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Miguel Cuevas of Spencer will have his second professional MMA fight on Aug. 6, when he will take on Kody Allen Murray at Springfield's MassMutual Center.

With brother always on mind, Cuevas to fight Aug. 6 in Springfield

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Six years ago town resident Miguel Cuevas, having started going to a local gym on a regular basis to lift weights and increase his cardio footprint, was looking for something more. The 31-year-old found what he was looking for shortly thereafter — mixed martial arts (MMA).

The five-foot-nine, 145-pound Cuevas, who fights out of the welterweight division, will make his second professional appearance in the octagon on Aug. 6, when he takes on 152-pound Kody Allen Murray of Bristol, Vt., at Springfield's MassMutual Center. The Cuevas-Murray tussle is part of Classic Entertainment & Sports (CES) MMA 63, which

will be broadcast live on UFC Fight pass.

Cuevas enters the match against Murray 1-0, having won his professional debut on Jan. 4, 2020, at Mohegan Sun, with a first-round knockout of "Vicious" Timmy Taylor, who, apparently, wasn't particularly vicious that night.

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Leicester sports standout reflects on dominant season

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — After excelling in multiple sports at Leicester High School, Jenna Soden is hoping to raise her game to the college level.

The 2021 LHS graduate dominated at track and field, going undefeated in the javelin during the regular season. In the post-season, she finished second in the Central Mass. State Meet, then posted a tenth-place finish in the State Meet.

In total, Soden was a three-time league champion and two-time district champion (despite missing her junior track and field season due to COVID-19). And even though she fell just short of her ultimate goals in 2021, she is thrilled with her achievements and the opportunity to compete against challenging athletes.

"It meant a lot to me to make it as far as I did," Soden said. "Though I did not place, it was a great experience and great to know that all my hard work had paid off, especially missing this opportunity due to the cancellation of last season."

COVID-19 caused several headaches for athletes this year as well. Also a soccer and basketball athlete, Soden and her teammates had to overcome challenges in all three seasons. Track and field saw a dramatically reduced schedule, and athletes worked hard to ensure they were prepared for every meet and avoided rust in the absence of gametime.



Leicester High School graduate Jenna Soden had an impressive senior season.

"Due to COVID, we had limited meets. Instead of a meet each week, we only had four total," Soden told the New Leader. "Not having a consistent meet each week was challenging to keep consistency. Also, with my other sports, COVID was very challenging but I was able to prosper with the fact that we were given a season and worked hard to improve."

Looking ahead to next year, Soden aims to make the track and field team at Rhode Island College. She will work hard over

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Robbins embraces opportunity as Brookfield's first Town Administrator

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD — Recently selected as Brookfield's first ever Town Administrator, Kelli Robbins is embracing a unique opportunity to set the standard for success.

Robbins has served several towns in municipal roles, including Holland, Monson, and Lanesborough. Most recently, she served as the town manager in Lanesborough, a small community in the Berkshires with roughly the same population as Brookfield.

After landing the administrator position in Brookfield, Robbins is eager to use her role to help all town employees and officials maximize their communications and skillsets.

"I was excited to learn of Brookfield transitioning to a Town Administrator. I love new adventures. I am from the area and am familiar

with small town government work from the ground up," said Robbins, who began her municipal career as a dog officer.

After holding multiple roles in different towns, Robbins understands the many intricacies of local government. Having also earned a doctorate degree in law, she has the versatile background officials were searching for.

"We are excited to welcome Ms. Robbins," said Brookfield Select Board Chair Beth Coughlin. "Her hiring is the result of over 20 years of debate within Brookfield, from the original Town Administrator recommendation back in 2002 to the hard work of our more recent search committee."

Looking ahead, Robbins knows she has a great opportunity to assist Brookfield in the short-term, but also a chance to create a foundation for future success.

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Spencer's Marguerite Hayes celebrates 100th birthday



Spencer's Marguerite (Derosier) Hayes receives a proclamation celebrating her 100th birthday from State Rep. Donald Berthiaume.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — The community recently celebrated its latest centenarian, as Marguerite (Derosier) Hayes joined the century club earlier this month.

Hayes celebrated her 100th birthday with a big party at the American Legion. Born on July 5, 1921, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, she has spent almost her entire life in

Spencer. She married the love of her life, Francis Hayes, in East Brookfield in 1941. They had seven children: Francis, Sandra, Robert, Kevin, Lou Ann, Karen, and Debbie.

With 35 grandchildren, 49 great grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren, Hayes had no shortage of guests to help celebrate hitting triple digits.

Last week, the party continued when State Representative Donald Berthiaume paid a visit to Hayes and presented her with a proclamation from his office and that of State Representative Peter Durant.

For Hayes, all of the celebrating has given plenty of cause to enjoy one of her favorite foods — ice cream.

"I still love to eat sweet stuff, [especially] ice cream and doughnuts," said Hayes, a resident of Howe Village for 20 years.

The daughter of Harold and Gertrude Derosier, Hayes

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Spencer officials explore funding options for wastewater plant upgrades

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With costly state-mandated upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant looming, officials continue to evaluate potential sources of funding assistance.

Selectmen were slated to discuss the situation with Congressman Jim McGovern during a remote meeting last Friday. Residents offered input during the July 12 Select Board meeting.

Last year, the Environmental Protection Agency issued an order that Spencer's wastewater treatment plant be upgraded. The plant currently has a design flow capacity of 1.08 million gal-

lons daily, but only 80 percent of design flow is permitted by state regulations. This equates to 864,000 gallons per day, which is often exceeded in wet weather, officials said.

During the two-week stretch of heavy rainstorms earlier this month, the peak flow at the plant eclipsed five million gallons per day (GPD). The actual flow on those days was approximately two million GPD, still well in excess of capacity.

There are several causes of the excess water inundating the system, officials said. These include aging sewer infrastructure such as manholes, pipes, and casting around manhole covers. Some of the brick structures are approximately 100 years old.

"There is a study underway to examine the collection system and determine where the infiltra-

tion and inflow are located," said Town Administrator William Ross. "They've done four or five sections so far, but they still need to do more before they have a complete picture of the conditions. There is a lot of clear water coming into the system that's not sewage."

During the Board of Sewer Commissioners meeting held in September 2020, the Commission approved a moratorium calling for commercial, industrial, and residential connections to not exceed 440 gallons per day of design flow. This represents the amount of sewage flow from a connection to the sewer main, which is then conveyed to the treatment plant.

Meanwhile, officials continue to explore grant opportunities and other avenues that could assist with the plant upgrades mandated by the state. The work is estimated to cost approximately \$38 million.

Officials are hopeful that grant funding can also defray the costs of needed sewer infrastructure improvements throughout town. This will combine

with the treatment plant upgrades to enhance the overall system, officials said.

"We are looking for assistance on the plant expansion, the filtration issue, and infrastructure work," said Selectman Tony Pepe.

"It has to be done in a timely fashion," Selectman Ralph Hicks said of the state-mandated work. "The plant has needed to be upgraded for a long time."

Once the study of the town's wastewater infrastructure system is complete, it may take four to five years to replace the infrastructure throughout town. Meanwhile, the state-mandated upgrades to the treatment plant are the immediate priority, officials said.

"When I was on the Board in the '90s, there was discussion on something needing to be done," added Hicks.

Many town officials are worried about the effects of the moratorium, especially related to future business growth.

"We have to find a way beyond the moratorium," Pepe added.

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UMF announces Dean's List for Spring 2021 semester

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Opposition to proposed solar project remains strong

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Several residents in two communities continue to resist the efforts of a California-based company seeking a solar project.

Last winter, Sunpin Solar Development, of Irvine, Calif., filed a lawsuit against the Town of Warren following the Planning Board's unanimous denial of its application for a special permit. The company is proposing to develop a solar facility on 100 acres off 170 Brookfield Rd. in Warren, just north of the Brimfield town line.

Multiple neighbors in both Warren and Brimfield have expressed their opposition to the project in recent years. Abutters and officials are especially concerned about the flooding impacts that would be caused by the cutting of trees on a steep elevation.

In recent weeks, Brimfield residents have shared their concerns with multiple officials, including the Zoning Board of Appeals. Following the Planning Board's vote for a site plan review for the project on June 2, residents discussed the situation before the ZBA on June 14. The discussion was not an official hearing, but rather a request from residents to have their concerns heard, officials said.

Residents also spoke on the issue during the latest Brimfield Select Board meeting. The Planning Board also met last week with a goal of putting together an order of conditions related to the proposal.

Meanwhile, the Warren Planning Board is still embroiled in legal pro-

ceedings. The Planning Board expects to announce an update in the coming weeks.

Access issues, farming/land impacts, property values, and long-term environmental effects caused Warren Planning Board members to initially shoot down the proposal. Moreover, the town adopted new bylaws two years ago that are more restrictive to solar projects. Still, Sunpin Solar officials have remained aggressive in their efforts to push the project into town. Even after the proposal was denied in Warren, company representatives have continued to seek approval from Brimfield officials for an access road connecting to the site. Sunpin must now receive approval for the Brimfield project, then secure a victory against Warren in land court, in order to continue the project.

Last year, Brimfield hired a peer reviewer to evaluate the project. The Brimfield Planning Board requested that the applicant pay for these services.

For many residents in both Brimfield and Warren, the Sunpin proposal has been a nightmare they hope will end soon. Andi Hengen, a Brimfield resident of Brookfield Road, lives downhill from the proposed project site. She said her property and neighbors' yards would experience significant flooding if trees are cleared from the ledge above their lands.

Several other Brookfield Road residents, including Krista Virchow, have opposed the proposal since its emergence in 2018. Although Sunpin officials have made offers to Virchow to build

an access road on her property, she has repeatedly refused the company's requests.

"We do not want this up here at all. They don't care about the people this would affect," Virchow said in a previous interview. "The right-of-way is only for neighbors to walk on the land, not for companies trying to bring trucks up here."

Residents and officials alike have accused Sunpin leaders of dishonest practices over the last year-plus. Multiple residents have secured legal counsel to advise them on the situation.

Sunpin officials did not respond to requests for comment on the proposal.

Warren's denial of Sunpin Solar is the latest example of a local town applying the brakes on the rush of out-of-state companies eyeing rural central Mass. communities for solar development. With a flood of projects already completed and new applications submitted throughout the region over the last five years, officials and residents are concerned about the long-term effects of multiple solar facilities.

In Spencer, Special Town Meeting voters approved a solar farm moratorium last year.

At the West Brookfield Annual Town Meeting in 2018, voters overwhelmingly passed a bylaw that is restrictive to the number and type of solar installations that can operate in town. West Brookfield was also the first community in the nation to adopt a bylaw requiring solar companies to provide upfront funding for the eventual decommissioning of a solar field.



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the summer and continue to improve ahead of freshman year. She thanks her coaches at LHS for their support during a challenging time for all high school coaches and athletes.

"My coaches have made a huge impact on me. From every practice, they would aid me in advancing my skills and were a huge supporting factor in all the meets, especially the state meets. I am very grateful to have such good coaches," Soden said.

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Simen Nodland named to Millikin University Dean's List

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The students named to the Dean's List at Millikin University are listed in alphabetical order according to their last name.

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CORRECTION

ROCHDALE — It has been brought to our attention that the honors list submitted for publication by Nichols College recently contained incorrect information regarding a Rochdale student's achievement.

Jenna Albro was named to the President's List for the spring semester of 2021, and did receive Honors, as was mistakenly reported.

The Spencer New Leader deeply regrets any confusion that may have resulted from this unintentional error.

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Legally freed for adoption, Jayden will need one-on-one attention from her new family. This could be a two-parent family or a single-parent family with no other children in the home or a female child close in age to Jayden. Structure and routine in her new home are extremely important to Jayden. Jayden has older siblings in foster care and in adoptive families in Western Massachusetts with whom she will need to maintain contact. She would also like to maintain a lifelong connection with a previous foster family.

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PERSON of the WEEK

SHEENA TOSCANO of Spencer

Sheena is our Person of the Week for her continuing work with the Spencer Exchange Club's 18 UNDER 18 program. She created this feature, seeking out the best of the best under the age of 18, and has worked relentlessly to make it happen this year. She is already accepting nominations for 2022. Sheena is also the incoming Spencer Exchange Club President, and volunteers for the community projects that the SEC organizes, and is just an all-around great person.

Thank you, Sheena, for all that you do for the Spencer community!

— Submitted by Michelle Murray, Esq

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Leicester officials pursuing purchase of Becker campus

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Officials recently informed residents of an opportunity to acquire the Becker College campus at the town center.

The college, which closed at the end of this past academic year, features 19 buildings on 28 acres adjacent to the Town Common. When Becker College announced in the spring that it would close both its Leicester and Worcester campuses, Leicester officials immediately reached out to begin negotiations on the campus in their town.

“This has been discussed extensively in executive session, but we are now ready to begin the process of informing the public,” said Leicester Town Administrator David Genereux.

On June 22, the Select Board voted to pursue the acquisition of the Becker campus, as well as to fund an agreement that would keep it off the market until the Board has time to assemble a financing plan and put it before voters.

The negotiated purchase price for all of Becker’s holdings in Leicester is \$17,830,000. The property’s assessed value is \$29,646,800; its insured value is over \$50,000,000, officials said.

The property includes a new

turf field; a campus center; a veterinary health clinic; a gymnasium; the historic May House; several dormitories and other residences; and the Swan Library. Additionally, the college’s kitchen, gym equipment, and veterinary equipment are included in the sale, as well as the IT network and equipment.

Selectmen decided that a debt exclusion of \$19.9 million for the acquisition of the property will be requested at an upcoming Town Meeting, which is expected to take place in mid-September. The reason for the difference in the requested exclusion amount and the purchase price is to provide the ability to fund anticipated acquisition and maintenance costs, officials said. The added funding would also pay for architectural, engineering, survey, and feasibility studies to determine how best to use the campus going forward. Funding is also required for repairs and improvements to the property as needed, as well as the purchase of additional vehicles and equipment for building and grounds maintenance.

If the acquisition is approved, the Board anticipates a 20-year borrowing, with a forecast tax rate impact of \$1.12 per thousand dollars valuation. That translates into an annual

\$290.75 on the average home, based on an assessed valuation of \$259,606.

For town officials, the purchasing opportunity represents a once-in-a-lifetime chance to bring sweeping improvements to the town center. The campus and buildings could be utilized in multiple ways, officials said, offering significant added space for activities while increasing the vibrancy of Leicester’s cultural hub.

“This is a unique opportunity to acquire a property located in the most historic section of the town and be able to control how that property would be redeveloped,” Genereux added. “The town would acquire a turf field, a free-standing gymnasium for sporting activities, and a prime location for a college-style school campus.”

Officials are particularly excited about the opportunities the Becker campus provides for the schools and students.

“I personally think this is a great opportunity for the schools and for the town. This has the ability to transform Leicester in many ways,” said Selectman Allen Phillips. “This price quoted from Becker is very reasonable. This town may never get another chance like this again.”

Added Phillips, “Once Becker is purchased, the School Committee can review

its programming and offer so much more. Where else can a high school student get a real feel for college life other than a real college campus? The sports facilities are top-notch and will also add to the enthusiasm already portrayed by the high school sports teams. This acquisition can add to other segments of the town as well, such as the historical aspect and perhaps even some veterans housing can be added. That then frees up the Memorial School to be used as a community center and even a shelter for disasters. I will be voting absolutely, yes.”

There are several other suitors interested in acquiring various portions of the Becker campus. If the town does not purchase the property, it would likely be broken up and sold to multiple buyers. These could include for-profit sporting groups, private businesses, and specialized housing organizations.

“My thoughts on the town possibly buying the Leicester Becker campus are, it’s a win-win for Leicester,” said Selectman John Shocik. “First, after town voters rejected last year’s new school project by a vast majority, this gives the town options on how to use the existing Becker College buildings for the School Dept. at a substantial savings compared

to what the original project was going to cost town taxpayers. Second, if the town doesn’t buy the campus, then Becker will sell all the buildings and properties to whomever, with the town having almost no control over who buys what.”

Leicester officials are also stressing the importance of preserving the historical integrity of the property, especially the May House, which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad. If the property is acquired by another buyer, there is no guarantee that historical preservation would be prioritized.

If the town purchases the property, there would be a required public process for authorization of lease or sale of any of the buildings that do not serve a municipal purpose. The funding requests related to the Becker acquisition will require action at both a special town meeting and a special election, which will be scheduled for September. The topic will be discussed throughout the remainder of the summer, officials said. There will also be open houses scheduled over the next two months to allow residents to tour the campus.

For more information about the opportunity, a fact sheet has been placed on the town Web site: www.leicesterma.org.

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18. Longtime Chicago mayor

19. A famous “Lady”

20. Islamic calendar month

22. Rocky peak

23. Polio vaccine developer

24. Songs sung in open air

27. Military movements

30. Male parent

31. Beloved hot beverage

32. Female sibling

35. Tackled the QB

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38. Long live! (Spanish)

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12. Members of a priestly caste

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21. Counsels

23. Body of water

25. Awesome!

26. Calendar month

27. Native of region in Caucasus

28. Indian city

29. Exclusive

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33. Covered with ivy

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46. Surface of the ground

47. Put into a silo

49. Belief

50. British noblemen

51. Tennis game

52. Dry, protective crust

53. Swiss river

54. Large integers

57. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood

58. Every one of two or more

59. “Deadpool” actor Reynolds

61. Earlier

62. Peter’s last name

Local golf results

Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club

Pit’s Crew
First place (-6): Dennis Cooney, Phil McDougall, Bob O’Keefe, Jack Gordon
Second place (-5): Dennis Trela, Ron Olson, Galen Johnson, Rick Lavergne
Third place (-5): Rich Ford, Al Judkins, Tim Hickey, Dick Lapierre

Quail Hollow Classic

First Flight
First place (69): Pete O’Packi and Tom Staiti
Second place (69): Rick Lindsten and Rick Wine
Third place (70): Mike

Bernier and Alex McCallum

Second Flight
First place (68): Mark Miville and Dave Woodward
Second place (69): Doug Judd and Mike Rigiero
Third place (69): Tom Cournoyer and Ken Higney

Kettle Brook Golf Club

Kettle One League Week 12
First place: Craig Nuzzy/Pat Gallant, +5
Second place: George Kirtsy/Steve Thebodo, +3
High individual: Craig Nuzzy, +7
Closest to the Pin on No. 8: Mike Wong

Leicester Parks & Recreation to hold basketball awards day at Tarentino Park

LEICESTER – Leicester Parks and Recreation will be holding a basketball awards day at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 31 at Tarentino Park. All players from the year 2020 are invited to attend. First place team awards and two-on-two champion awards will be presented.

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New Youth Services Librarian takes the reins at Haston Library

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – In her new role as Youth Services Librarian, Brianna Lamb is helping local youngsters discover a passion for reading at Haston Free Public Library.

Hired in 2018 as a library assistant, Lamb was announced as the next Children's Librarian earlier this month. She replaces the beloved Rosemary Mackenzie, who retired after 33 years at the library.

For Lamb, the goal is to continue a tradition of excellence while also helping to rebuild the library's programming after the pandemic. Like all libraries, the Haston staff has navigated the many challenges stemming from lengthy COVID-19 closures and restrictions. Several recent programs have helped bring kids and families back through the doors, and Lamb is looking for continued momentum.

"It's exciting, especially in the midst of summer reading," Lamb said. "I get to plan a lot of exciting crafts and programs."

Children ages three to 13 are invited to register for the library's Tails & Tales summer reading program, which runs through Aug. 20. All children will receive a reading log to record the books they have read each week (parents can record the books they read to younger children).

If kids read at least one book for the week, they can choose a prize from the library's prize collection. At the end of the summer, on Saturday, Aug. 21, the library will host a summer reading party with additional prizes.

For Lamb, it has been a thrill to run the summer reading program and invite more kids into the library. In addition to summer reading, she is always on the lookout for programs that can help foster a passion for reading.

"I love to read, and it was an integral part of my life growing up," Lamb said. "It's so important to have that love of reading when you're young. Starting them at that age is a great way to plant the seed."

One of the major focuses for Lamb is to find ways to make reading fun. It can often be viewed as a chore at school, but library programs – especially during the summer – are helpful tools for showing the fun side of reading as a pastime.

"If it is taught to them as something fun to do, they will enjoy it for the rest of their lives," Lamb said.

The library's summer reading program also features "Maker Mondays" at 2 p.m. Planned STEM projects include lemon volcanoes, dinosaur egg geodes, and moon phase cup kits, among others. Moreover, the Tails & Tales program will include Tuesday story time sessions for younger kids at 10:30 a.m. These activities will offer a story and a



Photo Kevin Flanders

Brianna Lamb was recently named the Youth Services Librarian at Haston Free Public Library.

quick craft.

You can register for the summer reading program throughout the course of the summer.

"Kids are excited to get out of the house and do something fun this summer," Lamb said.

Focusing long-term, Lamb is commit-

ted to bringing in additional programming that creates an eclectic lineup.

"I would love to see even more unique activities that maybe kids haven't been exposed to yet. It will be a great way for us to get back into the groove of where we were before the pandemic," Lamb said.

Michael Reniere of Spencer graduates from RIT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Michael Reniere of Spencer graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a BS in computing and information technologies.

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Spencer FD personnel assume new positions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Three recently appointed fire department leaders were officially sworn in during last week’s Select Board meeting.

Deputy Fire Chief Corey Lacaire, Capt. Brian Mathon, and Lt. Thomas Parsons were each sworn in by Town Clerk Sandra Fritze during the July 12 meeting.

The three fire officials were previously appointed to their positions and have been serving for a few months. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, they weren’t able to be publicly sworn in with friends and family in attendance until last week.

For Spencer Fire Chief Robert Parsons, it meant a lot to promote three candidates from within the SFD to fill the positions. The previous Deputy Chief, Bill Locke, retired in December after 42 years of service. Fire officials were thrilled to promote Lacaire to fill his position and continue the tradition

of excellent service.

Meanwhile, Mathon and Thomas Parsons – the son of Chief Parsons – also bring strong backgrounds and experience to their respective roles.

“To be able to promote from within is huge,” said Parsons, who spoke highly of his personnel and the ability to choose experienced candidates without hiring officials from out of town. “We have a lot of very experienced people who can fill these positions.”

In other Select Board news, officials congratulated 100-year-old Marguerite Hayes during their July 12 meeting. Hayes was unable to attend the meeting for a special presentation and ceremony, but officials still honored her major accomplishment.

“I’d like to extend a very happy birthday to Marguerite Hayes. It’s nice to see a lot of people around that age who are still active and enjoying themselves,” said Select Board Chairman Gary Woodbury.



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Spencer Fire Department Deputy Chief Corey Lacaire was one of three fire officials sworn into their new positions last week.

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EDITORIAL

Summer is
a great time
to manage
stress

Most individuals take time during the summer months to unwind and sort of reset after a busy fall, winter and spring. Summer vibes are usually all about taking things slow and soaking up as much sunshine as possible before Old Man Winter heads back into the neighborhood. Many people who suffer from “burnout” welcome the longer days and warmer weather, however sometimes these three months of frisbee throwing and hanging by the lake aren’t enough.

With the go, go, go culture that has taken over our society, many people find themselves burnt out, to their detriment. Experts say people can reverse that feeling of burn out and we decided to share what we have found with our readers.

If work is taking its toll on you, you may need to make some changes there. Experts say that oftentimes, simply talking it out with a co-worker or supervisor can help to get things off your chest, especially if the consensus is to create a healthier work environment. Some people have found that the only way to cure burnout is to change positions, however without proper techniques every job, could eventually burn you out.

Managing stress properly is huge; however, not everyone knows exactly what that entails. Healthy eating, exercise and proper sleep are the easiest things one can do to ease stress in other aspects of your life. Most people who are over working themselves claim that time is an issue. There is no time to exercise, no time to sleep, no time to eat healthy. Point blank, if they can put a man on the moon, you can find the time to put yourself first without letting your job duties fall by the wayside. This could include little tricks such as parking your car far from the entry of a place to extend the walk, taking the stairs or even placing your computer on a counter so that your sitting time is lessened. Everyone knows what works best for themselves, so often times a bit of creativity and resourcefulness is needed.

A vacation can help ease burnout symptoms but often, a week isn’t enough time to truly combat burnout. If you are at a severe risk of burning out, experts say to stop working for at least two weeks and cut yourself off completely from the office. According to those in the know, they say most employers will understand that this break will result in a better employee after they return. If two weeks isn’t in the cards, at least take one day a week to yourself with no phone calls, no emails or anything work related.

Finding a release is imperative, whether it’s going for a run or simply tuning out with a good movie or an old fashioned game of solitaire. If you let stress build and build without letting off some steam, that could lead to unintentional outbursts and severe irritability.

Try not to let yourself become dependent on alcohol and caffeine. Everything in moderation. We’re not sure, but we do believe the Red Bull trend has settled a bit.

Switch things up by asking for different responsibilities. When things get mundane, they can become less interesting. Having fun while also getting the job done can make a world of difference. Even working away from the norm, and changing up the scenery can be a game changer. Find a nice coffee shop or a park and try to avoid working from home at all costs. If you work from home, you will begin to associate the same feelings about work, in the home. Your home is your sanctuary, and you need to protect it.

Oftentimes, people take better care of their vehicles than they do themselves. To keep a car running smoothly, you need to upkeep with maintenance, use top of the line fuel and keep the miles low.

In the book “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, and It’s All Small Stuff” by Richard Carlson, he talks about how when you die, your ‘In Basket’ won’t be

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The precious present, Part 3

To the Editor:

Once again, after many years, the young man returned to the old man to inquire further. The young man was now very unhappy and often ill. He needed to talk with the old man. But the old man had grown very, very old, and all to soon, the old man spoke no more. The wise old man could no longer be heard. The young man was alone. At first, the young man was saddened by the loss of his old friend, and then he became frightened. Very frightened. He was afraid that he would never learn how to be happy. Until he finally accepted what had always been true. He was the only one who could find his own happiness. To be continued!

The unhappy young man recalled what the happy old man told him so many years ago. But as hard as he tried, he could not figure it out... He tried to understand what he had heard, what he was told many years ago. The present has nothing to do with wishing... When you have the present, you will be perfectly content to be where you are... The richness of the present comes from its own source... The present is not something that someone gives to you... it is something you give yourself... The unhappy man was tired of looking for this Precious Present. He had grown so tired of trying, that he simply stopped trying.

And then, it happened! He didn’t know why it happened when it happened. It just ...happened! He realized that the Precious Present was just that: The present! Not the past; and not the future, it is now, today, the present, The

Precious! Present.

In an instant, the man was happy. He realized that he was in the Precious Present. He raised both hands triumphantly into the cool fresh air. He was joyous... For one moment...

But then, just as quickly as he had discovered it, he let the joy of the present moment evaporate. He slowly lowered his hands, touched his forehead, frowned. The man was unhappy again. ‘Why,’ he asked himself, “didn’t I see the obvious long ago? Why have I missed so many precious moments? Why has it taken me soo long to live in the present?” As the man remembered his fruitless travels around the world in his search for the Precious Present, he knew how much happiness he had lost. He had not experienced what each special time and place had to offer. He had missed a great deal, and he felt sad.

The young man continued to berate himself, and then he saw what he was doing again, still, he observed that he was trapped by his guilt about his past.

When he became aware of his unhappiness and of his being in the past he returned to the present moment, and he was happy. But then the man began to worry about the future. Will I be asked, be able to know the joy of living in the Precious Present tomorrow? Again, he saw himself. He was living in the future and laughed at himself. He listened to what he now knew and he heard the wisdom of the old man and of his own voice.

To be continued!

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

That’s entertainment

To the Editor:

My wife has been lamenting the absence of the Trump Twitter feed, as the totally outrageous claims have so severely abated. We are, however, starting to see an uptick in related content.

It was no surprise that the multiple claims and allegations of election fraud got no serious hearings in the multiple places that they were filed. Clearly, the plethora of lawyers who served the White House knew full well that no good could come of bringing actions to courts with absolutely no substantiation.

That was the reason that other attorneys were hired to undertake their fame and fortune, bringing forward actions that would assuredly put them in the public eye. Although these baseless cases were all summarily dismissed because lawyers, like doctors, have a public obligation to “do no harm,” several of the courts are now assessing penalties for the lawyers, who not only presented frivolous cases, but have continued to support that our democracy is broken. Rudy G. has already had his law license suspended, and my expectation is, that he will be permanently disbarred. That same fate may well await, more of these mercenary lawyers.

It is my belief that the US Justice Department would prefer not to seek prosecution of a former president, and hoped that he would quietly step back from the public eye. His being prosecuted for the more than 11 clear obstruction of justice instances laid out in the Mueller Report, the election tampering for which Attorney Cohen was convicted in concert with individual #1,

criminal prosecution for his incitement on Jan. 6, etc.

It is clear that the man who continues raising money for a dangerous fantasy thinks he is above the law. Sadly, that has been the case in more instances than one can count. I just hope he does not expect a presidential pardon.

I always enjoy reading the comments and views of the other letter writers to this publication. In reviewing John McCrae’s letter last week, he indicates that North Brookfield is a conservative stronghold, that is an island in Massachusetts, that has twice voted for Donald Trump. He further observes that they have an extremely liberal school board. This strikes me as a Henny Penny situation, i.e. who will help me bake the bread? Maybe I am being naive to think that a conservative town would have a conservative school board. Maybe they are looking for a do over as with mascot naming.

I have mentioned before, that the name ‘Indian’ is already a case of mistaken identity, and American natives should probably lay claim to the ‘Injun’ appellation. The Massachusetts confederation consisted of the Sakonett and Pochasset tribes, with the Nipmucks spread over most of current geography, with Mohicans and Narragansetts south of us, Mohawks west and Tarratines and Penobscots as well Wampanoags to the north. Since Massachusetts has already been appropriated for our use, it would seem allowable to acknowledge that which is clearly regional history.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

A disappointing decision

To the Editor:

As the President of Mainstay Supportive Housing and Home Care, the nonprofit organization which owns and operates Senior Living at Prouty, a 30-unit residence for seniors located on Main Street in Spencer, I was delighted three years ago when the Town of Spencer issued a public Request for Proposals seeking development offers for the decommissioned Lake Street School. I was even more delighted, as you might imagine, when our organization’s proposal to construct a new nine-million-dollar community for seniors on the site was selected as the winning proposal by the Town in 2018.

This week, the Town of Spencer informed our agency by phone of their decision to withdraw support for our Lake Street project. I was told the reason for this decision was that the development team for this project, which originally consisted of our organization working in tandem with a partner nonprofit organization called the Women’s Institute for Housing and Economic Development (WIHED), had changed.

It’s true. The team we formed three years ago for this important project changed. The pandemic and resulting shutdown took a toll on our development partner, and after 45 years of

success, the Women’s Institute decided earlier this year to close their doors. They leave behind a proud legacy of hundreds of housing units across New England.

We had no way of knowing three years ago that our partner on this project would decide to close. But we did know all along that as partners, either of our organizations could and would stand in for the other to complete this important project if one of our agencies was unable to proceed. That was the reason we applied as a partnership in the first place.

Mainstay, the organization I lead, has developed 12 residential communities on our own since 1975, including the Prouty project in Spencer, which opened ten years ago. We have proven time and again that we have the capacity to deliver complex projects on this scale.

We were prepared to complete this project on our own as well. When our organization was named on the Comprehensive Permit for this project last year by the Town of Spencer, and when we secured a sizable grant from The Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston for this project in 2020, we assumed that

Bernie, Donald, Joe, and Pinocchios

To the Editor:

Not so long ago, Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump were near equals around here. As I remember, in New Leader towns, they won their 2016 presidential primary with a similar number of votes. I also remember about the same time sitting at Herbie’s Pub enjoying my scallop dinner and the conversation of fellow bar stoolers as they discussed their positive views of both Bernie and Donald.

The Irish harridan Maureen Dowd, no lover of the Clintons, but at least a liker of Bernie, recently interviewed him at Harry’s Diner in Burlington, Vt. First elected as mayor, then as congressman, and since 2007 as Senator, Bernie has served his people for 40 years. He now serves all of as Chairman of the Senate Budget committee. Man that he is, when defeated (not all that fairly) in the Democratic Presidential Primary, he voiced his unhappiness, but then went on to support Hillary Clinton in her failed, Russian influenced, run for President.

Back to the interview, which Bernie immediately took over by asking Dowd “Does anyone deny:

Our child care system is a disaster? Pre Kindergarten education is similarly totally inadequate?

Our young people can’t afford to go to college or leave it deeply in debt?

Our infrastructure is collapsing?

That (except for anti-science people), climate change is real – as in this week’s “1,000” floods in Germany, or “100 +” temperatures in Canada?

We have a (public and personal) health care and drug cost crisis, or Half of American families live from paycheck to paycheck?”

When he was President (1917-2021) or since then, has Donald Trump ever really asked about or tackled these very important questions?

Likewise, In last week’s New Leader Letters to the Editor, consider having a good look at “Truth, Justice and the American Way” and then move down to (a) “Filtered News,” (b) “Your rights for your safety” and (c) “How do you solve a problem like Maria” letters. In any of the letters, do you see these questions addressed? (Unless in the “How do you solve” misleading story line, nasty attacks on teachers and staff, and shutting our public school systems sit the answers for improving our children’s schools).

Back to Bernie and Joe. While Bernie and Joe differ on a lot of things, they respect each other and believe in assisting and strengthening working class families. They want to do this by developing programs and getting the very rich to pay a fairer share of taxes.

Bernie in the Senate, Joe in the White House and others first put together a physical infrastructure development program to begin to fix and improve our roads, bridges and IT networks. Trump, full of empty words, mainly talked about infrastructure.

Now Bernie and Joe have turned to people and family development, or “Human Infrastructure,” including improving climate and the environment. For example, evidence says for children, like a buildings, building the foundation or early years of education remain most important This is the reason the Bernie/Joe program begins with family grants for almost all children and strengthened early care and kindergarten teaching systems.

A specific way Joe and Bernie want to pay for these “Human Infrastructure” programs is to collect more taxes from the very rich. Examples include:

Giving the IRS more resources to catch wealthy illegal tax dodgers

Forcing big corporations like Facebook and Apple, who hide their money overseas, to pay at least 15 percent of their income in taxes, and

Going back towards higher, before Trump, the tax rates for the rich who now pay less but benefit more.

“Pinocchios” (read the fairytale), consist of false facts or misleading statements. Some from the three letters:

“Filtered News” – The Crusaders did not push the Moors out Europe’s Iberian Peninsula. The monarchs of Spain and Portugal did. Contrary to “Filtered News”, mainstream new outlets did report on and analyze The Rise of the Moors story. Finally, most of the people threatened during the Capital Insurrection were not “privileged” but the “Blue Line” police and young and underpaid staff and service workers.

“Your Rights for Your Safety” - Biden appointing Beto O’Rourke as Guns Commissioner never happened. This falsehood goes back to March 2020. Quoting FactCheck.Org. “Beto O’Rourke’s Endorsement of Biden for President has been used to fuel misin-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembering Jim Kallstrom—FBI integrity, personified

To the Editor:

America has lost a tremendous intelligence asset, patriot and freedom fighter. The former Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI” or “Bureau”) Assistant Director James Keith “Jim” Kallstrom died July 3 at his home in Fairfield, Conn. He was 78. Born in Worcester, Mass. during WWII, he studied at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1966, the same year he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He served two tours in Viet Nam and achieved the rank of Captain. Mr. Kallstrom joined the FBI in 1970 and would go on to serve the Bureau for 27 years, retiring at the end of 1997. Described as an expert in wiretapping, he also served as a supervising agent in the New York investigation of the Cosa Nostra criminal network that resulted in the Mafia Commission Trial of 1985-86. In 1995, he became Assistant Director in charge of the FBI’s flagship New York City field office. That year he also helped found the Marine Corps and Law Enforcement Foundation (MCLEF) with some of his fellow Marines to benefit children who had lost a parent in service. The next year, Mr. Kallstrom led the investigation of the explosion and crash of TWA Flight 800 in July, 1996—exactly 25 years ago—into the Atlantic Ocean near East Moriches, N.Y. After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, New York Gov. George Pataki tapped him to lead New York State’s public safety office.

James Kallstrom also served as host of the 1998 Discovery Channel show “The FBI Files” until it was cancelled in 2006. He supported Donald J. Trump in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, and referred to the Clintons as a crime family, and the Clinton Foundation as a cesspool. Kallstrom was critical of the Special Counsel Investigation of Robert Mueller saying that it was orchestrated by a cabal beyond the scope of the FBI and the intelligence community. He added that he did not recognize the agency that he had given 28 years of his life to. I saw Mr. Kallstrom in several interviews on TV, and heard his insight and wisdom as expressed to Fox News program hosts including Sean Hannity and Maria Bartiromo during the Trump presidency. One notable full interview with Maria Bartiromo on her show “Sunday Morning Futures” that aired on or around March 19, 2018 was quite revealing. At the time, the FBI had internally recommended that their second-in-command, Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, be fired, and Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions ultimately fired him. Mr. Kallstrom spoke of the phony investigation led by FBI Director James Comey and the wider plot to protect Hillary Clinton from indictment. He bluntly noted the plans of FBI Agent Peter Strzok to frame Donald Trump via the now infamous “insurance policy” reference. Kallstrom referred to Comey as naïve and harboring “an ego the size of the Empire State Building”. He became visibly concerned when he referenced the then-recent Tweet by former CIA Director John Brennan against President Trump that Brennan had posted on March 17, 2018, as actually

shown in the segment. The animus and malice directed by Brennan—himself reportedly an agnostic—towards the duly-elected and sitting U.S. President was both astonishing and telling to the former FBI Assistant Director. [Sidebar: A little-reported fact concerning former CIA Director John O. Brennan is that he was previously a supporter of the Communist Party USA. As noted by the former Deputy Assistant to the President, Sebastian Gorka, on a segment of Hannity: “John Brennan who is accusing the president of being a traitor voted for the (American) communist party at the height of the cold war in 1976 when the Soviet Union actually wanted to destroy America. That’s treasonous. Vladimir Putin is a bad guy, he is a bad actor. But the Russian Federation is not the Soviet Union. And as far as I know Donald Trump never voted for the communist party at the height of the Cold War, so let’s just put that on the record.”] It is astonishing to me, as a 13th-generation American descended from Yankee Puritans on my Father’s side, that a Communist sympathizer like Brennan (even a previous one) could one dreadful day acquire such disturbing access to lead one of the highest and most important intelligence and law-enforcement offices in the free world! If that isn’t an indictment itself of our flawed political and cultural ethos that permeates Washington, the “District of Corruption”, I just don’t know what is, or what real chance we stand of surviving as a free and democratic republic. Finally, Mr. Kallstrom confirmed to Ms. Bartiromo during the interview that he believed this coup against Mr. Trump was directed right from the very top of the power structure, the very top—referencing the knowledge and consent of now former President Barack Hussein Obama.

That any of these thoughts and analyses could have been made by any number of conservatives, or pundits, is hardly a revelation. Yet the stubborn fact that they were made by a high-caliber human being of Jim Kallstrom’s reputation and unquestioned patriotism, sacrifice and determination to fight crime and corruption is, to me, glaring. It is not common that when I learn of the death of an aged person who was liked, admired or respected that I experience a feeling of actual depression, but I did when I saw Mr. Kallstrom’s obituary in the newspaper. A shadow government and deep-state operation such as that conceived and brutally wielded against Donald J. Trump (and his scores of millions of American supporters), first as a candidate, then as our duly-elected 45th U.S. President, would never have happened if the highest levels of U.S. intelligence were staffed and occupied by good and exceptional people like James Kallstrom. I can only hope and pray that his selfless and dedicated manner will live on to motivate and encourage more good people to fill that dangerous courage and integrity void that exists in government, for we are running out of time to correct this disastrous course. Assistant Director Kallstrom leaves behind his wife of 50 years, Susan, two daughters, Erika and

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More accuracy in media needed

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago, I was a little taken aback to read in a letter from one of the usual suspects a glowing reference to the current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a man the letter writer called General “Mike Miley”—not once, but four times, so we can assume it was not a typographical error. This correspondent, one of the trio of letter-writing Democrat-Socialist “K’s” I endearingly refer to as our local “KKK” (Kane, Kaspi, and Kimball), apparently thinks highly of the General, but not highly enough to bother to remember his name. I thought, “Mike Miley? Who might that be? Could he possibly be thinking of General Mark Milley, only someone as prominently in the news over this past year as just about anyone?”

Well, being of a profoundly charitable and forgiving nature, I thought, “Oh, let it go, he’s (the writer) probably an old timer who has trouble lassoing those thoughts that gallop around in his brain like mustangs in a Montana corral. That could be me some day: elderly, decrepit, and too lazy to check my facts.” But, it’s not yet.

However, that was then. Now, another one of the “K” boys has shown an equal and casual disdain for accuracy and the truth, so my resolve to be nice, to obey the rules established by the Marquis of Queensbury, has, as do the early morning mists over Lake Lashaway on a July day, evaporated.

This other “K,” who often reminds us he represents the 13th generation of his name to live here in what his

first generation would have called the Colony of Massachusetts, penned what I consider the most irresponsible and callous statement I’ve read on the pages of the New Leader in the 40 years I’ve been reading it. In discussing the events of Jan. 6 in Washington, D.C., a day the unhinged lunatics of the left call worse than “9-11-01” and Pearl Harbor combined—and expect rational people to listen to their nonsense—Mr. K, writing from the manor house overlooking the King’s Grant, insinuates as to how, if it had been him confronting the unarmed, diminutive, white woman (Ashli Babbitt) attempting to enter a Capitol Building room through a broken window, he, too, would have shot and killed her—and probably expected to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his manly heroics.

First of all, I think that is nothing more than the boasting, barroom bluster typical of an armchair windbag when it comes to having a prosaic and reckless view of firearms and human life. I’m used to hearing it from some of my buddies on the right who puff out their chests and assure me that when the time comes to fight back—for real—against gun confiscation, they’ll be the first ones there on the Town Common—like Captain Parker and the boys of Lexington that fateful day—to face down the police or the army, no matter the risks to themselves. But, I’m not used to hearing supposedly non-violent liberals brag about being willing to kill (in Ashli’s case, I should say murder) another citizen on behalf

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The COVID pause

To the Editor:

My summer, like most Americans, is busier in 2021 than it was in 2020. There are more barbecues, more parties, more events, more places to go. Is the COVID-19 pandemic over? God, no. Especially in Massachusetts we’re in the “COVID pause.” Vaccination rates are relatively high, case rates are relatively low, the virus doesn’t spread as well in the heat and humidity, and the virus doesn’t really spread outside. Trust me though, we’re in for a major helping of COVID this coming fall and winter and it’s already started growing exponentially in the USA and even in Massachusetts. After taking a few weeks off though I really have to jump back into the fray.

Mr. Robillard’s assessment of the news media is really incredible – during the Trump administration, the news couldn’t be trusted because it was the enemy of the people and they hated Trump. For all of Trump’s authoritarian bravado, that pesky First Amendment prevented him from controlling the media (although it didn’t stop him from opining about criminal penalties and even capital punishment for those truthfully reporting on him). Now that Joe Biden is president, Mr. Robillard believes the media instantly became an arm of the government and an official mouthpiece as though it was Biden’s propaganda ministry... The pattern here is he discredits information he doesn’t like using whatever tool is available at the moment, and he doesn’t remember last year’s excuse.

The “Rise of the Moors” are a weird libertarian and religious separatist movement that claims to be the “original sovereigns” of the US drawing from ancient civilizations such as the Azetecs and they claim to not be subject to U.S. law in part from a 1787 treaty the U.S. signed with Morocco. They claim to be foreign nationals and not U.S. Citizens. They refuse to pay taxes, register their vehicles, register their firearms, obtain proper licensing for anything, etc. Their ideology is not unlike the Montana Freeman, the whole Bundy/Malheur National Wildlife Refuge fiasco, the “Patriot Movement”, the Proud Boys, etc. These anti-government activists pulled a stunt in MA where they walked down the highway wearing military fatigues carrying AR-15’s without proper licensing and they were arrested without incident and without violence.

The “Rise of the Moors” are black and they are Muslim – but how much time should be spent on that? They are anti-government activists flagrantly violating our laws, they were arrested, and there was no violence... They don’t claim supremacy over anyone else – they claim themselves to be separate. How much time should be spent on their race and religion? Should half the news story be dedicated to it so we can take the heat off of white supremacist groups that are trying to control people who aren’t them and places they don’t own? “See, black peo-

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we would carry this project forward. It seems the town has decided against this now.

I want you, the citizens of Spencer, to understand that the town’s decision to withdraw their support for this project comes over my objection. Despite the exit of our partner, Mainstay was prepared to bring millions of dollars of investment to Spencer in the form of project funding which would have led to dozens of construction jobs as well as thirty beautiful new units of much needed housing for seniors.

But as of today, these benefits, which would have come at a time of great need in Spencer, won’t be delivered at all, and that’s a shame.

Thank you for your support of our organization and this project over the

past three years. We heard from many of you about the need for this new housing, and the need for development and investment in Spencer. I’m truly sorry you will not see this important community development project come to fruition. For our part, as the owners of Senior Living at Prouty, we remain your neighbors and friends, and we will continue delivering quality housing in Spencer for seniors in need for years to come, despite this disappointment.

Sincerely,

LARRY OAKS
PRESIDENT & CEO
MAINSTAY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING &
HOME CARE

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formation about (Biden’s) gun control policy.” This letter’s comments on elected Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez are beneath contempt.

“Solve a Problem” – Recommending and making comparisons between the North Brookfield School System and St. John’s High School operations and costs nearly fully mislead. One is a K-12 system, the other a college preparatory high school. One is for the community, open, and socially and economically diverse, the other is elite connected,

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

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empty. His point is that we all feel the need to get everything done. We stay up late, get up early, just to get everything done. By doing this he says we put off having fun or spending time with loved ones. Keeping a full ‘In Basket’ means that your time is in demand, with projects to complete and phone calls to return. Carlson reminds his readers that no matter what you do or who you are, nothing is more important than your own happiness and sense of inner peace and that of your loved ones. He reminds us that when we die there will still be things left to finish, and that someone else will do it.

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The night of fights was sponsored by Reality Fighting.

Cuevas finished his amateur MMA career with a 6-1 record and the Reality Fighting 145 championship belt.

“I had started going to the gym on a regular basis and I was starting to feel good, but I was looking for something more as a way of testing myself,” Cuevas said from his Spencer home during a recent phone interview. “I felt like I was missing something.”

Cuevas found what he was missing one day on a drive through Webster, where he was living at the time.

“I used to drive by this school that had a sign outside promoting mixed martial arts and had a picture of a fight on it,” said Cuevas, who, for the last 10 years, has worked as a master auto technician for Mercedes Benz of Springfield when not training. “So I decided to stop in and see what it was all about and I ended up taking an MMA class. During that class I realized that MMA was what I wanted to do. I realized it was the way I wanted to test myself.”

The gym where Cuevas saw the poster was Guardian Self-

Defense of Webster, located at 55 Worcester Road. It later became Battle Crew MMA of Webster, and is now known as Team Link of Webster.

Since turning pro Cuevas has expanded his training area.

“I train at several different facilities all over New England, but my local place to work out is the 33 Boxing Club in Worcester,” Cuevas said. “I have traveled all the way to New Hampshire to train. As a professional MMA fighter I’m looking to get the best workouts and best training. So, I do a lot of traveling in order to get the best possible workouts in after work.”

Cuevas is motivated to be the best MMA fighter he can be from a fire that burns from within, but he is also inspired by his older brother Pedro, who has struggled with severe medical issues since Cuevas was a teenager.

“Pedro had an operation on his appendix back when we lived in Puerto Rico and afterward he contracted encephalitis, which left him in a semi-vegetative state,” Cuevas said. “Pedro had an allergic reaction to penicillin which was given to him after the surgery. That caused his brain to swell which resulted in his being diagnosed with

Encephalitis.

“Our lives completely changed at that moment,” said Cuevas, referring to his family. “Pedro was given antibiotics that contained penicillin after the operation and the allergic reaction settled in his brain, causing the swelling.”

Cuevas said he was 14 when Pedro, 16 years old at the time, contracted Encephalitis.

“That’s another reason I’m grateful to have mixed martial arts in my life. I didn’t get to have my childhood,” Cuevas said. “I was going through all this and I wasn’t the type of person who expressed my emotions, but that definitely affected me.

“Having my brother completely normal one moment and then suffering from this life-altering illness the next moment, that was really hard on me,” Cuevas continued. “Pedro is still with us and still fighting. We still have hope and every day that we have him is a blessing. Every time I get into the cage I’m always thinking about Pedro. It’s definitely a great motivation for me because he is a true warrior. He is a true fighter. If he was able to, I could definitely see him participating in mixed martial arts.”

were sick,” said Kevin Hayes.

On weekends, Hayes loved to go dancing with her husband every Saturday at the Legion. She was also a frequent Bingo player at St. Mary’s and the Knights of Columbus (she even got to play Bingo in Maine and Texas). Additionally, she enjoys playing cards with her family and friends.

At her birthday party earlier this month, it was a thrill

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“This will be an opportunity to use my experience and skill-set in new ways, transitioning the local governance to a more centralized form of management,” Robbins said. “Being the first TA for Brookfield means growth for both myself and the town. There will be learning curves and growing pains in the beginning, but we are off to a great start. I hope to set the town up for further success with this position.”

Robbins cited teamwork as a major focus in her new position. She aims to help foster a municipal environment with strong communications, transparency, and teamwork.

“Often independent boards, committees, and departments lose sight of how important the others are because of the stress and demands of their own work. A town government is a symbiotic relationship between all the moving parts, performing their tasks on behalf of the townspeople,” Robbins said. “I am here to provide what is needed, a helping hand, guidance, or firm stand. I will be their biggest supporter where the jobs are being done responsibly and diligently.”

Town officials are eager to work with Robbins, an attorney with a concentration in municipal law. Her expertise in this area will be an invaluable asset to the town, officials

said.

“Adding professional town management to support the growth, planning, and day-to-day operations is one more resource for townspeople,” Coughlin added. “Several town meetings, the creation of the position, and the funding of it have consistently shown that people see this as positive change.”

A seven-member Town Administrator Search Committee chose Robbins as a finalist from a pool of ten applicants. She was interviewed by selectmen last month.

“She comes from a small community and will be a great fit for our town,” said Selectwoman Linda Lincoln in a previous interview. “She has strong experience and knows the inner workings of small communities like ours.”

Over the next few weeks and months, Robbins will continue to familiarize herself with all committees, departments, needs, and projects.

“Once I have a decent handle on the needs of these groups, I will be able to prioritize where to direct my focus. I have no preconceived ideas, so that I can remain open and the process can adjust as needed,” Robbins said. “Everyone has been extremely welcoming and kind.”

Outside of work, Robbins enjoys golf, gardening, crafting of many varieties, sewing, baking/cooking, hiking, and reading.

At Howe Village, Hayes enjoys going for walks, looking at pictures, and hosting visitors.

From all of us at the New Leader, happy 100th birthday to Marguerite (Derosier) Hayes.

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had one brother, Harold, who passed away. She worked as a nurse at local nursing homes throughout her career, including sites in Worcester and West Brookfield. She was always known to make extra efforts to help ensure that patients were comfortable and had companionship.

MCRAE

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of the Party currently in power.

No, Mr. K., unless you’re completely politically radicalized, seriously demented, or just totally lacking in self-control, you would not have shot and killed Ashli Babbitt. You mention with justifiable pride your family members going all the way back to-what-the French and Indian Wars (?) who have served in the military. You don’t mention yourself. If you did serve in almost any capacity, you would have certainly had the concept of “fire discipline” or “fire control” inculcated into your subconscious which would have stayed with you for the rest of your life. Discretion in the use of your service weapon would have been the better part of valor. And, by the way, had you, for all of your professed admiration for the military, been the agent of Ashli’s bleeding out there on the carpet, would it have bothered you to know you had just shot down in cold blood a 14-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force with three overseas wartime deployments under her belt?

HAR-YAROK

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ple are bad, too! See! See!” The issue with white supremacists is they usually have bigger movements, more violent movements, they fight for symbols of slavery in public spaces, and they have the ability to terrorize minorities. This “black supremacist organization” is honestly trying to mind their own business and they claim to be sovereign. What is most curious to me is where was the NRA to defend these black Muslims who broke no laws except firearm licensing... Where are the conservatives defending them for not harming anybody? Conservatives were torn on whether to defend the Bundy’s when they had armed standoffs taking shots at federal law enforcement – a bunch of black dudes walk down a highway with guns without threatening anyone and the conservatives want to make sure we know they were black...

The National Guard had to defend the Capitol of the United States, the seat of our government. If a mob descending on the capitol with gallows screaming to hang politicians and finally breaking through all security is not a good reason to defend the property, I don’t know what is. If defending our seat of government from being overthrown drained the Guard’s budget, you have Donald Trump to blame.

People seem to really hate “Critical Race Theory,” but nobody seems to actually understand what it is. First of all this outcry is the brainchild of conservative activist Christopher Rufo, who described his strategy as intentionally using the term to conflate various left-wing race-related ideas in order to create a negative association. Rufo himself said, “[w]e will eventually turn [critical race theory] toxic...” Rufo was interviewed on Tucker Carlson’s Fox News show, which Donald Trump watched, then Trump issued an executive order banning certain terms and words in an ill-fated attempt at the thought police. Much has been written

If you know anything of that horrific event, you will recall Ashli’s empty–I repeat, empty– hands were visible, she was small and easy to neutralize in a scuffle, and there were plenty of cops in the room who could have either shoved her back out the window or thrown her to the floor. No verbal commands were shouted for her to stop; there was no compelling reason to use deadly force against her. She was murdered, Mr. K., and probably for political reasons. Do you see yourself as willing to commit a homicide in furtherance of your political agenda? A lot of your BLM/Antifa/Democrat Party fellow travelers would do it, would you? I should think after thirteen generations we might have evolved to a higher plane of moral sensitivity.

Finally, I know for a certainty Ashli would be alive today if she had been a black woman armed or unarmed coming through that window. Had she been black and killed by a white police officer, D.C. would have burned to the ground that very night, as well as most of the other big American cities. The police know that, and you know that as well. It’s called the way the world now works in postmodern America. Ashli was white and a Trump sup-

on how “Critical Race Theory” is being misrepresented in conservative media and the only thing most people can accurately describe of CRT is that they don’t like it.

CRT is an academic term from the ‘70’s that examines social, cultural, and legal issues as they relate to race and racism in the US. The basic theory is that racism and disparate racial outcomes are the result of complex, changing, and often subtle social and institutional dynamics as opposed to explicit and intentional prejudices on the part of individuals.

For example, what are the lingering effects today of redlining – where banks refused to issue mortgages into black neighborhoods until the ‘70’s. How did that affect inter-generational wealth? What are the lingering effects of the GI Bill after WWII excluding black veterans? Restrictive covenants that prevented black people from buying houses in baby-boom era developments? Facially race-blind policies such as single-family zoning prevents the building of affordable housing in areas with good schools – how does that continue to enforce the racial caste system we’ve had since slavery ended? The entire justice system generally tries to throw the book at black kids and looks for ways to let white kids off without a record for the same minor infraction – how does that impact the communities down the road?

Nobody ever said “all white people are racist” and “white people should hate themselves.” Racism is part of everyday life, embedded in all of our institutions. Even people who don’t intend to be racist can nevertheless make choices that fuel racism. That doesn’t make them bad people – it makes them people who should want to hear and learn more. What is racist, at least in my opinion, is trying to legislate what can be taught, requiring a particular brand of whitewashed propaganda be fed to children – keeping information from people for political purposes. The purpose of education

porter who was expendable, and was murdered almost certainly by a black Capitol Police officer whose identity will be protected until palm trees grow in Labrador. Hers was a political murder, something you’d see in Haiti or Venezuela or some other Third World banana republic dump. There’d be no rioting on her behalf.

Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, William Gladstone, champion of the British working class, famously said, “Justice delayed is justice denied.” There has been no justice for Ashli Babbitt, and, until power-mad, corrupt, globalist American politicians are tossed onto the dust bin of history, there won’t be any. We’ll lionize career street criminals and shower tens of millions of dollars onto their surviving family members, but, for an unarmed woman who served her country honorably... justice denied. And our Mr. K would have been proud to pull the trigger.

So, you liberals who like to write in, try to work on overcoming intellectual laziness, take ten seconds and check to see if “Mike Miley” really is your man, and stop making preposterous and idiotic boasts that you would have gunned down a 115 pound, unarmed woman and then gone out with your goon pals

is to present information, teach them to think, allow the children to come to their own conclusions. This anti-CRT hysteria is about whitewashing history.

I find it odd that Mr. McRae seems to think Harvard, Dartmouth, and Yale were only useful when they trained Christian clergymen and missionaries. Who needs basic research, contributing to human knowledge, secular education... Back in the day when Anglo-Americans controlled this country, Christianity was believed by most, science hadn’t made fools of the church yet, and black people were slaves was America great... I can only say thank God we made progress and children now receive Health Education instead of whatever their parents or church taught them which of course led to teen shotgun marriages with 10 children per woman.

When children left school in the 8th grade to work on the farm they weren’t “better educated” – they “weren’t educated.” Uneducated people are a lot easier to indoctrinate, challenge their religious leaders less, less likely to read themselves, and less likely to challenge the status quo of their parents... I totally understand why Mr. McRae wouldn’t like educated people these days.

It’s 2021, and science won the war with religion. We’re slowly starting to talk about our nation’s history – warts and all. It wasn’t all rainbows, sunshine, and glory – this nation enslaved millions of people for hundreds of years, legally they were not full citizens for another 100, and it’s only been 50 they have been equal on paper and the after-effects aren’t gone. It’s 2021 and the racist symbols are not only coming down, they aren’t up for a vote. Our school curriculums are going to teach about America’s sins as well as its glory, and little racist towns will be overruled.

Finally, Mr. Herholz... A Second Amendment without limitations would mean you could own an F-15, artillery, nuclear warheads, whatever you want-

to the bar for a couple rounds of drinks after the blood had been cleaned up.

I wrote this only after deciding to postpone some comments I have in mind for teachers and administrators dealing with Critical Race Theory and the gratuitous sexualization of other people’s children in the public schools. Tune in next week.

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

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Kristel, his Grandchildren, a sister, Lynn Cangelosi, and a brother, Roger Kallstrom. He also leaves a wonderful legacy of service that his family can be extremely proud of. As a former Worcesterite, I am now very proud to know that James Kallstrom started his life there in my home city, so many years ago. Rest in Peace, Mr. Kallstrom, job very well done with honor, bravery and distinction.

DANA GEORGE REED
SPENCER

ed really. This is not the interpretation of any mainstream constitutional scholars because Congress retains the right to raise armies and declare war nor have the courts embraced unlimited rights to weaponry. I think you’d be in the minority and I’m curious how you would keep these weapons out of the hands of terrorists and enemy nations – if all they need to do is get an American citizen to go on Amazon and click “add to cart” for a tactical nuclear weapon. As for AOC – an angry mob broke into the building where she was certifying the election that the mob’s demigod lost – I’m pretty sure they would have killed her if they caught her. The mob WAS the weapon. I for one believe she has PTSD. As for inflation – we replaced the GDP lost in the mismanaged COVID-19 disaster of 2020 with cash, much of it pushed out during the Trump administration, much from Biden. Inflation is to be expected and a great alternative to a depression.

How’s COVID doing you may be wondering? While we act like we’re in the COVID pause, the delta variant is taking hold. Last week 220,248 Americans got sick with COVID-19 – a 66 percent increase in 1 week, and 143 percent increase in three weeks! Even in Massachusetts, cases are up 108 percent in the last week. Only 1,932 Americans died of COVID last week, although that’s about to kick up since COVID is a long, slow, painful death. The U.S. still has the most cases and deaths in the world (even ahead of [third world] countries) at 34 million cases and 609,003 deaths.

Why is it on the rise again? Not enough people are vaccinated and the unvaccinated deplorables mostly overlap with Trump’s deplorables. Most of the world would kill to get access to vaccines but here in America we have enough vaccine for every person in stock hoarded when we try and convince our idiots to get it.

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POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7
12:15-12:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:28 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), washout/31N; 3:09 a.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 3:47 a.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), investigated; 6:55 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:14 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), wallet found; 9:05 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), forged check; 9:59 a.m.: animal complaint (Hastings Road), poss. rabies exposure; 10:33 a.m.: DPW call (Pleasant Street), req. check of wires; 10:38 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Smithville Road); 10:41 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), lost mv plate; 11:07 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:40 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 12:01 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Rutland PD bolo; 12:10 p.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), misdial; 12:11 a.m.: fire/rescue (Lake Street), referred; 12:56 p.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 1:15 p.m.: mv theft (Donnelly Road), car trailer stolen; 2:02 p.m.: elderly matter (Main Street), welfare check; 2:18 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), neighbor issues; 2:45 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: mv sale; 3:00 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Chestnut Street); 3:01 p.m.: restraining order service (Collier Circle); 3:03 p.m.: restraining order service (South Street); 3:29 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), no trespass order served; 3:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dog left in mv; 3:50 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 4:08 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), req. harassment prevention order; 4:36 p.m.: suspicious mv (Temple Street), investigated; 4:38 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 4:41 p.m.: officer want-

ed (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:42 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:50 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), neighbor issue; 6:17 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), power surge; 7:21 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 7:49 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), neighbor issue; 9:44 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Condon Drive); 9:55-10:03 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:14 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 11:42 p.m.: medical/general (Duggan Street); (Total daily mv stops – 3).

THURSDAY, JULY 8
12:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:28 a.m.: suspicious persons (North Spencer Road), investigated; 12:34-2:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:11 a.m.: disturbance (Wall Street), abandoned 911 call; 2:30 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 2:36-2:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:47 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), courtesy transport; 5:24 p.m.: DPW call (Watson Street), tree across road; 6:28 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 6:51 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 7:10 a.m.: medical/general (Lyford Road), lift assist; 10:13 a.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 10:42 a.m.: larceny (Main Street), liquor stolen/bottle; 11:05 a.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 11:19 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:32 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), aggressive motorist; 12:34 p.m.: residential alarm (Lyford Road), services rendered; 1:41 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Pleasant Street); 3:06 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:18 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 3:27 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/4 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:25 p.m.: animal complaint (McDonald Street), loose dog; 4:47

p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 5:02 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), kids/bikes in road; 6:10 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Summit Street), services rendered; 8:40 p.m.: medical/general (Brown Street); 8:54 p.m.: suspicious persons (Chestnut Street), investigated; 9:03 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:57 p.m.: residential alarm (Wire Village Road), services rendered; 10:18 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:04 p.m.: disturbance (Wall Street), poss. domestic assault; 11:55 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

FRIDAY, JULY 9
12:18-12:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:48 a.m.: open door/window (East Charlton Road), secured; 6:24 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:56 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 8:35 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), re: license reinstatement; 10:14 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo; 10:17 a.m.: medical/general (High Street); 11:21 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), inquiry re: sex offender registration; 11:24 a.m.: DPW call (Gauthier Road), tree blocking road; 12:01 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 12:02 p.m.: fire (Lincoln Street), referred; 12:25 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 12:27 p.m.: fire (Blueberry Hill Drive), referred; 1:30 p.m.: medical/general (Brown Street); 2:10 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), shoplifting; 2:15 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 3:00 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 3:36 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), unwanted party; 4:00 p.m.: mv complaint (North Brookfield Road), incident reported; 4:36 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Wall Street), accidental; 4:41 p.m.: disturbance (Valley View Drive), domestic dispute; 4:51 p.m.: fraud (Spring Street), repetitive

complaint; 6:55 p.m.: fraud (Wilson Avenue), scam calls; 9:22 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 9:27 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:38 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 10:07-11:33 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:42 p.m.: suspicious persons (Craig Road), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

SATURDAY, JULY 10
12:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), info given; 12:17-2:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:02 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 4:21 a.m.: building checked, secure; 4:43 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 5:52 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 6:09 a.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), poss. rabid skunk; 11:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 11:53 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 12:40 p.m.: 911 call (Wilson Court), accidental; 1:43 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), locked out; 1:57 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:32 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 2:35 p.m.: residential alarm (G.H. Wilson Road), services rendered; 6:23 p.m.: mv lockout (Valley Street), assisted; 6:44 p.m.: 911 call (Meadow Road), open line; 7:15 p.m.: fire alarm (Crestview Drive), referred; 8:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), barking dog; 9:04 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Jolicoeur Avenue); 9:26 p.m.: medical/general (Treadwell Drive), 9:54 p.m.: suspicious mv (Smithville Road), investigated; sometime between 9:54-9:59 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 10:11 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 11:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Oakland Drive), accidental; 11:05 p.m.: fireworks com-

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LEGALS

Brookfield Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

At a regularly scheduled Brookfield Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, a public hearing will be held starting at 6:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard at the Banquet Hall of the Town Hall, 6 Central Street, to review the following, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 40, Section 15C:

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

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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Terri A. Wilkin** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation dated October 26, 2018, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59599, Page 174; said mortgage was then assigned to Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency by virtue of an assignment dated January 17, 2020, and recorded in Book 61856, Page 397, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 10:00 AM on **August 26, 2021**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 135 Howe Street, East Brookfield, MA 01515. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land known and designated as 135 Howe Street, East Brookfield, Massachusetts, situated on the northeasterly side of Howe Street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof, in the northeasterly line of Howe Street, at land now of formerly of Fremont N. Turgeon; Thence N. 69° 25' E. on a wall by said Turgeon land 50 feet to an iron pin at land of Ryo R. Meader et ux; Thence N. 36° 50' W. by said Meader land 100 feet to an iron pin; Thence S. 69° 25' W. by said Meader land 150 feet to the northeasterly line of Howe Street; Thence southeasterly by the northeasterly line of Howe Street 100 feet to the place of beginning. Containing about 15,475 square feet of land. Be-

ing the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by deed of John J. Larkham recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be

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

Dated: July 8, 2021 Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 303C, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 56353 (WILKIN) July 23, 2021

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 6 Central St. Brookfield, MA 01506

July 13, 2021To: Stonebridge Press, Legal Ad DepartmentPlease publish the following legal ad on July 23 and July 30, 2021The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, August 17 at the Brookfield Town Hall located at 6 Central Street. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request from Edward Anderson to add a garage to his home located at 1 Salmon Brook Road. This requires a variance as per Section 7) Dimensional Requirements, sub-section C) Dimensional Regulation Table, of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Brookfield. The building and lot are non-conforming, approved under the definitive subdivision rules, and are located in the Rural Residential District.

Timothy Simon – ZBA Chairman July 23, 2021 July 30, 2021

Notice of Public Hearing Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Variance – Applicant/ Owner: Scott & Grace Conner; Location: 7 Brewer Lane, Spencer Assessor's Map U29-107. The applicant is looking for a variance under Section 5.2.6 (Detached Accessory Structure) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to erect a 600 sqft accessory structure on a pre-existing non-conforming vacant lot and reduce roadway setback on south boundary line. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.
July 23, 2021
July 30, 2021

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Appeal of Building Decision regarding Accessory Structure – Applicant: Jose Vasquez/ Ambassador Pools; Owner: Victor Apostolou; Location: 203 Paxton Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R46-

14. The applicant is requesting relief from a building permit denial by the Building Inspector for a pool installed that violates the required setbacks. The property is located within the rural residential zoning district.

July 23, 2021
July 30, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21P2354EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Lena Helen Flewelling Also known as: Lena H Flewelling Date of Death: 12/30/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Paul R Flewelling of Brookfield MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Paul R Flewelling of Brookfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/10/2021**.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 15, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
July 23, 2021

Andrea Healy named “Local Covid Pandemic Hero” by Central Mass. South Chamber



Andrea Healy

Sure, she did everything in her power to keep the customers and staff safe from the virus, but she never forgot or focus on the needs of a mentally healthy staff, continually checking in and having an “Open Door Policy” even in a now-virtual world. Even with more than 60 employees in eight locations, she was only a phone call away for any of us, Any time.

All while working diligently to preserve the physical and mental health of our employees, Healy was working with senior staff into late evening hours to come up with solutions for our customers. Many of our customers had never used Online Banking, or even a drive up before! She guided our frontline staff, and we did not miss a beat in offering out of the box solutions such as scheduled appointments, curbside banking and doing almost all our normal duties including loan closings, opening new accounts and notaries, contactless through our drive thru.

So today, we would like to give a special thanks to Andrea Healy and all the work she did to keep North Brookfield Savings Bank a well-oiled machine, and offering compassion for our staff, especially in these uncertain times. We own our success and some of our sanity to Andrea for being our Pandemic Hero!

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Although we are sick of hearing it, these are unprecedented times. Many struggled day to day to keep their spirits up, while watching the COVID numbers rise and our favorite places close. Fear of the unknown took a toll on too many of us. However, behind the scenes at North Brookfield Savings Bank, Andrea Healy worked hard to make this a seamless transition for our staff and customers alike. We may have closed lobbies, but we never once shut our doors for good. Andrea worked tirelessly day and night, responding the regulatory changes, and

acting as a front runner in the race to stay afloat amid this awful virus.

Healy and her team worked quickly to implement new changes, what seemed like daily. Whether it was rotating our staff to minimize contact with one-another, lessening the in-branch staff by increasing remote work for those able, keeping clear and open communication about PPE supplies needed or customer concerns and offering mental and physical wellbeing webinars and resources, to name just a few.

Healy found it to be as crucial to take care of us emotionally, as much as physically.

Fender Road to perform as part of Spencer Summer Concert Series



SPENCER — The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission's 2021 Summer Concert Series continues from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 25 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer with Fender Road.

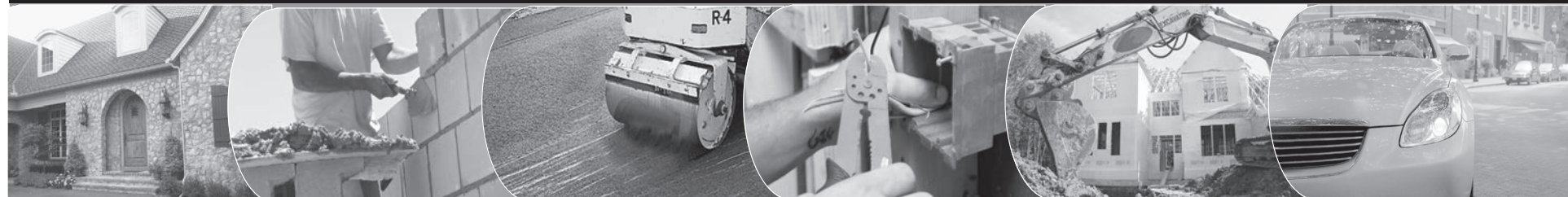
Paul “Fender” Lirange and Gary Suter are Fender Road, a guitar and vocal duo. Lirange has been a stalwart on the music scene for more than 50 years, having performed throughout the Eastern USA and Bermuda with popular local bands including The New Breed, Fate, Down East and Cats. Suter performed with Class Reunion prior to joining forces with Lirange to form Fender Road. They both play guitar, sing and per-

form a variety of pop, rock and country songs from the 50s to today. They utilize backing tracks to round out the sound, and their set lists are loaded with fun songs that are recognizable to all.

Following Fender Road, next up in this series that continues every Sunday through Aug. 22 will be the Silverbacks on Aug. 1.

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Vocational schooling can pave the way to high-paying jobs

Many students believe that the next natural step after graduating from high school is to go off to college. Secondary education has become such a common transition that many parents begin saving for college tuition as soon as their children are born. Although college can be the next chapter in a student's education, many teenagers still choose to attend trade school.

Television personality Mike Rowe says the country is in the midst of a skilled labor shortage because workers lack the necessary training to fill the hundreds of thousands of available jobs. Lack of information may drive the notion that trade jobs are nothing more than a backup plan if college doesn't pan out. However, by realizing that trade jobs, along with short-term vocational training, is a smart investment — and eventually a lucrative career choice — attitudes about trade schools and labor-intensive jobs may shift.

A great number of college graduates enter the workforce with degrees that may not help them land jobs. And these students typically carry thousands of dollars in tuition debt. Many college grads are underemployed and working in jobs that aren't even in their fields of study. Career and technical schools help students develop specialized skills that make graduates immediately marketable in their chosen fields, and trade salaries can be very competitive.

The following are some of the fastest-growing and highest-paying trade careers to consider, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Forbes magazine.

- Construction manager: Construction professionals with great organizational



and communication skills can enjoy high earning potential as construction managers. Expected growth of this career over the next 10 years is 5 percent. The average income of a construction manager is \$87,000. However, with a top-end hourly pay of around \$75 per hour, it's easy for managers to earn into six figures.

- Elevator installer and repairer: This career is listed as a top-earner. These employees can earn anywhere from \$74,000 to \$105,000 per year. Elevators are in demand as urban centers increase, so this career has staying potential.

- Rotary drill operator: The oil and gas industry relies on rotary drill operators to extract oil or natural gas from

underground sources. Salaries for these jobs can range from \$30 to \$40 per hour.

- Dental hygienist: Cleaning teeth and inspecting mouths for disease is an important role. Job growth is still hovering around 20 percent, and hygienists can expect to earn up to \$98,000.

- Electricians and plumbers: Electricians and plumbers are continually in demand. With a short amount of trade school and apprenticeship, it's possible to earn up to \$90,000 per year.

These are just a few of the many skilled professions that vocational schools prepare their students for. Scholarships and funding programs are available to help make vocational training an affordable possibility.

Local students graduate from Elms College

CHICOPEE — College of Our Lady of the Elms celebrated its 90th Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 15.

Elms College conferred 311 undergraduate degrees and 91 graduate degrees, including Tyler Hesselton of Leicester, who was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Social Work; Joshua Keaton of Northbridge, who received a Bachelor of Arts in Management; Camden Hart of Spencer, who received a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting; Kenney Karu of Spencer, who received an MBA in Healthcare Leadership; and Tara Lynch of Spencer, who received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

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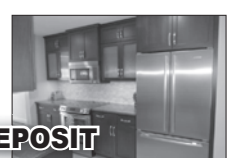
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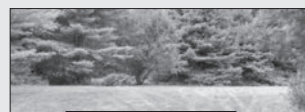
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ON DEPOSIT

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Location! Scenic Upper Gore! "BIRDS EYE VIEW" of Webster Lake! Spacious Tr-Level. 2,279 sq. ft., 4 BRS, 1 full Bath, 2 half baths. Inground pool. 2 Car Garage
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WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO



ON DEPOSIT

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