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## Spencer's Norma Cormier receives Boston Post Cane



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**At 102, Norma Cormier is now Spencer's oldest resident. She was presented with the town's Boston Post cane last month by Selectman Ralph Hicks.**

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Now the oldest resident in town, 102-year-old Norma Cormier was recently presented with the Boston Post cane.

Born on May 13, 1918, to David Guertin and Lorena Letendre, Cormier moved to Bemis Street in town when she was only seven years old. She has since enjoyed a lifetime of memories in Spencer, and town officials

were thrilled to celebrate her reception of the Boston Post cane.

Per town tradition, the cane is bestowed upon Spencer's oldest resident. And even though social distancing made it impossible for all five selectmen to join Cormier's celebration, Selectman Ralph Hicks presented the cane on behalf of his colleagues.

"Being able to present the Boston Post cane to Norma was very special to me, as

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## Rutland PD loses detective to COVID-19

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER


LEICESTER – Local police departments continue to offer support to the Rutland Police Department following last week's passing of Det. John Songy from Coronavirus complications.

Songy, 48, of Leicester, died on May 29 after suffering from organ failure. Doctors attempted to perform a plasma transfusion last month, but Songy continued to decline in recent weeks. He was on a ventilator for over two weeks.

Songy was an eight-year veteran of the Rutland Police Department. He was one of the department's field training officers.

"We wish to extend our sincerest condolences to Songy's family during this difficult time, and we would like to thank the community for the generous outpouring of support that John, his family, and the department have received throughout this ordeal," read a statement released by the Rutland Police Department.

Songy previously served with the Oakham Police Department. First responders from several area towns, as well as local residents, have



expressed support for Songy's family via social media. Many officers have also made efforts throughout the past week to honor him.

"Several Leicester officers are friends with Det. Songy, and all were talking about John the other day," said Leicester Police Chief Kenneth Antanavica. "John and his family are part of the fabric of Leicester, and John losing his battle with COVID-19 will leave an unfillable void in John's family and the community."

The Leicester Police Department flew its flag at half-mast this week in Songy's honor, and all LPD officers wore mourning bands.

# Local songwriter pays tribute to "Lost" Quabbin towns

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Inspired by local history, singer-songwriter Gary Blanchard's latest song gives residents a fascinating glimpse into the past.

Having visited central Massachusetts for 15 years before moving here in 2006, Blanchard is well-versed on the area's history. But although he had occasionally heard of the four towns lost to the construction of Quabbin Reservoir, it wasn't until February of this year that the impact of the event inspired him to write a song.

Blanchard recorded the song "Lost Towns" in mid-February, and released it in early May on his new CD, "Magical World." Each time he hears the tune, it reminds him of how difficult it

must have been for residents of the disincorporated towns to say goodbye to their homes. In 1938, residents of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich, and Prescott were forced to leave their homes and move elsewhere. The four towns were then razed and flooded to create Quabbin Reservoir.

For Blanchard and many other local artists and historians who were inspired by the lost towns of the Quabbin, it's unimaginable to think of residents unable to return to their childhood homes because the towns are underwater.

"I moved 400 miles from my home when I came here," Blanchard said. "I have the luxury of going back to see my old neighborhood and familiar landmarks. The residents of the four lost towns are not able to do that. All of the places that

were dear to them are under the water of Quabbin."

Blanchard wanted to tell the story of the four towns in a concise way that would help people recall the history and convey the impact on the people of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich, and Prescott.

"It was the first time that I needed to do research to write a song," the Ware-based songwriter said. "I did not grow up learning the background. In my research, I came across many great photos taken in the four towns. Those photographs added to my ability to connect with the impact of creating the Quabbin."

Shortly after releasing his new CD, Blanchard decided to incorporate the images that he found in his research. His goal was to help listeners better understand the history behind

the song.

To that end, Blanchard turned to videographer Ryan Shepard to create a video of the song.

"We went into his studio in late February to film my part of the video. We planned to go together in the next week or two to Quabbin to film more," Blanchard recalled.

Their original plan was thwarted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but the project continued onward in a new and creative way.

"It became obvious that it would be a while before we could go together to film," Blanchard told the New Leader. "Ryan was able to get there on his own, and he captured some wonderful images. His final product exceeded my expectation – it also multiplies the impact of the words by combin-

ing the old photographs with images of the reservoir."

Blanchard and Shepard hope residents will not only enjoy the song, but also the educational value of the history. Although most inhabitants of the four lost towns have passed away, local artists and historians are committed to preserving the legacy of their communities. Many of their relatives live locally and enjoy learning more about the lost towns.

"I feel that the finished product is entertaining and educational. It is like a four-minute history lesson," Blanchard said.

The video of "Lost Towns" is posted on YouTube. The Magical World album can be found at Blanchard's Web site, [www.garyblanchardmusic.com](http://www.garyblanchardmusic.com).

## Newly planted tree honors local teen's memory



*Photo Courtesy*

**Volunteers install the newly donated tree in the center of North Brookfield.**

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Each time Town Clerk Tara Hayes looks through her office window and sees the newly installed tree in the town center park, she is always filled with reminders of the community's support.

Tara Hayes and her husband, Brian Hayes, recently donated the tree in memory of Tara's late son, James Perry. The tree was provided by Everlast Nursery in Leicester, and it will be illuminated during the holiday season.

Several trees in the park were taken down in February, and officials are in the process of making multiple improvements at the venue. Town leaders thank Hayes and her husband for their major contribution to the space.

"It's very meaningful as a legacy, and it means a lot to her and the town. This is something everyone can enjoy," said Select Board Chairman Dale Kiley.

Born in 1983, James Perry passed away in 1994. His family has long sought to donate a memorial for him in town, and they were

thrilled about this opportunity to help improve the park. The tree was installed in the park by volunteers last month.

"My son passed away 25 years ago, and North Brookfield was so supportive of us," Tara Hayes told the New Leader. "I wanted to give back in his memory, and this seemed like a great opportunity."

For local residents and officials alike, it's exciting to envision how the park will look in the coming months. A new flag was installed on the flagpole, and eight recycled plastic benches will be added soon. Funding for these efforts was provided by residents' donations, and they continue to support the project.

Looking ahead, officials are also planning new lighting, a picnic table, and a walkway for the space. Selectmen have personally volunteered their time to work on the project, and they hope residents of all ages will be able to enjoy it.

"The space wasn't really useable for anything before, and we want to make this a great place for residents," said Selectman

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# Social distancing forces changes to high school graduations

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – At a time when graduates are typically turning tassels and tossing caps, the Class of 2020 is instead setting its sights upon alternative commencement this summer.

School districts throughout the area have devised creative ways to ensure that graduations aren't lost this year. Aiming to balance public safety with the desire to preserve tradition, state officials recently released updated guidance on commencement exercises.

As part of this guidance, the state Department of Public Health granted approval last week for socially distanced outdoor graduations to begin taking place. Schools must adhere to strict safety regulations, but officials are thrilled that they will be able to host programs honoring their graduates. In a year where the Class of 2020 already lost spring sports, proms, and the final three months of school with their friends, school officials were hopeful to at least salvage graduation.

In Leicester, officials are planning an August 1 outdoor graduation on the Town Common. It won't be anything like what seniors were anticipating in February, but students will at least have an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and say goodbye to classmates.

"We have not worked out the details. The Commissioner sent out guidance on Friday, so we will have to look at it and then make plans," Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn

Tencza told the New Leader over the Memorial Day weekend.

Per state regulations, tents and other enclosed spaces are not permitted for outdoor graduations. Attendees who are not from the same immediate household must be spaced at least six feet apart. Additionally, families must sign up in advance of the graduation, and only those who have pre-registered approval may attend. Older adults and those with vulnerable health conditions should be discouraged from attending, state officials said.

"High school graduations are an important ceremony in the lives of the graduate and their loved ones," read a statement released by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley. "It is imperative that all local, state, and federal requirements are adhered to in planning a graduation ceremony."

With the exception of children ages two to five, all attendees of in-person graduations must wear face coverings before, during, and after the ceremony. Graduates must be seated six feet apart, and there will be signage and markings indicating seating locations. No food or drink will be allowed, and all graduation venues must feature hand sanitizers available to guests.

Moreover, graduates will not be able to hug or shake hands. Parking and traffic control will be strictly monitored.

Last week, the Quaboag Regional School District received Board of Health approval for its updated graduation plans. A limited outdoor graduation ceremony will occur on the orig-

inally scheduled date of June 6, at 10 a.m. at Quaboag Regional High School. Administrators have communicated all standards and procedures to students, parents, and families via Zoom meetings.

The graduation will occur in the back parking lot at Quaboag High School, and families will remain in their vehicles during the ceremony. Officials had originally hoped for a ceremony on the school's athletic field, but this proposal did not meet Board of Health requirements.

"The outdoor parking lot has sufficient space to accommodate attendees who are not from the same immediate household spaced at least six feet apart," read a letter issued by QRSD Superintendent Brett Kustigian. "Every other parking spot will be occupied by a family, and the parking spots will be clearly marked off by a cone. Attendees will remain in their cars during the ceremony."

The QRHS graduation ceremony will be broadcasted via AM/FM radio and WCAT cable television. Three officers from the Warren Police Department will be on site during the graduation to assist with enforcement of policies.

"The Quaboag administration will meet with the Warren Police Department prior to the ceremony to communicate expectations and the graduation ceremony procedure," Kustigian added.

Only vehicles with a QRHS graduation invitation will be allowed on school grounds. Officials will conduct the flow of vehicles as they enter their pre-as-

signed parking spots.

Quaboag graduates will receive their diplomas by being called from their vehicles one at a time. The next graduate will be called to receive a diploma once the previous graduate is back inside his or her vehicle. This is the only time that students will be allowed to leave their vehicles.

Each QRHS graduate will be limited to one vehicle for family members. All attendees must wear face coverings throughout the ceremony, unless exempted due to medical or age reasons.

"The ceremony will be kept as brief as possible. Individuals must promptly depart the premises in an orderly fashion after the ceremony is over," Kustigian wrote.

The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District will host David Prouty High School's graduation on Friday, July 31, at 11 a.m. The ceremony will occur in the upper field behind DPHS.

"After a great deal of effort on the part of our leadership team, faculty, and staff at the high school, we will celebrate the Class of 2020 in keeping with the DESE Commissioner of Education's guidelines," said SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey. "It is our sincere hope that the weather cooperates and gives our senior class a chance to be recognized in an outdoor graduation that meets the guidelines provided by DESE."

Additional information will be released to graduates and their families in the coming weeks.

## Police investigate vandalism at Rochdale Park

LEICESTER – Police continue to investigate multiple incidents of trespassing and vandalism at Rochdale Park last month.

During one incident, vandals caused structural dam-

age and spray-painted graffiti on the dugouts at the baseball field. If you have information on the crimes, please contact Leicester Police Department Detective Matthew Brady at 508-892-7010 (ext. 2017). You can also send an email to bradym@leicesterpd.org.

Photo Courtesy

**Rochdale Park suffered costly damages after vandals struck last month.**



## Spencer to host rabies clinic

SPENCER — The town of Spencer will host a rabies vaccine clinic Saturday, June 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main St.

Vaccinations will be available for a minimal \$15 fee (cash only, please). Dogs must be kept on leashes and cats in carriers at all times.

## DISTANCING WITH THE DEE GEES



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In late May, the residents at Lincoln Manor Rest Home in Spencer enjoyed a wonderful concert outdoors in our backyard — while social distancing, of course. The Dee Gees, a local duo with Derek Ingalls of Spencer and Greg Afton of Brookfield performed a wide variety of popular tunes from Bluegrass to classic rock and beyond. The sky was blue, the sun shone, many flowers were in bloom and a good time was had by all with smiles, clapping, toe tapping and even some dancing! Our residents range from "the half-century" mark to nearly full century, and many of the songs were recognized, guessed, and fondly remembered by many.

## SPENCER NEW LEADER

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# Quinsigamond Community College releases list of graduates

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— Quinsigamond Community College has released its 2020 list of graduates. On Thursday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. QCC graduates will take part in a virtual commencement ceremony. To view the ceremony, visit [www.QCC.edu/commencement](http://www.QCC.edu/commencement).

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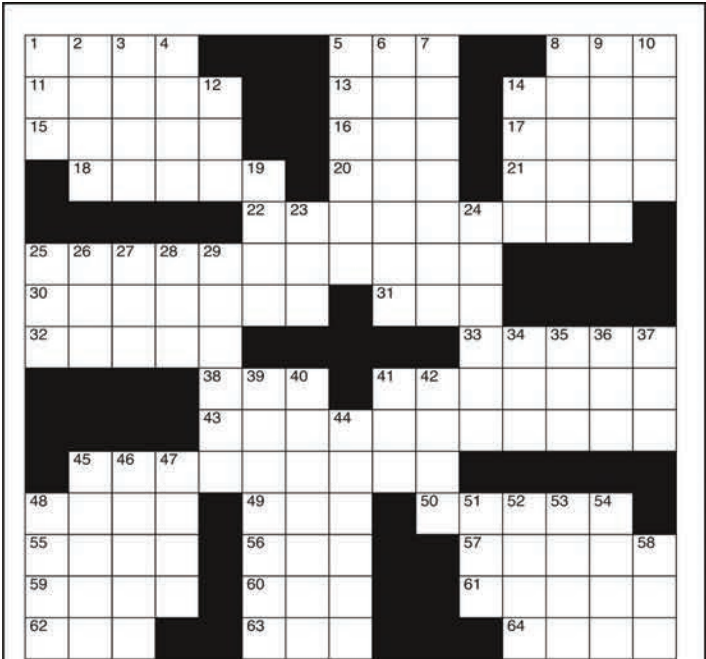
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- 1. Swiss shoe company
- 5. \_\_\_ Caesar, comedian
- 8. \_\_\_ and flow
- 11. Horsefly
- 13. Egyptian pharaoh
- 14. African nation
- 15. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 16. Initial public offering
- 17. Long-winding ridge
- 18. Guinea peoples
- 20. Fellow
- 21. About aviation
- 22. Able to make amends
- 25. Easy to perceive
- 30. Cut off
- 31. Northeast Thai language
- 32. Earthy pigment
- 33. Water nymphs
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 41. Those who deal
- 43. Apply a new fabric
- 45. Confusions
- 48. "To \_\_\_ his own"
- 49. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 50. Heavy cavalry sword
- 55. Partner to pain
- 56. A type of savings account
- 57. In a way, felt pain
- 59. Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
- 60. Consume
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Body part
- 63. Midway between south and southeast
- 64. Check

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Central American lizard
- 4. Muslim military commanders
- 5. One who takes to the seas
- 6. Select jury
- 7. Parts of the small intestine
- 8. Painter's accessory
- 9. Honk
- 10. Ballpoint pen
- 12. Large, dark antelope
- 14. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 19. Exhausts
- 23. \_\_\_-bo: exercise system
- 24. Not written in any key or mode
- 25. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 26. Corpuscule count (abbr.)
- 27. Powdery, post-burning residue
- 28. Company that rings receipts
- 29. Rugged mountain range
- 34. Commercials
- 35. NY football player
- 36. A form of be
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Kindnesses
- 40. Natural electrical phenomenon
- 41. Your
- 42. Diana \_\_, singer
- 44. Upper surface of the mouth
- 45. National capital
- 46. Fluid in Greek mythology
- 47. Renowned jazz trumpeter
- 48. Freedom from difficulty
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Revolutionaries
- 58. Criticize



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— Submitted by Marie Norcia, VP Board of Directors, Camp Marshall, Spencer, MA

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

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# Second Chance helping homeless pets to mind their manners

EAST BROOKFIELD — While Massachusetts students continue distance learning, canine students are heading back to the 'classroom' through Second Chance Animal Services' Project Good Dog. Daisy had a very good 'first day of school.' Less than 24 hours after she arrived at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office to begin behavioral training, the seven-month-old German shepherd/collie mix has already met her future owner. As often happens with Project Good Dog participants, a staff member has already let program officials know they would like to adopt the young pup as soon as she graduates.

Daisy joins Bane, a two-year-old male rottweiler who entered the program for training two weeks ago. A sheriff's office staff member describes Bane as a big teddy bear and reports Daisy and Bane are getting along well.

Second Chance development director Lindsay Doray founded Project Good Dog to give homeless dogs the best chance at a successful adoption.

According to Doray, "While Second Chance continues to focus on keeping pets out of shelters in the first place, Project Good Dog plays an important role in helping our shelter dogs break the cycle. It is amazing to see the progress each dog makes in the program."

Doray says that one of the best parts of her job is seeing the loving updates from adopters who have opened their hearts to the program graduates.

Project Good Dog, founded in 2015, helps dogs that have been surrendered or transferred from other shelters



to become more adoptable. Dogs are paired with inmates at local correctional institutions who provide 24/7 care and training, working with the dogs on socialization, basic obedience, house-breaking, and sometimes a trick or two. The program was paused briefly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic but was quickly resumed at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. The Hampden County Sheriff's Office Project Good Dog Program, nicknamed Freedom Pups, remains temporarily on hold to make room for the First Responder Recovery Home where first responders can recover from COVID-19 without the fear of infecting family members.

In addition to the benefits it provides to dogs, Project Good Dog also has a positive impact on the handlers who learn patience, compassion, and responsibility. Several inmates have shared that caring for a shelter dog gives them something rewarding to focus on while they transition back into life in the community.

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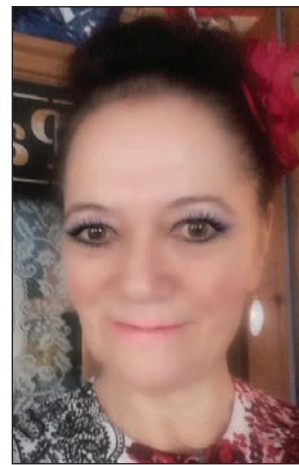
# Retiring teacher looks to join School Committee

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Upon retiring next month after 22 years of teaching in the Leicester Public School District, Donna McCance is looking forward to serving the school community on a different level.

McCance is running unopposed for a seat on the School Committee. She has served as an elementary school teacher for grades one and two, in addition to working many years as the reading teacher for the summer program, Camp Explorations.

McCance's goals as a School Committee member are to work closely with the school community to ensure all students continue to learn in a safe environment and receive a well-rounded, dynamic education. This includes access to social-emotional development opportunities and



Donna McCance

a sense of community to allow students to be ready for higher learning and career opportunities.

McCance moved to Leicester in 1965 and is proud of the education she received through the Leicester Public School District, graduating as a Leicester High Wolverine. She received her master's degree in education from Anna Maria College, a mas-

ter's degree in human services management from Worcester State University, a Bachelor's degree in business administration from Clark University, and an associate's degree in business administration from Becker College.

She is also a state-licensed principal/vice principal. Prior to being an educator, she worked in leadership positions within academic and business settings.

"She believes her strong background in education and leadership experiences will prove to be an asset to the School Committee," read a statement released by McCance. "She is looking forward to developing opportunities in a changing, challenging environment and welcomes the chance to work hard with a team approach toward maintaining a vision of high student achievement."

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Signed (under penalty of perjury): _____ Date: _____		

#### Eligibility

Any registered voter may use this application to request an absentee ballot for a local election being held on or before June 30, 2020.

#### Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide your name, legal voting address, and date of birth. Telephone number and e-mail address are optional fields.
2. Ballot Information – Provide the address where you want the ballot mailed.
3. Special Circumstances – If you are assisting a voter in completing this application, complete this section.
4. Sign your name. If you require assistance in signing the application, you may authorize someone to sign your name in your presence. That person must complete the assisting person's information in Section 3.

#### Submitting the Application

Send the completed application to the local election official at your city or town hall.

Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax or e-mail, as long as your signature is visible.

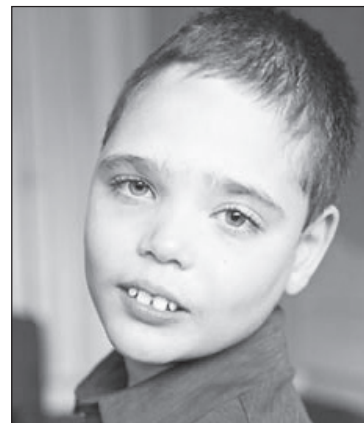
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Justin  
Age 14

**Hi! My name is Justin and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" is one of my favorite songs to sing along to!**

Justin is a cheerful Hispanic boy who always has a bright smile on his face! He loves listening to music, singing along to nursery rhymes, dancing, and being read to. When Justin hears a familiar song, he will clap his hands and cheer! Justin loves any opportunity to be in the car and go someplace new. In fact, his visiting resource expressed Justin's excitement for going out to eat and stroll around the mall. Justin is a curious child who will continue to find joy and wonder when

placed with an adoptive family who shares his love for adventure.

Justin enjoys school activities such as swimming and exploring the sensory room. He benefits from specialized supports and supervision. Justin has made many strides since being at his current placement; his team is proud of the progress he is making with his communication skills, too.

Justin is legally freed for adoption. We are looking for a family with room in their hearts and lives to support Justin and his needs into adulthood. Justin especially enjoys being around other children. His social worker is hopeful to match him with a dedicated two-parent family in Massachusetts that has knowledge of medical needs.

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

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



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# QCC's Wyvern graduates ready to change the world

WORCESTER — While the words may have been sent remotely, the sentiments were the same for the more than 1,400 2020 graduates of Quinsigamond Community College. Amid an ongoing pandemic, the College held its first virtual Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 21.

QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja told graduates of the amazing legacy they are leaving for others and of the power that each one of them wields as they enter the next chapter in their lives.

"One day people will look back on this time and wonder how we did it. We know why. We are a community college. We are a community and we know how to beat the odds and emerge successful," he said. "You have reached the mountain top, but don't stop here, there are many more mountains to conquer. Be brave, be courageous, and look back on what you've accomplished and take strength from it, and transform our world into a better place."

Student Government Association President, Jorgo Gushi, encouraged his

fellow graduates to be proud and mindful of this moment in time.

"The fireworks begin today. Each diploma is a lighted match and each one of you is the fuse. Take pride in how far you've come, have faith in how far you can go and don't forget to enjoy the journey," Mr. Gushi said.

Commissioner of Higher Education for Massachusetts, Carlos Santiago sent remote greetings to the graduates, acknowledging the unprecedented virtual commencement, yet focusing on their accomplishments and successes, particularly as they navigated remote learning in their last semester.

"I can guarantee when you look back on this many years from now, this will be the most celebratory experience you will remember," he said. "We need you to help rebuild our society and our country, not with a vision of returning to the past, but rather creating a new future. One that must be created on mutual respect, valuing all members of our society."

QCC Psychology Professor Colson

told students of the pride both she and her colleagues felt for the Class of 2020 as they overcame barriers, brought on, or exacerbated by the global pandemic.

"Know this, the Class of 2020 will forever be an inspiration for faculty," she said. "I hope you understand how inspiring you are to others who are just starting their journey in these uncertain times."

Mr. Gushi's impassioned speech compared his long flight overseas from his homeland of Albania with his academic and personal journey at QCC.

"When I started at QCC I made my name 'George,' because I was uncomfortable in my own skin, unsure of who I was and wanted to be. My classmates, professors and coworkers built the confidence in me to finally start referring to myself as 'Jorgo,' my true self," he said. "At QCC, our perspectives, our talents, our histories and our voices were accepted, fostered and supported. We found our true selves."

President Pedraja said he felt that in spite of the challenges today due to

the pandemic, he sees a bright future because of these graduates.

"Our mascot, the wyvern, is a mythical guardian of the community. This has been even more evident these past few weeks with many of our current students and alumni serving our community in its hour of need. Now as graduates, you will go on to be guardians of our community and of our world. Today more than ever our world needs more wyverns. Go and change the world," he said.

To view QCC's Virtual Commencement Ceremony, visit [www.QCC.edu/commencement](http://www.QCC.edu/commencement). Public access station WCCA-TV, Worcester Cable Channel 194, will replay part one of the ceremony next Friday, May 29 and part two, Saturday, May 30, both at 9:30 p.m. For photos and messages from QCC graduates, visit #Quinsig2020.

For more information on QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or [jmartin@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:jmartin@qcc.mass.edu)

## Brookfield library announces reopening plans

BROOKFIELD — The Merrick Public Library in Brookfield will reopen on Tuesday, June 2 with curbside pickup only. Patrons may request library materials in a number of ways.

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Online: Log into your C/W Mars account ([cwmars.org](http://cwmars.org)) and choose "Brookfield Merrick Public Library" on the drop-down list. You can also use the C/W Mars app to do this.

Scheduled pickup times will be Tuesday and Thursday 3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. When your items are ready for pickup we will call or email you to schedule a time and day. Items will be brought outside. During pickups please social

distance to six feet and wear masks if other people are also picking up. The foyer will be used for pickups during rainy weather, with only one person/family in the foyer at a time.

You may return items to the library. Please use the drop box. Returned materials will be quarantined for 3 days, then cleaned and checked in per CDC guidelines. We are not accepting book donations at this time.

Until the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) interlibrary loan program starts up again, we will be circulating only library materials from the Brookfield library, so there will be a limit of ten items per library card.

The library will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

## Haston Library continues

## reopening process

NORTH BROOKFIELD — After a limited return of services took place earlier this week, the Haston Free Public Library staff is hopeful to continue the reopening process in stages.

Beginning on June 1, the library staff is providing curbside service during the following hours:

Monday: 4-7 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday: 4-7 p.m.

Thurs: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to noon

If you would like to borrow books or other materials from the library, please check the online catalog for availability. Call the library for information on how to use this service. Once you reserve an item, the library staff will call to let you know when it is available. The library will hold items for you as long as two days.

Until further notice, there is no inter-library loan delivery available.

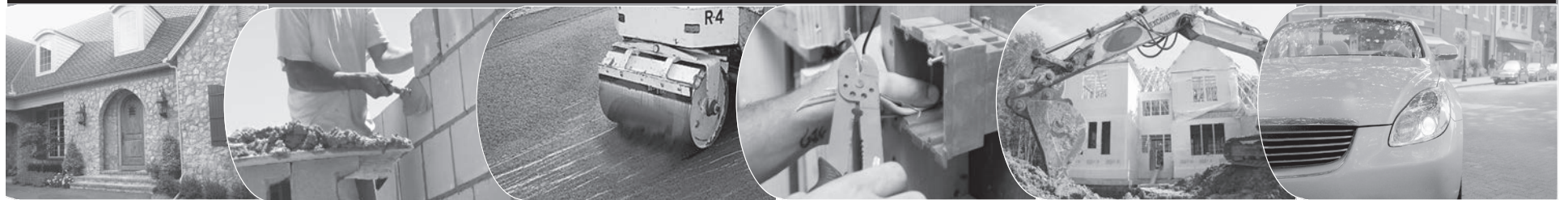
To return books or other library materials, please use the book drop only. To register for a library card, call the library during the hours listed above.

Additionally, patrons are reminded that no donations of books or other materials will be accepted at this time. Library officials thank residents for their continued patience, and they are eager for the next planned phase of the reopening process.

"We are hoping that we can open the building on a limited basis starting June 15," read a statement released by Library Director Dawn Thistle. "Stay tuned for details. I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon."

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EDITORIAL

# The chosen class

Students throughout the area are flipping tassels this week, albeit not in the traditional way. But while nothing about this rite of passage will unfold as expected this year, we hope that our local graduates seize the opportunity to fulfill Oprah Winfrey’s prophetic comment that they are “the chosen class.”

Many seniors and their underclassmen counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world amid a global pandemic. This summer, finding work won’t be as easy as it once was, and figuring out if college campuses will even open this fall remains another question mark. With that being said, this time in an 18-year-old’s life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following

1. Don’t smoke
2. Drink plenty of water every day; and
3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you)
4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and
5. Watch the Back to the Future trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn’t mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it’s hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it’s what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it’s really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and you are the one who needs to make it what it is and what it will be.

And above all, we invite our readers to join us in expressing congratulations to the class of 2020!



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Don’t be Montgomery Burns

To the Editor:

I really enjoyed the “Simpsons” and “Family Guy” references. I have one of my own – don’t be Mr. Burns.

President Trump has been uttering some phrases which hark back to the Civil Rights era such as “When the looting starts, the shooting starts.” He didn’t come up with that randomly, either he knows exactly where that phrase comes from and what it is in reference to or one of his White Nationalist advisors fed it to him. The next interesting statement is when he threatened White House protestors with “vicious dogs” and “ominous weapons.” I’m sure either President Trump or his advisors know the full history of releasing vicious dogs into Civil Rights protests.

To continue the pattern of references to “The Simpsons,” Mr. Burns is the evil, devious, greedy, and wealthy owner of the Nuclear Plant – a cartoon version of evil. On more than one occasion, Mr. Burns settled all sorts of grievances by stating, “release the hounds.”

In 2000, “The Simpsons” ran an episode joking that Donald Trump became president, left the country a complete mess, and Lisa Simpson had to clean up his mess. The screenplay writer said it was pitched because it was consistent with the vision of America going insane.

The President is a cartoon character and we are living in a bad movie. If ten years ago somebody made a movie about Donald Trump or anybody remotely like him becoming president, not ever shaping up, then a once-in-a-century pandemic hits and is made 10 times worse by pretending it wasn’t happening, and then police brutality caused protests to erupt nationwide, nobody would have believed it. A movie that part-way through showed protests in hundreds of American cities, violent riots in dozens, and even protests involving thousands of people overseas in front of U.S. Embassies would have been discounted as unrealistic and unentertaining due to how far fetched it is. “Donald Trump’s America” would have been rated up there with “Sharknado” as scary but so far-fetched it isn’t interesting.

We deserve better than a president who pulls the puppet strings of the millions of Americans similar to Homer Simpson of “The Simpsons,” is as smart and deep as Peter Griffin of “Family Guy,” and a team of Stewies who may

or may not be aware of is pulling the President’s own puppet strings. We deserve better than a weird mix of Mr. Burns and Peter Griffin.

The President’s temper tantrum over mail-in voting has nothing to do with voter fraud and everything to do with the fact that he’s politicized public health. His side doesn’t believe science, doesn’t care about public health or thinks it’s a hoax, and Trump is deeply afraid of making it easier for people who are afraid of the virus to vote.

As I’ve said before, politics is a team sport and will be won by those who play the long game. If you watch and listen Donald Trump and feel proud I really don’t know what to say. If you watch and listen to Trump and say “he just needs to stop tweeting,” you are admitting he is an embarrassment and you think he’d be fine if he just kept his evil thoughts to himself. We are all better off knowing what is going on in his head.

I don’t believe for a second even my Conservative Republican neighbors are proud of President Trump. They may pretend to be for team spirit and all, but inside they know no president of any party of any political persuasion should act like him. Deep down they know he has caused great harm on America. Deep down you know Donald Trump is not a conservative but a populist ignoramus who only seeks power. Let’s get back to normal – let’s discuss real policy issues, pros and cons of serious proposals, let’s discuss our differing values as it pertains to the issues vexing our society.

You don’t have to like Joe Biden, but he is the only viable alternative to Donald Trump. Think back to the Obama years and remember how scandal-free and crisis-free they were in comparison to this. We are all Americans and conservatives need Joe Biden just as much as Democrats do. The Republican party has become “the party of Trump” cult of personality with no guiding principles or ideology other than a racist old man yelling at the TV. Conservatives need Joe Biden so that they can have four years with an experienced centrist running the country while the GOP rebuilds itself so we can argue serious policy differences in 2024.

FRED BAGG  
SPENCER

### In response to Har-Yarok’s ‘essay’

To the Editor:

Regarding Mr. Har-Yarok’s essay (as he likes to call them) published May 29: I find it deeply troubling, as most reasonable people probably would. On his question “Do all opinions of others need to be treated respectfully?” Or to phrase it similarly, in my words, do all opinions that differ from yours need to be treated respectfully? My answer: no, not all opinions deserve respect. However the person expressing them does, unless and until they prove themselves otherwise. And that’s a slippery slope.

Perhaps you are confusing respect (disrespect) for agreement (disagreement). Someone with your renown should be able to discern the terms. In fact (not really), I was having coffee this morning with my good friend Homer, you know, Homer Simpson. He was very surprised by your confusion. And yes, fact check please! I am being flippant. Mr. Har-York never actually crosses the line in disrespecting any particular person, except for President Trump, Republicans and Conservatives. In fact, his verbiage is crafty and cunning. He lays the bait, and waits behind his insidiously positioned poison (his essays).

Mr. Har-Yarok seemingly takes great delight in bashing and vilifying the President, Republicans and Conservatives. I guess Trump and Republicans and Conservatives are included in the “things” that as he states, nobody seems able to defend. I have no need to defend any of these. The President is certainly most capable of defending himself and has proven he needs no help from a poor foot Soldier such as me.

Furthermore, it seems that Mr. Har-Yarok is on a mission to educate us mere folk, that the proper name for the [virus] is really the novel Coronavirus, SARS-COV2 and the disease it causes is COVID-19. Well, I guess, thank you.

He is certainly on a mission to convince us that we are possibly racist if we even mention the word Wuhan. In fact, I counted COVID-19 being used at least seven times in his essay. Couldn’t help it; the word stands out as it spelling is all upper case letters. And just as interestingly, I failed to see the word Wuhan. Zero. zilch, nada.

Maybe his mission is to obfuscate the

fact that COVID-19 was being studied by scientists in a laboratory in Wuhan, China. That it escaped (not be itself) from the Wuhan Institute of Virology Laboratory located in Wuhan, China. Subsequently, the virus spread throughout most of the world through Chinese nationals leaving the infected city of Wuhan, China. It’s a fact that COVID-19 originated in Wuhan, China. I expect you to continue to deliberately and incorrectly blame, attack and vilify Trump, Republicans and Conservatives for this horrendous virus. However, whatever name you call the virus doesn’t change the facts of its origin and its horrific consequences. But I suppose you will believe Xi and his band of modern capitalist sirens. So, there you have it, telling it, like it is.

Moving on, Mr. Har-Yarok’s claim that Darwinism “is a scientific fact” is not accurate. Darwinism is a theory. The other claim of Darwinism not being disproven fails to mention that its also unproven. Darwin was a self proclaimed Agnostic, his choice, his right. As such, it is a matter of personal belief to which no government has a right to dictate nor extinguish, including your much vaunted and often defended CCP (Chinese Communist Party).

About this time, I need another cup of coffee. So I poured one for myself and one for Homer, who is patiently waiting for me to finish. I asked Homer, what do you think, do you see any flaws? Homer took a deep sip of hot coffee and proceeded to answer. Of course I see flaws, and perhaps many. Then Homer uttered, we maybe to focused on our flaws, blinding us to our strengths and dividing us all. But I am just a stereotype of a dumb-white guy who knows nothing. I got to go and get back to Fox before Marge finds out I missing. And with that, Homer vanished as quickly as he had appeared. I surely will miss my imaginary friend.

Perhaps in my next letter, I’ll have a coffee with another imaginary character. Let’s see, who would be germane (no, not German) to the concepts being discussed? Oh, how about that community organizer, no not Mr. ex-President Obama, how ‘bout that radical, Saul Alinsky?

RICK BELTON  
SPENCER

### Sticking to budget can boost your emergency fund

During the coronavirus pandemic, our health concerns – for ourselves and our loved ones – have been at the top of our minds. But financial worries have been there, too, both for people whose employment has been affected and for investors anxious about the volatile financial markets. And one aspect of every individual’s total financial picture has become quite clear – the importance of an emergency fund.



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In normal times, it’s a good idea for you to keep three to six months’ worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account. Having an emergency fund available can help you cope with those large, unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a costly medical bill.

Furthermore, if you have an adequate emergency fund, you won’t have to dip into your

long-term investments to pay for short-term needs. These investment vehicles, such as your IRA and 401(k), are designed for your retirement, so the more you can leave them intact, the more assets you’re likely to have when you retire. And because they are intended for your retirement, they typically come with disincentives, including taxes and penalties, if you do tap into them early. (However, as part of the economic stimulus legislation known as the CARES Act, individuals can now take up to \$100,000 from their 401(k) plans and IRAs without paying the 10% penalty that typically applies to investors younger than 59 and a half. If you take this type of withdrawal, you have up to three years to pay the taxes and, if you want, replace the funds, beyond the usual caps on annual contributions.

Of course, life is expensive, so it’s not always easy to put away money in a fund that you aren’t going to use for your normal cash flow. That’s why it’s so important to establish a budget and stick to it. When developing such a budget, you may find ways to cut down on your spending, freeing up money that could be used to build your emergency fund.

There are different ways to establish a budget, but they all typically involve identifying your income and expenses and separating your needs and wants. You can find various online budgeting tools to help you get started, but, ultimately, it’s up to you to make your budget work. Nonetheless, you may be pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to follow a budget. For example, if you’ve budgeted a certain amount for food each month, you’ll need to avoid going to the grocery store several times a week, just to pick up “a few things” – because it doesn’t really take that many visits for those few things to add up to hundreds of dollars. You’ll be much better off limiting your trips to the grocery, making a list of the items you’ll need and adhering to these lists. After doing this for a few months, see how much you’ve saved – it may be much more than you’d expect. Besides using these savings to strengthen your emergency fund, you could also deploy them toward longer-term investments designed to help you reach other objectives, such as retirement.

Saving money is always a good idea, and when you use your savings to build an emergency fund, you can help yourself prepare for the unexpected and make progress toward your long-term goals.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Inflection point

To the Editor:

I believe we are at a point of inflection in our great Republic's backslide. We aren't the first Democracy to backslide or erode, and we certainly won't be the last. If Rome could fall, why can't the American century be near its fall? Our fall is definitely accelerating.

I can only imagine what our local conservatives are writing this week. I commend the New Leader for publishing a wide variety of opinions and implore them to publish all letters and not to censor. After this wild week, I think we all need to know what is in the hearts of the people who apparently want to govern with a soul.

In the past week, we saw a white investment banker breaking Central Park rules regarding dog leashing and threatening to "sick the cops" on the black man who pointed it out by falsely saying that "An African American man is threatening my life" in a naked attempt to use her white privilege as a weapon against a black person. She was fired from her job, she surrendered her dog, and then started receiving death threats. While she was clearly out of line, destroying her life seems a little disproportionate as well.

The very next day in Minneapolis saw a white cop kill an unarmed black man recorded by several bystanders. Just like Eric Garner in New York City years ago yelled "I can't breathe" as the cops killed him, George Floyd yelled "I can't breathe," and the choking continued for minutes after his body went limp. I wish I could say there is no place in America for this, but I know that I would be wrong. Nothing happened for days and the protests turned into riots. Now it is a national issue with riots in several major American cities and in front of the Whitehouse. Trump has said his base "loves the black people" but later the same day threatened to release the hounds and said "vicious dogs" and "ominous weapons" on protestors.

It should be noted that a black CNN reporter and camera crew was arrested live on TV while covering the protests. They were later released but the very next day they were shot with rubber bullets while clearly wearing "PRESS" helmets and away from the protestors. Journalists are now treated better in foreign war zones than in Minneapolis.

Back when the news of the day was armed protests in state capitals to re-open hair salons, Trump was siding with the protesters, egging them on. "Liberate Michigan," he Tweeted. Trump asked governors to make a deal with the protesters. Fast forward only a few weeks and he invokes a phrase from the 1960's Civil Rights protests — "when the looting starts, the shooting starts," an unmistakable threat of state violence. Trump also pledged to

send the real Army, the one we use to invade other countries, to Minneapolis - not just the National Guard and gave soldiers as far away as North Carolina orders to prepare for deployment.

Twitter finally started following their policies regarding Trump's account. When he railed on about mail-in voting (he is pretty concerned about people who are concerned about COVID-19 voting) Twitter hit him with a fact check with a link to more information about mail-in ballots including the fact that Trump's claims of voter fraud are unsubstantiated. Twitter also blocked his 'looting leads to shooting' tweet for glorifying violence but allowed it to be viewed with an extra click because it was in the public's interest to know.

Trump responded to Twitter by issuing an executive order looking for loopholes with which to sue them and threatening the very business model of social media. This is dictator stuff, here. Twitter is a private company and it is their choice what and how to display information. He could use any number of other social media services or his own website, but instead he threatens to burn down not only individual companies but an entire industry if they don't give him a pass.

On the COVID-19 front, we passed the 100,000 COVID death wicket with no reason to think the 1st wave is over — we have seen 103,853 deaths in the U.S. as of this writing. We have 1,773,106 infections, leading the world. One thing that I found very interesting is that while the U.S. is #1 for infections and deaths is the attempt by some to explain it. Some explain "we're a big country"...well, China is roughly four times larger, and it started there and it's under control and India is roughly four times larger, so that's not it... Some would say we're a 1st world country with a lot of travel but nobody has gone anywhere in months and other 1st world countries have gotten this under control. What could it be?

I have always known, and pointed out in this publication, it is how we as a nation first tried to pretend it wasn't real only to bungle and mishandle the crisis in a way no major country has done, and then our conservatives advocated for giving up. When we look at the global data, the U.S. is #1 at 1.77 million infections, Brazil is #2 at 498,000 infections, Russia has 396,000, and the U.K. has 275,000. The countries that are #1, 2, 3, and 4 all do have one thing in common — they are run by macho nationalist brutes. In the U.S. we have Donald Trump, Brazil has Jair Bolsonaro, Russia has Vladimir Putin, and the UK has Boris Johnson. Read up on all of them — conservative strongmen that have all led their countries

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## They care for us — should we care about them?

To the Editor:

Six million immigrant workers stand in the high risk frontlines while keeping us healthy and fed during the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, while only 17 percent of our work force, immigrants make up 29 percent of our doctors and 38 percent of our home health aides. Immigrants also provide large numbers of workers cleaning hospitals, staffing grocery and stores (many owned by immigrants) and producing and processing meat, fruit and vegetables.

These COVID crisis contributions of immigrants does not stand as a one time-short time thing.

Immigrants represent high shares of in many of our workforce's essential occupations. For example, focusing on the health-care, in 2018;

More than 2.6 million immigrants, including 314,000 refugees worked in health care, 1.5 million of these immigrant worked as doctors, registered nurses, and pharmacists — often in underserved rural areas

While only 17 percent of civilian workforce, immigrants make up 28 percent of doctors, 24 percent of dentists, and 38 percent of home health aides,

Compared to we "natives" in the sector, immigrants stand more likely to have a university level education and its' women more likely than natives to work in direct health care support and its' men similarly more likely to work as doctors and surgeons. and

Note that fully 88 percent of our immigrant health care workers come from Asia, the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America, and Africa.

In Massachusetts, 34 percent of our doctors and 45 percent of our home health aides come from other countries. With our world class health and related facilities the Worcester area likely

mirrors our state. situation. Certainly it seems the case, in medical facilities and even more so in home health care (where some successful companies have Kenyan immigrant owner-operators).

The need, if anything for immigrant health workers likely will increase. Projections indicate we will need almost two million more health workers by 2028. In fact, as our population ages, health care support workers — home and "hospital" labor force specialists say this group will increase more than any other.

So while they care for us, should we care about our new immigrants?

On Main Street in Worcester near Clark University stands Saint Peter's Church. Since my second cousin happens to pastor it, I know a bit about St Peter's.

Literally built and paid for by Irish immigrants in the late 1800s, Saint Peter's possesses both beauty and tradition. Back then, Irish weren't supposed town land on Main Street, so the Irish workers had someone buy the land for them. And build on the land they did — one of the most beautiful churches we have.

Over the years, the area around "Main South" has always hosted, to immigrants, perhaps first Irish and French Canadiens, more recently Hispanics and Africans.

My cousin, the "Monsignor" swears by and equally cares about this new immigrant generation, not as a needed labor force but as "Americans" equal in worth, value and potential to the Irish and others who came before them.

Shouldn't we do the same?

KEVIN KANE  
SPENCER

## Constitution in crisis

To the Editor:

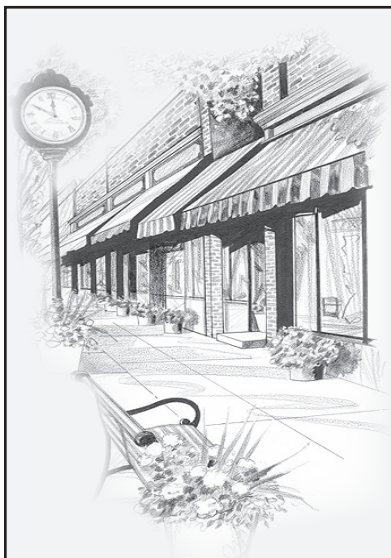
This week, we witnessed a CNN reporter get arrested while live on-air, while holding a microphone, while speaking to a camera, while with a producer and camera crew. The reporter was black, but had press credentials visible through the TV camera. He politely asked if they should move and if so where and we heard no words from the officers, just cuffs. As the remainder of the camera crew tried to reason with the Minnesota State Patrol we saw the rest of them get arrested on live TV. This wasn't in a war zone outside the reaches of our constitution, this was in Minneapolis.

The CEO of CNN spoke to Minnesota Gov. Walz and secured their release. The next day that same camera crew,

while wearing helmets that said "press" were seemingly targeted and shot with rubber bullets, all on live TV. A journalist was shot in the eye by a rubber bullet, exploding her eyeball, and is now blind in that eye. There are several reports of police firing tear gas at reporters and photographers at point blank range.

This is an unacceptable assault on the freedom of the press. Journalists have a clear First Amendment right to cover public events. It goes without saying that private citizens cannot interfere with any journalist from any news source but it seems we need to remind our police officers that they must keep their hands, weapons, pro-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Living in an alternate universe

To the Editor:

With every passing day, life in these United States becomes more surreal. I used to wonder how writers of fiction, could find the inspiration to keep a story interesting and come up with the twists and turns that would incite interest, outrage, drama, empathy and the whole spectrum of human emotions. Sadly, we are trapped in a news cycle, that displaces fiction writers.

Today I watched as a handcuffed black man, face down and surrounded by four policemen, three of whom were kneeling on him, one on his neck, listened to his announcement that he could not breathe. That act took his life.. A day later, after firing the four officers, officials stepped forward to announce they would be investigating if further action was indicated. The stable genius in D.C. said that George had not died in vain, but quoted George Wallace that when the looting starts, so does the shooting. Fortunately, Twitter had the good sense to take that edict down, only to have White House repost it.

It is now a few days since I started to write this, and, if we were not already living in distressed times, there can be no doubt that a lack of constructive work, has only served to further inflame, an already volatile situation. It turns out that the penalty for passing a counterfeit \$20 in Minneapolis, is death. This judgement and sentence, being carried out by a squad of 4 police officers, while the perpetrator is actually narrating his own death. It's similarity to lynching's of the past, is not lost on anybody.

The fact that all four of these officers were not immediately, taken into custody, is called propellant. If four men rob a bank, but only one shoots and kills anyone, are the other three let free? We live in a country whose actual formation and establishment was a result of correcting for injustice. I won't even attempt to address racial inequity in justice. Anyone who denies it's existence, has just not paid attention.

Although I don't consider my family immigrants, but just migrants as we arrived from England in the early 1600's, were a continuous line of working people, more inclined to work like slaves than own them, and wore blue

uniforms in the Civil war, even still,, as citizens, voters, and 13th generation New Englanders, I still think that we bear some responsibility for not having insisted on the justice and equality for all people, that our founders espoused.

It is human nature to want to do the best for your family and yourself. It is natural to seek the best education, home, job or comfort situation, that you possibly can. Often, it is some combination of achieving those things, that sets the tone, from generation, to generation. The flip side of that, it is also true for all people. Poor education, life situation and location, begets yet more of the same, to the extent that the few who rise from it are notable.

It is sad to note, that the outrage over witnessing injustice at such a level, manifests itself in passions and rage that promotes some of the worst possible probabilities for creation of improved justice. I have friends and relatives who are first responders. Some are police sworn to protect and serve. They share my disdain for the actions of the for Minneapolis officers. How is justice served by throwing chunks of concrete or rocks at them? Is anarchy preferable to being supported by the efforts and sacrifices that are made daily by our blue forces? We have recently made a point of showing gratitude to those who are out there on the line for us every day. Do the savage acts of four men in Minneapolis, negate all of that?

I am privileged to live in a quiet New England town, and have most of my life. I have not witnessed as much racism and inequality as have many others. The one black girl in my high school class, was class president. Should I be responsible for people who are so enraged and have the poor judgement to blight their own neighborhoods and to not realize that the cost of replacing infrastructure they destroy will more severely limit and impact them, than those they are trying to punish?

I probably should, as should we all, as the lowest level of justice you accept, will likely be what you receive. It certainly has been true thus far.

KEN KIMBALL  
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A white woman's reflections on racism

To the Editor:

I am grateful to the video that showed the tragic, senseless death of George Floyd. It's hard to see it and not realize that something is terribly wrong in our society when a police officer can kill an unarmed man with other officers nearby and not worry about the consequences. The race issue including police violence will not get healed unless we white people are moved to take responsibility and make a change.

I never thought of myself as racist. But I am coming to understand that unless I educate myself to understand the extent to which white Americans have created, and continue to support, racism and speak out, I am part of the problem.

I have been praying, reading and thinking about this problem. By being white, I am insulated from raced based stress. While my ancestors faced discrimination when they first came to this country, within a few generations

they were assimilated into the prevailing white culture. "My people" benefited from generations of preferential economical, educational, and legal treatment because they were white. The consequences of racism creeps into many parts of life. In my job as a children's librarian it was brought to my attention that there were few books that showed children of color, except for books on black history. I was embarrassed that I had not noticed this and worked hard to put more books into the collection that showed children of all races in everyday adventures. They were not easy to find. My parents and my siblings growing up, and my own children always have had access to books, TV shows and movies that showed kids and families that looked like them.

If I was black, my ancestors would have faced 400 years of systemic racism beginning with being forcibly removed from their country to be sold as slaves.

Falling apart

To the Editor:

Our country collectively has had one of the worst weeks in most of our memories. We passed 100,000 dead from COVID-19, an economy still in freefall, weird conspiracy theories in the beginning of the week from Trump's Twitter feed, a racist incident in Central Park, murder in Minneapolis.

We need to see more outrage at a president who has grown more contemptable by the day, including his tweets about what happened in Minneapolis. We need Joe Biden to step it up a bit – we need to see a more aggressive Democratic challenger. We need somebody addressing the underlying issues that lead to the inequalities between races in places like Minneapolis. We need strong broad arguments for collective, structural change. We need a Democratic challenger who is as angry as he ought to be in light of what is happening to this country. Joe Biden wasn't my first choice, but he is the anti-Trump and he needs to step it up and not care what the closest Trumpers think.

Donald Trump is the only president in history who has never attained a positive job rating from his citizens. It is important to note that Trump isn't and never was popular. After this clown what Americans want and need is maturity, restraint, and somebody who is a uniter and not a divider. Joe Biden has been doing his best to hone that image, however in light of civil unrest unseen in this country since the 1960's he needs to break character.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the structural ravines in our society. It has widened the gap between the well-off and the barely holding on. The disease has ravaged minorities far worse than white people so far. Knowledge economy workers work from home and ironically financially better off due to places to spend being closed while millions of low-wage workers are unemployed. Some kids went home in March with Chromebooks, several daily Zoom meetings, and parents who sat down to do homework with them while other kids have had no any structured education or even structured activity in months.

The reality of white Americans and black Americans is very different. George Floyd grew up in a dangerous neighborhood in Houston and then moved to a dangerous neighborhood of Minneapolis where not only did he need to fear being the victim of a crime

from within his community but he also needed to fear being harmed by the police officers the city pays to protect him. We need fundamental change. We need to change the structure of our entire society, not just police training.

There is a legitimate, authentic outrage and there should be. Mr. Floyd joins the ranks of Eric Garner, Freddy Gray, and so many other unarmed black men who died in police custody. Blacks die at the hands of police at two times the rate of white people. They are far more likely to be the recipients of police violence and we as a society need to say that it is unacceptable. The individual cases are unacceptable and the aggregate statistics are unacceptable.

Twitter instituted a new policy where they flag some of the President's Tweets, including his unsubstantiated claims regarding mail-in-voting and his threat to use federal troops to shoot looters despite the fact that in this and all civilized countries we prioritize life over property. While Trump was out of line, Twitter did the right thing by marking his vitriol but allowing the public to see it so we know what Trump is thinking. Twitter and all private companies can and should have standards. If Trump wants a standard-less social network he can start Trumpnet and we'll see what he says/does with CNN's posts.

Trump responded to Twitter's marking of his tweets with an executive order targeting them. An internet platform has the ability to regulate what's on the platform. The Trump administration seems to be trying to deny every platform's right to have standards of decency.

COVID-19, while out of the news, continues to kill Americans and we've passed 100,000 deaths. We've had presidents who led us through moments of national mourning where they step out of politics, uncloak themselves, and they become sufferers among a sea of sufferers. Barack Obama did this after Sandy Hook, Abraham Lincoln did this after Gettysburg, and George W. Bush after 9/11. The way Trump has so much callousness towards these deaths is simply mind boggling.

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into disease. The pattern is stark.

In 1918/1919, the cities that took the pandemic seriously did far better economically in the years to come. I predict we will see the same thing on a national level – countries that took this seriously will do better economically in the "new normal" whatever that turns out to be. Countries such as Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, China, and Japan are discussing a "green lane" or a "quarantine free travel bubble" to include only countries who have responsibly dealt with COVID-19. The world is threat-

ening a schism over this and we are about to end up on the side of Brazil and Russia?

Coronaviruses are a general classification of viruses and there are many which affect humans, most causing the common cold. We are assuming there will be a vaccine, but that is not a given. We have never developed a vaccine for any other coronavirus and we have tried vociferously to eradicate the common cold. SARS and MERS were extremely deadly coronaviruses and they were stamped out in responsible countries before they ever reached our shores and a vaccine was never developed. We know that up to 10 percent of recovered COVID-19 patients can be re-infected and while this sounds odd

it isn't, because we know that for other coronaviruses we normally have temporary immunity that wanes in time. The next problem is all the anti-vaxxers we have who will refuse to get a vaccine. We are assuming that those who clear COVID can't get it again and that a vaccine is on the way. While anything is possible, we need to consider that there may never be a vaccine and that we will never have heard immunity either because people will lose their immunity. The danger of a virus like this can't be understated and that is why other nations in the world jumped on it like a grenade in an attempt to eradicate it.

If there is never a vaccine, the likely course will be that COVID-19 will

simply be the fifth or sixth coronavirus currently circulating through humanity. The first time we get a coronavirus, it produces the most severe symptoms, and if we get it again two or three years later, the symptoms are milder. Our "new normal" may involve this virus circulating our population for literally years before it kills everybody it is going to and the rest of us have gotten it a few times and develop immune responses. Too bad we didn't lead the world in managing this once-a-century pandemic.

OMAR HAR-YAROK  
EAST BROOKFIELD

MILLER

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jectiles, and handcuffs off any journalist exercising our First Amendment right to report the news, period.

When journalists are attacked, societies are attacked. No democracy, republic, federal constitutional republic, or free society by any name can function without press freedom nor can any society be fair without journalists who investigate wrongdoing and speak truth to power. Only an autocracy would consider the press an "enemy of the people."

In the United States, elections are run by the states and not the federal government. Our federal rules for the states include the maximum minimum age states may set as well as prohibitions on disenfranchement on account of race regardless of how convoluted the scheme. For the President to wade into

election policy by denouncing states that seek to make voting easier in light of the pandemic we are in is beyond his power and unbecoming. This and any president should seek to win elections by winning more votes, not trying to suppress the votes their opponent receives.

This President has threatened not to concede should he lose the upcoming election and he has already made charges of an election being "rigged" despite zero votes having been cast yet as though to set the stage. This sets the stage for a constitutional crisis, protests, civil disobedience, and riots. Historically, we have been the example to the world concerning the peaceful transition of power while we now have a president vowing to make it anything but.

The COVID-19 pandemic, whatever your thoughts on it are, has not turned out to be a constitutional crisis although it has threatened it. The

President has been making many hollow threats of crisis by threatening to exceed his authority in forcing states to bend to his will. Some would argue that the President threatening to exceed his authority in an autocratic way is a constitutional crisis even if he doesn't go through with it.

Earlier this year, before the pandemic, we saw an impeachment trial where the evidence was not in question and the crimes themselves were not truly in question. The crimes were especially egregious because they involved cheating in an upcoming election. The Senate Majority Leader publicly mused about holding a vote without even a trial but instead he allowed a trial with no witnesses and then apart from Mitt Romney it was a purely partisan vote. Republican Senators didn't even pretend to be considering evidence. This was and is a constitutional crisis.

The president's attack on social

media is a constitutional crisis. If the president doesn't like one social media company, they have competitors and he can choose another. The constitution only prohibits government actors from doing things, not private actors like Twitter. Twitter can censor any person or content it wants as well as publish its own content in the form of "fact checks." Twitter is however protected by the 1st amendment while the president tries to bully them, threaten them, and threaten their entire industry if they don't bend to his whims. The President of the United States attempting to use his power to threaten an entire industry from exercising their First Amendment rights as private organizations is simply outrageous.

This is beyond party. This is beyond ideology. Our cities are burning. Our country is in crisis.

EDITH MILLER  
LEICESTER



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Summer of rage; I can't breathe!

To the Editor:

Riot is the language of the unheard. Riots are the voices of people who are not being heard and have lost faith in our organs of power. Riots are the language of people who know they aren't being heard on purpose. Racial relations in this country are in a pressure cooker, with President Trump throwing gas on the fire, yet he doesn't even care enough to [put it out]. No amount of video evidence seems to change things and that is the fuel of riots.

Yet again, our nation roils as we deal with the aftermath of a white police officer murdering an unarmed black man in cold blood. For eight minutes and 46 seconds, Derek Chauvin, a white Minneapolis cop pushed his knee into George Floyd's neck. Mr. Floyd cried "Please!" "I can't breathe!" "Don't kill me!" "What do you want!?" "Mama!" among other things.

The whole incident was recorded from several angles by several bystanders and at least one did a Facebook Livestream. Thank god for livestreaming, confiscating the camera and/or memory chip under threat of arrest, a favorite of local Massachusetts cops, is no longer effective. The video is streamed live to the world and if the camera were confiscated that too would be streamed. One bystander says, "One of my homies died the same way." Another says "You got him down, let him breathe." Another bystander says he is bleeding from his nose and he's not resisting arrest. The cop says "he's fine," a bystander says, "he ain't fine." The bystanders tell the cop that Floyd is "not responsive" and repeatedly ask the cops to check Floyd's pulse. A bystander questions, "Did they [expletive] kill him?" Another says, "The cops just really killed" Floyd.

The cop kept his knee in Mr. Floyd's

neck for nearly three minutes after he had gone limp and unresponsive. The world saw a murder in cold blood of an unarmed black man at the hands of a white cop while three other cops looked on and let it happen. George Floyd died on Monday. It took days of protests which turned into riots before former officer Derek Chauvin was charged with a crime. Why did it take so long? Was it "too soon" to address conservative/Republican sacred cows (cops in this case) in the hopes we forgot? Mr. Chauvin should have been treated the same as any murderer whose crime was caught on camera - #1 most wanted and taken into custody that day with the charges sorted out later. Nobody wanted to see Minneapolis burn but apparently a few days of burning is what it takes to bring justice to a white cop who murders a black man.

To members of black and brown communities, the police are often seen and often deserve the label of "State sponsors of terrorism."

Many of you may be wondering, "why are the protesters still angry, they charged the guy..." Well, this event was one of many. For this country's entire history, black people have been treated as second class citizens at best. We have all been pulled over for "driving while black," frisked, pushed against walls, treated like suspects in our own homes and neighborhoods, and we have all been victims of malfeasance only to later not be believed while a white authority figure who harmed us and lies about it is believed. The problem is systemic. Our culture never truly accepted black people as "people" and our police culture is rotten to the core.

It is worth noting that the original alleged crime was that Mr. Floyd tried to pass a suspected counterfeit \$20 bill

at a deli, not exactly a violent crime. When officers arrived on the scene a man fitting the description from the deli was sitting in a car minding his own business. They ripped him out of the car; Floyd ended up on the ground after he was handcuffed, and got killed. We still don't know if Floyd was the same guy from the deli or if his \$20 was fake. We also know that surveillance video from the area and bystanders' videos are inconsistent with the cops' reports. No shock to me that they acted like Rambo then lied about it.

While the whole world focuses on the cop who literally killed George Floyd, I'm less concerned about him. What disturbs me is that there were three other cops there and none of them tried to reason with Mr. Chauvin, none of them tried to stop Mr. Chauvin, and all of them acted like it was a normal day on the beat. We expect ordinary citizens to act reasonably to avoid someone else's death. We expect cops on the public payroll to enforce the law, protect the people even if the threat is one of their own, and to go above and beyond. We don't have one bad apple, we have at least four. At the very least, the other three should have been charged with accessory to murder. As of this writing they are still not charged. If three random cops from MPD are willing to witness a murder and do nothing, are they the only three? How many more are there? This is why Minneapolis and dozens of other American cities are burning. Throwing the 1 unlucky cop who got filmed isn't enough.

This problem seems new, but it isn't. Republicans accused President Obama of dividing the nation, but I bet you got your first smartphone during Obama's presidency. What is different now is that nearly everyone carries a video camera in their pocket at all times.

Cops have been beating, railroading, and killing black people with impunity since slavery ended. The situations were always "he said/she said" and the cops were believed over victims and witnesses. What is different today is that the witnesses and victims have video cameras.

What is shocking, to me at least, is these videos don't seem to have changed public sentiment in the United States. The videos haven't changed any minds or the caused cops to behave better, behave lawfully, or do their jobs in enforcing the law regardless of who the lawbreaker is. Nothing has changed. We watch horrific videos and we know that it only scratches the surface, yet nothing changes. Eric Garner's killers weren't charged for months and ultimately acquitted, George Floyd's killers needed a city to burn before action was taken.

The situation in America is turning into a national summer of rage. These riots are spreading to other cities. In a well-functioning society, we wouldn't need protests, never-mind riots. We are not a well-functioning society. These riots are not dishonoring George Floyd's death, they are making sure he did not die in vain. We need all four officers involved with his death charged and in custody. We need the County Prosecutor to resign because he's the one that caused this with his unreasonable delays and apparent attempt to treat criminal suspects who wear blue better than the criminals they are. If it takes burning a few city blocks to the ground, then I suppose that it what it takes.

TERRANCE WASHINGTON  
SPENCER

## CORMIER

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I know her from Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, where she has long been a shining example of what it means to be a Catholic," Selectman Hicks said. "I hope she has many years left to enjoy the cane."

Having seen the country navigate several ups and downs over the last century, Cormier hasn't let the pandemic spoil her celebration. She has always inspired friends, family, and town leaders with her constantly posi-

tive attitude.

"Norma often says, 'Get up and go is my motto; if you stay in bed, you will soon be dead,'" said Adam Cormier, one of Norma's five grandchildren.

Cormier graduated from St. Mary's Elementary School in 1932, then attended David Prouty High School until 1936. She continued her education at Becker College, graduating with an associate's degree in 1937 before working as a paralegal for the law firm of Charles W. Proctor in Worcester.

Norma married Adrien Cormier in 1945, and they had three sons: David,

Frederick, and Robert Cormier.

After Adrien Cormier passed away in 1950, Norma began working for the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District as a secretary at the newly built Lake Street School. She also served as a bookkeeper for the school district.

In 1956, Norma moved back to Bemis Street, across from where she grew up (she still lives in that same home today).

Norma worked in the school district until 1979. During her retirement, she has kept active with a number of groups and organizations, including St. Mary's

Women's Guild, Eucharistic Minister and Lector, the Golden Age Club, Garden Club, and the Red Hatters, among others. After she became legally blind, she got involved with the Audio Journal.

Norma currently resides with her grandson, Adam, and her great grandson, Frankie. Her five grandchildren are Adam, Sarah, Charles, Casey, and Ivy – and she also has nine great grandchildren.

Norma still plays the piano and attends Summit Eldercare to partake in various activities.



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Probate and Family Court  
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225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. W020P1298EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
David J Lacroix  
Date of Death: 03/27/2020**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lucille E Dion of Leicester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Requests that: **Lucille E Dion of Leicester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in an **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 07/07/2020.** 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: May 15, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
June 5, 2020

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday 6/16/20, at 7:10 p.m. in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by: Craig Brabonnier 18 Woodside Rd., W. Brookfield  
The proposed project is to construct a single family home with septic system and driveway. The project is located at 23 Quaboag Street, and is further identified as Lot 5A on Assessor Map. 6D Conservation Commission  
June 5, 2020

**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. W020P1347EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
Wilfred G Allaire, III  
Date of Death: 04/22/2020**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy** has been filed by **Heather A Roberts of Mount Airy MD** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Requests that: **Heather A Roberts of Mount Airy MD** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an 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 06/16/2020.** 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.

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Date: May 22, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
June 6, 2020

**Town of West Brookfield  
Zoning Board of Appeals**  
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Eric and Kathy Scheriff, for the property located at 223 Shoreline Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a 24'x24' garage, in Rural Residential District. This requires a special permit as per section, -1.5 Nonconformity, §1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al).  
The public is invited to attend. In the event that we will not to meet at the Town Hall because of the Covid 19 virus, and have to conduct a meeting remotely. Please email radamswhite@wbrookfield.com with your email address.

Renee Adams White  
Clerk  
June 5, 2020

**Burncoat Pond Watershed District  
Annual Meeting  
June 23, 2020  
Leicester Senior Center 7PM  
Fiscal Year 2021 Warrant**

Article 1  
To see if the District will vote to elect a District Moderator for one (1) year or to take any action thereon.

Article 2  
To see if the District will vote to elect a member of the Management Committee to hold office for a term of three (3) years, a member of the Management Committee shall be elected by ballot, or to take any action thereon.

Article 3  
To see if the District will vote to elect a member of the Management Committee to hold office for a term of one (1) year, a member of the Management Committee shall be elected by ballot, or to take any action thereon.

Article 4  
To see if the District will elect a District Clerk to hold office one (1) year from this annual meeting, a clerk shall be elected by ballot for one year or to take any action thereon.

Article 5  
To see if the District will elect a District Treasurer to hold office one (1) year from this annual meeting, a treasurer shall be elected by ballot for one year, or to take any action thereon.

Article 6  
To see if the District will vote to amend the District Act, Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1998, Section 7, to replace the former Spencer Representative and approve a Massachusetts Audubon Society appointed representative as a voting member or to take any action thereon.

Article 7  
To see if the District will vote to amend the District By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4.3, to coincide with the revisions of the District Act, Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1998, Section 7, voted on in Article 6 of this warrant or to take any action thereon.

Article 8  
To see if the District will vote to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2021, the appropriation of moneys to be raised by assessment upon the proprietors in support thereof, or to take any action thereon.

Liz Renzi, Clerk  
June 5, 2020

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday 6/16/20, at 7:20 p.m. in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by: June 16th, 2020  
Richard Chaffee 74 Town Farm Rd., Brookfield, MA 01506  
The proposed project is to build a new single family residence. The project is located at 116 Lake Road, and is further identified as Lot #11 on Assessor Map. 3D Conservation Commission  
June 5, 2020

**Public Notice**  
Annual meeting for the David Prouty High School Athletic Booster Club is being held on June 29 at 6:00 PM at the Spencer Country Inn, 500 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562.  
June 5, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. W020C0170CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO  
CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:  
Ethan Brent Hildick**

**A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Ethan Brent Hildick of North Brookfield MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Ethan Terrence Hines**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/02/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**  
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: April 24, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
June 5, 2020

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PROBATE COURT**

*To all persons interested in the estate of Marie Waskevich late of Spencer in said County, deceased.*

A petition has been presented to said Court for authority to sell at private sale certain real estate of said deceased. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twelfth day of June 2020, the return day of this citation. Witness LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of May 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
June 5, 2020

**WARREN  
Office of the Collector of Taxes  
June 5, 2020**

The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of WARREN and WORCESTER County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2018 as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by WARREN on Monday, June 22, 2020, at 9:00AM for nonpayment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.  
KERRY SCHMIDT  
Collector of Taxes  
Town of WARREN

Property Location: BRIMFIELD RD  
Assessed Owners: BEAULIEU SCOTT M.  
Bill Number: 31-3  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 810.58  
810.58

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.075 acres described as parcel 9 0 78.1 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 41897263, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: BRIMFIELD RD  
Assessed Owners: BEAULIEU SCOTT M.  
Bill Number: 31-4

2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 805.38  
805.38

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.932 acres described as parcel 9 0 78.2 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 41897-263, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: MAIN ST  
Assessed Owners: CLEVELAND PRISCILLA  
Bill Number: 72-2  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 57.16  
57.16

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.150 acres described as parcel 18 0 48 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 5511-341, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: DEAN ST  
Assessed Owners: FORTUNA MAXAMILIAN A.  
Bill Number: 122-2  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 666.82  
666.82

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.800 acres described as parcel 15 0 9 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 4578-214, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 25 ELM STREET  
Assessed Owners: MURRAY SCOTT T  
Bill Number: 265-1  
2018 W LIEN 397.56  
SLIEN 300.00  
REAL ESTATE TAXES 2,461.16  
3,158.72

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.190 acres described as parcel 24 0 85 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 23377-54 WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: MAPLE ST  
Assessed Owners: PAQUETTEBUILDING & CONSTRUCTI  
Bill Number: 284-4  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 134  
135.14

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.240 acres described as parcel 23 0 54 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 49992-191, WORCESTER County Registry of Deed

Property Location: MAPLE ST  
Assessed Owners: PAQUETTE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTI  
Bill Number: 284-5  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 3.20  
3.20

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.240 acres described as parcel 23 0 57.1 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 49992-191, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CEMETERY RD  
Assessed Owners: PAQUETTE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTI  
Bill Number: 284-6  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 395.62  
395.62

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 3.488 acres described as parcel 23 0 58 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 49992-191, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 50 OLD WEST WARREN RD  
Assessed Owners: RABY PAUL  
Bill Number: 305-2  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 196.65  
196.65

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2..136 acres described as parcel 6 0 7 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 19257-10, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CRONIN RD  
Assessed Owners: STALKER DAVID  
Bill Number: 3585  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 218.87  
218.87

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.998 acres described as parcel 10 0 31 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 20682-327, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 29 LIBERTY ST  
Assessed Owners: THE BURNIAS FAMILY TRUST BURNIAS MANUEL C. TRUSTEE  
Bill Number: 374-5  
2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES 2,704.66  
2704.66

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.280 acres described as parcel 24 0 104 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 56267-358, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 20 COTTAGE ST  
Assessed Owners: ZWIRECKI EDWARD  
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Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.370 acres described as parcel 21 0 42 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 35480-141, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.  
June 5, 2020



# OBITUARIES

## Emma Ruth “Ruthy” Aubin, 96

SPENCER- Emma Ruth “Ruthy” Aubin, 96, died peacefully Tuesday, May 26 in Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.



She leaves 8 sons Jack Cox of CA, Skip Grogan and his wife Danasty of FL, Col. Herbert Grogan and his wife Paula of TN, Steven Grogan of FL, Russell Grogan and his wife Mary of Worcester, Lawrence and his wife Edie of FL, Robert Grogan of Spencer and Joseph LaFlash of CA; a daughter Kathryn Lougee and her husband Paul of Spencer; 29 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren; 8 great great grandchildren; a sister Caroline Shea of Southbridge; many nieces and nephews. She was prede-

ceased by two sons; Ronald Grogan and Paul LaFlash; a daughter Linda Grogan; two grandchildren Kristy Grogan and Michael Bigwood; two brothers Arrington and Edward Aubin; four sisters Aletha Rappaport, Doris Harriet and Martha.

Ruthy was born in Worcester the daughter of Edmond and Caroline Aubin. She grew up in Charlton before moving to Worcester where she raised her 12 children and then later in life moved to Spencer. She was a long-time CNA and retired from Worcester State Hospital. She was a very proud Blue Star Mother of eight son's and two grandsons, who all served in the United States Armed Forces. Ruthy enjoyed playing bingo, crocheting and spending time with her family.

Due to health restrictions, a celebration of Ruthy's life will be held when it is safe to do so. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562.

## Donald A. “Don” Pasco, 91

Funeral Services and Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett was held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for Donald A. “Don” Pasco, who passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 21st as God granted his final wish of being home surrounded by his family. He was 91 years of age.



Born and raised in Boston, he was the son of the late Nicholas & Margaret (Gamaldo) Pasco. He attended Boston English High School and immediately enlisted in the United States Army. A proud member of a military family, Don and his 3 brothers each enlisted into separate branches of the United States Armed Forces, all of them serving faithfully and honorably. It was in the Army, where Donald made many lifelong friends.

He thoroughly enjoyed serving his time and defending the country that he loved. He took up boxing while he was in the Army and it was there, he realized his potential in many aspects of his life, especially as a talented musician. After multiple re-enlistments, he was honorably discharged in 1951 and returned home to East Boston. He would begin working in the business of aluminum siding and specialized in windows and doors. He would eventually own and operate his own business named Pasco Aluminum for many years. His love for music would lead him to become a popular piano player in various venues throughout the North Shore area and later in Central Massachusetts. He played for over 70 years, from the Frolics on Revere Beach, to the Driftwood and the Pony Lounge in East Boston. His resume included a 30-year stint at the Continental Restaurant in Saugus and Angelica's in Middleton, among others. After marrying, Yvonne M. Goulart, the couple resided in Dorchester with their

youngest son for several years before moving to Revere and would eventually move to Brookfield where they made their new home about 9 years ago. As a result, Don would continue to share his musical talent in Central Massachusetts. He continued throughout his 80s playing in several Senior Centers and even up until recently he and his wife, Yvonne, performed at Brookhaven Assisted Care in West Brookfield, Massachusetts. Don was a dedicated family man and his personality drew everyone to him immediately. He and his family were avid theatre goers and as a result made many honored friendships over the years. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him or anyone who had the joy of listening to his gift of music that he shared with so many throughout his life.

He is the beloved husband of 29 years to Yvonne M. Goulart of Brookfield. Devoted father of Melinda S. “Mindy” Curry & her fiancé Timothy Amentola of Everett, Michelle L. “Shelly” Pasco & her companion Matt LeGallo of Revere, Nicole L. Pasco and her husband Fouad Chebani of Revere, Anthony D. Pasco & his wife Nicole Tedesco-Pasco of Taunton & Nathaniel “Nathan” D. Goulart-Pasco of Brookfield. Cherished grandfather of Linda Brown & her husband Joshua, Mario N. Pasco, Yassmina Kalila, Sophia Pasco, Roman Pasco, Dominic & Camron Shaw. Lovingly survived by Roberta L. Racki of Chelsea, Brian R. Racki and his wife Athanasia of Lynn, Ottavia Racki of Chelsea & her children & Stephanie Murphy of Salem, New Hampshire & her daughter. Dear brother of Edward Pasco & his wife Candy of Woburn and the late Jeanette Venuti, Richard “Dick” Pasco, Elizabeth “Betty” Oliva, Leonard “Lenny” Pasco and Maryann Dello Russo. Don is fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, extended family and friends. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

## Paul R. Plotczyk, 71

WORCESTER- Paul R. Plotczyk, 71, a lifelong resident of Worcester died Sunday, May 24 at MA General Hospital in Boston.



He leaves his wife of four years, Sonja (Miller) Plotczyk, his former wife, Sheila Noonan of Worcester, the mother of his three children, two sons, Edward J. Plotczyk and his wife Kerrie of Worcester, Christian G. Plotczyk and his wife Domenica of Miami, FL., a daughter, Megan D. Blanchard and her husband Joseph of Framingham, a step-daughter Audrey Rose, a sister, Alice M. Plotczyk of Auburn, and her daughter Lisa Plotczyk (Lee) of California

8 grandchildren; Lily, Owen, Isabella, Gabriella, Jason, Allison, Jordan, Ella and his loving nieces, Scottanna Walker and Hughanna Brown.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Edward A. & Alyce (Zawalich) Plotczyk.

Paul was a graduate of Worcester

Boys Trade, the former Worcester Industrial Technical Institute, Worcester State College and Anna Maria College. After graduating from Anna Maria with a bachelor's degree in Psychology, Paul worked at the crisis center on Chandler St., in Worcester.

Paul was also a marketing consultant, working out of his home, for over 30 years with DBA Work Systems Affiliates International in Worcester.

Paul's passion was riding his Harley. He spent many hours on long rides with his friends and family.

He loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. He also loved his travels to Jamaica. Paul loved visiting his son Ed at Breens Cafe, visiting his son Christian and his family in Miami, going to Megan's kids baseball, soccer and hockey games. Paul cherished his moments with his family.

At the family's request a Celebration of Paul's life will be held at a later date when all can attend.

The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements.

[www.morinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.morinfuneralhomes.com)

## Loretta Robinson age 79

FITCHBURG/ LEICESTER- Loretta (Paul) Robinson age 79 passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at Leominster Hospital. She was the wife of the late Harry T. Robinson who passed away February 21, 2015. Loretta leaves a sister-in-law Gloria Beaulieu. Loretta was predeceased by a son Christopher McCloskey of Leicester and a daughter Renee Smith of Sturbridge.

She was born in Millville, MA daugh-

ter of the late Ernest and Delina Paul and lived in the Leicester area most of her life. Calling hours were held Wednesday, May 27 from 10 AM- 12 PM in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, burial will be private. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Joseph Daniel Bourgoyne, 85

WARREN- Joseph Daniel Bourgoyne, 85, born on March 30, 1935 in Bangor, Maine, passed away suddenly on May 24, 2020 in his home in Warren.

He was a hard-working man his whole life, becoming a long-time employee of Hardwick Knitted Fabrics until his retirement in 2007. Joe was a man of small stature but a huge presence in the lives of all that knew him. He was a dedicated father to his five children, and he especially enjoyed spending time with his family and holiday gatherings. His love for his family was unconditional, always present and always giving. He taught his children the value of hard work, what it means to be family, and to live life to the fullest and on your own terms. His favorite past time was coffee hour with his best friends, Tom and Gerry Ventura and Bob Gagnon. He also enjoyed fishing, putting around in the yard on his John Deere, and attending and watching WWE/WWF events with his grandson Dereck.

Joe was preceded in death by his mother, Hazel (Imman) Carr; his father, Percy Bourgoine; his brother and partner in crime, James E.

Burgoyne, Sr.; and his granddaughter, Chelsea Perreault. He leaves to cherish his memory his ex-wife and long-time friend, Beverly Allard; his sister-in-law, Regina Burgoyne; his daughter, Bonnie (Donny) Perron; his son, Timmy (Katharine) Perreault; his daughter, Joyce (Dave) Pollack; his daughter, Jody (Paul) Parker-Matt; and his daughter, Tammy (Bill) Bourgoyne-Cieslak. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Melannie, Lezette, Crystal, Shane, Dereck, Timmy, Andrew, Sean, Steve, Connor, Devin, Jacek and Keenan; 13 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; his brother, Percy (Les) Bourgoine and his sister, Bobbie Mae Sullivan, both of whom he recently connected with.

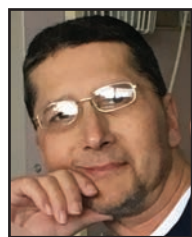
If you were lucky...you knew him. If you knew him...you loved him. And in loving him, you will forever miss him. Pepe...the man, the myth, the legend.

Dad/Daddy, as you have always been, you will forever be, with us. We love you always and forever.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield.

## Theodore W. Carr Jr., 61

LEICESTER – Theodore W. Carr Jr., 61, of Rawson Street, died Sunday, May 24, 2020, in his home after a 7-year battle with Leukemia. Death is no longer victorious, cancer doesn't win, love wins, Jesus wins.



He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Amy M. (Morang) Carr of Leicester; six children, Joshua E.D. Carr of Union City, GA, Jane A. McNeil and her husband John of Spencer, Nicolas A. Carr, Benjamin R. Carr, Abigail R. Carr, and Truman G. Carr, all of Leicester; two brothers, Kevin M. Carr and his wife Jennifer of Bellingham, and Craig A. Carr and his wife Fran of Port Charlotte, FL; two sisters, Sandy M. Crowe and her husband Doug of Holliston, and Suzette D. Carr of Holliston; his daughter-in-law, Narisha Carr-Small of Georgia; six grandchildren, Jahleel, Zipporah, Aliyah, Ifetayo, Dakari, and Jabari; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a son, T.W. Jeremiah Carr

III, who died in 2010. He was born in Boston, son of the late Theodore W. and Ruth M. (Millette) Carr Sr., and lived in New Bedford, Worcester, Holliston, and Framingham, before moving to Leicester in 1995. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in Germany and at Fort Hood.

Mr. Carr was the chief financial officer for Accu Trak Tool Corporation in Cherry Valley for 13 years, and he loved his job very much. He loved attending church and enjoyed electronics, computers and ice cream. While living in New Bedford, he was an assistant pastor at Haven Baptist Church. He had a special fondness for his pets.

The family would like to thank the UMass Oncology Clinic and Notre Dame Hospice, for their exceptional care during his illness.

Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a private graveside service will be held at Greenville Baptist Cemetery in Leicester. A public service at Greenville Baptist Church will be announced at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the UMass Cancer Walk, 333 South St., Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## Therese L. Archambeault, 90

EAST BROOKFIELD- Therese L. (Leger) Archambeault, 90, of East Brookfield, died peacefully at home, Sunday May 24 surrounded by family following a long illness.



She was predeceased by her husband Albert E. Archambeault who died in 1990. She leaves her son John D. Archambeault Sr. and his wife Victoria of Nashua, NH., and her daughter, Sheryl A. Carpentier and her husband Mark of East Brookfield, her sister Joan Bedard of East Brookfield, three grandchildren; Laura Khan, John D. Archambeault, Jr. and Michael Carpentier, three great grandchildren; Amara, Evangeline and Isaac Khan, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Pauline Dilling.

Therese was born in Worcester, the daughter of John J. and Louise (Hebert) Leger and later graduated from David Prouty High School in Spencer. People knew her as one of “The Leger Girls.” She was a billing clerk at the former Wm.E.Wright Co. in West Warren and she also worked at Gavitt Wire for

some time before retirement. She was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church in E.Brookfield; Therese was very devout and active in the church. She was part of the St Anne's Guild at St. John's. Until her health became debilitating, she also served on the Council of Aging and was active with the East Brookfield Seniors. She served as an Election Worker for many years in East Brookfield. Family was everything to Therese. She always placed the needs of others over her own. She had the uncanny ability to draw people out as she listened with compassion. She was beloved by many. Therese was part of Summit Elder Care for 10 years. The family would like to especially thank Susan Daugherty, Lucille Brennan, and Mary Burke who were integral in our mother's care.

Due to health restrictions, a memorial Mass will be held at a time to be announced at St. John the Baptist Church, North Brookfield Rd., East Brookfield followed by burial in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either the Church or the East Brookfield Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 356, East Brookfield, MA, 01515.

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# OBITUARIES

## Dorothy M. Carpenter, 94

WEST WARREN – Dorothy M. (Lapine) Carpenter, 94, of West Warren died on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at the Center for Extended Care at Amherst.

She leaves her daughter, Kathleen Delanski and her husband David of West Warren and her sons; John Carpenter of Ware, James Carpenter and his wife Rose of Beaumont, CA, and Kenneth Carpenter of West Warren.

She also leaves seventeen grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. She was born in Chicopee, daughter of the late George and Emma (Ducharme) Lapine.

Dorothy and her late husband George owned and operated the Warren Cash Market for twenty years, and she retired from Nat Falk's in Ware, as the bookkeeper.

Dorothy was a loving and devoted

wife, mother, grandmother, great and great great grandmother. When she was a homemaker, she enjoyed making Barbie Doll clothes for extra money.

She was a member of the Warren Seniors Club, the Order of Rebekahs, and the Tri-Valley Council. Dorothy also served on the Warren Finance Committee and Council On Aging. She was a longtime member of the George Whitefield United Methodist Church.

A Funeral Service for Dorothy will be held in the George Whitfield United Methodist Church, date to be announced. Burial will take place in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Warren Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 608, Warren, MA 01083 or to the Warren Senior Center, P.O. Box 428, West Warren, MA 01092.

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

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com).

WEST BROOKFIELD - Philip E. Bland, 79, of West Brookfield died on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at his home.



He leaves his daughter, Nicole Bland, a granddaughter, Renee O'Brien of Pelham, and his brother Richard Bland of Tulsa, OK. Philip is predeceased by his loving wife of 47 years, Helena G. (Nelson) Bland. He was born in McAlester, son of the late Carmel and Aurelia (Astor) Bland.

Philip was a founder of the Valley View School and worked there for 40

years, before retiring in 2006.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

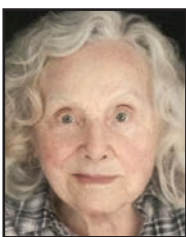
A Graveside Service in Pine Grove Cemetery will be held private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to S.O.N.G., Inc. (Supporting Orphans Nationally and Globally, Inc.) c/o North Brookfield Savings Bank, 9 Gilbert Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535 or by visiting <https://www.supportingorphans.org/>.

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

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com)

## Maria A. Rollins, 95

LEICESTER- Our mother Maria A. (Szenk) Rollins of Leicester died peacefully, Saturday May 23, 2020 at Christopher House in Worcester.



Maria began her life in Villany, Hungary on her family vineyard. She was the daughter of Anfal and Anna (Confend) Szenk. She married Joseph Rollins on Dec. 2, 1950 after coming to America.

She raised three children and worked as a seamstress for the Ladies Garment Workers Union for over 50 years. Maria loved cooking, sewing and entertaining. Her hospitality went above and beyond.

Maria left this earth and went to her heavenly home at age 95. Maria was the loving wife of Joseph J. Rollins who died in 2014. She leaves a son Joseph W.

Rollins, two daughters Susan Rollins-Daige and Karen Eldridge Leicester, 10 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren.

Maria was a faithful member of St Pius X Parish in Leicester. She was special woman beyond compare. Her talents were many. Her honesty refreshing. Her friendship long lasting. Her love true unfailing and unconditional. She will be dearly missed.

Due to the current pandemic conditions, no immediate services are planned. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements.

Send donations to: Maria Rollins Charitable Fund 25 Washburn Street Leicester MA 01524

Donations will be made to the front line workers at Christopher House Worcester MA

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## David J. Feeley, Jr., 31

LEICESTER- David J. Feeley, Jr., 31, died April 27th. at his home.



He leaves his mother, Susan E. (Wheeler) Stockwell with whom he lived, his brothers Cesar A. and David F. Stockwell, his sisters Kaleigh R. Comer and her husband Joshua Comer, Sr. and Courtney R. Stockwell.

His grandmothers Nancy Feeley and Louisa Alexiades, uncles; Brian Wheeler and his wife Diane and Steven Feeley, an aunt Linda Wheeler, a nephew Joshua Comer, cousins; Jacob Wheeler, Emily Wheeler and Katelyn Stockwell.

His stepfather, Steven R. Stockwell died Nov. 22, 2019. He is also predeceased by his grandfathers; Joseph

Feeley, Donald Wheeler and John Alexiades.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of the late David J. Feeley, Sr. David was a loving son who meant the world to his mother. He gave the best hugs, loved music, playing the guitar and driving his new car. He was a 2007 graduate of St. John's High School in Shrewsbury and attended Clarkson University in New York. David will be missed so much by his family. Our hearts are broken forever.

Due to health restrictions, no funeral services are planned at this time.

MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Dana Farber Cancer/ Jimmy Fund, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

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## Jean Goyette Desmarais, age 85

Jean Goyette Desmarais, age 85, of Spencer died Saturday, May 30, 2020 at Baystate Health of Springfield after being stricken ill at physical therapy in Ludlow as she was recovering from recent surgery



She is survived by two daughters: Lynn Skladzien and her husband Joseph of Dudley, and Leslie Sullivan and her husband Steven of Dudley. two sons: Joseph Bottasso and his wife Margaret of Putnam, CT and James Bottasso and his wife Deborah of Fabyan, CT, 11 Grand Children, 13 Great grandchildren Jean leaves a brother Robert Goyette and his wife Rachel of Chelmsford, sister-in-law Marion Goyette, of California wife of Jean's brother Norman Goyette who passed in December 2019, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends

She was predeceased by her husband, Denis P Desmarais on Jan 11,2011. She also leaves her beloved cat Lacey a great comfort to her after the passing of her husband.

Jean was born October 20, 1934 in Uxbridge, MA. She is the daughter of Norman Goyette and Alma Croteau. Jean was a member of the Spencer Historical Commission , serving as

chairwoman for many years. Jean had a great interest in touring historical sites, in her travels with her husband, throughout the Eastern seaboard. In her earlier years she volunteered for many organizations including the Red Cross, food pantries and making personal birthday cakes for the residents of The Joshua House in Worcester. Jean was one of the first employees of Commerce Insurance Company, which originated in the Friendly's plaza in Webster, Ma, served as secretary for Pakachoag Church in Auburn, Ma as well as several medical practices. If all of Jeans accomplishments, she was most proud of being a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, creating many new happy memories after the loss of her beloved husband Denis. Though we are greatly saddened by the loss of Jean, it is comforting to know, that after waiting so long, she has been reunited with Denis, the love of her life

A Mass of Christian burial was held 10 am on Thursday, June 4 at Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster, MA after cremation she will be laid to rest in St. Anne Cemetery in Three Rivers with her beloved Denis. Calling hours were Wednesday , June 3 from 5 to 7 pm with current safety precautions in place at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA.

## Richard T. Welch, 78

WEST BROOKFIELD - Richard T. Welch, 78, of West Brookfield died on Friday, May 29, 2020 at Harrington Memorial Hospital.

He leaves his wife, Linda Welch of West Brookfield; his sons, Richard and Robert Welch of CT; his daughter, Melissa Collins and her husband Richard of CT; his step-son, Scott Nichols of West Brookfield; and his step-daughters, Laurie Broman of West Brookfield and Melissa Corbett of Sturbridge; his sister, Janice Tetreault and her husband Ted of VT; his six grandchildren, Meaghan Collins, Abigail Welch, Emily Welch, Thomas Welch, Timothy Welch, and Renna Welch; four step-grandchildren, Stephanie Nichols, Travis Nichols, Nicholas Broman, and Madison Corbett as well as his granddog, Lucie. He was born in Hartford, son of the late Raymond and Mildred (Olson) Welch.

Richard was in landscape sales at Imperial Nursery in CT for many years. He later worked at Aubuchon Hardware in Ware before retiring in 2004.

Richard was a Major in the Governor's Foot Guard of Hartford, CT where he held many offices during his 44 year tenure, serving as the Officers Association Treasurer, Command Financial Secretary, and Commissary Officer.

There are no funeral services scheduled for Richard. In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, Inc., P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515 or to a charity of ones choice.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com).

## Elizabeth Alice Jay, Age 104

WEST BROOKFIELD – Elizabeth Alice Jay, 104, died Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. Alice as she was



known for these many years was born at the current Walker Farm in New Braintree on August 20, 1915 and was from a family farm. She was the fifth and last surviving child of Henry and Julia Bishop who

for most of their lives resided in West Brookfield. Her family moved to Wine Corner, North Brookfield where Alice completed her education at the Grove Street High School. She soon met her beloved husband Archie Jay, married and spent a short time in Warren before moving to West Brookfield in 1942.

They raised three boys, Arthur and his wife Elizabeth (Betty) of Brookfield, Dean and his wife Jean of Puyallup, Washington, and George and his wife Nancy of West Springfield. She was grandmother to ten, a great-grandmother and a great-great-grandmother as well. While raising her boys Alice held a position at the former Mead's Office Supply on West Street in West Brookfield then spent ten years at the West Brookfield Post Office before retiring in 1980.

Alice and Archie then relocated from their home on West Street to Heritage Trail apartments in town. During their life time together they enjoyed exten-

sive traveling, including trips cross country and many years wintering in Florida. Alice has resided at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center since December 2018.

Archie was a well-known historian in the surrounding towns and after his own death Alice continued with his work and eventually donated the collection to the Merriam Gilbert Public Library. She also compiled the book Quaboag Plantation, The Beginning, 1754-1826 which was the official record of parish meetings led by Jedediah Foster and the original government of the settlements known as the Quaboag Plantation. This rare publication was made available to the public library in each plantation town and to the Quaboag Historical Museum in West Brookfield.

In 2012 at age 97 Alice was awarded the Boston Post Cane as the oldest resident of West Brookfield. She was also a long-time member of the West Brookfield Congregational Church.

The family expresses their deepest gratitude to the caregiving staff at Quaboag.

Funeral Services for Alice will be private due to the covid-19 pandemic with burial at the family gravesite in Pine Grove Cemetery, West Brookfield.

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

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com).

## David J. Mainville, 91

SPENCER: David J. Mainville, 91, of Spencer died Saturday, May 23rd at the Soldiers Home in Holyoke, MA. Born in Worcester, the son of Emil and Antonia (Waiz) Mainville.



One of 7 children, he lived in Leicester, until he joined the Merchant Marine at age 16 serving during World War II. David next joined the Army in 1949, but in his best move ever he returned to Leicester while on leave to marry Vern Edith Troeltzsch. His Army career would last 21 years with retirement at the

rank of Lieutenant Colonel, serving in both Korea and Vietnam. He would settle his family on a farm in Spencer, MA. He worked as a supervisor at Ware Knitters Mill until its closing and then worked at Worcester Polytechnic

Institute for 16 years in various roles. He was a member of American Legion Post 138, and served on the Conservation Commission for Spencer. Lovers of nature, he and Vern donated land to the Massachusetts Audubon, before Vern passed in 2013.

He leaves his son Kirk D. Mainville and wife Adriene of Spencer, and his daughters Debra Eldredge and husband Chuck of Vernon, NY; Christine Dooley and husband Jim of Framingham, MA; and Verne Sullivan and her husband Lee of Chester Springs, PA. He also leaves 5 grandchildren Brittany, Kate, Tom, Logan, and Holly. He also is survived by a brother Thomas Mainville and sister Ann Evers.

Funeral services with Military Honors will be held at a later date in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester. The J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family. In lieu of flowers, please plant a tree or shrub if you so desire in his memory.

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## Rachel C. Vilandre, 91

Rachel C. (Bonnette) Vilandre, 91, was called home to her Lord and Savior on Saturday, at The Overlook in Charlton after a long battle with dementia.

Rachel was born April 5, 1929 in Southbridge MA to the late Evelyn (Guillette) and Antonio Bonnette. She lived in Sturbridge all of her life. She was predeceased by her sister, Lorraine Breen of Southbridge.

She is survived by her 4 children, Sharon (Vilandre) Gardner of Woodstock CT, Randall Vilandre and his wife Roberta of Holland, MA, Denise (Vilandre) Pontbriand and her husband Marc of West Brookfield, and Darlene Vilandre and close friend Terry Banusiewicz of Dudley MA. She leaves six grandsons, Andrew Gardner of Chester, CT, Jared Gardner of Eastford CT, Ryan Pontbriand of Warren MA, Jeremy Pontbriand of Brimfield MA, Matthew Vilandre of Brimfield MA, Luke Vilandre of Holland MA a granddaughter Rachel Gardner of Brighton MA. and 2 great-grandchildren, Brynn Pontbriand and Jack

Vilandre.

Rachel was the Billing Coordinator at Harrington Hospital retiring in 1991.

Rachel loved her cat Mindy, was an avid reader, she enjoyed gardening, knitting and never lost a scrabble game. One of her favorite places was spending time at the ocean. Her family was her life. She will be missed dearly by everyone who knew her. Rachel always had a smile and great sense of humor. Her quick-witted responses brought laughter and joy to all around her.

The family would like to thank The Overlook care team including Kathy Walker, Director and the staff of Fieldstone Assisted Living. As well as the 3rd floor memory care team, (especially her primary caregivers Chris and Kim) for the love, compassion and care that Mom received during her stay.

The service will be private and at the convenience of the family. The family requests in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to The Second Chance Animal Shelter East Brookfield, MA.



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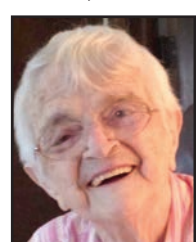
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**71 Mason Rd - \$319,900**

## OBITUARIES

### Anna Mae Berthiaume, 98

SPENCER- Anna Mae (Farrell) Berthiaume, 98, of Howe Village, died peacefully, Thursday, May 28 in Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center, W. Brookfield.



She was the wife of Leo C. Berthiaume who died in 1998. She leaves her son David L. Berthiaume and his companion Lynn Reardon, her daughters Margaret A. Daoust and her husband Emile of Leicester and Donna L. Arsenault of Spencer, 12 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her daughter Marie P.

Nelson in 2008, her brothers William, Donald and John Farrell and a sister Marion Bocian.

She was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish.

The family would like to thank the staff at Quaboag for the compassionate care of their mother over the years.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, May 30 at 10 a.m. in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Quaboag Rehabilitation Patient Activity Account, 47 East Main St., W. Brookfield, MA 01585. The J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

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### Robert L. Orsi, 82

LEICESTER- Robert L. Orsi, 82, of the Cherry Valley section of Leicester, died Thursday, May 28 at Life Care Center of Leominster after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Ann J. (Gustafson) Orsi, his three sons; Joseph R. Orsi and his wife Cheryl and Paul A. Orsi and his wife Rose all of Cherry Valley and Peter J. Orsi and his wife Sheila of No. Brookfield, his daughter Jean M. Novia and her husband Louis of Leicester, his twin brother Richard Orsi and his wife Joan of Spencer, and his sister Frances Bassett and her husband Kenneth of Worcester, 11 grandchildren,



7 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a brother Alfred Orsi and a sister Pauline Roache.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Alfred and Mary (Pepper) Orsi, Sr. and later attended North High School in Worcester. He was a heavy pipefitter for the Worcester Local #4 Plumbers & Pipefitters Union of which he was a longtime member.

Due to health restrictions, a celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements.

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John Tripp. "A lot of people walk downtown with their kids, and this will be a great place to sit and have lunch."  
Located directly across from the Town House,

the transformed park ties in well with the ongoing town center revitalization, officials said. For Tara Hayes and other officials who work downtown, the donation of the tree has already made a big difference in the landscape.  
"I love it. It means a lot to look out from my office

and see it," Hayes said.  
Officials thank everyone who has donated and contributed to the project. Community support has been pivotal to the ongoing work downtown, including the construction of the rail trail and funding for the Town House renovation.

# Becker College 2020 Alpha Sigma Lambda inductees announced

LEICESTER — Becker College is proud to announce that the following local residents have been inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society:  
Natasha Basta, of Leicester, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood and Youth Education.  
Juliana Croteau, of Spencer, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood and Youth Education.  
Tori Robbie, of East Brookfield, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood and Youth Education.  
The Theta Nu Chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society is recognized throughout the country as a group of students who are beyond the traditional college age and who have excelled in continuing education programs. The purpose of Alpha Sigma Lambda is to recognize scholastic achievement by non-traditional students. To be considered for nomi-

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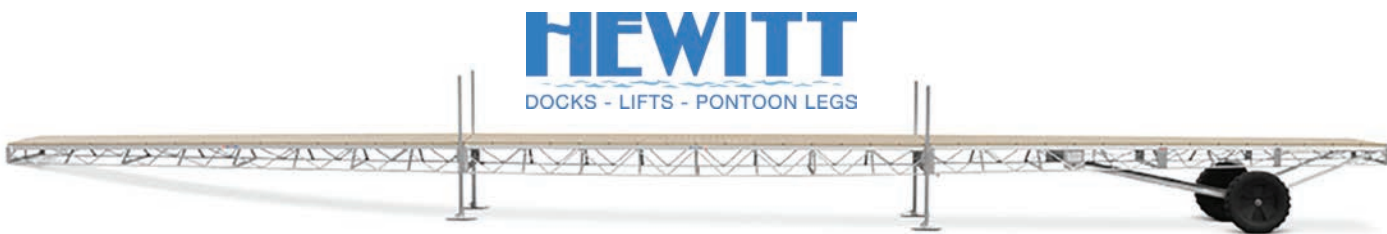
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