 3:11 p.m.: disabled mv (South Spencer Road), truck stuck/RR bridge; 3:26 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 4:01 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:13 p.m.: suspicious mv (Nottingham Circle), investigated; 4:36 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 4:57 p.m.: parking complaint (Maple Street), unauth. mv on property; 5:56 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 6:49 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:55 p.m.: medical/general (Bell Street); 8:05 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:52 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 9:19-9:29 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:34 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; (Total daily mv stop - 18).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:00-12:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:25 a.m.: suspicious mv (Maple Street), info taken; 12:51-2:06: buildings checked, secure; 9:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), bear on school grounds; 9:32 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), apt. lockout; 10:13 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), kittens found; 10:20 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:33 a.m.: medical/general (McDonald Street); 10:42 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:40 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 12:57 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 1:09 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 1:55 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 2:04 p.m.: elderly matter (Howe Village), spoken to; 2:15 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: family issue; 2:19 p.m.: parking complaint

(Thompson Pond Road), road blocked/survey crew; 2:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 2:59 p.m.: medical/general (G.H. Wilson Road); 3:11 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 3:13 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Cross Road); 3:32 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:58 p.m.: mutual aid (Bixby Road), assist DCF; 4:01 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 5:08 p.m.: 911 call (School Street), open line; 6:09 p.m.: medical/overdose (Elm Street); 7:26 p.m.: medical/general (address omitted from police log); 7:36 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), speeding; 9:33-9:40 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:16 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; (Total daily mv stops - 24).

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

12:29 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 12:39 p.m.: investigation (Hemlock Street), services rendered; 2:17 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), unfounded; 5:03 p.m.: RV complaint (River Street), verbal warning; 8:31 p.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), services rendered.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:40 a.m.: suspicious person (Pine Street), unable to locate; 10:02 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 10:53 a.m.: investigation (Pine Ridge Drive), services rendered; 11:04 a.m.: investigation (Mt. Pleasant Avenue), services rendered; 11:10 a.m.: threats (Mt. Pleasant Avenue), report taken; 12:51 p.m.: investigation (Utica Street), services rendered; 1:02 p.m.:

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Notice of Public Hearing**Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the hearing will be conducted remotely to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 and will be broadcast live on Spencer Cable Access channels and at SCATV.org on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit- Applicant: Brandy Linde; Owner: Linda Hart/ Dr. Mark Ledoux, Location: 144 Charlton Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R18-11. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under Section 4.3.13 (pet grooming establishments) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to open a Dog Grooming Salon. The property is located within the rural residential zoning district.

September 25, 2020

October 2, 2020

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Variance - Applicant/Owner: Warren and Roberta Monette; Location: Bond Street, Spencer Assessor's Map R35-32. The applicant is requesting a Variance under Section 4.8.2 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw for frontage. The property is located within the rural residential zoning district.

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Special Permit (Renewal) - Applicant/ Owner: Bond Construction Corp. Location: Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R09-1 & R09-2. The applicant is looking to renew their Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

Special Permit (Renewal) - Applicant/Owner: Leo Aucoin. Location: 89 Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R02-2-1. The applicant is looking to renew his Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

September 25, 2020

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**Town of West Brookfield
Zoning Board of Appeals**

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Signarama to install a new, moveable flashing message sign at Quirk Wire 146 East Main Street, West Brookfield.

In Rural Residential District requires a Variance as per section, -5 Special Requirements: -5.3 Signs (B6) (a) (et al) The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

October 2, 2020

**Town of Spencer
Conservation Commission
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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

Peter & Carrie Bowler have filed a request to Amend the Order of Conditions with the Spencer Conservation Commission to allow additional site work within the 100-ft buffer located at 51 Lake Avenue, Spencer, MA. Geoffrey & Amanda Landstrom have filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a garage at 33 Old Farm Road, Spencer, MA.

Joseph Bruso & Roxanne Fleming have filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission for a proposed septic system at Hastings Road Lot 3, Spencer, MA.

John Mahaney has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to demolish an existing single family residence and construct a new single family residence at 16 Stiles Avenue, Spencer, MA

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspection Services, Town Hall. A remote public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at which time all persons having an inter-

est may call in to participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
October 2, 2020

**Notice of Public Hearing
Spencer, MA**

Notice is hereby given under MGL Chapter 148, Section 13 that the Spencer Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing remotely on October 5, 2020 at 6:05 pm on the application of Dustin Doray for a License to store Combustible Liquids at 17 West Main St., Spencer, MA.

To join the hearing by phone call 1-877-309-2073 and enter Access Code: 733-318-405. Or, to join online go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/733318405>

Ralph E. Hicks, Chairman
October 2, 2020

**Town of West Brookfield
Zoning Board of Appeals**

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Sherry B. Lynch 18 Beach Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to demolish the existing dwelling and build a new larger structure on the property. In Neighborhood Residential District requires a special permit as per section, -1.52 Nonconformity: 1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al) The public is invited to attend.

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Daffodils are having their day. Floral designers are opening our eyes to a world of gorgeous daffodils that extends far beyond the iconic yellow trumpets. These unexpected varieties include doubles, bi-colors and split cups, in colors such as creamy white, peach, pink, gold and orange. Plant the bulbs in fall to see these beauties emerge in your spring garden. Then enjoy how they elevate all your spring bouquets.

A benefit of planting some of these more unusual varieties is being able to stretch the daffodil season. Be sure to include some early bloomers such as miniature Tete a Tete. Another early bloomer is Barrett Browning. This heirloom variety's orange-red cup has a yellow halo at the base, set off by bright white petals. Silver Smiles is a subtle beauty. A cluster of two or three little flowers tops each stem. Greenish-white petals surround a pale-yellow cup that fades to buff and then white.

Pink-cupped daffodils have been around for almost 100 years yet are still relatively unusual. Grow them in filtered sunlight to accentuate the color. Blushing Lady has yellow petals and a flared, salmon-pink cup. Turn up the pink even more with Pink Pride. Another early-blooming variety, it features a ruffled cup that opens apricot

Trend-setting daffodils for gardens and bouquets

and gradually turns coral pink.

As early daffodils begin to fade, mid-season varieties take center stage. This is the time for split corona and double daffodils. Both types work well with the more traditional daffodils, while adding flair to gardens and arrangements.

Instead of a trumpet, the cup of a split corona daffodil is split into sections. These split cups may be ruffled or pleated and often lay flat against the outer petals. One of the showiest split cup daffodils is Cum Laude. Its white petals frame a frilly, peachy-yellow cup with a green eye. Include other split-cup varieties such as Cassata, with a delicate ruffled yellow split cup and white petals, or Lemon Beauty with a star-like yellow cup set against white petals. Can't decide? Plant a split-cup assortment to find your favorites.

Close out the season with double daffodils. Their fluffy flowers resemble roses, and most varieties are fragrant. Delnashaugh (longfield-gardens.com) is one of the most impressive doubles. Its enormous, 4" flowers feature layers of frilly white and peach-pink petals. Tahiti is just as large, with soft yellow petals and red-orange ruffles.

Two of the latest bloomers are also two of the most fragrant: Cheerfulness and Yellow Cheerfulness. Each stem is topped with a mini bouquet of three or four little rose-like flowers, each the size of a cherry tomato. They are incredibly

beautiful and extremely long-lasting.

In a vase, daffodils can essentially arrange themselves. The more flower forms and colors you include, the better. Have a little more time? Add a few stems of forsythia or curly willow and some other spring favorites such as bleeding heart, tulips and hyacinths.

The stems of freshly cut daffodils release a clear sap that can shorten the life of other flowers. Conditioning your daffodils is easy and eliminates this risk. Cut the stems to the final length and stand them in a clean container of cool water for four to six hours. After that, they can be combined with tulips and other blooms. Just remember to not recut the stems.

Nothing says spring like a yellow trumpet daffodil. But with so many other flower styles and colors to choose from, why not stretch your boundaries and discover some new favorites?

Melinda Myers has written numerous 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 was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



Photo Courtesy

Delnashaugh is one of the most impressive double daffodils with its frilly petals, while early blooming Pink Pride has ruffled cups that start off apricot and gradually turn coral pink.

POLICE

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investigation (Lincoln Street, Worcester), services rendered; 2:13 p.m.: family problem (Stafford Street), services rendered; 5:21 p.m.: assist citizen (Shady Lane); 5:27 p.m.: residential alarm (Marshall Street), false alarm; 5:32 p.m.: suspicious person (Auburn Street), gone on arrival; 5:36 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 6:40 p.m.: suspicious person (Mulberry Street), unable to locate; 11:39 p.m.: suspicious person (West Street), unable to locate.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
8:01 a.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 9:51 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 1:13 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 1:46 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 3:45 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:04 p.m.: welfare check (White Birch Street), investigated; 4:32 p.m.: suspicious mv (Grove Street), unable to locate; 6:18 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 6:49 p.m.: welfare check (Deer Pond Road), peace restored; 7:07 p.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), investigated; 8:10 p.m.: welfare check (Pine Street), spoken to; 9:50 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
8:59 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, criminal application issued; 9:29 a.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 9:33 a.m.: investigation (Holcomb Street), services rendered; 10:29 a.m.: residential alarm (Stafford Street), false alarm; 11:33 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 11:38 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 1:53 p.m.: trespassing (Stafford Street), services rendered; 7:33 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), transported; 8:09 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
6:21 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), transported to hospital; 6:33 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:07 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 10:14 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 10:42 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 11:04 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 11:50

a.m.; fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 12:15 p.m.: investigation (Charles Street), services rendered; 3:19 p.m.: investigation (Baldwin Street), services rendered; 5:12 p.m.: b&e mv (Stafford Street), report taken; 5:35 p.m.: investigation (Carleton Road), services rendered; 5:58 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), served; 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 7:57 p.m.: fraud (Crystal Street), report taken

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
3:04 a.m.: hanging wires (Bond Street), referred; 8:03 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), gone on arrival; 9:18 a.m.: investigation (Winslow Street), services rendered; 1:31 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:35 p.m.: suspicious mv (Collier Avenue), no action required; 7:47 p.m.: family problem (Tobin Road), peace restored; 8:53 p.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), no action required.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
11:27 a.m.: fraud (King Street), report taken; 11:40 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 12:29 p.m.: mv stop (Mulberry Street), citation issued; 1:25 p.m.: fraud (Charlton Street), report taken; 1:45 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 1:53 p.m.: investigation (King Street), services rendered; 4:07 p.m.: harassment (Mayflower Circle), services rendered; 5:38 p.m.: fraud (Siani Road), investigated; 7:23 p.m.: larceny (Soojians Drive), investigated; 7:44 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), Miguel A. Santiago, 37, 384 Main Street, #2, Cherry Valley, possession Class A drug, arrest; 9:05 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 10:19 p.m.: welfare

check (Marshall Street), transported; 10:56 p.m.: family problem (Tobin Road), services rendered.

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