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## Knox Trail congratulates new Project 351 ambassadors

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The Knox Trail Middle School staff congratulates Adison Daoust and Alivia Sauvageau, who were selected as this year's Project 351 ambassadors.

Each year, eighth graders from all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth take part in the Project 351 service program. The project usually involves a full day of community service activities in Boston, but COVID-19 regulations forced the program to be changed. Nonetheless, students are still inspiring their communities through several virtual activities.

For Daoust and Sauvageau, it meant a lot to be chosen as Project 351 ambassadors by the KTMS staff. Daoust, who represents Spencer, has excelled in the classroom and on the playing field during her time at KTMS. Her teachers and coaches continue to be impressed with her hard work and dedication.

"I have been coaching Adison in cross country for the last three years. She is hard-working and an excellent role model for the younger runners," said KTMS eighth grade teacher Christine Cheney. "She is a natural leader and is always ready to give it her all. She is also a Peer Leader at school."

Daoust is looking forward to continuing her community service efforts into high school and beyond. The Project 351 platform will help her learn



Knox Trail Middle School eighth grader Adison Daoust was selected as Spencer's Project 351 representative.

new tools that she can utilize in her community for future projects.

"It's an honor to be chosen as a Project 351 ambassador for my town of Spencer," Daoust told the New Leader. "It allows me the opportunity

to give back and make a difference within my community."

In lieu of the typical day of community service in Boston, this year's version of Project 351 will feature a virtual

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## Rutland opens vaccination site to Spencer residents

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – A regional agreement will enable Spencer seniors to have another local option for their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Last month, Rutland officials announced that they have allowed Spencer to join their regional vaccination site. Currently, only residents 75 and older can sign up to receive their vaccinations at the library in Rutland.

The link to sign up for an appointment can be found on the town's website, [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov). Spencer residents can also call Fire Chief Bob Parsons, Senior Center Director Pam Woodbury, or Health Agent Lisa Daoust to learn more about the program.

If you or a family member needs help booking an appointment in Rutland, please contact any of the officials listed above. Officials have taken several measures to notify all seniors of the new opportunity.

"Reverse 911's were issued a few times to all residents informing them of the vaccination clinics," Daoust said. "Additional reverse 911's will be issued, and all up-to-date information will be posted on our Web site."

In the coming weeks, the Rutland site will accommodate the state's next priority group. This will include residents age 65 and older, as well as those

with two or more comorbidities.

For town officials and residents, the news of Rutland accepting Spencer residents comes as a major relief. Many seniors have waited in line for hours at mass vaccination sites, others forced to drive to Springfield to receive a vaccine.

Spencer officials hope that an increase in local vaccination sites will help seniors cut down on travel times and lines.

"I am very pleased that Rutland is opening up their vaccine distribution center to Spencer residents, many of whom are not able to drive to the large vaccine centers," said Spencer Board of Selectmen Chairman Ralph Hicks. "I already know of a few people who have appointments scheduled. This should work out really well."

Selectmen thank all town officials who have worked hard to keep seniors informed and help them book appointments. For weeks, Woodbury has fielded calls from her Senior Center community and directed residents to the resources they need.

Many seniors who have difficulties with technology have relied on Woodbury and the Senior Center for help. The goal is to ensure that all seniors wishing to receive a vaccine are able to conveniently sched-

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## North Brookfield school officials move forward in selecting new mascot

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – School officials continue to take steps toward selecting the next nickname and logo for the junior-senior high school.

Back in December, the School Committee unanimously voted to retire the school's "Indians" nickname and logo. At the committee's Jan. 21 meeting, members approved a new policy on school mascots that will guide their work in identifying a pool of potential nicknames.

In recent weeks, officials assembled a Rebranding Committee comprised of school staff members; parents and guardians; students; and community leaders. The committee will be facilitated by Jeanne Powers, the district's Assistant Superintendent and Co-Principal of North Brookfield Jr./Sr. High School.

Officials will also send out surveys to the school community for suggestions on the new nickname. Surveys can be found on the school district's website as well.

"Our timeline is still in development, but the goal is that the new nickname and mascot will be ready for School Committee approval by the end of this school year," said Superintendent Richard Lind.

Committed to making the process as comprehensive as possible, school officials will also work with Heard Strategy, a locally based marketing company that offered to perform consulting services at no cost to the district. The owner of Heard Strategy, Jake Messier, graduated from North Brookfield Jr./Sr. High School in 1989. His company is also working with two other Massachusetts school

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### LEICESTER OFFICER GRADUATES FROM POLICE ACADEMY



Photo Courtesy

Last month, Officer Paul Pepin graduated from the State Police Municipal Academy in New Braintree. Each graduate was only allowed to have one member of his or her police department attend the graduation. No family or friends were allowed to attend the event due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns. "We are happy to congratulate Officer Pepin and welcome him to the Leicester Police Department," read a statement released by the LPD. Officer Pepin was expected to begin his field training work last week. These exercises will last up to twelve weeks. "We are all very happy to have Officer Pepin on board. He is a good fit for the LPD," said Chief Ken Antanavica.

## Area fairs, festivals anxious but hopeful

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – The state continues to recover from the pandemic, but not nearly fast enough to salvage major spring fairs and festivals.

Last month, West Brookfield's Asparagus and

Flower Heritage Festival became the latest local event to be scrapped for 2021. It joins several other canceled festivals and craft fairs, with others in jeopardy throughout the region.

For residents, it was disappointing to receive news that the Asparagus Festival tradi-

tion would be lost for the second straight year due to COVID-19. But for local crafters, vendors, and artists, the loss of festivals has devastated their businesses. While residents can always look forward to their favorite traditions returning in 2022, several crafters hope their businesses survive that long.

Meanwhile, multiple vendors who attend the Brimfield Antique Show are desperate for the event to take place this year after all three shows were canceled in 2020.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed and hoping we can have the show in May," said Pam Moriarty, a co-owner of

the Heart O' The Mart show-grounds in Brimfield. "The dealers and vendors can't wait to get back. Everything is up in the air right now."

Added Lori Faxon, who owns Dealer's Choice Antique Shows in Brimfield, "This has been

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# Vaccine hopefuls experience issues with state Web site

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – State officials approved new priority groups for vaccine eligibility last month, but residents encountered immediate problems.

Within hours of the state announcing COVID-19 vaccine eligibility for residents 65 and over, as well as individuals with two or more health conditions, the state’s vaccine scheduling website crashed.

“Vaccine appointments are being added throughout the morning on vaxfinder.mass.gov,” read a Feb. 16 statement posted by state officials on the Web site. “Due to very high website traffic, you may experience a delay in booking.”

Local officials were worried about an unmanageable swell in vaccine registration attempts, after Governor Charlie Baker announced an honor sys-

tem policy for comorbidities. As of Feb. 26, anyone in the state could schedule a vaccination and claim to have two or more health conditions, with no medical documentation required for proof.

State officials also saw problems with the newly created COVID-19 phone hotline for priority groups. The hotline was quickly inundated with calls from throughout the state, and many residents were unable to reach a service agent.

Over the last two weeks, frustrated residents from across the region have reached out to their legislators for assistance.

“People have had a lot of difficulties with trying to schedule their vaccines. It’s a tall order to ramp up something like this so quickly,” said State Representative Peter Durant, of Spencer. “I understand the frustration everyone is feeling. People have been very patient with this process, and we have pushed the state to fix these prob-

lems as quickly as possible.”

Local legislators have also helped navigate seniors who do not have access to computers or technologies. Additionally, family members and neighbors have been forced to step up and assist seniors with the scheduling process. Legislators wish the state’s rollout plan could have been better organized to prevent the many issues that have arisen.

“It has been very frustrating not to hear of the Governor’s plans in a timely manner, or to have more input on the decisions that not only change daily, but have a disproportionate effect on our rural areas,” said Sen. Anne Gobi.

Officials and seniors are also upset with the widespread abuse that has occurred with the vaccine scheduling system. Last month, state officials were pressured by legislators to do away with a policy enabling caregivers of seniors to receive the vaccine alongside them. This led to extensive fraud, offi-

cials said.

Local leaders also believe the honor system policy might need to be evaluated as more priority groups are approved. Officials are committed to ensuring that there are enough available slots on the schedule for seniors wishing to get vaccinated.

“Unfortunately, there are always going to be people who will abuse any system that comes along,” Rep. Durant said.

Local legislators commend the work of the Harrington Healthcare System staff, which continues to run a vaccination site at the Southbridge Community Center.

To learn more about the Harrington vaccination site, or to schedule a vaccination appointment, visit [www.harringtonhospital.org](http://www.harringtonhospital.org). You must register your appointment through the Harrington Healthcare System’s online portal.

# Leicester School Committee launches new Web site

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – At a time when many residents are feeling isolated due to COVID-19, school officials recently launched a new Web site that will help keep community members in the loop.

The new Leicester School Committee Web site, [www.leicester.k12.ma.us](http://www.leicester.k12.ma.us), features several easily navigable pages. Residents and families have had plenty of questions about COVID-19 policies at school

and vaccine information, and the website provides extensive information on these topics.

The site also features the latest updates on the school budget, curriculum plans, bus routes, and other topics addressed by the School Committee.

The Web site was created by School Committee member Donna McCance. Prior to embarking on the project, she received training on Google Sites from the district’s Director of Curriculum and

Instruction, Matthew Joseph.

“I was thrilled to be able to tap into the great wealth of knowledge Dr. Joseph has to guide me through this new process, and I especially appreciated his patience with me,” McCance said.

Coming into the year, one of the major goals for the School Committee was to design a new website that is more informative and convenient for guests to use. Based on the feedback received so far, the project was a sweeping success.

The Web site also includes information on school policies, Open Meeting Law, rules on public comment at meetings, budget information, calendar items, and news announcements. It also provides a link to the state’s Department of Elementary and Secondary Education page.

“Donna has been working hard to make it a good information source. We all appreciate her hard work on the project,” said School Committee member Tom Lauder. “We’re hoping parents and community members will become familiar with the site and use it regularly.”

The “News Announcements” section of the Web site allows the School Committee to share the most up-to-date information about ongoing projects, student achievements, and happenings at the staff level in all school buildings. The goal is to ensure that the school community has direct access to the information affecting students on a daily basis.

For McCance, it meant a lot to complete a project that serves as a valuable tool for the entire community.

“My favorite part of the experience was watching it as it developed, and then sitting back and admiring the final product,” McCance said. “The School Committee is focused on making improvements, and this will help everyone with better access and communication about our district.”

The Web site also displays a biography section introducing residents to each School Committee member. Recognizing that not all residents attend committee meetings, officials wanted to provide a convenient way for guests to learn more about their local leaders.

Additionally, the Web site lists the School Committee’s liaisons for each school and town committee.

To learn more, visit [www.leicester.k12.ma.us](http://www.leicester.k12.ma.us).

## KNOX TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

SPENCER — Knox Trail Middle School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Tucker Wolanski

6th grade

High Honors: jayce Acevedo, Caleb Dallaire, Aliyah Gauvin, Alexis Huard, Tayven Lewis, Christopher Martin, Dylan Monette, Anastasia Nieuwenhoff, Morgan Pelchat, Elena Powell, Isabella Vangel

Honors: Olivia Burgos, Domini Carofaniello, Livia DeLuca, Michael Fitzpatrick, Micah Garipey, Jadyn Goodwin, Johnlyn Laventure, Barka Lawndi, Alexander Mnauel, Joshua McLaughlin, Emma Meleo, Daniel Nowlan, Sophia Ramirez-Murphy, Vincent Richardson, Julia Simpson, Cayden Stewart, Marley Talbot, Joshua Tonks

7th grade

High Honors: Elijah Barnett, Heather Bartolomei, Vincent Bedard, Cameron Cabana, Martina Ethier, Owen Granger, James Hanlan, Jorelys Ignacio, Caitlin Kennen, Matthew McNicol, Alexis Moody, Michael Naji, Shilah Nokeo, Christopher Pinkowski, Brenna Stanley, Lauren Tutlis, Hannah Wood, Victoria Zheng

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West Brookfield Water Dept.

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# Ecological forum urges treatment of Earth “as a relationship”

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

What would an ecological civilization look like?

Last Thursday’s hour-long online forum could only touch the surface, but its Yes! Magazine-recruited panelists did hone in on one crucial thing: a change of attitude in how we treat Earth.

“If you respect Mother Earth” it’s possible, Winona LaDuke said. But today’s system practices “Windigo economics” – a reference to the cannibal monster seen in several Native legends, which often drives people mad before eating them. To her, that’s what capitalism does to people and Earth, while Native peoples “hung out here 10,000 years and didn’t make a mess of things.”

LaDuke, an Anishinabe activist and Green Party vice presidential candidate in 1996 and 2000, joined food sovereignty activist Leah Penniman (a former central Mass resident) and author Jeremy Lent to talk for an audience of about 3000. They were moderated by Yes! Publisher Zenobia Warfield and Institute of Ecological Civilization cofounder Andrew Schwartz.

“Our entire food system and our entire economy is based on the exploitation of land and labor,” with indigenous and other minorities often the workers while the few, often white, profit, Penniman said. In the past, that often manifested as overt slavery; today, it’s a little more subtle, with people routinely being jailed and “rented back” to corporations to labor for far-below-minimum wage.

“To corporations, people and land are resources to be gobbled up for the few,” she said.

Citing an elder from her Yoruba/Dahomey heritage, she added, “Clearly, you are all sick because you treat Earth as a commodity, not as a relationship.” Change that, “and everything flows from there.”

A big part of it, she added, is that we’d

normally ask another person’s consent to do something to them, but our culture never asks Earth. To indigenous peoples the world over, “we are the younger siblings of Creation,” with other species, mountains, rivers and other parts of Nature being our elders, with experience they’re willing to impart if we listen and ask.

Traditionally, tribes asked using countless forms of divination, dance and prayer, which exist in all cultures if you delve into the history far enough. That point led to something the participants all saw as important: the need to find roots in one’s own heritage without stealing from others. Even in European ancestry, there were cultures who honored the human-Earth relationship, and threads of those ideas were picked up by the mainstream culture and religions.

Indigenous peoples, Penniman added, “have been survivors of apocalypse” and can therefore teach how to move on. By that, she’s referring to colonial conquest and, especially in the Americas, the massive death-toll from European diseases over the last several centuries.

To Schwartz, such a mentality change is part of “reclaiming the commons.” While that has typically meant reclaiming the right of communities to use the land for sustenance in the face of privatization for commodity agriculture and other development, he said he also means it in the sense of taking the Internet and other aspects of society from corporate control.

Lent agreed, saying technology, language, the Web and other things are “part of untold generations of our ancestors creating something that’s everyone’s heritage.” It’s “the common wealth,” so “every human being who’s born has a right to share that,” he said. “We’ve got to stand up as a global community and bring back the commons,” he added.

In some ways, that’s slowly happening. Lent cited fairly recent changes in European law to “declare ecocide a crime” and confront corporate pollut-

Selections are made by a lottery process for applications received within the allotted timeframe, based on the number of available openings per grade. For the upcoming school year, there are a number of slots open at the kindergarten level.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to schedule a visit to the school by phone or email. You can also stop by the Brookfield Elementary School office to pick up an application form.

Additionally, forms are available on the school’s website; they can also be emailed, faxed, or mailed to families.

For more information about the school choice application process, call the Brookfield Elementary School admin-

Kates, Emilee Larson, Grace Kates, Makenzie Morin, Nicholas Russo, Cerina Leinonen, Ava Sobosik, Adrian Vitkos, John Rutter

Honors: Minos Anifantis, Hope Belford, Julia Burgos, Johnathon Carter, Logan Edwards, Aiden Fausek, Seamus Hallihan, Colleen Hart, Olivia Hintlian, Emma Iannucci, Lily Melanson, Dale Nussey, Morgan O’Malley, Angelina Rivera, Jeremias Rivera, Alivia Sauvageau, Logan Suavageau, Bella Smith, Lynkon St. Jean, Waylen Thayer, Vincent Van Dam, Sage Watson, Amelia Whitney, Benjamin Wytas

ers.

Elsewhere, there are efforts to enshrine Earth rights into law – for example, Toledo OH voters approved doing so for Lake Erie, and Orange County FL did so for rivers last year. In a few places, such as Bolivia and Ecuador, such rights are in the national constitution.

LaDuke noted such relocation is critical. Everywhere has seen similar “conflict between the cannibals and Mother Earth,” so there are many ways to get involved. Often, that can take the form of being “a water protector,” but in general it means first getting to know “the land to which we belong” – an idea that’s polar opposite to Western practices.

Overall, her goal is “to end the slavery of Mother Earth,” she said.

“We don’t have to solve all the problems ourselves,” Lent observed, noting we just need to “be a small part ... and connect to [the larger effort] like a mycorrhizal fungal network underground.”

In forests, such networks allow trees and other plants over a wide area to share nutrients and communicate biochemically as an interdependent community. Penniman compared it to traditional susu economics in Ghana, where everyone contributes something and gets back what they need.

Comparing it to a butterfly’s winglets, she noted there are four main ways people can get involved: resist further abuses of Earth, work to reform the laws, help build alternative institutions, and be healers of both land and people because “there’s a whole lot of trauma out there.”

“If you care about life, ...it’s going to happen because all of us move together ... toward a life-affirming future,” Lent added. “It’s possible to transform it when enough of us work together.”

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launch program on March 7. The event will include activities focusing on enrichment, inspiration, and community building.

As COVID-19 conditions steadily improve this spring and summer, Project 351 students are looking forward to getting back into their communities for multiple projects. Beginning next year, they will have the opportunity to return as program mentors and inspire the next class of ambassadors.

“My favorite part of service and giving back is helping out the community in ways I can, and being the best role model possible for all my peers,” Daoust said.

To learn more about the Project 351 program and how local students are giving back in their communities, visit [www.project351.org](http://www.project351.org).

## Brookfield Elementary School accepting school choice applications

BROOKFIELD – Brookfield Elementary School is currently accepting applications for students interested in the school choice program.

Applications will only be accepted until March 31. Brookfield Elementary School does not provide transportation for students accepted into the school choice program.

## HONOR ROLL

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KEVIN FLANDERS, Spencer New Leader

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– Submitted by Melanie Silva, East Brookfield, MA

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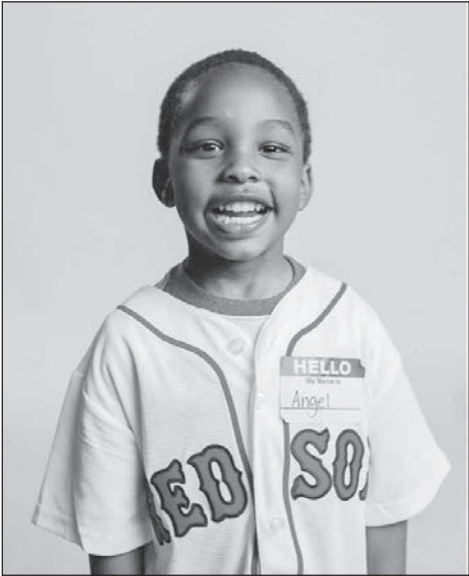


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Age 7

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Legally freed for adoption, Angel would benefit being part of a two-parent family with or without older children in the home. A family for Angel must ensure he thrives by continuing the services that are currently in place to address his intellectual and emotional needs. He would do best in a patient, nurturing, and consistent environment. Angel shares relationships with his birth parents, who he currently visits with individually on a bi-weekly basis, as well as two siblings he would need to have contact with after placement.

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To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 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.



# Bay Path nursing students help give COVID-19 vaccinations

SOUTHBIDGE — Health departments and hospitals around the state are continuing to work to vaccinate as many people as possible, and for Harrington Hospital, that means the inclusion of help from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students.

Harrington Hospital and Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy have partnered to help administer more vaccines to the community. The practical nursing students who are on term 2 and on their medical-surgical nursing clinical rotation have been asked to help at the vaccine clinic at the Armory.

For clinical facilitators like Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN Ed, RN, this is a wonderful opportunity for her students. “The students are doing a wonderful job providing pre-vaccination teaching, obtaining informed consent for vaccines, administering COVID vaccines, and monitoring patients after the vaccines are given. They really feel part of the team at Harrington. We are so happy to be of service during this pandemic” said Cahill.

The sentiment is echoed by Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director, who said “This is an unbelievable opportunity for our practical nursing students to participate in a history making event like this.”

Clearly in line with service learning. “The opportunity allows our students to fine tune their skills in something that we don’t always get a lot of opportunity to do IM injections,” said Bolandrina.

Over the past weeks, students under the supervision of their clinical facilitator worked alongside other healthcare workers at the Armory.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to assist at the Armory! On top of being able to practice giving vaccines, I enjoy being able to see all of the details to ensure that the clinic is able to run smoothly. It is a very informative learning environment!” stated Carolyn Jenkins of Cherry Valley.



“I am really grateful for the opportunity to be able to learn, help, and make change. The people’s appreciation makes me feel good too,” shared Tianna Welcome of Oxford.

# Country Bank welcomes new commercial lender

WARE — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Seth Arvanites has joined their Commercial Lending Division.

Arvanites, who resides in Belchertown, has been in the

commercial lending industry for 22 years. He came to Country Bank from Peoples United and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in both Political Science and Geography from Syracuse University.

“The best part of this role is getting to meet, learn about,

and serve the people and businesses in the community. The great people I’ve worked with over the years instilled in me the value of kindness, responsiveness, flexibility and teamwork,” stated Arvanites. “I’m excited for the opportunity and I look forward to getting to know my clients and teammates.”

“We are excited to welcome Seth to the Commercial Banking Team at Country Bank. Seth’s commitment to a high level of customer service is evident, and we are excited for him to begin working as a partner with our business customers to enhance their businesses and the communities they serve. Seth’s trusted approach to Commercial Banking aligns with the Bank’s iSTEP Corporate Values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence and Prosperity, and we are pleased that he has chosen Country Bank to be his Employer of Choice,” stated Miriam Siegel, First Senior Vice President, Human Resources.

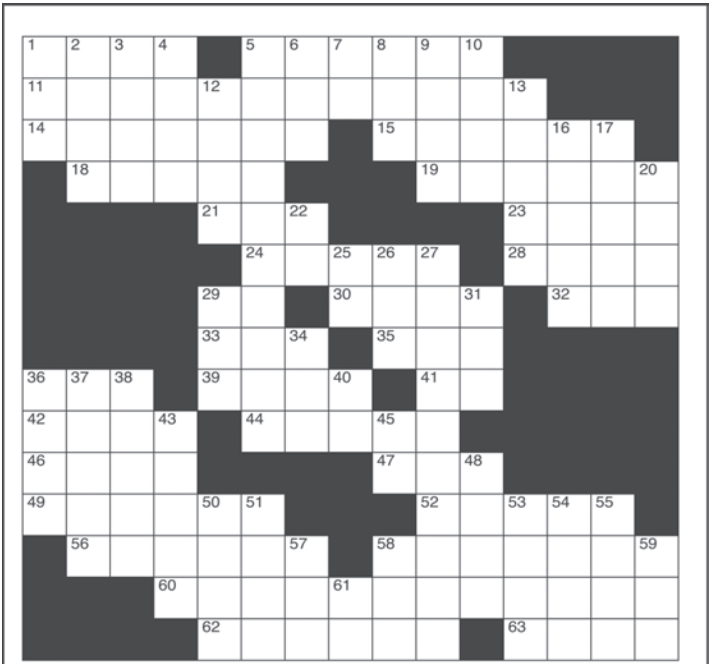
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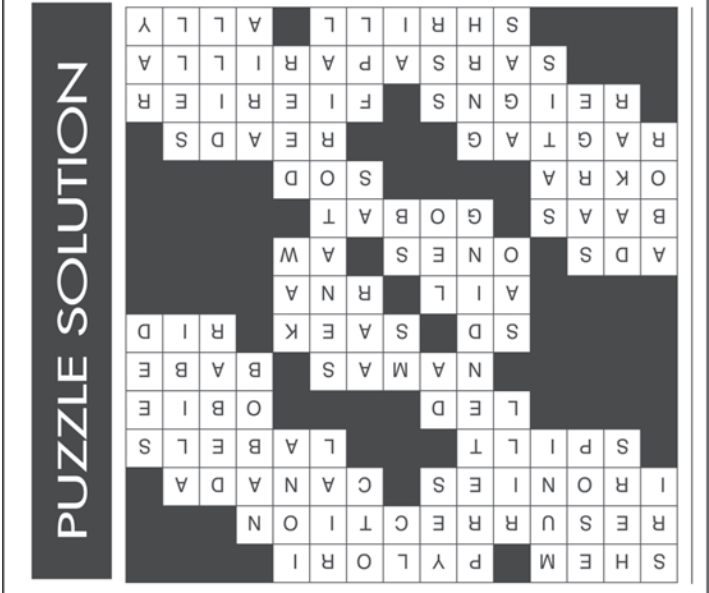


CLUES ACROSS

1. One of Noah’s sons  
5. Openings  
11. Rising from the dead  
14. Expressions for humorous effect  
15. North American country  
18. Flowed over  
19. Tags  
21. Long-lasting light bulb  
23. Off-Broadway theater award  
24. Khoikhoi peoples  
28. Beloved movie pig  
29. South Dakota  
30. Tai language  
32. Get free of  
33. Afflict
35. Transmits genetic information from DNA  
36. Commercials  
39. Digits  
41. Expression of sympathy  
42. Bleats  
44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner  
46. Vegetable  
47. Turf  
49. Disorganized in character  
52. Takes  
56. Rules over  
58. More fervid  
60. Sweet drink  
62. Cry loudly  
63. A friendly nation

CLUES DOWN

1. A title of respect in India  
2. His and \_\_\_\_  
3. Employee stock ownership plan  
4. A type of bond (abbr.)  
5. Acting as if you are  
6. Affirmative  
7. Not caps  
8. Type of medication  
9. Monetary unit  
10. Private school in New York  
12. Small stream  
13. A person of wealth  
16. Exclude  
17. Someone who vouches for you  
20. Vegetable part  
22. Gov’t lawyer  
25. Term to address a woman  
26. Swiss river  
27. About senate  
29. \_\_\_\_ Paulo, city
31. Native American tribe  
34. “Titanic” actor  
36. Campaign for students’ rights (abbr.)  
37. Capital of Senegal  
38. Slang for military leader  
40. Football’s big game  
43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres  
45. Equally  
48. Forest animal  
50. Heavy stoves  
51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)  
53. Song  
54. Type of pickle  
55. Offer in return for money  
57. Soviet Socialist Republic  
58. Burns wood (abbr.)  
59. Beloved singer Charles  
61. Three-toed sloth



MASCOT

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districts that recently retired their Native American mascots, Nashoba Regional School District and Athol-Royalston Regional School District.

In North Brookfield, officials are eager to move on to the next chapter in school history. The leadership team anticipates a thorough but fast-moving process through the spring months.

“We are excited about the process and that we will be able to work with a professional marketing company to develop a new nickname and mascot that will best represent our school, community, and the people of

North Brookfield,” Lind added.

From the start of the nickname selection process, school officials emphasized the importance of receiving extensive input from the community. One of the first tasks for the Rebranding Committee was establishing multiple avenues for community suggestions.

“I am looking forward to the Rebranding Committee’s work, which comprises various stakeholders per our School Committee policy,” Powers said. “I am thankful to the Heard Strategy design team, who will be working alongside us throughout the rebranding process. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I am excited to be part of ushering in the North

Brookfield schools’ and community’s next mascot.”

After the new nickname is adopted, each school sport will receive updated uniforms in a staggered fashion coinciding with the regularly scheduled cycle for new uniforms. Because individual sports receive new uniforms on a rotating basis over multiple years, not all teams will receive the updated nickname and logo at once. The same process will take place for scheduled maintenance updates in the gymnasium and other athletic venues.

The school’s championship banners and other history items featuring the Indians nickname will be kept to preserve local history, officials said.

FAIRS

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a very hard year, not just for dealers but also for all the local hotels, restaurants, and shops that rely on income from guests

every year. This has impacted everyone’s business in one way or another.”

Lost parking revenue has also taken a toll on local residents and businesses. On a single day at the antique show, thousands of guests are paying for parking throughout the day, then dining and shopping at local establishments afterward.

The 2021 antique show slate in Brimfield is scheduled for May 11-16, July 13-18, and Sept. 7-12. Owners and dealers were informed that a final decision on the May event will be made on or before March 31.

“Even if we can’t have the May show, we are confident that we will have the July and September shows,” added Moriarty, who has owned her business for 40 years.

Because festivals and craft fairs draw guests from throughout the state and the country, local officials and health boards are using caution about recommendations. They also must consid-

er whether state restrictions on gatherings will be lifted in time for the events. Gov. Charlie Baker’s administration has repeatedly promoted a phased, careful return of public events statewide to avoid outbreaks.

“We totally understand that everyone is trying to keep the event as safe as possible. A lot of this depends on state health officials,” Moriarty said of the May antique show in Brimfield.

Local officials recognize that even after the majority of residents get vaccinated, masks, social distancing, and other precautions may still be needed at spring and summer festivals to protect those who haven’t been vaccinated yet. This may change how local traditions look in 2021, but residents are prepared to make the sacrifices if they are able to salvage their favorite events.

To learn more about whether fairs and festivals will take place in your town this year, check the community website in the coming weeks. Plans have not yet been announced for the Leicester Harvest Fair, Christmas in July, the Spencer Fair, and several others.

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# Brookfields Rotarian receives Teacher Excellence Award



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Pictured here are Dr. Temme, Sujoy Spencer, and some of the student musicians who assembled for this special tribute concert.

PHOENIX, Az. — On Sunday, Feb. 28, the Phoenix Youth Symphony honored our own Sujoy Spencer with the 2021 Dr. Walter Temme Excellence in Music Education Award. The orchestra schedules a tribute concert annually to show appreciation for their music teachers. During this concert, one exceptional teacher is singled out for special recognition from nominations submitted by the students.

In introducing the award, a member of the review board commented that “Of all the nominations over all the years, this one particularly stood out.”

Spencer was recognized by her students for exceptional teaching skills, kindness, and generosity; for ‘igniting a passion’ for musical education.

One student nominator praised Specner for allowing students to rent one of her violins if the student could

not afford their own, and added, “If any student could not afford the payment, no child would be turned away.”

Spencer grew up in Needham, and now splits her year between Phoenix and Brookfield, where her family has summered for decades. Thanks to virtual technology, she currently serves Brookfields Rotary as our co-President Elect. Over the years, she has shared her exquisite violin skills to entertain at numerous Rotary events. Professionally, Spencer is a studio teacher specializing in violin, viola, piano, and recorder.

Congratulations, President Elect Spencer, on this exceptional recognition from your students and the PYSO. We have seen your talent and know your dedication to learning and community. This honor is well deserved.

## Leicester officials release election calendar

LEICESTER – With Town Meeting season fast approaching, officials have released a calendar of important upcoming dates this spring.

The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 4. The last day to register to vote at the Town Meeting is April 14. The warrant will be posted by April 27.

The Annual Town Election is set for Tuesday, June 8, from 12-8 p.m. The election ballot is highlighted by two Select Board seats (three-year terms). Selectmen Harry Brooks and Rick Antanavica are up for re-election this spring.

Antanavica has already announced that he will run for re-election, while Brooks said he has not yet decided.

The election will also see the following town positions voted on: one assessor, two Planning Board members, one Board of Health member, one School Committee member, two library trustees, and one Moose Hill Water Commission member.

Some positions may feature contested races, while others may be uncontested.

Beginning March 1, nomination papers are available at the Town

## How can women overcome obstacles to financial security?

On March 8, we observe International Women’s Day, a celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Of course, women still tend to encounter more obstacles than men in the pursuit of financial security. Let’s consider a few of them.

To begin with, women are still more likely to leave the workforce, at least temporarily, to raise children, resulting in lower contributions to employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k)s. And women are often the ones who become full-time caregivers of aging parents or other relatives. Caregiving duties can exact a big financial toll: The lost wages, pensions (including 401(k)s and similar plans) and Social Security benefits that a woman loses to become a full-time caregiver amount to more than \$300,000 over her lifetime, according to the National Academy of Sciences.



also reported that women accounted for 54 percent of the jobs lost from the pandemic in 2020.

And women are not unaware of their circumstances and outlook. Just 41 percent of women are confident about retirement, compared with 56% of men, according to a survey by Edward Jones and Age Wave.

But if you’re a woman, you can take steps to help improve your financial outlook. Here are a few suggestions:

Take full advantage of retirement plans. If you are still working and your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Put in as much as you can afford each year and increase your contributions when your salary goes up. Also, within your plan, you’ll want to choose the mix of investments that can help provide the most growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance. Also, even if you contribute to a 401(k) or similar plan, you may also be eligible to fund an IRA, which gives you even more investment choices.

Evaluate your Social Security options. You can typically start taking Social Security benefits when you’re 62, but your monthly checks will be much larger if you wait until your “full” retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. You might also consider whether you’d be better off by taking spousal benefits, if you’re married and your spouse earned more money than you. You’re generally even eligible for spousal benefits if you are divorced, as long as you were married at least 10 years and you haven’t remarried.

Look for unexpected income opportunities. Even after you’ve formally retired, you may still find ways to receive some earned income. Perhaps you can work part time or do some consulting. And if you’re a caregiver, you might be able to receive some compensation for your work. Many local governments pay non-spouse caregivers who act as personal attendants, although the rules vary greatly by state and county.

These certainly aren’t the only ways you can improve your financial status, but they may prove useful to you. In any case, be aware of the challenges facing you and do whatever you can to brighten your future.

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EDITORIAL

# Reserve your judgment

We see it on Facebook, and other social media accounts — seemingly happy people carrying on about their lives without a care in the world. As we scroll, we tend to pass judgements on what is in reality, a blip in the lives of those who's photos we are currently looking at. A mere moment that perhaps lasted less than a second is captured, and in that moment, we feel that we are free to make a distinction on what that individual is going through in the moments and days prior, or what they may be feeling like in the moments just after. Don't do that.

The best way to find out how a friend, co-worker or family member is, is to simply ask them. With the past year being what it was, mental health issues and rates of suicide are sky rocketing. Is this really a time to pass judgement? Or is this an opportunity to lift those up around us and to make sure that we're all hanging in there?

As humans, some of us can handle any given situation with more grit than others. Some can carry on for just so long until it just becomes too much. Those that have that grit, are those who have the ability to extend their hand, tell someone that they will be ok and that they are not alone. Support for a person overwhelmed, depressed or anxious is paramount to their well being. Sure, it feels good to act tough, and announce that X, Y, or Z doesn't bother you, but the world is not all about you and it never will be. Be kind, it just feels better.

When a person breaks their leg and can no longer work for a time, they are sent flowers, offered encouraging words of support, given sick time and sent home with casseroles. If a person with a mental health condition takes time off to regroup and to seek the help and therapy that they need to ya know... live...it becomes an issue. Because you can't SEE the injury. What you might see is a smile that lasted a split second, and you pass judgement — "Oh they aren't really sick." Guess what — you are wrong. Make no mistake, we all go through challenging times, but that doesn't mean that we all handle them in the same way.

Discrimination against a person with any health issue, wether it be physical or mental, is illegal. Furthermore, it is morally wrong. Do we really want to be a society that has stopped supporting one another? We vote no. When we see a neighbor plow the driveway of the house down the street, or three neighbors pulling a strangers car out of a ditch, we are reminded of how at our cores, we are all kind.

Take note — mental illness is not a character defect. There are many reasons a person may develop an issue, wether it's temporary, brought on by stress, illness or whether it's genetic. Some anxiety may resurface as an adult, due to childhood trauma. Either way, we don't know, unless we know.

When people do not understand mental illness, they tend to exhibit prejudice against those who admit they have an issue. Those people are often treated as though they don't have a real health issue and are then discriminated against. This leads to shame in the person who openly admits that they need help, and so the stigma surrounding mental health is born.

Many workplaces have excellent support systems in place for employees who need help, these to include police and fire departments. These places are to be commended for looking out for one another.

Here are ways to decrease the stigma, be in the know and help your neighbors. Educate yourself, be aware of your attitude towards those who confide in you, pay attention to your judgements and choose your words carefully. When you do educate yourself, spread the word. Treat those around you with respect and offer encouragement, or a slice of pizza; anything goes. We say it often — take care of each other, now more than ever. You will find that it's easy to be kind.

# VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Drones exist on both sides

To the Editor:  
To Mr. Har-Yarok: Drones exist in both aisles.

On one side, they are (apparently) oblivious to the evil which pervades the DNC leadership. On the other side, they are oblivious to the incompetence of the GOP leadership, which is all too willing to concede to evil. There is more than one flavor of FoolAyde, just as there is more than one type of fool,

but they all have the same common ingredient: poison. Not enough to kill, just enough to cause brain damage to anyone stupid enough to drink. Thus, they become a drone.

If you still do not understand, you are probably a drone.  
Sincerely,

MICHAEL SMALL  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

### The rest of the state could learn from Spencer's Board of Health

To the Editor:  
I wish to compliment Lisa Daoust of the Spencer Board of Health and Harrington Medical Center for their efficiency in dealing with COVID-19 vaccinations. With Linda's help in coordinating with Harrington Medical Center, I was able to quickly schedule appointments for my husband and me for both of our COVID-19 vaccinations. When we arrived at Harrington Medical Center, Southbridge, we were greeted politely and quickly ushered through the procedure.

Everyone we came in contact with — the greeters, sign in people, administration, even parking attendants, and finally the actual givers of the vaccinations, were all helpful and above all, alleviated any concerns we had.

The team of the Spencer Board of Health and Harrington Hospital could show the rest of Massachusetts how the vaccine giving process should be done.

MARIE BORJA  
SPENCER

### Humility is a virtue!

To the Editor:  
How many of us have taken the interest to understand the meaning of virtue? Virtue is moral goodness, it is living modestly, proper, it is a choice a deliberate action, it is thinking and living decent, upright, faithfully good, it is honest, just, integrity, morally upright it does not come natural, it is what God is calling us to be, it can only be achieved through Jesus and God, Jesus is calling us, telling us how to live in 2 Chronically 7: 14. We are being told, encourage to humble our self, pray, seek God's face, what does it mean to seek God's face, it is to obey God's moral laws and to turn from our wicked ways [sin] "then" God will hear and forgive our sins and remove this virus, plague from us. As always it is our choice.

What do we need to do? We need to confess and repent and ask God's forgiveness "and" for some of us that will take a lot of humility. Besides humility God wants obedience, action,

commitment and integrity, heart-felt commitment and diligently turn from our wicked ways. God wants more than talk, God want commitments, we cannot do this on our own; we need God's help through His Son Jesus. When we honestly seek God, Jesus and God knows the hear God cannot be deceived God will forgive and restore His favor, His crown over us and heal us, this country from this corona virus, plague, "and" God will also keep us from being victims to the possibility of a potential socialist government country under the direction of Biden, Harris and Obama.

It is our choice and responsibility to humble our self and diligently turn to God, Jesus and God will do for us what we are unable to do, save our self.

Live by God's moral laws and we will be physically and eternally blessed.

ROLAND BLAIS  
BROOKFIELD

### Responding on behalf of our representatives

To the Editor:  
May I be so bold as to step into the shoes of State Reps. Durant and Berthiaume? If I had the great privilege of being elected to either office that serves the citizens of their districts, I would answer Mr. Bagg's questions as follows:

Question 1: Who won the 2020 presidential election?

Answer — Joseph Biden became the President of the United States on Jan. 7, 2021 via certification of the Electoral College by the Joint Houses of Congress.

Question 2: Was the 2020 election a free and fair election?

Answer — I can only speak to the 2020 election in Massachusetts, which I believe was fraud free and as fair as one can reasonably expect.

Question 3: (a) Do you approve of Former President Donald J. Trump's behavior? (b) his misinformation? (c) his refusal to concede the election he lost? And (d) his incitement of insurrection from Nov. 8 through Jan. 20?

Answer — (a) His behavior in general — No. His results in general — Yes.

(b) The accuracy of information is in the eyes of the beholder.

(c) He believes he won the election

so he should not concede.

(d) If I'm not mistaken he was acquitted of this by a Senate Trial.

Question 4: Of what political loyalty are those that stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6? Choices are Trump supporters, Right-wing domestic terrorists, Antifa, foreign agents, BLM, Patriots.

Answer — All of the above.

Question 5: Which events was a more serious threat to the United States; George Floyd's tragic death and the BLM protests/riots of the summer 2020 or Former President Trump's refusal to accept the outcome of the 2020 election and resulting storming of the Capitol?

Answer — Based on my answers to 3 (c) and (d) I would have to say the tragic death of George Floyd and the BLM riots of the summer 2020.

I believe our liberal Bagman should have asked at least one more question — Did your constituents elect you to represent them in Boston or to report on national issues to satisfy the hatred of a person or persons who may or may not exist? I will let the readers answer that question.

JIM REID  
SPENCER

# The kindness of us



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I've written about this several times and in different ways. If I comment on "the beauty of God's creation," most will see visions of stunning landscapes and the beauty of the oceans. When I ponder the beauty of God's creation, my mind goes to my fellow human beings and their kindness.

I understand if you have difficulty going there. All you must do is go to the political opinion columns and talk shows. They're full of hatred for others whether you are on the left or right. "If you disagree, your spreading hate!" Both sides make the same claim. How sadly absurd.

Most of you know that I'm battling Stage 4 Stomach Cancer, and wow ... it's been a roller coaster of a journey. I'm writing you today from my local hospital where I spiked a fever after my recent surgery and was admitted last night.

When I was rushed into the ER, I was surrounded by caring nurses. Because I didn't get permission, I'll not use real names. Bill, the triage nurse didn't ask me who I voted for but instead showed genuine concern. He saw me, my value, and my worth - not by my political party - but because I am simply human. And I saw him - a human. I asked his name and about his family. He seemed grateful.

Bill passed me into a treatment room in the ER where I was quickly met by a Dr. He also saw me not by my political party, but as a human who needed care and attention. He showed genuine concern and compassion. The subject of climate change never came up, but instead we were two humans who saw value and worth in one another.

I was taken care of by a nurse's aid named Sam. I found out he's finishing up his RN certificate and said, "I'm excited to make a difference." I assured him that he already is ... he paused, smiled, and said thank you. I'm guessing he may be twenty. The last thing I said to him was, "Sam, your parents must be so proud of you." His face lit up and he said, "I'll tell them you said so."

I was then moved to a room on the fifth floor. I make it a point to get everyone's name, ask them where they were from, and compliment them on something. In return, the care I've received has been amazing ... and through it all there was not a single political discussion, and everyone smiled. Here, we are humans who have value and worth, not predicated by our political affiliation, but simply because we are humans who are created in the image of God.

I've really enjoyed my time here being kind and receiving kindness in return. I've tried to get them to open as I opened myself to them. I've experienced the beauty of God's creation, up close and personal.

In today's polarized environment, and often behind computer screens, we demonize one another by spewing hateful words simply because someone else voted differently than I did. As one Pastor Andy Stanley once remarked, "You're scaring the kids!" And for what?

The deeper we dive into God's creation, the more we realize, there's so much we don't know. And yet, so many act as though they are experts, and the rest of the world is foolish. But what if it isn't our job to know? What if our purpose is much more significant and even simpler than knowing everything? What if we are fighting over the wrong thing? What if we are missing the mark entirely? Maybe it's just this simple: we are here to love and be loved. Perhaps one of the greatest reminders comes from Jesus himself, "Love your neighbor as yourself." I think he was onto something.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Imagining reality...

To the Editor:

This past week in the New Leader was a doozy! Mr. Robillard defended Marjorie Taylor Greene's "open mind" for thinking that California's brush fires really were started by Jewish space lasers, we had several conservatives broken up by the passing of Rush Limbaugh, Dana George Reed is late to the party in using his wild imagination to think about an alternative explanation for the insurrection committed by Trump's most verdant supporters, and of course a few Christian Godly letters of gobbledey gook.

It's never a good trait to speak ill of the dead, even if it is well deserved. Reading about how sad so many of the conservatives were about Rush Limbaugh's passing it made me remember a piece I wrote in the New Leader approximately 1 year ago. I went through my records and here are the words I wrote in February 2020 that are still true:

"Rush Limbaugh (AM talk radio host) in addition to being honored was given the Presidential Metal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor. Limbaugh is a despicable human being, and unrepentant racist, misogynist, and many other -ists. Limbaugh has said white people shouldn't be blamed for slavery because white people have done more to end it than any other race. He called Susan Fluke a slut and a prostitute for arguing before congress about the importance of contraceptive coverage under the ACA. He was forced to resign from ESPN over racist comments about a black quarterback. He poked fun of Michael J. Fox's Parkinson's disease, he compared the Obamas to cartoon monkeys, he regularly commented on Michelle Obama's body calling her "Moochelle" and "Michelle, my butt." He called Amy Carter the most unattractive presidential daughter in the history of this country and he called Chelsea Clinton the "White House dog." He joked that Hillary Clinton castrates men and has a "testicle lockbox." He joked that the NAACP should have a riot rehearsal, called AIDS in Africa a joke and ruse to get money, said women shouldn't be on juries when the accused is a "stud," and said that when a gay person turns their back it isn't an insult but an invitation.

### The Cowardly Lyin'

To the Editor:

Truly, even Jeff Foxworthy couldn't have written comedy this good. Unable to quell his desire for an answer, frequent Spencer New Leader contributor, Fred Bagg, has been demanding that local Representatives, Mr. Berthiaume and Mr. Durant, write in to this publication and reveal to us common folk just where their allegiances lie. Undaunted by their seven weeks of silence, Bagg has thrown down an even larger gauntlet in the form of calling them "cowards." This, coming from someone who once refused to meet up with a nearly 80-year-old former history teacher for fear that he may be ambushed and subjected to some sort of "Southern Treatment." Or was that, again, his ghostly liberal cohort, Omar Scared-Yarok (who is, according to himself, the smartest man in the world)? Allow me to reiterate, I only poke fun at them because, neither Faux-Bagg or Fake-Yarok, nor any of the Supposed Seven, have bothered to provide the least bit of evidence that they are, in fact, flesh and blood, rather than just a penname appearing in Letters to the Editor. Which brings me to my next point: someone, who may or may not exist, is making demands that local politicians answer questions, but then refuse to answer questions asked of them or meet with someone out of an abundance of fear they may be harmed. And he calls Representatives Berthiaume and Durant cowards? I would use the "pot and kettle" analogy, but I don't want to be accused of racism or culinary appropriation.

The irony is so thick that not even .50 caliber bullets from the notorious AR-15 Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) held, could pierce it! For those of you in Cambridge, please remain calm. The clueless Mrs. Jackson pulled that "fact" from an area best suited for waste disposal. Just like the Surreal Seven, her account is equally as fictitious.

Cowards? Oh, Fred Bagg, methinks thou doth protest too much. Amazingly, the only ones looking for an answer are you; Yarok (you); maybe Rosenberg (you); probably Washington (you, but MIA for the past few weeks); and possibly Cohen (you). The remaining two (you, and also you) seem to be designated for the tech sector, accusing Parler of being the latest meeting hall for the up-and-coming New Klan, and rewriting history to tailor-fit it to their narrative.

Not to be left out, Yarok has kicked his adversarial critiquing into high gear by pointing out all that he sees wrong with other peoples' submissions. It is an arduous duty he has stated he must perform for the betterment of mankind. Well, maybe he didn't say exactly that, but I can see the super-genius agreeing with it. As we know, he is wicked 'smaah!' because Brain Yarok has told us it is so. Har-Har has brought

Rush was a hypocrite - he complained about leniency in U.S. drug policy including calling for more enforcement against white drug offenders to fix the current racial disparity, only for Rush himself to later abuse drugs and check himself into rehab. He said that the 2018 Central American refugee crisis was a plot to dilute, erase, and eliminate American culture. He's dismissed the dangers of smoking and said he wanted a metal for smoking cigars. He even said that African American children were "trained" to hate the United States."

Finally, Rush was simply and provably wrong about too many things to list here such as when he said that there is more forest in American today than when Columbus "discovered" the continent in 1492. (There is 25 percent less forest than in 1492, the Norse settled Newfoundland hundreds of years before Columbus, Columbus never made it to the continent until his fourth voyage and after other Europeans, and Columbus still believed he had reached Asia making the whole "discovered America" thing not really count).

Mr. Robillard, you really outdid yourself this week... I see you've abandoned trying to prove me wrong about things and you're instead trying to paint me as an over-educated robot whose only skill is memorization. Imagination sure is a gift; it is the precursor to discovery, invention, and entrepreneurship. Imagination is however not a substitute for knowledge, education, critical thinking, experience, or simply being well informed.

The suggestion that California's fires were caused by lasers from space was and is simply absurd the suggestion that it is part of a global Jewish conspiracy makes it anti-Semitic. It currently costs \$2,500 per pound to launch matter into space and it would require a 1km diameter transmitting disc to send any significant amount of power back to earth which would then spread out to a 10 KM receiving station in a desert. The whole contraption would need to be built in space. Lasers at optical wavelengths humans could see couldn't even punch through the atmosphere and make it to the ground (Clouds? Fog? Ash? Dust?) Lasers have been studied for space-to-space power

up my "prune face" comment regarding the middle name I once used for Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) in at least two of his humdrum commentaries. Oddly enough, I've never read anything remotely critical from him pertaining to the Seven. The only people he provides this service to are those such as myself, John McRae, Dana Reade, and Mark Robillard. As the late, great, Jay Severin would say, "How veddy, veddy queer..." Side note, for those of you in Provincetown, I am using it as an adjective.

I suppose I should say something nice about Yarok and Bagg. From what I have read, they are quite complementary of each other, often finishing each another's sentences. Yin to his Yang; peas to his carrots; Laurel to his Hardy; I would be willing to bet that these two are inseparable. For those of you suffering from insomnia, their letters may just be the cure you need.

Keeping with the spirit of the aforementioned comedian, here are a few ways to figure out if you might be a liberal:

If you have bumper stickers on your car that say, "Tolerance" and/or "Coexist," and you drive by a Trump Standout yelling at an eight-year-old to perform biologically impossible things on themselves... You might be a liberal.

If someone holding a Donald Trump sign or flag causes you to go into a fit of blind rage, even behind the steering wheel of your Prius... You might be a liberal.

If you've ever called for the defunding of the police, but then dialed 9-1-1 because you saw a MAGA hat... You might be a liberal.

If, like Press Secretary Psaki, your go-to for every question you cannot answer is, "I'll circle back" ... You might be a liberal.

If you Tweet, "#CapitalismSucks" from your iPhone 10 while sipping a mocha, chi, soy-milk, double half-caff latte you bought at Starbucks... You might be a liberal.

If you say that you support women's rights, but are O.K. with biological males, who claim to be women, destroying records in women's sports... You might be a liberal.

If you see yourself as always be the smartest person, wherever you are... You might be a liberal.

If you accuse Conservatives of only joining social media platforms that are echo chambers for the right, while Facebook and Twitter are actively deleting the accounts of Conservatives... You might be a liberal.

And finally, if you write in to a paper, using multiple aliases, but never under your true name... You might just be a liberal... but you're definitely a coward.

Verifiably,

MATHEW HERHOLZ  
SPENCER

transmission, and people have looked into beaming microwaves down to earth, but nothing has been built.

Would this thing be in geosynchronous orbit, taking up space coveted by communication satellites and creating a 25,000 mile distance it had to beam its energy? Would this space based collection system be in low earth orbit, storing energy in batteries until it happens to pass over its receiving station? Are you thinking that there would be thousands of receiving stations around the world and it would just point to whatever one it was orbiting near?

Trust me, Israel couldn't build something this big in space and keep it a secret. Trying to build a space based solar collector and beam it back to earth would consume their entire GDP. Luckily, Israel has a lot of other options. They have enormous offshore natural gas reserves, they have a nuclear program, and Israel even has the Negev desert to put solar panels. As cool as an orbiting solar panel beaming energy back to earth sounds... Installing solar panels on the ground in an empty desert and running wires to the cities makes a lot more sense.

There is a better explanation for these fourth hand reports of flashes of light during wildfires - things catching on fire. Electrical transformers are filled with oil and can blow up. Flames themselves are actually ion rich plasma and his highly conductive due to the free electrons, shorting out live wires and creating a lightning bolt type flash as the electrical energy is shorted to ground followed by the transformer blowing up. What happens when a propane tank blows? Remember University level Chemistry classes... what color do various industrial chemicals glow when they are heated; an electron is pushed to a higher energy level orbit, and then back down? The California wildfires were caused by unusually dry conditions, abundant fuel, a human on the ground or electrical grid problem started each fire, then wind to spread it. There are a lot of unnatural things to burn once they get going...

Mr. Robillard - Rep. Greene is an idiot, an anti-Semite, and a conspiracy theorist. It would benefit your credibility not to try and defend her, although I have to say commending her and your own "imagination" sure did give me a chuckle.

Mr. Reed, what evidence is there that anti-Trumpers dressed up as Trumpers were responsible for the Jan. 6 insurrection? I mean, other than wishful thinking on your part? I ask of you, what purpose was there in the former president assembling a mob to protest congress counting the electoral votes? Perhaps congress would change their minds, decide to ignore the election, and anoint Donald Trump I, King of the United States?

As President Biden's stimulus bill

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starts coming within striking distance it is interesting to hear the various arguments. The \$1,400 direct payments have broad bipartisan support but it is interesting to me because this will be the third round of direct payments to people who no demonstrated need within a year. This is really starting to look more and more like an ad-hoc Universal Basic Income which sounds super socialist and non-American... I guess when everybody can imagine themselves getting the money, they start liking it. The arguments against a higher minimum wage have been interesting because it is the same politicians that want to destroy every social program we have that are also arguing not to raise the minimum wage... I wonder, what is their solution to the fact that full-time workers can't afford to live? If not social programs, and if not a higher wage, then what?

As for the COVID lockdowns, I know we're coming up on the one-year anniversary, but I ask you to use your imagination... Imagine a world in which the White House was occupied by somebody in March 2020 who saw the danger and responded with "we're locking down early, and we're locking down hard"... Called up the National Guard, closed the schools, set up road blocks and checkpoints... Then six weeks later declared the crisis over and let us get back to our ordinary lives... We don't have to use our imaginations. New Zealand locked down early and hard. New Zeland eradicated the virus by May 2020. Schools in New Zealand were only closed for 8 weeks. On May 18, 2020, the entire country re-opened including children who went back to school.

New Zealand has had 2,376 cases and 26 COVID deaths. We've had 28,574,863 confirmed cases and 512,603 deaths. Before you say, "But they're a smaller country", let's figure it on a per-capita basis... We are 67 times bigger, but we have 12,000x more cases and 20,000x more deaths! Your chances as an average American of getting COVID has been 180x more likely and your chances of dying from COVID has been 295x more likely than an average New Zealander... And...and, New Zealand has been open since May 2020.

In America, we used to think big ideas, but somehow we became hyper-focused on the short-term. In America we half-assed COVID and everybody lost. There are no winners here. The small businesses and restaurants may have pouted and stomped to keep takeout in March 2020 and spreading COVID between line cooks, but now a year later, was it worth it? The last 12 months have been brutal to small businesses. Letting the virus get out of control only meant they had 12-24 hard months, not two.

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tion. The answer is usually yes. Salt flavors the pasta. But don't add the salt until the water boils because adding salt first will actually delay the boil. On a restricted sodium diet? Add a squeeze of lemon or a shot of vinegar to the cooking water instead.

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Think Outside the Box: While dry, boxed pasta is still the traditional choice for sauces that have an olive oil or tomato base, butter and cream based sauces call for a step up. If you don't have the time or patience to make homemade macaroni, try using fresh refrigerated pasta for dishes that call for cream sauces and gravies.

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Use your Noodle: Think pasta can't be a part of a weight loss plan? Think again. Studies in the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of the American Medical Association report there are no significant differences in weight loss between low-carbohydrate diets and conventional weight loss plans. The studies attribute weight-loss to a reduction in calories, not carbohydrates.

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Here are some pasta pointers from the National Pasta Association:

\*When pairing pasta with a sauce, remember that: Thin, delicate pastas, like angel hair or thin spaghetti, are better served with light, thin sauces. Thicker pasta shapes, like fettuccine, work well with heavier sauces. Pasta shapes with holes or ridges, like mostaccioli or radiatore, are perfect for chunkier sauces.

\*To reheat cooked pasta, portion out the amount you need and place in boiling water. For extra easy draining, you can place the pasta in a stainless steel colander or strainer and then submerge in boiling water. Count 40 to 60 seconds of reheating time for a four ounce serving. Drain the pasta well, toss with





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# OBITUARIES

## Donald T. “Don” Brown, 77

LEICESTER: Donald T. “Don” Brown of Leicester, passed away after a short illness on Thursday, February 25th.



at the age of 77, surrounded by his family. He leaves his wife, Michelle M. (Valois) Brown of Leicester, his two daughters, Tracy Arsenault and her husband Brian of Leicester, and Katrina Thompson and her husband Stephen of Uxbridge. He also adored his two granddaughters, Erin Arsenault and Abigail Thompson and his grandson, Joshua Thompson. He leaves several nieces and nephews. His first wife, Shirley (Palmerino) Brown predeceased him in 2008.

He was born in Worcester, son of the late Charles L. and Susan M. (Ryan) Brown and moved to Leicester at a young age, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a graduate of Leicester High School and joined the US Army, where he specialized in construction with the Army Corps of Engineers in Vietnam. After the Army, Don worked for the Postal Service for over 35 years.

First as a letter carrier in his hometown for many years and spent the last 10 years of his career as a mail processing equipment technician before retiring in 1997. While working for the USPS, Don also became a certified OSHA inspector and helped train many postal equipment technicians. Don also served as the Director of Civil Defense for the Town of Leicester for many years, was a licensed EMT, and member of the Leicester Fire Department in the 1970's and 1980's.

Don enjoyed many activities, including painting, studying history, riding his motorcycle, traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. He was an active amateur radio operator and enjoyed talking with people around the world. A handyman and constant tinkerer, Don enjoyed fixing things around the house and doing small engine repair. Don also loved animals, especially his dog, Roxie.

Memorial calling hours were held on Thursday, March 4th, in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Covid-19 precautions, social distancing and face masks must be observed. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Worcester Animal Rescue League, 139 Holden St, Worcester, MA, 01606.

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## Gail K. Micheletti, 76

SPENCER- Gail K. (Nichols) Micheletti, 76, of Spencer, died Saturday, Feb. 20 at UMASS Hospital, Worcester after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.



She leaves her husband of 37 years, Paul Micheletti, her son; Johnnie Watkins and his wife Lee of Spencer, her daughter; Dawn Foster of Spencer, five grandchildren; Zachariah, Nicholas, Caitlin, Corey and Michael, two sisters; Joyce Martin and her husband Sherman of California and Linda Adams of Florida, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers;

Ralph and Gary Nichols, a sister; Bernice Doherty and her brother-in-law Douglas Adams.

Gail was born in Ware, daughter of Julius and Mary (Boulette) Nichols. She was a graduate of Tantasqua High School and earned an Associates Degree from Fisher College. She served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. She worked as a shipping/receiving manager and retired from Six Flags California. She enjoyed reading, computer games, ceramics and feeding the hummingbirds. At the family's request, there are no calling hours or services at this time. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing funeral arrangements for the family.

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## Nelson Charles Davis, 84

West Brookfield/North Brookfield – We lost a loving father, husband, grandpa and great man, Nelson Charles “Charlie” Davis on Saturday, February 27, 2021.



Charlie leaves behind those he cherished deeply, his wife, Deborah A. (Walker) Davis of West Brookfield, his seven children, Jon Davis and his wife Phyllis of Vero Beach, FL, Paul Davis and his wife Debbie of Leicester, Scot Davis and his wife Brenda of Spencer, Peter Davis and his companion Heather of Spencer, Christopher Davis and his companion Aimee of East Brookfield, Matthew Davis and his wife Carla of Sandwich, and Lisa Hubacz and her husband Tom of West Brookfield; seventeen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Jean Crevier and her husband Freddie. Charlie was born in East Brookfield, son of the late Nelson Joseph and Albertine (LaLiberté) Davis.

As a young man growing up on Lake Lashaway, Charlie enjoyed water skiing, fishing, skating and being with friends. He chose a career in truck driving, beginning at Hannigan Trucking then moving on to Consolidated Freightways from where he retired after 36 years. He became a proud member the Local 170 Teamsters Union. He also founded the Trolley Stop in East

Brookfield where he enjoyed cooking for and socializing with his friends and locals. Later in life he liked having family dinners, golfing, playing cards, horse racing, the casino, and telling everyone a really good joke. He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

Lord knows how he pulled off raising his seven children with his wife Deborah, but in the end, he said his biggest accomplishment in life was keeping a large loving family intact, and passing that framework and love on to the next generation of Davis's.

Charlie's family can't say enough about the 2nd and 3rd floor staff at Baystate Wing Hospital. The kindness, care and attention to detail in looking after Charlie in his final days made his passing much easier for him and our family. We should all be so lucky to have someone look after us like that in a time of need.

Immediate services for Charlie will be held privately. A graveside service will be held in Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield in the Spring, for all to gather. In lieu of flowers and well wishes, memorial donations may be made to The Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, or online by visiting https://www.dementiasociety.org/donate.

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

## Doris E. Thurber, 91

WEST BROOKFIELD - Doris E. (Smith) Thurber, 91, of West Brookfield died on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.



She leaves three grandchildren, Renee Packard of Southbridge, Brandon Cass and his wife Beth of Barre and Jefferey Cass and his wife Brooke of West Brookfield; her six great-grandchildren, Cody Cass, Dylan Packard, Taylah Cass, Adalyn Cass, Garrett Cass, and Nora Cass; and her son-in-law, William Cass and his wife Betty of West Brookfield. Doris was predeceased by the love of her life, Roger L. Thurber in 2019 and her daughter, Rhonda Cass in 2007. She was born in Spencer, daughter of the late Norman and Martha (Ellis) Smith.

Doris worked in the cafeteria at West Brookfield Elementary School for 30 years. She was a “guardian angel” for

the children, always making sure those with health issues or special dietary needs were well cared for.

Doris was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The greatest joys in her life were time spent with her grandchildren. In her younger years she spent her time on the water at Lake Wickaboag, skiing and boating. When she and Roger purchased their winter home in Florida, they settled at the Del Tura Country Club, where she spent many hours golfing.

A graveside service for Doris and Roger will be held in the Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield in the Spring. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the West Brookfield Rescue Squad, Inc., P.O. Box 540, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

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.

## Gail Lillian Peloquin, 78

SPENCER- Gail Lillian Peloquin, 78, formerly of Warren and Bristol, Rhode Island passed away on February 21, 2021 with family by her side at Tockwotton on the Waterfront in East Providence.



She was born to the late Albert and Lillian Peloquin on August 12, 1942 in Spencer, MA. Gail graduated from St. Peter's Central Catholic in Worcester and went on to attend Becker Junior College. Gail later received a Bachelor's Degree from Roger Williams University in Education and a Master's Degree in Special Education from Rhode Island College.

Gail is survived by her son Robert Conway and his wife Michelle of Newport, RI and her daughter Michele Conway Gaudet of Dayton, Ohio. Gail joins her daughter, the late Debra Conway Pimental in heaven. She is also survived by her 5 grandchildren, Amanda Conway (Jon Haldeman), Kaya Florczak (Cameron), Shannon Conway, Lindsay Conway, Tad Gaudet; 2 great grandchildren Raedynn and

Albie Haldeman and her loving sister, Darlene Colonna and husband Vito.

Gail was dedicated to public school education and displayed a passion to help all students reach their potential and beyond and was known in the Bristol-Warren school district as an outstanding educator, supportive colleague and a loyal friend. She had a love of tennis, sailing, spending time at the beach, shopping and seafood dinners. Her devotion to her family was deeply felt and appreciated by all who knew her. She will be remembered as a storyteller, a sassy and playful grandmother, an animal lover, and an adventurous and brave traveler.

The funeral for Gail was held on Friday, February 26, 2021 with an 11:00AM Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church 7 Church St. Spencer, MA. A calling hour was held from 10-11AM prior to the Mass in the church. Private burial will follow service in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton, MA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St in Spencer.

## Richard William Bechan, 89

OAKHAM- Richard William Bechan, 89, died peacefully at Rose Monahan Hospice on February 21, 2021. He leaves his wife of 56 years Barbara (Bucinkas) Bechan, his daughters Ann of Wells, Maine, Cathleen of Stamford, Connecticut, and Betsy Stern, along with her husband Simon, of Louisville, Kentucky, and his grandchildren Maggie and Will Stern. He also leaves his sisters Mildred Jacques, Phyllis Phoenix, and Valena Fontaine and sisters-in-law Ruth Dowgielewicz (Francis) and Christine Parmentier (Christopher); nieces Lynda Simeone, Ann Salminen, Beth Sisco, Brenda Phoenix, Michele Riley, Diane Dowgielewicz, and Sarah Parmentier; nephews Ed Salminen, Al and Brian Jacques, Bob Phoenix, Bob Fontaine, Joe Dowgielewicz, and Nick Parmentier; many cousins, and his very generous neighbors of Bechan Road and East Hill. He was predeceased by his parents William and Anna (Stehlik) Bechan, sister Frances Salminen, brothers-in-law William Salminen, Al Jacques, Bob Phoenix, and Al Fontaine, and nephews Rick Salminen and Bill Phoenix. Dick was born at his family homestead on Bechan Road in 1932. He attended Barre High School and UMass Amherst. He worked briefly in home building before becoming a master mechanic for road construction projects in New England and New York. He was a proud member of Local 98, International Union of Operating

Engineers. Dick was a member of St. Joseph's Parish in North Brookfield, serving as lector, Christian Doctrine teacher, and choir member. He served his town as a volunteer firefighter and police officer, chairman of the finance committee, building inspector, and school committee building member. Not only was Oakham the focus of his civic duty but also of many fun times with friends. Dick enjoyed tending his vegetable garden and caring for his woodlands and farm animals. He was an avid tennis player and skier, serving on the ski patrol and enjoying trips to mountains throughout New England with friends and family. He loved cooking, making many Czech specialties, hearty entrees, and his famous oatmeal cookies. He and Barbara were accomplished and enthusiastic dancers, making many friends and memories at Sovittaja Park, SAC Park and other gathering spots. They also traveled frequently to Louisville to spend time with their grandchildren. Funeral services will be private, with a celebration of life to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, take a moment to carry out a good deed for a neighbor or stranger as Dick so often did, or send a donation to the Oakham Council on Aging, 2 Coldbrook Road, Unit 6, Oakham, MA 01068. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield.

### TRAINOR

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sauce and serve immediately. Pasta can also be reheated in the microwave oven. Reheat single servings on high for 45 seconds at a time, checking between intervals for doneness.

\*Refrigerate cooked pasta in an airtight container for three to five days. You may add a little oil (one to two teaspoons for each pound of cooked pasta) to help keep it from sticking. Because cooked pasta will continue to absorb flavors and oils from sauces, store cooked pasta separately from sauce.

\*The best pasta shapes for freezing are those that are used in baked recipes, such as lasagne, jumbo shells, ziti and manicotti. You'll have better results if you prepare the recipe and freeze it before baking. To bake, thaw the dish to room temperature and bake as the recipe directs. \*\*\*

Did you know?

\*In 18th century England, macaroni was a synonym for perfection and excellence. That's why, for example, the feather in Yankee Doodle's cap was called “macaroni.”

\*Thomas Jefferson is credited with introducing macaroni to the United States. It seems that he fell in love with a certain dish he sampled in Naples while serving as the U.S. Ambassador to France.

\*The first American pasta factory was opened in Brooklyn, New York, in 1848, by a Frenchman named Antoine Zerega. Mr. Zerega operated with one horse in his basement to power the machinery. To dry his spaghetti, he placed strands of the pasta on the roof to dry in the sun.

\*Tripolini or “little bows” were named to honor the Italian conquest of Tripoli in Libya. \*\*\*

Win Dinner for Two at the Public House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic

Public House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

*Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Public House Inn.*

### AGGREEMENT

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ule an appointment.

“We are helping those without computers or internet, and those who cannot navigate the internet,” Woodbury said. “Vaxfinder.mass.gov should help people see what's available, but I am here if they need help.”

Looking farther ahead, the next group eligible to receive the vaccine includes educators; transit workers; grocery store employees; utility workers; food and agriculture workers; restaur-

rant and cafe workers; sanitation, public works, and public health workers; vaccine development workers; food pantry workers and volunteers; pharmacy delivery drivers; paratransit employees for people with disabilities; convenience store workers; water and wastewater utility staff; court system workers; and medical supply chain workers.

The Rutland clinic is facilitated by the Rutland Regional Emergency

Communications Center. To learn more, visit www.spencerma.gov and follow the appropriate link.

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# LEGALS

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Leicester  
Melanie Rajaniemi,  
Collector of Taxes  
Office of the Collector of Taxes  
Notice of Tax Taking**

To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned

You are hereby notified that on Monday the 22nd day of March, 2021 , at 10:00 A.M. at the Tax Collectors's Office, 3 Washburn Square , pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Leicester the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Assessed To BOMBARD M GWYN-ETH

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.236 Acres located and known as 56 LAKE SARGENT DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19A-D6 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6861 on page 169 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner RTL Realty LLC

2020 Tax \$884.41

Assessed To BROSNIHAN MARY ELLEN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.371 Acres located and known as 51 BURN-COAT LN shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27A-E26 and being part of the premises recorded in book 32334 on page 111 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Burncoat Pond \$909.35

Assessed to BRUNELLE TODD H And BRUNELLE KERRY

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.808 Acres located and known as 19 DALE ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46B-J6 and being part of the premises recorded in book 45796 on page 94 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$332.09

Assessed To CARR GARY

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.98 Acres located and known as 380 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 39A-C1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 61981 on page 369 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner WRIGHT CHERYL JEFFERY

2020 Tax \$46.62

Assessed To CARTER CLARE E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.838 Acres located and known as 209 RAWSON ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29-A3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 46748 on page 332 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$2,382.62

Assessed to CASELLO NICHOLAS A And MATHEWS JAQUELINE

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 52.1 Acres located and known as 500 BOUTILIER RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 35-B3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 42787 on page 182 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$46.64

Assessed To CAZEAULT ANN C

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.517 Acres located and known as 94 AUBURN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23D-A14 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5885 on page 187 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$668.32

Assessed to CAZEAULT ARMAND And CAZEAULT ANN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 12.88 Acres located and known as HENSHAW ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24-C19 and being part of the premises recorded in book 7190 on page 290 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$89.17

Assessed To CENTRAL LAND DEVELOPMENT

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.076 Acres located and known as 10 OAK BLUFF shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 48 A1.8 and being part of the premises recorded in book 57984 on page 100 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Stiles \$324.23

Assessed To CENTRAL WATER DISTRICT CO INC

A parcel of land with any buildings

thereon, approximately 3 Acres located and known as CEDAR MEADOW POND shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27-B5 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6901 on page 287 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$82.01

Assessed To CHAVEIRO REISNAR-DELE R

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.359 Acres located and known as 555 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24A-A55.2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 58530 on page 315 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$85.73

Assessed to COGSWELL MICHAEL F And ANDREWS COGSWELL SHELBY E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.156 Acres located and known as MARLBORO DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 41A-D7 and being part of the premises recorded in book 59631 on page 266 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$43.58

Assessed to COTTER PETER J TRUSTEE And COTTER FAMILY 2018 REV TRUST

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 13.9 Acres located and known as WHITE BIRCH ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 8-A4 and being part of the premises recorded in book 59365 on page 343 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$87.05

Assessed to COUNTRY BANK FOR SAVINGS And ATTN ACCTG DEPT

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.375 Acres located and known as MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19B-B21 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4685 on page 538 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$453.60

Assessed To COZY RENTALS INC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.54 Acres located and known as 396 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23A-A50 and being part of the premises recorded in book 54717 on page 322 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$388.56

Assessed To DELISLE BENJAMIN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.111 Acres located and known as 28 BEECH ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-C2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 59381 on page 139 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$19.20

Assessed to DEPOT ASSOCIATE INC And C/O GLICKMAN MELVYN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as 53 RIVER ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43-D9 and being part of the premises recorded in book 8091 on page 77 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$257.77

Assessed to DOANE PETER W And DOANE KARLA J

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.165 Acres located and known as 33 BURNCOAT LN shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27A-E16 and being part of the premises recorded in book 46052 on page 139 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Burncoat Pond \$17.24

2020 Tax \$2,993.93

Assessed To DUBE PERRY F

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.98 Acres located and known as 265 PINE ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 39-A1.1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9329 on page 290 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$2,780.72

Assessed to FITZGERALD TIMOTHY P And FITZGERALD THERESA A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.1 Acres located and known as 1106 STAFFORD ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 47B-B15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 26812 on page 122 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$1,150.48

Assessed to FOLEY CLAYTON M And FOLEY KRISTON J

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.294 Acres located and known as 11 BROOKSIDE DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 38A-D9 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56893 on page 358 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$264.82

Assessed to FOY DAVID P And FOY ALYSSA

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.2 Acres located and known as ROGERS RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 25A-H14 and being part of the premises recorded in book 55289 on page 74 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$40.16

Assessed to FOY DAVID P And FOY ALYSSA J

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as BREEZY GREEN RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 25A-H15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 55289 on page 74 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$38.78

Assessed To GABRILA LEONARD S

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.115 Acres located and known as BROADWAY ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34B-D11 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6633 on page 149 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$52.43

Assessed To GABRILA LEONARD S

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.115 Acres located and known as STAFFORD ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34B-B6 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6633 on page 149 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$48.01

Assessed To GAR REALTY TRUST LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.57 Acres located and known as 79 PAXTON ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19B-E4 and being part of the premises recorded in book 51764 on page 380 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$7,888.88

Assessed to GAY PAUL F And GAY CYNTHIA A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.494 Acres located and known as 170 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 25A-E1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 8668 on page 393 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$1,016.68

Assessed to GILLETTE DONALD E And GILLETTE KATHLEEN M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.283 Acres located and known as 371 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 39A-D14 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56298 on page 95 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$765.32

Assessed To HALE PAMELA M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.115 Acres located and known as CEDAR LN shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-F3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 13231 on page 29 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$96.92

Assessed to HAMILTON BRIAN R And HAMILTON LAURA E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.487 Acres located and known as 190 CHAPEL ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 15A-B6 and being part of the premises recorded in book 57628 on page 308 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$237.68

Assessed to HODGSON JOHN E And DYKAS LEON H 3RD

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 10 Acres located and known as PINE ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 40-B5 and being part of the premises recorded in book 53748 on page 216 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$95.81

Assessed To HUYNH NHAN T

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.186 Acres located and known as BOTTOMLY AV shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23A-C18 and being part of the premises recorded in book 58185 on page 251 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$105.86

Assessed to JACKMAN WENDELL D And JACKMAN MARION B

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.718 Acres located and known as MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 18B-A1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4780 on page 198 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Lwsdsb \$311.66

2020 Lwsdsb Cl \$317.90

2020 Tax \$614.85

Assessed to JACKMAN WENDELL D And JACKMAN MARION B

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.256 Acres located and known as 1573 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 18B-A2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4596 on page 327 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Lswdun \$4,600.00

2020 Lwsdsb \$311.66

2020 Lwsdsb Cl \$317.90

2020 Tax \$2,237.93

Assessed to JAMES MARUM MEREDITH L And MARUM DAVID P

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.298 Acres located and known as 590 HENSHAW ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46D-D7 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60304 on page 299 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$521.49

Assessed to LARSON PETER W And c/o LARSON WILLIAM

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 6.78 Acres located and known as PINE ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 40-B1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 14054 on page 156 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$341.06

Assessed to LEFFERTS PETER W And MINTZER ESTHER E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.09 Acres located and known as 3 HOWARD TR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23C-E43.2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 49968 on page 128 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$1,024.63

Assessed to LEMIEUX RAYMOND E And LEMIEUX DARLEEN A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.541 Acres located and known as 585 HENSHAW ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46D-F1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56693 on page 104 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$672.73

Assessed To LEONG JILL

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.234 Acres located and known as 82 LAKE AV shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19A-E8 and being part of the premises recorded in book 61555 on page 106 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$1,753.37

Assessed To LETSKY PAUL C

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.379 Acres located and known as 10 LAURELWOOD AV shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 30B-H3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12522 on page 178 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$1,426.31

Assessed To LIMITLESS INVESTMENT SOLUT LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.18 Acres located and known as 47 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 20D-D11 and being part of the premises recorded in book 59102 on page 287 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$1,438.62

Assessed to LINDQUIST MAE And JOANN SHEPARD NIKOSEY KAREN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.129 Acres located and known as LAKE DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27A-E1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 45913 on page 222 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner BARBARA OCNOS DEBORAH CACCI

2020 Burncoat Pond \$47.17

2020 Tax \$68.62

Assessed to MAKI DOUGLAS And MAKI JESSICA

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.76 Acres located and known as 256 RAWSON ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27B-A22.11 and being part of the premises recorded in book 57603 on page 256 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$4,481.26

Assessed to NICHOLS RICHARD C And NICHOLS KATHLEEN C

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.174 Acres located and known as LILYSTROM GR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28A-D3.1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 31309 on page 333 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$148.31

Assessed to



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PATTERSON WALTER III And PATTERSON JENNA M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.348 Acres located and known as 630 HENSHAW ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46-B1.12 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56226 on page 164 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$669.72  
Assessed To PELLETIER STEVEN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.299

Acres located and known as 6-8 WATCH ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46B-G1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 61851 on page 45 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner KEKA ARBEN

2020 Tax \$734.85  
Assessed to PETERSON RUTH D And C/O SONJA E HARTZ

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.186

Acres located and known as BOYD ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23C-C9 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4085 on page 258 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$105.86  
Assessed To PETRO STEPHEN E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as MARLBORO DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 41A-C19.2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 10648 on page 317 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$305.00  
Assessed To PMZ DEVELOPMENT LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3 Acres located and known as 147 PAXTON ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19-A15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 61615 on page 236 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner ANDUJAR JHOEL S

2020 Tax \$2,457.04  
Assessed To ROBILLARD LEO J

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.145

Acres located and known as 31 BOYD ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23C-E11 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9550 on page 18 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$1,329.38  
Assessed To ROCHEFORT KYLE E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.668

Acres located and known as CHARLTON ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 48-C2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60568 on page 255 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$131.21  
Assessed To RODRIQUEZ KELVIN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.677

Acres located and known as 71 TOBIN RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 33A-F10 and being part of the premises recorded in book 49429 on page 21 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$3,790.17  
Assessed To SCHOLD DEVELOPMENT LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 9.668

Acres located and known as PARKER ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 42-A1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60004 on page 48 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Stiles \$905.85 2020 Tax \$2,069.91

Assessed To SCHOLD DEVELOPMENT LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 63.04

Acres located and known as 89 PARKER ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 42-B1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60004 on page 48 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$2,521.35  
Assessed To SHEA RAYMOND E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.37 Acres located and known as CHARLES ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28-A18 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11201 on page 80 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$14.91  
Assessed To SHEA SUSAN M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.836

Acres located and known as 445 PINE ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 40-B1.2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 58823 on page 67 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$3,782.22  
Assessed To SMITH JUSTIN O

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.666

Acres located and known as 51 WAITE ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 21A-A32 and being part of the premises recorded in book 44672 on page 170 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$611.07  
Assessed to STEELE BRIAN P And STEELE MAURA A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.95 Acres located and known as 32 LEELA LN shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 48-C8.14 and being part of the premises recorded in book 18386 on page 265 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$1,136.14  
Assessed to TRAPASSO HARLENE M And C/O CANDY SMITH

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.23 Acres located and known as 12 PINE RIDGE DR shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27B-A15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6996 on page 221 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$2,439.24  
Assessed to US BANK And C/O FAY SERVICING LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.44 Acres located and known as 1114 WHITEMORE ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 2-A1.4 and being part of the premises recorded in book 61936 on page 88 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner GARNETT YANCY

2020 Tax \$1,361.26  
Assessed to VARRECCHIA MELISSA And VARRECCHIA BENJAMIN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3 Acres located and known as 77 CHARLES ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29-A20 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60721 on page 14 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$1,661.63  
Assessed to WHITE VIRGINIA M And TRUSTEE WHITE TRUST

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.486

Acres located and known as PAXTON ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 15-A16.1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21605 on page 355 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$61.99  
Assessed To WHITERELL RYAN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.514

Acres located and known as 1027 STAFFORD ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46C-B7 and being part of the premises recorded in book 43699 on page 193 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Orsdu \$600.00  
2020 Tax \$4,267.24

Assessed to WILSON MARK F And WILSON MARY E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.235

Acres located and known as 24 MAYFLOWER RD shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 30B-F15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 23207 on page 334 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax \$21.28  
Assessed To WOZNIAK PATRICIA D

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.404

Acres located and known as 101 CHAPEL ST shown on the Town of Leicester Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 21-C4 and being part of the premises recorded in book 22016 on page 342 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Cvsdsb \$397.05  
2020 Cvsdsb CI \$258.08

2020 Tax \$1,063.08  
March 5, 2021

## Form 299

Date: February 19, 2021

**Attorney General's Notice Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000 Town of Spencer -- Case No. 9979 Special Town Meeting of November 12, 2020 Article # 12**

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or

dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Article failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the department of housing and community development, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town...

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defect: the planning board hearing notice that was posted in the Town and published in the newspaper, did not contain a statement of the place where the text of Article 12 may be inspected, as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Apart from this defect, the notice appears to satisfy the requirements of the statute.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Spencer Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Spencer.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Spencer, any resident of the Town of Spencer, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Spencer, or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's Review

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

**Note: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c.**

## 40A, § 5.

Date: February 19, 2021  
March 5, 2021

## FY2022 SCHOOL BUDGET

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District FY2022 School Budget. The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee, in compliance with Massachusetts General Law on the proposed FY2022 School Budget on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at Wire Village School, 60 Paxton Road, Spencer, MA. Immediately following the hearing, there will be an open discussion of the budget. Copies of the budget are available for examination at the Office of the Superintendent, 306 Main Street, Spencer, MA, and on the District's website: [www.sebrsd.org](http://www.sebrsd.org). Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee February 24, 2021  
March 5, 2021

Notice of owners of funds held by the Town of Leicester and deemed abandoned. Per MGL C200A S9A, unclaimed property less than \$100.00 will become the property of the town on May 4, 2021; unclaimed property of \$100.00 or more will become the property of the town on May 6, 2022. To claim owned funds, go to [www.leicesterma.org](http://www.leicesterma.org) and visit the Treasurer Collector Department Page for a claim form under "Unclaimed Property".  
\$98.75 Abbot and Sons Floor Co Inc  
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# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
12:33-12:58 a.m.: parking violations/4 (Mechanic, Adams, Lincoln streets), tickets issued; 1:05 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 2:19 a.m.: open door (Howe Village), secured; 6:47 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 9:05 a.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), accidental; 9:54 a.m.: animal complaint (Monticello Drive), poss. rabid skunk; 10:57 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), req. escort/mv retrieval; 11:18 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 3:16 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), rec'd fraudulent Rx; 3:22 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:26 p.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), investigated; 3:35 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 3:52 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), rep. shoplifting; 8:00 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 8:03 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), verify info; 8:39 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 8:56-9:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:47 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 10:02 p.m.: accident (Pearl Street), info taken; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
3:03 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:22 a.m.: mv lockout (McDonald Street), assisted; 8:41 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 9:12 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 9:24 a.m.: parking complaint (Casey Street), services rendered; 9:25 a.m.: officer wanted (Olde Main Street), bad check passed; 9:27 a.m.: medical/general (Woodside Road); 10:01 a.m.: identify theft (Bay Path Road), checks diverted; 12:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), neighbor damaged mv; 3:39 p.m.: fraud (Spring Street), scam call; 6:43 p.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), intoxicated female; 8:15 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 9:28 p.m.: accident (Paxton Road), report taken; 9:42 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), disruptive female; 9:48 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), re: road conditions; (Total daily mv stops – 6).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
1:10-1:15 a.m.: parking violations (Pearl, Elm streets), tickets issued; 1:44 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 7:53 a.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 8:06 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 8:37 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), barking dog; 10:09 a.m.: animal complaint (Pearl Street), neighbor unleashed dog; 10:24 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 11:00 a.m.: 911 call (Wire Village Road), accidental; 11:25 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:35 a.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 11:53 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:02 p.m.: residential alarm (North Brookfield Road), services rendered; 12:45 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 2:07 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:27 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), spoken to; 2:50 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:01 p.m.: medical/general (Adams Street); 3:18 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), water shut off; 4:01 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), possible restraining order violation; 5:03 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 5:28 p.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 6:10 p.m.: disabled

mv (Main Street), assisted; 6:50 p.m.: accident (Bay Path Road), hit/run; 7:34 p.m.: medical/general; 7:43 p.m.: DPW call (Temple Street), icy conditions; 7:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Hastings Road), assisted; 8:40 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), erratic operator; 8:48 p.m.: medical/general (Roys Drive); 8:49 p.m.: DPW call (Holmes Street), mv stuck; 10:23 p.m.: 911 call (Church Street), accidental; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
12:00-12:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:38 a.m.: parking violation (Church Street), ticket issued; 12:40-1:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:21 a.m.: DPW call (Collier Circle), no reason cited on police log; 2:04-2:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:43 a.m.: disabled mv (Greenville Street), assisted; 7:12 a.m.: officer wanted (Briarcliff Road), domestic disturbance; 8:39 a.m.: 911 call (Charlton Road), accidental; 8:48 a.m.: DPW call (Roys Road), road not plowed; 10:30 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), welfare check; 12:26 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 2:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), neighbor issues; 2:16 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), inquiry re: business; 3:24 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:05 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 7:11 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), fireworks complaint; 8:10-8:14 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:18 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), req. property check; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
12:45-12:51 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Elm, Mechanic streets), tickets issued; 3:05 a.m.: disturbance (Northwest Road), unwanted party; 6:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), poss. unauthorized entry; 8:34 a.m.: medical/overdose (G.H. Wilson Road); 11:27 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), neglected cats; 2:14 p.m.: lost/found (Sherry Lane), license plate found; 2:35 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 2:51 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 2:54 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 3:08 p.m.: fraud (Elm Street), fundraising scam; 4:17 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 6:05 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 7:39 p.m.: officer wanted (McCormick Road), Snapchat acct. hacked; sometime between 7:39-7:58 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 7:58 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:59 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 8:44 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:47 p.m.: disturbance (Temple Street), noise complaint; 10:29 p.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), accidental; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
12:25-1:08 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Mechanic, School streets), tickets issued; 1:36 a.m.: medical/general (Lloyd Dyer Drive); 3:05 a.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 6:08 a.m.: accident (Charlton Road), mv vs deer; 8:32 p.m.: mv lockout (Pearl Street), assisted; 9:55 a.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), open line; 10:09 a.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), accidental; 10:33 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:32 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), re: deer; 11:58 a.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Pond Road), re: purchase of puppy; 12:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Blueberry Hill Road), dog bite; 2:11 p.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 3:32 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:53 p.m.: accident (Thompson Pond Road), report taken; 4:58 p.m.: accident (Barclay Road), services rendered;

4:59 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), re: road conditions; 5:00 p.m.: medical/general (Duggan Street); 6:01 p.m.: disabled mv (Oakland Drive), assisted; 8:24 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street), lift assist; 8:55 p.m.: suspicious persons (Lakeview Drive), spoken to; 9:09 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Thompson Pond Road), services rendered; sometime between 9:09-11:19 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 11:19 p.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), icy conditions; 11:26 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; (Total daily mv stops – 0).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
12:32 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:39-12:51 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Church, Mechanic streets), tickets issued; 2:07 a.m.: chemical/fuel spill (Northwest Road), oil leak/soil contamination; 2:39 a.m.: parking violation (West Main Street), ticket issued; 5:38 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:05 a.m.: fraud (Lincoln Street), unemployment scam; 9:36 a.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), info taken; 10:57 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 10:58 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington ambulance entrance not accessible; 11:09 a.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 11:17 a.m.: medical/general (Treadwell Terrace); 1:14 p.m.: elderly matter (Bay Path Road), welfare check; 3:56 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), re: scam; 4:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), hawk on sidewalk; 4:46 p.m.: fraud (Fairview Drive), SS scam calls; 5:03 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 5:05 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 5:24 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), no emergency; 6:07 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), re: harassment order violation; 6:30 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:52 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:31 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 10:13 p.m.: mv lockout (Laurel Lane), assisted; 11:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Temple Street), dog bite; (Total daily mv stops – 8).

## Leicester Police

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
12:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:48 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), mv towed; 1:39 a.m.: accident (Main Street), Carli A.D. Kerns, 22, 15 Lake Street, #1, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, arrest; 4:18 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 7:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:00 a.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), no action required; 10:24 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 12:00 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 12:33 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:08 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), no action required; 1:51 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 7:10 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 11:45 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), no action required.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
9:38 a.m.: welfare check (Cricklewood Drive), no action required; 9:56 a.m.: assist citizen (River Street); 9:56 a.m.: assist citizen (Rawson Street); 3:17 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive); 3:40 p.m.: assist citizen (Hemlock Lane); 3:47 p.m.: investigation (Parker Street), services rendered; 4:16 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 4:50 p.m.: property found

(Rawson Street), services rendered; 6:06 p.m.: restraining order service (Burncoat Lane), served; 10:51 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), services rendered.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
12:19 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:05 a.m.: ambulance (Billy's Way), transported; 12:23 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 12:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 2:33 p.m.: trespassing (Stafford Street), services rendered; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Brandon Campos, 23, 26 Dale Street, #2R, Worcester, a&b/docket, arrest; 5:31 p.m.: investigation (Blaker Street, Auburn), services rendered; 6:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 8:10 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:16 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 9:25 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), no action required.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
12:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:52 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 8:27 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:47 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, speeding, op w/suspended license, op w/suspended registration, mv towed; 9:19 a.m.: threats (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 10:04 a.m.: accident (Main Street), no action required; 10:31 a.m.: fraud (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:03 p.m.: assist citizen (Parker Street); 1:48 p.m.: accident (Lakeview Drive), report taken.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
3:13 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 3:45 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 4:30 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 6:25 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:06 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pine Ridge Drive), no action required; 10:44 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 12:59 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:15 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/revoked registration, mv towed; 5:57 p.m.: assist citizen (Mille Street); 6:15 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), assisted; 9:19 p.m.: investigation (Crestwood Road), services rendered.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
12:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:51 a.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 9:39 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 9:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:39 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 11:41 a.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 2:50 p.m.: investigation (Mt. Pleasant Street), services rendered; 3:33 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 3:58 p.m.: family problem (Towtaid Street), report taken; 4:39 p.m.: assist citizen (Crestwood Road), services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
2:02 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 2:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Shannen B. Swift, 27, 67 Chestnut Street, #3, Spencer, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 2:00 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), no action required; 6:43 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), unable to serve; 5:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

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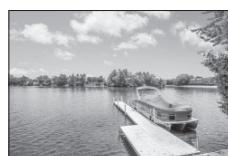


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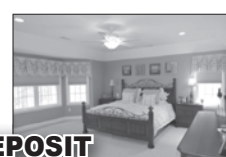


**WEBSTER LAKE** – 7 Cedar Drive! Middle Pond! 8 Rm English Tudor across the street from w/Direct Waterfront Lot – Full Lake Access! Offering the Option of an In-Law Apartment or Plenty of Room for Family & Friends! Entry Foyer enters from 3 Sides w/locked door access into the house, stairway to the lower level In-law and the convenience of a Half Bath! The 1st Floor features Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Open Floor Plan – Frplcd Beamed Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm (Dining & Living Rms), Comfortable Bdrn & Hall Full Bath w/Laundry! Upstairs to the Spacious Master w/Master Bath & Slider to Lake View Deck! Additional Bdrn w/Built-ins! Lower Level with 2nd Kitchen, Open Dining & Living Area w/Brick Hearth, Full Bath & Possible (4th) Bdrn! Central Air! Huge Carport! Detached 3 Car Garage! Lakefront Lot w/Deck, Concrete Patio & Boat Dock! Take Advantage of the Low Interest Rates & make this House Your Home! Summer's Just Around the Corner! **\$489,900.00**

**WEBSTER** – 6 Nicholas Circle! 8+ Rm Center Hall Colonial! 1.22 Acres! Sought After Neighborhood! Great Commuter Location Accessible to Many Major Routes! Spacious Stainless Steel Applianced Cabinet Packed Eat-in Kitchen & Formal Dining Rm! 23 x 24 Frplce Family Rm w/Cathedral Ceiling & Slider to the Huge Deck! Front to Back Living Rm! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry Closet! The 2nd Floor You'll Find the Comfortable 12X17 Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2 Additional Bedrooms plus an Office/Nursery/Bedroom all w/Ample Closets! 2nd Full Bath off the Hall w/Linen Closet! 2.5 Total Baths! Lower Level Ideal for Storage or Future Expansion! 2 Car Garage w/Electric Openers w/Dble Door Entry to the Basement for Moving Larger Items aka Boys Toys! 2 Z Oil Heat, 2 AC, Separate Oil Water Heater! Irrigation! Don't Delay! **\$418,900.00**

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**WEBSTER** – 69 Minebrook Rd! Conveniently Located 7 Rm Split Entry! 1.04 Acre Lot! House set well off the Road for added Privacy! Open Floor Plan! Eat-in Applianced Kit w/Island & Seating, Tile Flr, Tile Backsplash & Ceiling Fan! Din Rm w/Hrwd Flrs & Slider to the Deck Overlooking the Private Backyard! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrwd Flr! Ideal for Entertaining! Down the Hrwd Lvl find a Full Bath w/Tile Flr & 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpeting! Master Bdrn w/2 Dble Closets, Ceiling Fan & Master Bath w/Marble Tile Flr & Shower Surround! Hrwd Stairs, the Finished Lower Level Fan Rm w/Recessed Lighting, Stone & Tile Hearth w/Woodstove, 1/2 Bath w/Tile Flr, Laundry Rm w/Sink & Tile Flr, Utility Rm w/Storage! 2 Car Garage w/Electric Openers & Door to Backyard! Oil Heat! Steel "T" Beam Construction! Shed! Won't Last!! **\$349,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 11 Henry Road! Bates Point - Middle Pond & Panoramic Views + Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Never 2 the Same! 3,184' 9 Room Fully Furnished Colonial Built from the Ground Up as a New Home in 2005! This Home Features 4 Bedrooms, 2 of which are Master Suites, 1 of which Overlooks the Lake, 4.5 Bathrooms, 2 of which have Separate Showers & Whirlpool Tubs, 3 of which have Double Granite Vanities, 2 Complete Granite/Stainless Kitchens! The First Floor Open Floor Plan with Hardwood Floors Features an Eat-in Kitchen with LP Gas Jenn-Air Range, Double Drawer Dishwasher & Trash Compactor! Spacious Formal Dining Room with Crown Moldings & Chair Rails! Lake Facing Great Room/Living Room with Gas Fireplace, Wet Bar with Bottle Cooler, Surround Sound & Slider to Composite Deck! Half Bath with Laundry Closet! The Second Floor with 4 Bedrooms! Comfortable Front 16x16 and Back 17x17 Masters with Tray Ceilings, Recessed Lighting, Ceiling Fans, Surround Sound & Full Tile/Granite Bathrooms! Full Hall Bath for the other 2 Bedrooms! Fully Finished Walk-out Lower Level with Full Summer Kitchen, Family Room with Gas Fireplace, Surround Sound, Slider to Paver Patio & Full Bath! Buderus 3 Zone Oil Heat! 3 Zone Air Conditioning! Central Vac! Security! 2 Car Heated Garage! Boat Dock! **\$1,099,900.00**

**CHARLTON** – 74 Daniels Road! Completely Renovated 9 Rm, 4 Bdrn, 2.5 Bath Gambrel w/Attached In-Law Apt! Picturesque 3.39 Acres! Deeded Water Rights to South Charlton Reservoir! Extensive Updates! House w/New Roof, Siding, Kit, Bthrms, Windows, Int Doors, Electrical, Flooring, R60 Insulation in Attic, Water Heater, Well Pump & More! In-Law w/Open Flr Plan, Kit, Bdrn w/Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Laundry! Both Fully Applianced! 2 New Driveways, Irrigation, AG Pool! Shed! Security! Generator Hookup! **\$489,900.00**



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**WEBSTER • 9 BIRCHWOOD DRIVE**



Beautiful CAPED! Enormous amount of updates. New Asphalt Shingles, & 8 New Skylights! 4 Bedrooms! 3 - 1/2 Baths! 24' x 26' Great Rm w/Gas Fireplace! Master Suite w/'Spa Like' Bath & Soaking Tub! WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT? INGROUND POOL? OK! has met 100%! All Painted! SS Appliances. New Tankless Hot Water Boiler. **\$467,000**

**THOMPSON - 5+ ACRE WATERFRONT LAND - BECOLA ROAD**



**5+ Acre Waterfront Land** - on "Little Pond". Also known as Schoolhouse Pond. Private, pastoral setting. Open Field surrounded by tree line. 250+ feet waterfrontage. At the end of a Dead end road! **\$179,900**

**THOMPSON - 25 TERRACE DRIVE**



Off Thompson Hill! At the end of a Dead end road well maintained & loved! Kitchen with double wall ovens, gas cook-top, granite countertops. Formal dining room. Fireplaced Living room! master, on the first floor, 4 bedrooms total! 2nd full bath - second level. 2 car garage! assisted sale **\$325,000.**

**WEBSTER - 103 UPPER GORE RD**



Home "Sweet" Home! TOTALLY Renovated! New Roof - Updated Electrical - New Heating System!! Bedroom, 1.5 Bath - 2 Story Conventional Home. Dead-End St. Rare find, Large Lot. 77 Acre - Inside - Neutral Palette of Complimentary Paint Colors throughout the Entire House! Loads of Character **\$319,000.**

**LAND WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS**

**Oxford** - 4 Leicester St - Approx. 8.47 ACRES! River Frontage Possible to be Subdivided! **\$89,900**

**Webster** - Upper Gore w/View of the Lake! 1+ Acre! Artesian Well, Septic Design & Conservation - DONE. **\$115,000.**

**Webster** - Cooper Road 2 Buildable Lots! Water & Sewer Access. Zoned Lake Res. **Each \$24,500.**

**Douglas-Mount Daniels** 2.5 Acres abuts Douglas State Forest! **ON DEPOSIT! \$132,900**

**WEBSTER - 29 WEST AVE.**



Cozy 2 Story House with 3 BIG Bonuses! #1. Land almost 1 ACRE! #2. Zoning is MR-12 - Possible Multi Family Use - Investment Opportunity! #3. Large Over-sized 2+ Car Garage, Work Bench, Power & 2nd Floor! Great Space for the Hobbyist, DIY or Contractor! 1ST Floor - Living rm, Bedroom, Large Kitchen/Dining Area with Galley Pantry & Full Bath! 2nd Flr, 2 Bedrooms! All New Carpets - Recent Paint! Multi Level Back Deck with Jacuzzi! **\$295,000.**

**WOODSTOCK - 33 DEER MEADOW LANE**



Beautiful 2,422 Sq Ft Colonial! 4 Bedroom! 3 Bath! Fireplace, 2 Car garage! So much more! assisted sale **\$415,000**

**DUDLEY - 22 ROBERTS ROAD**



Lovely 3 bedroom Ranch! Single door 2 car garage with storage! Eat-in kitchen. Fieldstone Fireplaced Living Room! 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, Remodeled bathroom! Lower Level fieldstone walls/ fireplace! In-ground pool - 3.58 ACRES includes extra lot. **\$312,000.**

**WEBSTER - 20 KINGSBURY**



**NEW TO THE MARKET!** Custom Sprawling Split 2800+ SF Central Air! Kitchen, Dining Room, Cathedral Ceiling Living Room, 3 Bedrooms! Granite Counters & New Flooring! New Boiler - Hot Water Tank - Oil Tank! FULL finished Lower Level w/ Full Bath & Laundry! THERE'S MORE! 2 Car Garage, renovated to include Hydro Heat, AC & 1/2 Bath! Great for Fitness Studio, Game Room or Home School! Over 1.4 Acres! **\$360,000.**

**WEBSTER - 52 CUDWORTH ROAD**



1.99 ACRE INDUSTRIAL ZONED LOT! GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE & WORK FROM HOME! Amazing 1790 Antique Colonial! Undergone major updates & renovations, maintaining Antique Charm! Great Room graced by an Open Hearth Stone Fireplace! Soaring Cathedral Ceilings! **\$499,900.**

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*Webster Lake - 100 Lakeside Ave*



**WEBSTER LAKE! PANORAMIC VIEWS! BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS!** Extraordinary Waterfront Contemporary! Architect designed with Lake Living in mind. Custom Built with Attention to High Quality & Detail. Outstanding open concept, water view from almost every room. Nicely situated on a .25 acre level peninsula, 180'+/- prime lake frontage! Enhanced by a all natural shoreline! All you need to live is located on the 1st floor. Grand 2 story foyer, cozy fireplace living room, gourmet kitchen, lake facing dining / formal dining room, media room & spacious 1st floor guest BR Suite w/ private bath. Incredible 2nd floor fireplace lake-facing corner master suite w/luxurious private bath, 3 more 2nd floor BRs & full bath! Something Special! **Remember, Timing is Everything!** **\$1,075,000.**

*Lake Shirley - 647 Reservoir Rd*



Lakefront! Lake Shirley! Modern Flare on a Lakefront Colonial! 1st level Formal large entry foyer, living room, gas fireplace, chef kitchen, Impala black granite, center island, 3 season porch, overlooking the lake. 1st FL bedroom suite w/ shower and jacuzzi tub. 2nd floor Master Suite! Lower level Summer kitchen, full bath, game room. Crown moulding & hardwood floors throughout, wired sound system, radiant floors. oversize 2 car garage. Additional Guest House! assisted sale **\$1,040,000.**



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# Grow an earlier and more abundant tomato harvest

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Jumpstart the season by warming the soil for an earlier start. Cover the planting space with a floating row cover, clear plastic or a cloche. Once the soil is warm, you are ready to plant your tomatoes. Use the row cover or cloche to protect your plants when cold temperatures or frost is in the forecast. You will get a two- to four-week jump start to the season.

Further shorten the time to harvest by planting an early ripening tomato like Early Girl, Fourth of July, and Quick Pick. Check the catalog description or plant tags for the number of days the tomato variety needs to reach maturity. Growing these or others that require fewer days between planting and harvesting means you'll be enjoying fresh tomatoes sooner.

Train at least one of your tomato plants onto a stake for an earlier har-

vest. Loosely tie one or two stems to a tall stake. Continue securing the stems throughout the season as the plant grows. Remove the suckers, the small branches that form between the main stem and leaf, as they appear. You'll have

fewer fruit, but they will be ready to harvest sooner than those caged or grown sprawled on the ground.

Staking also saves space and helps reduce the risk of disease. If staking seems like too much effort, grow your tomatoes in cages. Use tall, sturdy cages for larger indeterminate tomatoes that grow, flower, and produce fruit until frost. Caging tomatoes also increases airflow and light penetration for greater yields and fewer pest problems.

Save even more space while bringing the harvest to your kitchen door, balcony, or window box with compact tomato varieties, like Patio Choice Yellow Sweet and Neat or Tumbling Tom. Plant one in a 10-inch pot or grow several in a larger container. You'll have a large crop of bite-sized tomatoes in about two months.

To improve the quality of your harvest, choose disease- and crack-resist-

ing varieties. Cooks and canners will love Early Resilience Roma-type tomato. It is resistant to late blight, blossom end rot and several other common tomato diseases. This determinate tomato plant only grows two feet tall, so will not need staking. It is great for containers, small spaces, and traditional vegetable gardens. Reducing the risk of disease means a bigger harvest with less effort on your part.

Further reduce your workload and increase your success with mulch. Spread a two-inch layer of shredded leaves, weed-free straw, or evergreen needles over the soil surface around your plants. You will conserve water, suppress weeds, and improve the soil as the mulch decomposes.

With a little planning you will be ready to enjoy an early and bountiful harvest of tasty tomatoes from this season's garden.

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



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March 20 signals the start of spring, but it could actually start earlier. Signs of spring are all around us if we look hard enough. In my travels around the valley this past weekend, I spotted a pair of wood duck flying into a small stream in the valley area. Three deer were observed feeding on grass where the snow had melted, and a few turkeys were feeding not far away. Although I have not spotted any robins locally, I am sure they will be here by the time you read this column.

This writer also brought my boat out of mothballs this past week. I always try to get it ready early in case I have a problem. Finding a mechanic at this time of year to repair outboard motors is easy, but in another few weeks it will be a lot harder. If you have a small outboard motor that needs a tune-up, now is the time to drop it of at a marina. Using an impact wrench to remove the lug nuts from your wheel is very important if you fish saltwater. I use a good penetrating oil like Blast before removing them. While the trailer is off of the ground it is a good idea to spin the wheel, listening for any noise. If you hear a growling noise, it is a good time to replace the wheel bearings. If



*Photo Courtesy*

This week's picture shows a figure of a happy fisherman that was awarded to a lucky angler at the Singletary Rod & Gun Club back in 1982, during one of their fishing derbies. I found the trophy at a yard sale back a number of years ago!

your trailer wheels have bearing buddies, they should get a good dose of grease. Do not overfill them, as you can blow out the back seal.

This is a good time to check all of your fishing rods, both salt & freshwater. Often, the rod windings need

a new coat of lacquer, worn guides should be replaced, and the reel seat needs to have a bit of oil applied to the threads. All reels need to be inspected for wear. Place a light coat of oil on the level wind and on all other moving parts including the reel handle. Checking the fishing line on all reels for wear is very important. Fortunately, the braided lines do not need to be replaced as often as the monofilament lines, but they do wear out.

The next job is to check all of your fishing lures. That can be a long process if you do a lot of fishing and have numerous fishing tackle boxes loaded with many lures and plugs. Fresh water lures do not need as much attention, but saltwater lures and hooks need sharpening and or replaced. The hooks often become rusty if you used them in saltwater, and did not wash them off with freshwater before putting them away. Replace the bucktail on some of the plugs is easy, and requires very little time if you have a fly-tying vice. I often save a couple of deer tails from my deer, or someone else's, and dye them a few different colors. You can also buy them from Bait & Tackle shops.

Fishing lures and saltwater plugs are very expensive. This writer often finds old fishing lures at yard sales and flea markets. They do not have much value, but sometimes you can find a very expensive lure or plug in the bunch that I put in my collection. Most of the plugs only need a coating of paint and new hooks. They are a lot cheaper, and many times, are a lot better to use than a new one. New saltwater fishing

plugs can cost over \$15, and often go as high as \$30 or more. These are just a few jobs that can be done before the fishing season arrive.

Massachusetts saltwater recreational fishing regulations could be the same as last year, and will keep the slot size limit on stripers. Circle hook requirements are still pending for both recreational and commercial anglers when fishing for stripers, in both Mass. & Rhode Island. A one fish daily limit on Cod in The Gulf of Maine is also pending, along with haddock regulations. Be sure to read the regulations on final season dates.

The Massachusetts hunting and fishing license fee increase for 2022 will be hosted on three online information sessions in March by Mass Fish & Wildlife. The dates are March 9, 17, and 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.! Instructions for joining the sessions are posted on the Massachusetts Wildlife Web site. There will be a question-and-answer period after the presentation, explaining the need for license and permit increases for 2022.

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