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## Town Administrator Search Committee hopes to present candidates soon

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With the field of town administrator candidates narrowing, officials are hopeful that a final pool will soon be introduced to residents.

Following its meeting on Aug. 26, the Town Administrator Search Committee is close to formalizing its top level of candidates. The pool could include as many as five candidates, and officials are aiming to involve the public in the final interview process.

“We have seen some very qualified candidates,” said John Howard, the Select Board’s designee to the search committee. “We want to allow the candidates to come in and have the public speak to them.”

Select Board Chairman Gary Woodbury supports the idea of public engage-

ment with the candidates prior to the Board’s interviews and final decision.

“It would be great for the public to be involved in this so they know who each person is before the interviews,” Woodbury said.

Spencer has been on the hunt for a new administrator since Thomas Gregory left in the spring after three years on the job. His reviews were mixed among residents and officials, and selectmen understand the importance surrounding their next decision. Not only will the new town administrator be tasked with helping to lead the community out of the COVID-19 morass, but also advancing several inherited projects and proposals. From building reuse plans to continued downtown improvement, Spencer currently has many projects and opportunities in motion, as

well as the solar development proposals that must be addressed once the moratorium ends in November.

For now, Interim Town Administrator William Ross is holding down the fort – a familiar role. He previously served in an interim TA capacity before Gregory was hired in 2018.

“He has done an excellent job. He handles everything very well,” Howard said.

Officials are hoping to announce the next town administrator later this month or early in October. The timeline will be dependent on the interview process, as well as the new hire’s window for providing final notice to current employers.

To learn more about the process and upcoming important dates, visit [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov).

## Henri leaves its mark on Route 9 corridor



Photo Courtesy

Tropical Storm Henri brought down this tree on Rawson Street in Leicester.

REGION – Tropical Storm Henri left its mark on New England last week, but residents along the Route 9 corridor went largely unscathed.

Area towns experienced sporadic tree damage and power outages. In Leicester, Rawson Street was closed after a large fallen tree took down power lines near address 437. Emergency crews and National Grid were prepared for similar incidents throughout town, but they wound up dealing with minimal impacts over the two-day storm on August 22-23.

“We fared very well. Everybody was ready for the storm,” said Leicester Police Chief Ken Antanavica. “With the minimal amount of trees we had down, we cleaned up quickly.

National Grid responded very quickly.”

Police in Spencer also reported limited power outages and tree damage across town. SPD Chief David Darrin said his department received about a dozen calls for fallen tree limbs. No serious property damage or injuries were reported in town.

For many local residents, the most frustrating part of the storm was the amount of prep work they did to bring items inside ahead of what they anticipated as a major wind event. But the storm tracked to the east before making landfall, causing the fiercest winds to be avoided in Worcester County.

Residents told the New Leader they were glad to be well-prepared ahead

of time. National Grid, which has come under fire for its lack of preparation in past storms, was commended for its quick responses this time around.

Elsewhere in the county, residents experienced a slightly more ominous version of Henri, with minor flooding events reported in many towns to the east of Worcester. Meanwhile, three separate EF-0 tornadoes touched down on August 23, the first in Marlborough, followed by minor twisters in Bolton and Stow. A funnel cloud was reported in Hudson.

The tornadoes caused minor damage to trees, property, and power lines, but no injuries were reported.



Photo Courtesy

Local singer Lauren Baker performed the National Anthem at a recent Worcester Red Sox game, with Camp Marshall counselor Matt Toon throwing the ceremonial first pitch.

## Local singer performs National Anthem for Worcester Red Sox

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Representing Camp Marshall last week at Polar Park, standout local singer Lauren Baker got fans ready for baseball with her National Anthem performance.

Baker, who lives in Spencer, delivered the Anthem before the Aug. 21 Worcester Red Sox game against the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders. She was joined at the game by Camp Marshall counselor Matt Toon, who threw the ceremonial first pitch.

Having previously worked as a counsel-

or at Spencer’s Camp Marshall for two years, it meant a lot to Baker when camp officials asked if she would be interested in serving as a representative at the baseball game.

“I will always support the camp because of how much I enjoyed working there,” said Baker, who has been singing for her entire life.

Baker took part in multiple talent shows growing up, even auditioning for major national shows like “America’s Got Talent” and “The Voice.” Whether she is performing beneath the brightest lights or

at smaller venues, she always enjoys using music to help give back.

“I made it pretty far on ‘America’s Got Talent,’ and it was a fun process, but in the end, I didn’t make the cut,” Baker told the New Leader. “I won a talent show when I was 12 that was for a lot of money, which is when I decided I wanted to learn guitar to play gigs live in restaurants. After spending years practicing, I got my first gig at 16 years old and have been playing acoustic and singing live gigs ever since.”

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## Mobile vaccination clinic planned in Spencer

SPENCER – The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, along with the Spencer Board of Health, will host a mobile vaccination clinic for all Spencer and East Brookfield students and residents.

The clinic will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9, from 3-6 p.m. It will take place in the David Prouty High School parking lot (306 Main St., Spencer).

The Pfizer vaccine will be administered during the clinic. For

more information on the vaccine, visit [Mass.gov/COVIDvaccine](http://Mass.gov/COVIDvaccine).

To be eligible for the event, you must be 12 or older, and a resident of either Spencer or East Brookfield. Students attending school in these towns are also eligible.

State education leaders, including the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, continue to promote vaccines as the most effective defense against COVID-19. Plans are in motion at

the state level to authorize schools with vaccination rates of 80 percent or higher to enable vaccinated students and staff to go unmasked, beginning in October.

State officials will continue to mandate that unvaccinated students and staff in all districts remain masked.

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## Harvest Canning Tips

It's harvest season and Farmer's Markets are selling tomatoes and cukes in bulk, workshops on preserving produce are filling up fast and canning jar manufacturers report double digit hikes in sales. There's no doubt about it, canning continues to make a comeback!

Whether canning in bulk to use up garden vegetables or filling a few jelly jars for holiday gifts, the following information is geared toward helping your preserving efforts pay off in both financial and "feel good" benefits.

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Not sure if canning is worth the work? Consider the many "perks" of processing food at home, which include:

- \*The ability to control the salt, sugar and additive content of the foods you intend to preserve.
- \* Studies show foods canned at peak ripeness offer superior nutrition and flavor despite the typical loss of vitamins during the heating process.
- \*Processing foods also allows seasonal fruits and vegetables to be enjoyed throughout the year.
- \*Since the canning process doesn't rely on refrigeration for preservation, canned foods are readily available and safe during power outages or appliance shut downs.

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One of the joys of canning is the ability to literally put the fruits of your garden labor on the dinner table. For those who don't grow their own foods, a trip to a farmer's market or neighborhood farm stand can reap bushels of freshly picked produce. Don't be afraid to ask for "seconds" and/or discounts on less than perfect but perfectly fine produce. Just be sure to overlook those with obvious bruises or major imperfections.

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Common backyard garden vegetables such as tomatoes and cucumbers are popular candidates for canning as they offer a variety of finished products from condiments to side dishes. Best of all, a few old fashioned canning recipes can transform the versatile garden favorites into glistening jars of pantry staples. For example, tomatoes can be prepped to be canned as tomato sauce, tomato soup, tomato juice, salsa, ketchup, and more. Cucumbers transform into sweet gherkins, dill pickles, chow chow and a variety of relishes. Orchard fruits such as apples and peaches can be processed as jelly, butter, chutney, pie filling, syrups and sauces.

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Before choosing a preferred method of processing be sure to study the options, all of which are available in canning "how to" books or online. For safety's sake be sure your resources are up to date, since processing recommendations have changed in the past several years. A new edition of the classic

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Here are some simple canning "tips from the pros" worth noting:

- \*Never use overripe fruit. A good rule of thumb to remember is that canning can't improve the quality of food, so always begin with top quality fruits, ripe and free of bruises.
- \* Don't be tempted to over do the celery, peppers, onions and other low acid ingredient in pickles or other recipes. Stick to the recipe to avoid creating an unsafe product.
- \*Never add considerably more spices or seasonings than a recipe calls for. Some spices can be high in bacteria and too much of a good thing can put your safety at risk.
- \*Be sure to wash hands and all food prep surfaces and all canning supplies thoroughly before starting the canning process.
- \*Always wash and examine all foods to be canned. Be sure to cut out any bruises and discard any overripe fruits and vegetables.
- \*Never reuse canning jar lids. Be sure to seal jars with a new, clean lid each and every time.
- \*Do not store filled jars above 95° F or near hot pipes, a range, a furnace, in a non insulated attic, or in direct sunlight. Under these conditions, food will lose quality in a few weeks or months and may spoil.
- \*Don't store jars in damp areas such as a basement. Dampness may corrode metal lids, break seals, and encourage spoilage.

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**Pepper Jelly**  
This jelly, which uses up the last of the season's garden peppers, makes a festive holiday gift.

Ingredients: 3 green bell peppers, minced; 2 (4 ounce) cans diced jalapeno peppers  
1 1/2 cups distilled white vinegar;  
6 1/2 cups white sugar; 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper; 1 (6 fluid ounce) container liquid pectin; 5 drops green food coloring.

Directions: In a large, stainless steel saucepan, combine peppers, vinegar, sugar, and cayenne pepper. Cook over medium high heat. Stir frequently until mixture begins to boil.

Stir in pectin; boil 5 minutes longer, stirring constantly, and mix in food coloring. Skim off foam, and remove from heat.

Ladle into sterilized jars. Seal and process in a boiling-water canner for 5 minutes.

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**Apple Chutney**  
It's apple season in New England and this chutney, made from freshly picked fruit, will be the perfect accompaniment

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# Area residents to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

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David Darrin, Marie Gryszowka, Paula Hunt, Debra Lavallee, Richard Lavallee, Allan Miner, Wendy Miner, James Pervier, and Steve Shamoian, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the

nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$150 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its more than 30 year history.

“While we can’t see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programming which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. “Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to defy cancer.”

This year’s event will have a lower fundraising requirement, \$100 for adults and \$25 for those under 18, with a \$5 registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib and medal and the first 5,000 to register will receive a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Anyone interested in additional

information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to [JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.harvard.edu](mailto:JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.harvard.edu). Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002.

To register to walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call (866) 531-9255. All Jimmy Fund Walk participants are encouraged to utilize the Charity Miles App to help with training and fundraising, engage with Dana-Farber patient stories and podcasts, and much more!

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### ACCURACY WATCH

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

### TRAINOR

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to upcoming holiday feasts.

Ingredients: 2 quarts chopped, cored, pared tart apples (about 10 medium); 1 cup chopped onions; 1 cup chopped sweet red bell peppers (about 2 medium); 2 hot red peppers, seeded and chopped; 1½ pounds seedless raisins; 4 cups brown sugar; 3 tablespoons mustard seed; 2 tablespoons ground ginger; 2 tablespoons ground allspice; 2 teaspoons canning salt; 1 clove garlic, crushed; 1 quart white vinegar (5%).

Directions: Combine all ingredients; simmer until thick, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. As mixture thickens stir frequently to prevent sticking. Pour boiling hot chutney into hot jars, leaving

½ inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace if needed. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids. Process in boiling water canner according to the altitude recommendations below. Makes about six pint jars.

Recommended process time for Apple Chutney pints in a boiling water canner (altitude chart): 1-1,000 ft, 10 minutes; 1,001-6,000 ft, 15 minutes; above 6,000 ft, 20 minutes.

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### BAKER

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since.”

A graduate of Wachusett Regional High School, Baker is currently studying media and communications at Salem State University. She is particularly interested in music journalism.

“To pursue this, I have my own blog called ‘Whatsperception.com’ where I write about music,” said Baker, who is also a waitress at a bar in downtown Boston.

In terms of musical inspiration, Baker has always enjoyed the music of Dominic Fike.

“He started with nothing and made it to the big leagues with nothing but talent,” Baker said. “His music is obviously so beautiful as well. He writes his own songs, too, which shows his authenticity.”

Most of the songs Baker performs are either pop, acoustic, rock, or country. From Ed Sheeran to The Beatles to Dolly Parton, she enjoys music across a range of genres and generations. She also loves listening to a variety of artists, especially in hip hop/rap and rock.

“There are so many artists, I couldn’t begin to share the tip of the iceberg, but my top four would be Mac Miller, Dominic Fike, Weezer, and The Arctic Monkeys,” Baker said.



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# State officials reverse course on masking in schools

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Less than a month after authorizing local school boards to approve their own mask policies for the upcoming year, state leaders have reversed course and mandated masking in schools.

At a special meeting held on Aug. 24, the state's Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted 9-1 to give Commissioner Jeffrey Riley the authority to mandate masks in all K-12 public schools through at least Oct. 1.

When students left school in June for the summer break, they assumed they were also leaving mask mandates behind. COVID-19 conditions were rapidly improving at the time, but the highly contagious Delta variant caused a significant reversion over the last month.

Now, as students head back to school, they'll once again have to include masks in their daily preparations.

"In light of the current rise of COVID-19 in Massachusetts,

I believe a mask mandate will be an important additional measure to keep students in school safely at this time," Commissioner Riley said. "Masks remain a simple and effective mitigation measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. A mandate will also provide more time for students and staff to get vaccinated, as we know vaccination remains the single most important tool in mitigating the impact of COVID-19."

The late changes in policy at the state level frustrated local school officials, parents, and students. Many school committees had already voted on masking guidance for the fall of 2021, only to have state leaders override local policies at the last minute. Governor Charlie Baker had even supported the DESE's previous recommendations that individual school districts determine their own masking regulations.

"Giving the locals the opportunity to own the decisions they make is a big and important issue," Baker said during

an Aug. 16 press conference. "If you look at what has played out in other states where the government has taken away the authority for locals to make their own decisions, that's not the right way to play this game."

Despite the vacillation among state educational leaders, many local school officials and parents are pleased with the eventual change back to mask mandates. Officials had been concerned about how to ensure continued safety in schools without firm policies in place, especially with unvaccinated students, staff members, and visitors returning to school buildings this fall.

The state's latest mask mandate applies to all public school students in grades K-12, as well as staff members. It includes an exemption for individuals who cannot wear a mask for medical or behavioral reasons.

At the end of September, Commissioner Riley will reassess COVID-19 conditions and determine with medical experts whether the mask mandate should be extended. With cases and hospitalizations sharply rising nationwide over the last month, many experts are predicting that conditions will worsen with the return of colder weather.

State officials said all decisions related to masking, however unpopular, are made with the goal of keeping students in class full-time this year. Riley and his team have faced pres-

sure all summer from parents and educators on both sides of the debate.

"At the forefront of my recommendation is the best interest of students and staff as they return safely to full-time, in-person instruction this fall," Riley said. "While we have already put in place significant measures to support schools and districts in this regard, I am recommending this additional measure in light of the increasing case rates, and to further encourage and provide additional time for more students and staff to get vaccinated."

State officials said the mask mandate complements additional safety measures that were implemented jointly by the DESE and the Department of Public Health (DPH). These include guidance for schools on hosting vaccination clinics, establishing plans for COVID-19 testing in schools, and improving health screening for students and staff.

State officials are also utilizing the mask mandate as a tool to incentivize vaccination. In an August 20 memo released by Riley, the Commissioner indicated that, as of Oct. 1, all schools with a vaccination rate of 80 percent or greater for students and staff will be able to lift the mask mandate for vaccinated individuals only.

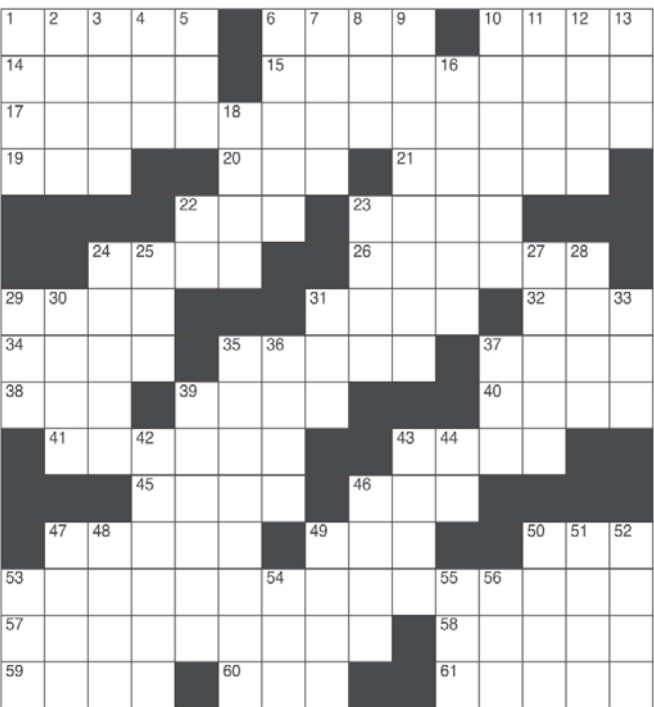
"Schools would be able to submit an attestation form provided by DESE to demonstrate they have met this threshold,"

Riley wrote. "Once schools reach the 80 percent threshold and receive approval to lift the mask mandate, vaccinated students and staff may remove their masks. In alignment with statewide guidance, unvaccinated students and staff would be required to continue wearing masks."

The latest mask mandate from DESE aligns with similar orders in schools and workplaces across the country. Now that the Pfizer vaccine has gained full FDA approval, the nationwide push for increased vaccination rates received a major shot in the arm. Last week, several companies and agencies joined the list of employers requiring staff members to be vaccinated.

For Riley and his team, the push for increased vaccinations will continue through the fall. Officials are heavily promoting vaccination clinics as the cold and flu season looms. For now, state leaders are relying on the mask mandate to maintain safety.

"I believe having these measures in place will allow for a strong start of the school year and provide additional safety measures until more students and staff are vaccinated," Riley said. "As always, we will continue to monitor developments, consult with medical experts and public health officials, and adjust requirements as appropriate."

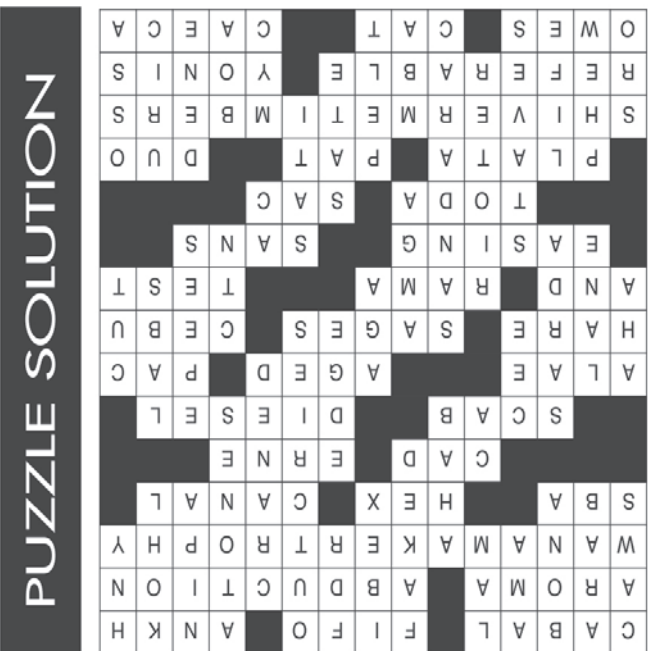


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2. Type of horse  
3. \_\_\_\_ fide: authentic  
4. Doctors' group  
5. Fugitives are on it  
6. Forged  
7. Wild goat  
8. Influential American president  
9. Calls for help  
10. Repents  
11. Palm tree with creeping roots  
12. Black powder used in makeup  
13. Happy New Year  
16. Stretched out one's neck  
18. Whale ship captain  
22. Atomic #20  
23. Border  
24. River that borders India and Nepal  
25. After B  
27. Fencing swords  
28. Where researchers work  
29. Expression of satisfaction
30. Broadway actor Nathan  
31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove  
33. A way to eliminate  
35. Type of tree resin  
36. Russian river  
37. Children's TV network  
39. Troublemaker  
42. Averts or delays  
43. Self-immolation by fire ritual  
44. It cools your home  
46. Satisfy to the fullest  
47. Stinks!  
48. Popular board game  
49. Attack by hurling  
50. A vale  
51. Type of acid  
52. Tasmania's highest mountain  
53. No seats available  
54. Licensed for Wall Street  
55. Family of genes  
56. Constrictor snake



## Maria Kapoukranidis receives Elmira College Key Award

ELMIRA, N.Y. — Maria Kapoukranidis, of Leicester received the Elmira College Key Award for their academic and community leadership. A tradition that goes back to 1935, the EC Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

This year, the award was given to 790 students in 14 states. Recipients receive an \$80,000 scholarship over a four-year period, \$20,000 per year, upon enrolling at Elmira College.

"This award is given to students with the potential to excel academically, serve as leaders, and go on to enjoy success in life," said Charles Lindsay, president of Elmira College. "We hope they will choose

to make Elmira College their place."

Sponsored by the EC Alumni Association, the Key Award recognizes students for high scholastic achievement, leadership, citizenship, and participation in extracurricular activities.

Founded in 1855, Elmira College is a private, residential, liberal arts college offering 25-plus majors, an honors program, 17 academic societies, and 18 Division III varsity teams. Located in the Southern Finger Lakes Region of New York, Elmira's undergraduate and graduate student population hails from more than 20 states and nine countries. Elmira is a Phi Beta Kappa College and has been ranked a top college, nationally, for student internships. The College is also home to the Center for Mark Twain Studies, one of four historically significant Twain heritage sites in the U.S., which attracts Twain scholars and educators from around the world for research on the famous literary icon. Proud of its history and tradi-

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## Local golf results

**Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club**  
Pit's Crew  
First place (-10): Rick Nolin, Bob Demaio, Rusty Snow, Bud Powers  
Second place (-9): Glen Wuerthele, Bill Hickey, Bill Parson, Ron Thompson  
Third place (-6): Dennis Cooney, Hector Vasquez, Bill Gaudette, Dick Morse  
**6/6/6 Tournament**  
First place (72): Adam Kettles and Rick Rearick  
Second place (72): Tom Gareau and Mike Caruso  
Third place (73): Mike Geisel and Mark Morin  
Mixed Division  
First place (75): Art and Barbara Rossi  
Second place (75): Todd and Tina Allen  
Low Best Ball (17): John and Tina Como  
Low Scramble (23): Matt Stepanski and Tom Staiti  
Low Scotch (27): Marc Kokansky and Dave Woodward  
**Kettle Brook Golf Club**  
Kettle One League Week 18  
First Place: Jeff Wozniak/  
Stein Berthiaume, +7  
Second Place: Vinny Cloutier/George Kiritsy, +4  
High Individual: Vinny Cloutier, +5  
Closest to the Pin on No. 12: Roger Pontbriand

## Knights of Columbus to host charity golf tournament

BROOKFIELD — Knights of Columbus Council # 11080, Our Lady

of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield, Massachusetts, is having their Fourth Annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, on Saturday, Sept. 25. Check-in begins at 7 a.m., with a shotgun Start at 8 a.m. Awards and dinner will follow in the clubhouse. Cost for team of 4: 18 holes of golf, cart & meal: \$400. Team of 4: golf and cart only: \$300. Prizes 1st & 2nd Place Teams, Closest to Pin Women & Men, Longest Drive Women & Men. Pre-registration is required. Sponsorships available. To register, or for more information, contact Wally Connor at wally-connor122@gmail.com or (413) 813-8100.

## Local man selected as delegate to Angus Association

WEST BROOKFIELD — David W. Salem, West Brookfield, has been elected as a delegate to the 138th American Angus Association® Convention of Delegates, set to be held Nov. 8 at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas, reports Mark McCully, chief executive officer of the American Angus Association.

Salem, a member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri, is one of 306 Angus breeders who have been elected by fellow members in their state to serve as a representative at the annual meeting. Representing the United States and Canada, the delegates will participate in the business meeting and elect new officers and five directors to the American Angus Association board.

Held in conjunction with the

138th Annual Convention of Delegates, the Angus Convention is set to take place Nov. 6-8, in Fort Worth, Texas. The Angus Convention offers unrivaled opportunities for real-world education and face-to-face networking.

The American Angus Association is the nation's largest beef breed organization, serving nearly 25,000 members across the United States, Canada and several other countries. For more information about Angus cattle, visit [www.ANGUS.org](http://www.ANGUS.org).

## 9/11 remembrance service planned in West Brookfield

WEST BROOKFIELD — A Service of Remembrance will be held on the West Brookfield Common at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11. We welcome all people to gather with us for this brief service of prayers and readings.

Rev. Ann M Rogers Brigham, Minister of the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC, Pastor Sandy Dam of the George Whitefield United Methodist Church and Rev. Joseph D. Rice, Pastor of the Roman Catholic communities of Mary Oratory (SM) in Brookfield & Sacred Heart of Jesus Church (SH) in West Brookfield will lead the service.

We will also provide an opportunity throughout the morning and early afternoon for people to express their appreciation to our local first responders (police, fire, EMTs, medical professionals) and those who responded on 9/11. People may write messages of thanks that will be given to our first responders later in the day. For more information, you may call the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield at 508-867-7078.

## PERSON of the WEEK

Bus Drivers, School Administrators, and Teachers of Spencer, North Brookfield, Leicester, East Brookfield...

For their efforts during the recent FIRST RIDE FOR SAFETY program sponsored by AA Transportation in East Brookfield. Nearly 100 kindergarteners from several area towns were able to take a ride on a school bus and learn about the "danger zone" in the front of the bus, learn about bus light and policies, and how to safely cross in front of a bus. This program will help to make the first ride on a school bus less stressful and safer, thanks to all of you who took part in this program.

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# Area seniors celebrate at Sheriff's Senior Picnic

SHREWSBURY — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis had the distinct pleasure of hosting more than 1,000 senior citizens in 600 vehicles from throughout Worcester County for the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic held on Saturday, Aug. 21 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury. The Sheriff's picnic has become a highly anticipated and beloved annual event for the county's senior community and drew another

record crowd. "As Sheriff, hosting the senior picnic is one of the great days of the year. Unable to do it last year due to Covid, we were determined to put on a safe picnic that would bring everyone together to celebrate. We were able to pull off a first of its kind drive-through picnic. People had such a wonderful time. I am so grateful to our volunteers and all the seniors who came out and made the day

so special," said Evangelidis. The drive through picnic was sponsored by the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association including donations by many local businesses and featured a BBQ box lunch, raffle prizes, complimentary gift bags, music and entertainment. Over 250 volunteers, including over 100 members of the Nichols College football team, were also on hand to assist with the high turnout.

"We couldn't have been more pleased with how the day went and we are thrilled that it has become such a beloved annual tradition. We fulfilled our goal of getting seniors out and about in a safe way and it's fantastic to see such a great turnout with everyone having such a great time," said Evangelidis.



Photos Courtesy  
Dianne Perron-Plade, Carrolaine Boucher, Ruth Labonte, and Paul Herbert pictured with Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, were among the attendees at the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic held recently on Aug. 21 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.



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Norma Gregory, Ray Beaupre, Theresa Gangler and Lilian Ricard of Spencer pictured with Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, were among the attendees at the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic held recently on Aug. 21 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.



Selectman John Howard and his wife Carol, Joseph and Susan Sespaniak of Spencer pictured with Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, were among the attendees at the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic held recently on Aug. 21 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.

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EDITORIAL

Get a hobby

Although we typically hear the phrase ‘get a hobby’ as a sarcastic way of putting someone down, there is also some truth to it. It’s important, especially for students to get involved in extracurricular activities.

Even as adults, when looking for work, it’s important to showcase experience as well as other aspects of your life. Most employers are looking for candidates who have a range of skills.

We learn this from a very young age. Striking a balance between work, school and taking time for yourself is key to a happy life. These days however, time seems to be something there is just never enough of. In fact, over the past several years, there has been a decline in civic engagement including neighborhood get togethers and leagues such as bowling, softball etc. Time seems to get eaten by social media or bingeing tv shows. Experts say the term ‘busy’ has been used as a badge of honor to make us feel important, not that we need to be busy, to actually be important.

Hobbies tend to make us more efficient. If we have a meeting to attend, or workout class to go to, we will check things off the list for work, to make time for what we want to do. When we feel like we have more time ahead of us to finish work, with nothing else to do, that time will get eaten up by work.

People tend to be more energized by active leisure, as opposed to watching movies or scrolling through social media. Active engagement allows us to be more present.

Hobbies are great for both students and adults alike in that it creates a chance to make friends and create new connections. We all know that social connections are key to creating happiness. People want to feel like they’re a part of a community.

Further, learning new things gives you more to talk about it, therefore making you more of a unique person. It makes you a more well rounded. Whether you hunt, mountain bike, play music, collect stamps, or Doors memorabilia, you’ll always have an interesting story to tell.

Being involved in other things besides school and work does relieve stress. Experts say to allocate one hour per day or a few hours per week to do something you feel inspired by. If there’s something you’ve always wanted to do, don’t wait for ‘someday’ do it now.

In our office, there are all sorts of conversations that take place because we all have different hobbies. We have history buffs, runners, musicians, hikers, snowboarders, actors, artists, movie buffs, podcasters and so much more.

As Dale Carnegie said, “Make the most of today. Get interested in something. Shake yourself awake. Develop a hobby. Let the winds of enthusiasm sweep through you.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The facts should be taught to our schools, not social theory

To the Editor:  
Kudos to Mr. Matthew DeFosse’s letter Aug. 27 that facts need to be taught in schools.

The best example I am suggesting, recommending to parents to give to the teachers, and we as parents also need to follow and live what the Bible teaches about God’s values; standards, principles and these teachings are for our present and eternal life, future.

We need to live our life and build our lives on the rock, Jesus [Matthew 7: 24-27] and anyone who hears, believes and lives by the Words of Jesus does

what it teaches will be blessed, and those who ignore in disbelief will be like a foolish man or woman who build on sand and the rains come and wash away the house.

I realize and understand many of you do not believe and accept that God Jesus is real and alive. [John 14: 6] My suggestion to you is, if you want to be blessed in this life and live eternally with God, Jesus, live by God’s moral and dietary law.

ROLAND BLAIS  
BROOKFIELD

A legacy to be proud of

To the Editor:  
To the family of Cole William Victor, thank you for the wonderful gift of the Cole William Victor Pavilion at Powder Mill Park, which was generously donated to the town of Spencer. New life has been given to the facilities which recently hosted live musical concerts and library programs. People of all ages have come to enjoy the park, bringing the community together when we need it most. Attendance has been enthusiastic, with many participants gathering to listen to music, sing, dance, play and learn.

Thanks to all who have helped with the upgrades, park maintenance and who continue to contribute to the success of improving the facilities: from planners, carpenters, electricians, machine operators, volunteers and performers. The Exchange Club has also

been instrumental in making Powder Mill Park a destination in town. The thoughtful work, time and effort have been a benefit to the citizens of Spencer as well as all who use the facility.

Thank you to the wonderful professionals of the Richard Sugden Library for the exceptional programs which have been selected and implemented to perfection. After attending several of the performances I was amazed at how much I enjoyed the programs; perhaps as much, if not more, than the kids!

Today’s Powder Mill Park is a fitting tribute to Cole and a lasting legacy for the family to be extremely proud of!

Much gratitude to the Victor family,  
Sincerely,

MATT DEFOSSE  
SPENCER

Sharia vs. freedom

To the Editor:  
Let’s start with this. Suddenly, many feel emboldened to enter into discussions about opposing views, based upon something they heard or read Many think their arguments outweigh those of people who have spent years, or a lifetime, studying and analyzing the issue that you have now had an epiphany on. In my 73 years, I have learned many things, but among the most important is the expanding amount that I don’t know.

While I have visited Muslim countries, and know several American Muslims personally, one of the revelations I have gleaned is that not much of Sharia law comes from the Quran, in much the same manner that few of our laws are directly from the Bible

An example is the burqa and the hijab (head scarf). Like the Vatican, at some point, a group of elders (all men) sat down and enacted rules that they expected to be followed, hence, a archaic dress code, and who is king, and who is serf.

I have rented to multiple Muslim families, all of whom are no longer together. I am thinking that exposure to American women, might have been a large factor. I have known men to return, both to Iraq and Afghanistan, frequently, and women less so. Unlike North Korea, the borders were not closed (except Covid), and there are many Afghan Americans- who, without US military involvement, move freely in and out of those countries

We live in a country where more stars gets you more and bigger toys. When we invaded Iraq, we had many new ships and planes. What we didn’t have was armored Humvees and body armor. What we seem to never learn, is where the hearts and minds of the natives are. We didn’t learn it in Vietnam, we didn’t learn it in Iraq, and what a lesson we just got in Afghanistan.

Among the loudest critics, we hear “Why didn’t we leave by May?” Since

Trump intended to leave, like a gypsy in the night, in virtually the same method used to abandon the Kurds in Syria, and with Stephen Miller, the immigration meister of the southern border fiasco, in charge of Muslim refugees, less than nothing was done. The cover story, for drawing 80 percent of our forces out, was that the trained and equipped 300,000 strong army, would fight on. Oh, my God, it is like losing a bet on a football play, then losing again on the replay. Biden wanted out ten years ago, after Bin Laden was dead. It will happen now, suicide bombers or no, because it is time. I hope that people realize that our Marines’ job was prevent armed insurgents into the airport, and nothing could have stopped a suicide bomber who would detonate as soon as about to be searched. Like 9/11, it is near impossible to stop those bent on suicide.

Last week, 9,000 Americans died. No, not in wars — in Florida. Anyone who thinks not wearing masks or getting vaccinated, is not the moral equivalent of a suicide bombing, just is not paying attention. Almost no vaccinated people are dying, though some do get sick. Some of us are really tired of this drill, and know it would not take that much sacrifice to end it. Is it rocket science that the major death counts are where the 30 percent vaccination rate is?

Let’s say you care about your kids, who you home schooled all of last year. How do you feel about sending your kid to sit next to an unmasked kid from an anti-vax home? Won’t it be great when the schools all go remote again, so you can’t work?

Me? I am for a Sharia law that says follow the CDC guidelines, or don’t leave the house. I could care less about your freedom, because you obviously could care less about mine, or my family, or my friends. Don’t be ISIS.

KEN KIMBALL  
BROOKFIELD

Get to the point already!

To the Editor:  
I am not normally one to cut down men, or women, for doing what they apparently get great enjoyment from. Especially if it isn’t hurting anyone. No harm, no foul. Correct?

To poke fun at myself first, I often use the phrase, «long story longer.” You see, I have the innate ability to talk the ears off of a statue. I have always had the “gift of gab.”

Doubt me? Ask most of my teachers. A wise wordsmith one may be. Not me, of course, but another may be. Ever eloquent with the English language. Again, not really my particular calling. A master at putting pen to paper. Another skill that is not necessarily my forte. Come to think of it, not one of these phrases would generally be used to describe my communication skills, and that is ok with me. They are

among us, I assure you, just not this letter writer. Moving on...

I was reading the paper over lunch the other day, as I like to do. I usually skim the entire paper and then revisit what I would like to read more of. I get the main points with my skimming. A great «speed reading» skill I learned from an English teacher back in my school days. Usually, there isn’t much I personally want to spend more time reading, but thats just me. However, reading through the latest edition, I found one particular Letter to The Editor that caught my eye, and ultimately was the impetus to write this because it has to be said.

You want to be heard? Get your message out to the people? Writing your Letter To The Editor to be published in the local paper is a great medium. Albeit a bit of a dying method of com-

You are not your past

Many people feel like they can’t have the life they want because of their past limitations or failures.

Maybe your family wasn’t there for you; you didn’t get the proper education, you’ve been fired from multiple jobs, or mistreated in relationships.

Many things aren’t fair and can cause a chain reaction of events that may take

us far off course. There are also many bad choices we make, and as a result, we end up missing out on the life we want.

You may have made mistakes, gotten into trouble, fired from a job, lost a relationship, but that doesn’t mean it always has to be that way.

George Washington Carver said, “Where there is no vision, there is no hope.”

I agree with his quote completely. George Washington Carver was a more brilliant man than I will ever be. For today’s column, I would like to modify the selection to say, “Where there is no positive vision of the future, there is no hope.”

It seems most people’s vision of the future is dictated by the failures and limitations of their past, and therefore, they do have a vision, but it’s a negative one.

One trait of a successful person is they don’t allow themselves to be defined by their failures or their present unfavorable circumstances. Instead, they define themselves by a positive vision of their future.

That seems odd when you think about it. They define themselves by something that hasn’t even happened yet.

It’s easy to look at a great person and assume they had everything handed to them or that somehow life was much easier on them than it was you.

I have many fond memories of my parents taking me to Disney World. I’ve been on the rides, seen the movies, and heard about the man who built it all, Walt Disney. I’ve driven past the Disney skyscraper in Burbank, California, hundreds of times; I’ve auditioned at Walt Disney Studios dozens of times. When surrounded by all that accomplishment, it’s hard to imagine that Walt ever faced any hardship.

Most don’t know that Walt Disney was fired from his job at the Kansas City Star after his newspaper editor told him that he didn’t have enough imagination or creativity!

What if Walt Disney allowed himself to be defined by that moment, and for the next 20 years, he wandered from job to job, telling himself, “I’m not creative, I don’t have a good enough imagination...”

If he would’ve, he never would have created Laugh-O-Gram. Laugh-O-Gram was an animation studio that Walt was contracted to run. The studio was supposed to make twelve cartoons. Although the company started promisingly, it wasn’t long before Walt was living at the office, taking weekly baths at Union Station in Kansas City, and finally bankrupting the studio; what a disaster.

He sold his camera, which gave him enough money for a one-way train ticket to Hollywood, Calif., and the rest is history.

I wonder how many potentially great people never accomplished their vision because they believed in their failures more than their vision of the future. They accepted what their present circumstances were telling them, rather than what their future vision was telling them.

If Walt Disney was one of those people, we’d have missed out on one of the most creative minds of the 20th century. Most obviously, he chose not to allow those negative experiences to define him because he became one of the most influential people of all time.

Like all great people, Walt Disney didn’t allow his future to be dictated by the failures or limitations of his past.

munication. Especially so with the proliferation of technology and the speed at which the general population digests information these days. But, I digress. Back on point. I squirreled; it happens... Write your letter and get your message printed. Good on ya! However, all will be wasted when the reader is bored by the third sentence. You will have lost your audience. And your message, regardless of its importance, will not be heard.

When you, and your counterparts, want to exercise your outstanding command of the English language by volleying back and forth within the pages of the paper, have at it! Spend your day writing Letters To The Editor that will fill a page. Take that time to demonstrate your outstanding ability to uti-



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Worst ever

To the Editor:  
It's now official. Only eight months in, Joe Biden has surpassed Jimmy Carter as our worst president ever. If you voted for this shell of a man, you are as responsible as he is for the following.

You are responsible for his inept handling of the Covid pandemic. The Spanish Flu of 1918 was spread across our nation by returning soldiers from WWI. They returned from the battlefield to hometowns and infected the population. Joe and his progressives have opened our borders to illegal immigrants who have no vaccinations from Covid or a host of other viruses. He has then developed a super spreader event by busing and flying a million of them across our country. His crew then tries to blame you and your families for not wearing masks and not getting your children vaxxed. If you had voted for Donald Trump, the wall would be up, borders closed, and the country back to full employment.

You are responsible for more US servicemen coming back in body bags. Joe is a weak commander in chief. He has placed generals in command of the armed forces not based on experience and competence, but on race and political affiliation. He and the progressives are more interested in the Wokie-ism of our soldiers. If you have any rela-

tives in the armed services, just ask them how different it is under Slow Joe instead of Make America Great Again Don. They will tell you it's like night and day. Under Don, the soldiers were taken care of as our most valuable assets. Under Don, we had power, respect, and fear from our enemies. Under Joe, they laugh at us. With Don, we know it would have been a strategic withdrawal. The Taliban knew he would blow them back to their mud huts and caves if they harmed a hair on one of our soldiers. Don and our army were feared by them. Under Biden, we are leaving with our tail between our legs. They have no respect for a coward. With all the equipment and arms he left there, he sure has built the Taliban and ISIS back better. What a complete fool! He has given a clear signal to North Korea, China, and all the Islamic terrorist that it's open season on our soldiers. Jimmy Carter's failed Iran hostage fiasco pales in comparison to Sleepy Joe's rout.

By voting for Sleepy Joe, you voted for legalized abortion rights. This means the government has no right to require you to do anything to your body, even if it means the death of a child. The Democrat voters screamed "Your body, your choice" as they voted

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### CommonsensereturnstoNorthBrookfield

To the Editor:  
As possibly the most catastrophic and nightmarish military and foreign policy situation in our country's history is, at this writing, still playing out in Afghanistan, I will save my comments regarding that matter for next week, and, instead, return to considering the problems posed by the collapsing of confidence in the public schools of America, and especially those in our local area.

The newly reconfigured North Brookfield School Committee met last week to kick off the start of a new school year, and I as well as a few other nonresidents of the town were allowed to sit in and observe the proceedings. Things went smoothly, for the most part, and it was clear the members all appear to be willing to freely give of their time and energy in an earnest attempt to do all they can to make their schools places to which people want to send their children rather than trying to find ways to avoid the experience.

A few observations:  
1.) It was good to be asked to join in with the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting. A nice touch, but, unfortunately, it was rushed and appeared to be a ritual to be gotten through rather than an opportunity for a moment or two of sober and patriotic reflection at a time when our country is going through such trying times and weighed down by chaos and disunity.

2.) I had gone to the meeting hoping to hear from the attendees during what, in most town board meetings, is referred to as "Public Comment Time" or by some such name. That didn't happen as those attempting to present some brief remarks were told the time had been offered at the start of the meeting, so that window had closed. If I had the dough, I'd have a hearing aid, so I assumed I had just missed it; others, though, decades younger than myself informed me their hearing was O.K., and they never heard the solicitation to the audience to speak now or forever hold your peace. I hope in the future ample time will be set aside for public comment—at least for those who

live in the town—as there are, I suspect, plenty of people with much to say regarding their experiences with the schools they support with their taxes.

And, 3.) I found it a bit disappointing to observe the moderator (who did a pretty good job of moving things along throughout the evening) seem to lose his patience with the audience after one—and only one—loud burst of enthusiastic applause after the committee had voted to make masks optional in the schools. I thought, these people are seriously upset at the thought of another year of mandatory anything regarding a health issue for which masks have—for young children—no scientifically valid benefits whatsoever. Letting the audience vent their relief at the display of reasonableness on the part of the committee was certainly not that much of a burden to bear, and it should have been allowed.

The mask vote was 4 to 1 in favor of no mandate. Made sense to me. The same vote was recorded on, in my opinion, to me—a much more important issue, and that was in deciding to rescind the previous committee's decision of last year to drop the name of the schools' mascot, the Indians, a moniker that has been emblazoned on school team uniforms for the past 65 years.

This decision dealt a blow to the smug, self-appointed guardians of the moral rectitude of the townsfolk (just as the Puritans did in the town a couple hundred years ago), the previous members of the school committee who were personally offended by the "racist" implications of the name, and unilaterally decided to just dump the name regardless of the sentiments of a clear majority of the residents.

As I have said in previous letters on this subject, the name the school(s) compete under is completely immaterial to me. It's the underhanded, conniving manner in which the proponents of the name change attempted to have their way, despite, being liberals, their oft-proclaimed idolization of their precious "democracy." So,

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it is an important one!

GERALD A. MCALISTER  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

### Biden, our country, and a person to remember

To the Editor:  
Travels with our children and beloved grand-children, a half-dozen five and under, made it difficult for two months to put "pen-to-paper." Reflections from then and now follow.

The Biden Presidency's early accomplishments include:

Securing funding and beginning execution of the Coronavirus Relief Bill. It includes money for schools and an income grant to families, including those in New Leader towns. This gives our children a better chance for doing and being and then contributing more to our country and economy,

Rolling out a Covid vaccine, inoculation system which does and will further Americans to receive doses, and encourages us to do so and to wear masks as recommended by the CDC.

Broadly and specifically addressing the climate crisis that already very affects us and our families—witness rising New England temperatures and heat waves, uncontained Western wild fires, deadly Southern flooding, many more hurricanes. Now nearly 100,000 Americans a year die due to the changing climate.

Securing approval for a much delayed and needed massive "physical" infrastructure program and an even

more important "human development" infrastructure program moving forward.

Introducing measures to more fairly tax the wealthy. Now many multi-multi billionaires and companies like Jeff Bezos and Amazon greatly benefit from America, but often pay little or no taxes. Meanwhile, middle-class Americans contribute 20 percent or more of their income for good services and government; and

Whatever shortcomings, the Biden Presidency has mainly staffed the upper levels of government with competent, trustworthy individuals and tried govern with the norms and values that served America well-untill 2017.

Like others, the Biden Presidency has made mistakes. However, none equals to the irresponsible, chaotic, and callous withdrawal from Kabul. Regarding Afghanistan, Presidents Clinton, then Bush, Obama, and Trump (whose described "White Flag Surrender" to the Taliban" set the current disaster in motion) deserve blame. Since Biden became President and especially since April, he has committed serious mistakes. The airport debacle (no matter how well U.S. troops and others per-

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### Reinstatement of "Indians" mascot a win for every American!

To the Editor:  
For those of you who may not yet be aware, the North Brookfield School Committee recently took a sane, historic and courageous vote at their meeting on the evening of Aug. 23 to rescind a previous vote last year and restore the American Indian as the mascot of their local schools. This action reversed the poorly-timed, tightly-controlled (with the predictable stacked deck of "stakeholder" cards) and inadequately-debated issue of possibly replacing this proud symbol in use with the town since 1956, according to one School Committee member who took the time to do some research at the local Historical Commission. With regard to the former and appalling School Committee vote to remove the Indian as the official mascot, you have to give the radical culturally-warped Left credit, as well as many Democrat operatives, for they never let a crisis or tragedy go to waste in pursuit of their ever-changing agendas. This time, it was the Covid outbreak and a sparse public presence, with many citizens wary of going out to public places, or various venues being reduced to "virtual"/call-in only. That draconian setting was again itself exploited for maximum political gain.

One such example is that recent attempt in late 2020 to retire the American Indian symbol as the school mascot in the local Town of North Brookfield. While I've never lived in this neighboring town, I took more than a passing interest, albeit with feelings of concern and anger, towards this trendy move to remove Native American symbols and names from as many iconic things as they've been bestowed upon such as schools, geographical areas and even national sports teams.

My interest in these disrespectful attempts, the Indian names which, in most cases, actually honor our Native American brothers and sisters—our predecessors here before the arrival of the largely European settlers and colonies that formed, leading up to the Founding of America itself as a sovereign Constitutional Republic—is certainly a result of my own ancestry. That ancestry, while predominantly Yankee (English/early American) and Irish, also includes some Native American blood from a New England tribe (probably Wampanoag) in the 18th or 19th Century and long after

English Puritan William Reade and his two sons stepped onto Massachusetts soil in Boston in October of 1635. Their emigration followed a three-month-long ocean voyage on HMS "Defence" from Cornwall, England (I cannot even imagine how rough those long voyages must have been for these tough, determined people seeking freedom and religious liberty from the Crown).

For the record, like many Americans of native/indigenous descent, I support the respectful naming of municipalities, regions, states, sports teams and school mascots with Native American (a.k.a. "Indian" or "Indians") names, tribes, terms and symbols. This is, actually, especially appropriate where such names and tribes once flourished and dwelled among the now western industrialized areas of these United States. These designations are not shameful, offensive, nor disrespectful to most Native American Indians, and usually are not cultural appropriation, nor racist! On the contrary, these perennially butt-hurt, politically-correct Leftist grievance mongers driving this issue to banish Indian names and logos—mostly guilt-ridden White liberals from what I've witnessed—would be the very first hypocritical hyenas howling "Racist!" at the top of their lungs and in scathing articles, had otherwise our largely European predecessors and ancestors, including us at present, failed to acknowledge and name any such places, teams or mascots with the names and symbols of our Indian predecessors here in North America! These agitators are fundamentally Communist/Marxist in their outlook on life, and they will never be pleased or satisfied with peaceful coexistence as they piously claim, for there is political opportunity and capital, indeed much money to be made by dividing people constantly, thereby creating hatred and resentment. It is lucrative and distracting, the division—Satan's own greatest weapon against God's fallen creatures, the human race. The Left's goal is the Balkanization of America until it is completely unrecognizable from its own motto of "e pluribus Unum", that is, "From many, one." They're all lip service about diversity, multi-culturalism, rich mosaic, yada-yada-yada, but they always forget about that pesky and ever-so-important unity concept,

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lize more words and phrases than are required to drive home a point. "Leave your hammer mark on the board" if you feel you need to really drive the nail home and are not worried about how those quarter sized scars will look when the project is finished. Use words and phrases that will give some readers pause, and might even cause them to Google a few so as to maybe, just maybe, learn something new. Have at it! Seems you folks enjoy it. Nothing wrong with it and it doesn't hurt anyone. You've learned quite a bit in all your years and we are happy to have you share some of that wisdom. I am willing to bet that the fine folks on the editorial staff at the paper may even appreciate the fill, sometimes. And you may even unintentionally, or intentionally, impart some of your wisdom on a few who take the time to read, and comprehend, your sometimes funny and long winded entries into the literary history of The Stonebridge Press.

However, when it is an important point, and you wish to get the message out to as many as possible, please put your excellent wordsmithing aside and employ the KISS principal. Not because we don't get a kick out of some of the stuff you write, but so your important message may be received by the masses. Don't let your important messages get lost in the fiddle fuddle of your sometimes extreme wordiness.

Self deprecation and Irony aside, Get to the point already! Especially if

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formed) will have present and serious long term consequences both here and globally.

In America, a wide gap now exists between politics and governance. “Politics” consist of activities that relate to influencing the actions and policies of a government or getting and keeping in power. Especially among right wing and Trumpist Republican politics has, for the last 25 years become, an attack and destroy exercise, especially against those “not like us.”

Governance, on the other hand, is the way in which we-including elected officials, public servants, and organizations and individuals-participate and interact in the process of governing or running our country.

For these two reasons, the sentences which begin the United States Constitution may deserve re-reading.

“We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote General welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and Posterity do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States.”

Now while we all may agree on a common defense for all, it appears that many on the Republican and Trump right prefer to reserve domestic tranquility, promoting general welfare, and the blessings of liberty mainly for themselves rather than all Americans.

For local indications of thisism consider quotes from two letters in the Aug. 27 New Leader.

First, “Fantasy Land”: ‘The truth is government owes you nothing but a secure place to live. Its up to you to provide for yourself.’ These words indicate a limted understanding our Constitution and its objectives.

Then “Where Have All the Glowes Gone”: It reads as a typical “smoke and mirrors” exercise (defined as obscuring or embellishing the truth of a situation

with misleading or irrelevant information). For now go past the smoke and mirrors and the desire for Americans to hate other Americans. Also for the moment ignore intentional lies about Afghan refugees who might come to the United States.

At its basics, this letter stands out as a cult-like devotion to Donald Trump. given to a man judged by all measures and accounts as one of the very worst Presidents in our history. Likewise, as the Capital Insurrection and attempts to overturn (often Republican) certified election results show, Trump has no regard, much less appreciation for the Constitution that has guided American governance since 1787. Why such devotion? Could it be the desire to replace American democracy with a Putin-Russian like version of governance?

In ending, I turn with sadness and gratitude to those, especially those who lost their lost their lives establishing and guarding the perimeter around the Kabul airport. Thus made possible the departure, in dangerous chaos, of so many Americans and those who supported us and tried build a less imperfect Afghanistan.

At local level we can express particular grief and respect for Marine Sargent Johanny Rosario, a Dominican immigrant from Lawrence. Like other service members, she volunteered to put herself directly in harm’s way to assist fleeing Afghans, including many women and children.

Worth noting is Rosario’s high school participation in Upward Bound, a government funded high school program for (through no fault of their own) educational and economically deprived students. Borrowing from the Constitution, the program exists, to “promote the General welfare and secure the Benefits of liberty.”

In her short life, Ms. Rosario understood and did this so well, loving and trying to protect her “neighbors,” no matter how different they were.

KEVIN KANE  
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Unum—oneness. As President Trump was fond of saying at his many rallies and elsewhere, “Regardless of our differences, we are all made by the same and loving God. We all bleed the same red blood.” Truer words were never spoken!

We the people will never be unified as a country, or within our smaller political subdivisions, when the tyranny of a small-but-vocal minority is permitted, under the cover of “pandemic,” with certain “identified (often stacked) stakeholders” chosen to affect and assure a certain outcome; to essentially override the will of the majority! The subject of reevaluating any mascot is fair for any community to undertake from time to time, yet the manner in which it is conducted must be careful and fully inclusive; to ensure that the entire municipality, community, state or Republic (as applicable) has a democratic vote or voice in that process. Even if it is not a direct vote, but deliberative through their elected representatives or local officials, thoughtfully and with

adequate time for full, fair and proper input from the governed. A prevailing local condition of a new flu or virus outbreak is NOT a good time to take up such culturally-sensitive matters that clearly have less weight assigned to them than seeing our fellow citizens maintain good health and avoid serious illness and un-necessary deaths; to restore our businesses, economy and lives to normal, to the greatest extent possible. Congratulations to my neighbors, the Town of North Brookfield, for making their larger, more inclusive voice on the “Indians” heard, in both a direct town-wide vote and via the present school committee’s recent remedial vote. Lastly, a big thank you to a patriot, friend and mentor, retired Spencer-East Brookfield history teacher, Mr. John McRae, for his previous leadership here encouraging this town to fight for their Indians mascot—our traditional culture; to not be silent and settle for dictatorial, overpaid unelected bureaucrats and radical politically-correct “woke” Leftists to define the terms of the issue.

DANA GEORGE REED  
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although I know the commissars in Boston will surely intervene to stop the “little people” out in the sticks from calling their teams whatever they want, nonetheless, it was a great night if for no other reason than that for once the regular citizens in effect said “No, we’re not going to be called some generic, bloodless name like the ‘Bobcats.’ We’re proud to be the ‘Indians’ whether the liberal elites like it or not. Go Indians!!”

This action coming out of North Brookfield should serve as an encouragement to other towns in Central Massachusetts who have not as yet buckled under the pressure of politically correct overseers of the public morality, and who like their team nicknames

and see no reason to change them. Are you listening, Tantasqua Warriors?

Finally, a far more important meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 13 at, I think, 6 p.m. This is one where I expect they’ll probably have to set aside ample time for Public Comment. And, since this meeting will be concerned primarily with curriculum, there will almost certainly be a lot to discuss. With issues like Critical Race Theory, graphic sex-ed content for young children, and all of it, I think people are going to have a lot of questions and much to say. It might come down to “You’re gonna need a bigger...room.”

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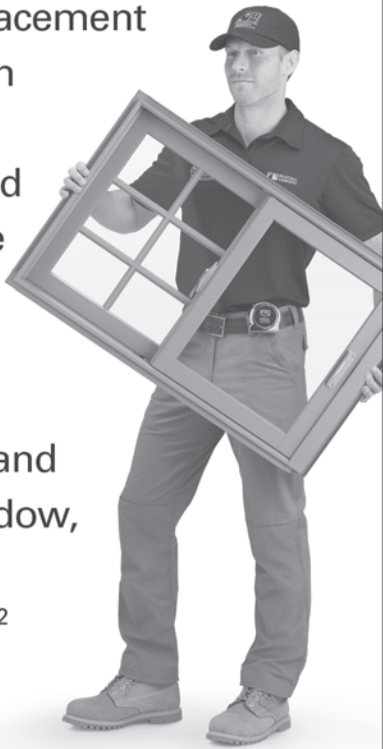
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# North Brookfield Savings Bank announces promotions



Joseph Deady



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NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotions of Joseph Deady and Kaitlyn Malin within the Operations Department.

“We are so pleased to announce Joe and Kaitlyn’s well-deserved promotions and to have them continue to grow with North Brookfield Savings Bank,” said North Brookfield

Savings Bank Executive and Human Resource Director, Andrea Healy. “They are both highly knowledgeable and are committed to providing valuable support and service to our customers while contributing to the Bank’s overall success. I know they will continue to be great assets to our Operations Team, our customers and retail staff alike.”

Joseph Deady, of Chicopee, has been promoted to Digital Services Manager/Fraud Analyst. Deady will be responsible for ensuring the Bank is using all possible digital products to align with our strategic goals and needs of our customers, while overseeing account fraud.

Deady joined North Brookfield Savings Bank as a Teller in 2011. He has held various roles at the Bank;

Supervisor and Management roles and finally Fraud Analyst in the Operations Department in 2015. Most recently, Joe held the title of Operations Specialist/Fraud Analyst, where he handled debit card fraud claims and account compromises and processed and reviewed international wires.

He has more than 10 years of professional banking experience and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts as well as being ACH certified.

Deady supports his local communities by volunteering his time and attending fund-raising events for local, community-focused organizations like Camp Putnam in New Braintree.

“I am looking forward to helping the Bank update and stay consistent, using digital products which align with our strategic goals and our customer needs. I will oversee the handling of account fraud to protect our customers and the Bank, something I continue to do. Mitigating risk to the Bank and customer is very satisfying and I feel good knowing that I have eliminated that worry for everyone,” said Digital Services Manager/Fraud Analyst Joe Deady. “My goal for this new position is to help the Bank to advance their product offerings in these ever-changing digital times to stay relevant and to progress.”

Kaitlyn Malin, of Hardwick, has been promoted to Operations Specialist. She holds an Associate degree from Mount Wachusett

Community College. Malin previously held the position of Operations Customer Service Representative, where she was tasked with answering customer calls and connecting customers and non-customers with appropriate staff to assist them. She also was responsible for reviewing all daily Operations Reports.

Before coming to the Bank in November 2020, she worked as a teller at Athol Savings Bank. In her 3 years there she was exceptional at assisting customers with transactions, concerns, and other inquiries.

In her new role, Malin will be responsible for reviewing reports to mitigate fraud and risk for both the Bank and customers as well as servicing customer’s online banking needs and completing account modifications such as travel notifications and card limit raises.

“I am very happy with my advancement within the North Brookfield Savings Bank Operations Department,” said Operations Specialist Kaitlyn Malin “I look forward to learning more about the back-office portion of this department and it’s functionality as well as learning more about fraud to further assist our customers with day-to-day issues or concerns. I am enthusiastic for the additional responsibility this new position brings and look forward to continuing to learn and grow in order to contribute to the Bank’s success.”

Joseph Deady and Kaitlyn Malin can be reached by calling the Operations Department at 40 Main St. in Ware, at 508-867-7400.

## FCC West Brookfield announces Sunday School program

WEST BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC, invites school age children to participate in its Sunday School program.

The program is available to children in grades six and lower. The church school year will run from September 2021 through May 2022, and the church is using The Whole People of God curriculum.

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their life’s journey, they are welcomed,” read a statement released by the church.

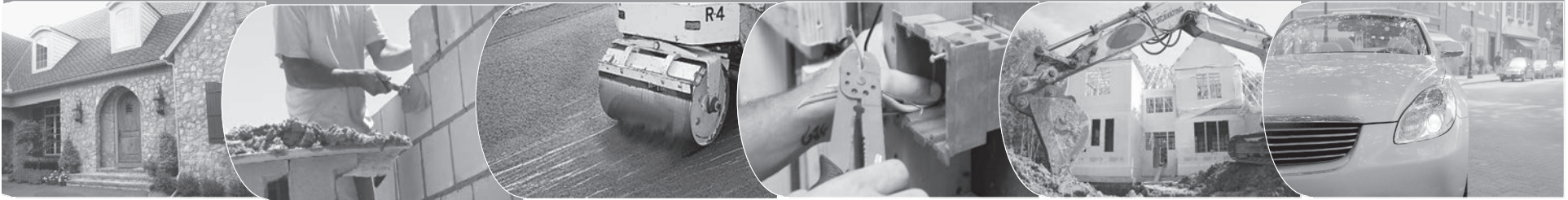
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# Rotary Club brings popular Halloween event to the Brookfields

WEST BROOKFIELD — On Saturday, Oct. 2, The Rotary Club of the Brookfields will be introducing a new seasonal event to the area when it holds its first day-long Neewollah Festival at Ye Olde Tavern in the center of West Brookfield, according to Rotary President Sujoy Spencer. The festival is being sponsored by Angels Answer, Inc., an emergency food and relief service for people and pets.

Neewollah (Halloween spelled backwards) is a century-old Independence, Kan. event that began in 1919 as an effort to provide positive Halloween activities for kids of all ages. In the beginning, the events centered on various parades involving decorated cars and carriages. Today, Neewollah is the largest annual celebration in Kansas and still features some parades, but also includes a carnival, food vendors, an arts and crafts show, a Great Pumpkin contest, a fun run, a chili cookoff, a marching band performance, and other activities.

“This being our first time out, we’re planning a more modest celebration,” says Spencer, “but we hope to capture the spirit of the original Neewollah Festival with the many activities we have planned for our Oct. 2 event, which include an arts and crafts show, a talent competition, a creative writing competition, and a creative food art and pumpkin carving contest. If the festival is well received, we will consider expanding it into an annual event.”

“Each year’s Neewollah Festival is built around a common theme,” Spencer adds. “This year’s theme is the L. Frank Baum book, ‘The Wonderful Wizard of Oz,’ and we’ll be carrying that theme throughout the event.”

The festival will be a day-long event starting at 9 a.m. and continuing through 9 p.m. An arts and crafts sale will be held from the start of the event until 3 p.m. in the main dining

room. Local artists and crafters are invited to rent table space measuring 44 by 29 inches provided by Ye Olde Tavern at the rate of \$15 per table or \$25 per double table.

Entries to the creative food art and carved pumpkin contest will also be on display and judged on the tavern’s patio during those hours. Local foodies and kids of all ages are encouraged to submit entries based on the Wizard of Oz theme.

Another fun event will be the “Rotary’s Got Talent” competition in which area talent will compete live at the tavern on Oct. 2 before a panel of judges. Performers may display a wide range of talents, but must be family friendly and appropriate in both language and costume. Performances will be limited to 10 minutes per act, including set-up and exiting the stage area. The entry fee for the talent competition is \$10 for a single entry or \$15 for a group, and all applications must be in no later than Sept. 29.

Last, but certainly not least, adults and kids of all ages are invited to participate in a creative writing contest with an overall writing prompt of “Not So Scary.” Entries may be submitted in any number of categories, including fiction and non-fiction, poetry, prose, plays, essays, and short stories, but must not exceed 25 pages, presented in 12 point double-spaced type. All entries must be the original work of the submitter and must not have been previously published. “We’re hoping area teachers and librarians will encourage students to participate,” says Spencer. “It will be a great opportunity for the kids to stretch their creative writing muscles after so much time spent outside the classroom over the past year.”

There is an entry of \$5 per submission and entries must be received by Sept. 25 to allow for judging. Payment

may be made by check, money order or Venmo to the Rotary Club of the Brookfields. Email submissions may be sent to RotaryCluboftheBrookfields@gmail.com. Entries being sent by “snail mail” should include three (3) copies and should be mailed to “Not So Scary” Contest, Rotary Club of the Brookfields, P.O. Box 733, Warren, MA 01083. Winners will be announced during the “Rotary’s Got Talent” portion of the Neewollah Festival and the authors may be invited to read their winning entry during that part of the program.

The Rotary of the Brookfields will also be conducting a “Turkey Scratch” Raffle Tickets Sale during the festival in which \$100 worth of lottery scratch tickets displayed as feathers on a wooden turkey will go to the winner.

All entry forms and additional details for all of the Neewollah Festival competitions and contests are available for download from the Rotary’s Web site at BrookfieldsRotary.org. Email submissions and inquiries may be sent

to RotaryCluboftheBrookfields@gmail.com. Payments are to be made by check, money order, or Venmo to the Rotary Club of the Brookfields. Questions? Please call (470) 223-2342.

Brookfields Rotary was chartered in 1955 as part of Rotary International and is now in its 66th year of service to the Brookfields, Spencer, Warren, Ware, and the world. Membership consists of local business and community leaders providing and supporting services that improve lives and make our towns a bit better. Among other benefits, Rotary offers team based community service, networking, and professional development. Rotary is a family, and Rotarians make lifelong friendships locally and beyond. New members are always welcome. Dinner meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Thursday of the month at Ye Olde Tavern, 7 East Main St., West Brookfield. The second and fourth weeks are dedicated to service projects or socials.

## Paxton resident named to Simmons University Dean’s List

BOSTON — Hallie Lane, Paxton resident, was named to the 2021 spring semester dean’s list at Simmons University in Boston.

To qualify for dean’s list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

About Simmons University Located in the heart of Boston, Simmons is a respected private university offering more than 50 majors and programs for undergraduate women and graduate

programs open to all on campus, in blended formats, or entirely online in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, business, communications, social work, public health, and library and information science. Founded in 1899, Simmons has established a model of higher education that other colleges and universities are only recently beginning to adapt: the combination of education for leadership in high-demand professional fields with the intellectual foundation of the liberal arts. The result is a Simmons graduate prepared not only to work, but to lead in professional, civic, and personal life - a vision of empowerment that Simmons calls preparation for life’s work. Follow Simmons on Twitter at @SimmonsUniv, and on LinkedIn at https://www.linkedin.com/school/simmons-university/.

# LEGALS

## Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

**Special Permit** – Applicant/ Owner: Scott & Grace Conner; Location: 7 Brewer Lane/Wilson Ave, Spencer Assessor’s Map U29-107. The applicant is looking for a special permit under Section 5.2.6 (Detached Accessory Structure) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to erect a 600 sqft accessory structure. The property is located in the Lake Residential zoning district.

**Special Permit** – Applicant/ Owner: Town of Spencer; Location: 69 West Main Street, Spencer Assessor’s Map R29-01. The applicant is looking for a special permit under Section 3.4.1 (Aquifer Protection) and 4.2 (Major Utility in Commercial Zone) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to upgrade and improve the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The property is located in the Commercial zoning district.

August 27, 2021  
September 3, 2021

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Angela N. Erickson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., dated May 29, 2015 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53781, Page 339 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated August 1, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 55754, Page 147, and Assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC dated January 23, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59981, Page 147, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 8 Oakland Drive, Spencer, MA 01562 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on September 20, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northerly side of Oakland Drive in the town of Spencer, in the County of Worcester, containing forty-four thou-

sand six hundred and sixteen (44,616) square feet more or less and being shown as lot #6 on plan to show Division of Land in Spencer, Mass. Owned by G. & C. Lussier Builders by Kenneth Shaw, dated August 23, 1972, recorded with Worcester District Deeds, Plan Book 371, Plan 56. Premises to the conveyed are more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwesterly corner of the tract to be conveyed at an angle in the northerly line of Oakland Drive at the southeasterly corner of Lot #7. THENCE by Lot #7 N. 49° 49’ 49” E., 342.79 feet to an angle. THENCE by Lot #7 N. 29° 37’ 49” E., 120.00 feet to a rail fence. THENCE by rail fence N. 85° 37’ 49” E. 101.92 feet to a ring of stones. THENCE by Lot #5 S. 35° 49’ 17” W. 492.63 feet to Oakland Drive. THENCE by Oakland Drive N. 63° 47’ 29” W. 150.00 feet to the point of beginning. For title, see deed recorded herewith. For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53781, Page 336.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
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Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Erickson, Angela N., 19-035575  
August 27, 2021  
September 3, 2021  
September 10, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court**

**225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. WO98P2291GR1  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR  
TERMINATION OF A GUARDIAN OF  
AN INCAPACITATED PERSON  
In the interests of:  
Peter M Dean  
of Spencer, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/  
Protected Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, A petition has been filed by **Department of Developmental Worcester, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Terminate the Guardianship. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 09/14/2021.**

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 18, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
September 3, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. W021P2750EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
Barbara L. Laine  
Date of Death: 02/23/2013**

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/ or Appointment has been filed by

**Ronald C Rheault of Oxford MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Ronald C Rheault of Oxford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With-**

**out Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/05/2021.**

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

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

Date: August 20, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
September 3, 2021

## Notice of Public Hearing

The North Brookfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:15PM at the Police Station Conference Room, 55 School St., North Brookfield, MA. Public opinion will be received regarding amending the Zoning Bylaw. The following changes are proposed: Section II. Definitions by adding Adult Entertainment and Drive-through operations definitions, add Section IV.E.5.e. Drive-through operations, (Section IV.E.6.c. would change to b.), change Section IV. D through G. to E. through H. and add new Section IV.D. Business General 2 District, add Business General 2 District to Table 3- Dimensional Requirements and change Zoning Map to include Business General 2 District. Also, propose changing zoning of 5.48 acre property located at 2 W. Brookfield Rd. and Town of N. Brookfield property located at intersection of W. Brookfield Rd. and Brookfield Rd.

Any person interested in or wishing to be heard should appear at the above stated time and place. A copy of the proposed bylaw and map amendments is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, 215 North Main St., North Brookfield, MA.

William King, Chair  
September 3, 2021  
September 10, 2021



OBITUARIES

Are your loved ones prepared to be caregivers?

Once you're retired and your children are grown, they are likely "off the books," as far as your financial responsibility for them is concerned. Yet, you're probably still prepared to do anything to help them – but are they ready to take care of you if the need arises?

Consider this: Almost half of retirees say that the ideal role in retirement is providing support to family and other loved ones, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave study titled Four Pillars of the New Retirement: What a Difference a Year Makes – and a slightly earlier version of the same study found that 72 percent of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their family members.

So, if you are recently retired or plan to retire in the next few years, you may need to reconcile your desire to help your adult children or other close relatives with your concern that you could become dependent on them. You'll need to consider whether your loved ones can handle caregiving responsibilities, which frequently include financial assistance. If they did have to provide some caregiving services for you, could



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they afford it? About 80% of caregivers now pay for some caregiving costs out of their own pockets – and one in five caregivers experience significant financial strain because of caregiving, according to a recent AARP report.

One way to help your family members is to protect yourself from the enormous expense of long-term care. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is now over \$100,000 a year, according to the insurance company Genworth. Medicare won't pay much, if any, of these costs, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can suggest possible ways of addressing long-term care expenses.

Even if you don't require a long stay in a nursing home, you still might need some assistance in the future, especially if your health or mental capacities decline. So, start talking to your loved ones about their possible roles if you should ever need caregiving. You may want to create a caregiving arrangement that specifies payment for caregiving services and outlines the expenses to be reimbursed if paid out of pocket by a caregiver. Also, you may want to



Lacomba and her husband Humberto

Eda Lacomba, 62

SPENCER- Eda Lacomba, 62, of Spencer, died Friday, Aug. 27 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She leaves her parents, Isaías and Luz N. Rodriguez Lacomba, and her sister Nerida

Montoya with whom she lived, her brother Nelson Lacomba of N.J., nieces & nephews and many loved ones.

She was born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico and moved here in October 2017.

Private funeral services were held in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

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create the appropriate legal documents, such as a durable power of attorney for health care, which enables someone to make medical decisions on your behalf should you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows you to name someone to make your financial decisions if you become unable to do so yourself. A legal professional can help you make these arrangements and incorporate them into your overall estate plan. A financial advisor can suggest ways of preparing for the costs involved with caregiving and can direct you to relevant resources, such as social services

provided by your city or county.

Clearly, there's much you can do to help shield your family from the financial strain of caregiving. But you are not alone: By drawing on other resources and outside help, you can ease the burden on your loved ones. And everyone will feel more secure when you have your arrangements in place.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Jeff Burdick, your local Edward Jones Advisor in Sturbridge at 508-347-1420 or jeff.burdick@edwardjones.com.*



THE GREAT OUTDOORS  
RALPH TRUE

As we enter the month of September, many freshwater anglers are thinking about the fall trout fishing season in Massachusetts. As the waters start to cool from the extremely warm temperatures of this summer, anglers need to be aware that Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife will not stock trout until the waters are suitable to sustain the freshly stocked trout. It may be until October before the waters are cool enough to see a trout stocking. It is hard to believe that the Gulf has 90 Degree surface water temperatures this past week, prior to Hurricane Ida!

Saltwater fishing continues to improve on all fronts in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with schools of mackerel along the South shore of the Island. Fluke & seabass fishing also remains very good at the Island. Tuna were being caught around the Gully! Albi are showing up in both Mass. & Rhode Island waters. These hard fighting fish provide some great fishing for anglers using light tackle and fly rods. They do not provide good eating; however, some anglers do take a few home for table fare. Saltwater fishing should explode with action on all fronts in the coming weeks.

Ten local sportsmen left for Maine this past weekend to enjoy a bit of bear hunting that opened up this past Monday statewide. Bear hunters are



Photo Courtesy

This week's picture shows nine-year-old Payton fishing with her grandfather Charlie this past Saturday on the Meadow Pond in Whitinsville. He takes her fishing as often as he can. She still will not handle the fish, but that will come in time.

allowed to set up bait hunting spots prior to hunting season. Hunters are allowed to use crossbows, compound bows, shotgun, etc. to harvest their bear in Maine. It should be a good year for hunting bear in Maine, if the weather cools off. Hunting bear in Massachusetts is open in all zones

again this year, and a permit that costs only \$5 is required. Be sure to check all hunting regulations before the season opens on Sept. 7. Second season opens Nov. 1, and the third season opens for shotgun Nov. 29.

Have you checked your status for an antlerless deer permit? Go to the

Mass. Fish Hunt Web site to see if you have won a permit. If you did, you will need to pay a \$5 fee. If you did not win a permit, you can still apply for an antlerless deer permit starting on September. The antlerless surplus deer permits go fast. The permits will be in zones 9, 10, 11, 13 & 14. Zone 11 will go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 9 a.m. It will be a staggered system. Zone 10 will go on sale Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. Zone 9, including 13 & 14, Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. Number of surplus deer permits available in zone 9, 1,410 - Zone 10 - 9,092 & Zone 11 7,770 Zone 13 2,526 and Zone 14, 2,619.

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Last week's picture of a huge whale cod was caught a number of years ago, prior to the recreational cod fishery being shut down ,causing numerous charter boats to close. Starting Sept. 15, recreational anglers can retain one cod daily with a minimum length of 21 inches. Fifteen haddock can now be caught daily by recreational anglers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our servicemen & women, and with those affected by Hurricane Ida, fires in the West, and floods in many parts of the country.

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GARDEN MOMENTS  
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Create a colorful year-round garden filled with flowers, greenery, colorful fruit, fall color, winter interest and a few surprises. Consider seasonal interest when planning a new garden or landscape. Adding a few key plants to existing gardens can help boost your landscape's seasonal appeal.

Include a variety of plants with multiple seasons of interest as well as bird and pollinator appeal. You will look forward to the change of seasons

as your landscape transforms throughout the year.

Use trees and shrubs to provide the framework and longevity in your landscape. Serviceberries, crabapples, dogwoods, and many others have flowers, fruit, pollinator, and bird appeal and add winter interest with their bark or form. Look for those with colorful exfoliating bark like paperbark maple, heptacodium, and river birch for a beautiful statement in the winter garden.

Include a few summer blooming shrubs like St John's wort, buttonbush, panicle hydrangeas and Rose of Sharon. They add an unexpected fresh look to your summer landscape.

Perennials combine nicely with trees, shrubs, and annuals, adding seasons of color and texture.

Include those that also attract songbirds, bees, and butterflies by creating a beautiful habitat. Blue star (Amsonia), Siberian iris, sedum, Rudbeckia, cone-flower, and grasses are just a few that can brighten any garden with several seasons of color, provide homes for beneficial insects and food for the birds.

End the season with fall bloomers like goldenrod, asters, and hardy mums. These provide food for late season pollinators. Leave healthy plants stand, providing homes for many beneficial insects, winter interest in the garden, and food for the songbirds.

Use annuals to fill any voids, add season long color and year-

ly changes in the landscape. Containers on steps, decks and patios help bring the garden to your front and back door.

Include spring flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils and hyacinths planted in fall for a colorful welcome to spring. These and many of the earliest bloomers like winter aconites, grape hyacinths, and crocus provide needed nectar for early season pollinators.

Evergreens are always a welcome addition to any landscape. They provide shelter for the birds and year-round greenery. Find new and interesting ways to include them in your landscape.

Use taller evergreens for screening bad views, buffering

traffic and other noises, or creating privacy. Use evergreens with interesting form and texture to create a focal point in a garden bed or landscape. Combine them with perennials and flowering shrubs for added seasonal interest.

Then keep your landscape looking its best by protecting key plants from hungry critters like deer, rabbits and voles. Skip the fencing and scare tactics by applying a rain resistant, organic repellent like Plantskydd (plantskydd.com) at planting. You will need fewer applications and the odor-based repellent sends animals dining elsewhere before

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for Joe. So, this also prevents the government from being able to make a vaccine mandate. Sleepy Joe and the Democrats can easily rectify this by making a law where abortions are illegal and vaccines required. We know this won't happen because of Democratic voters. As I recall, Donald Trump was against abortion and for the vaccines. A vote for him was a vote for life. If anyone tries to sham you for not getting vaccinated, look them in the eyes and ask did they vote for Biden. If they say yes, tell them by voting for him, then they supported legalized abortion. Therefore, they validated your decision by "My body, my choice!"

You are responsible for the increasing prices for gas and food. When you shut down our self-reliance on energy, it means we now need to buy oil on the open market. Oil from the Mideast going to fund terrorism. As the prices of energy go up, so does the cost to farm and make plastics. All you on fixed incomes and working will see your buying power shrink. Meanwhile, companies are forced to lure new hires with higher pay. So, you that have worked hard will see your pay stagnate while new hires make more than you. Under Don, all boats would have risen as the economy boomed to full employment again.

Yep, you wanted a true leader in the White House. One that only comes out two days after the crisis starts. One with a

blank stare that puts his head in his hands at the podium. You wanted Trump impeached for a stupid phone call overheard to a Ukrainian official, but are OK with an administration that gives the Taliban a list of our people in Afghanistan so they can be hunted down. His name should now be Traitor Joe! You want a leader that tells us up front that he has a list from his handlers. They tell him what he talks about or who he can call on. If he goes off script, he will be in troubles with them. So, don't blame Sleepy Joe for our country's problems. Blame the people that voted Sleepy Joe and this incompetent administration in. They need to rally around him just to hold him up!

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

12:29-12:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: two ppl at ATM; 3:06 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 4:19 a.m.: commercial alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 5:26 a.m.: mv complaint (Paxton Road), mv/donuts in school lot; 5:57 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 7:24 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 9:05 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 9:57 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), assist citizen; 10:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Kittredge Road), loose dog; 10:17 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:08 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Old Farm Road), poss. illegal burn; 11:47 a.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), re: sick porcupine; 12:06 p.m.: disabled mv (Chestnut Street), assisted; 12:22 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:41 p.m.: citizen complaint (Northwest Road), trucks speeding; 1:45 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 1:51 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:57 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 3:05 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 3:43 p.m.: medical/general (Franklin Street); 3:53 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), misdial; 4:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), missing cat; 4:27 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 5:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), req. temporary order of protection; 5:25 p.m.: suspicious persons (North Spencer Road), investigated; 5:31 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:33 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 6:22 p.m.: disturbance (Brooks Pond Road), "wheeling and dealing" at garage; 6:54 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Street); 7:05 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Hubbard Hospital CT down; 8:27 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), non-emergency; 9:08 p.m.: juvenile matter (Pauls Drive), kids/bikes in street; 9:12 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:14 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:18 p.m.: suspicious persons (Pauls Drive), investigated; 9:21 p.m.: parking complaint (Grove Street), trailer in road; 9:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 9:52-9:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:16 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic tow operator; (Total daily mv stops – 6).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

1:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), rep. domestic assault; 2:12 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:26 a.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 8:59 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 9:42 a.m.: officer wanted (Briarcliff Lane), threatened by neighbor; 9:54 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:00 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), flag w/pole found; 10:29 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), tornado warning; 10:29 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 11:15 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 12:27 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), sick/injured hawk; 12:38 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), disabled power wheelchair; 1:07 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), unwanted party; 1:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), unauthorized use/mv; 2:15 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 2:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Wes Main Street), spoken to; 3:03 p.m.: suspicious persons (Pleasant Street), investigated; 3:13 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:20 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 4:29 p.m.: mv complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), mvs racing; 4:56 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:30 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:50 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 6:57 p.m.: lost/found (Chestnut Street), wallet found; 7:50 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:19 p.m.: residential alarm (Sampson Street), services rendered; 11:02 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), health issue/services rendered; 11:21 p.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), spoken to; (Total daily mv stops – 5).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

12:39-1:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:37 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD req. K9 unit; 2:39 a.m.: disabled mv (Meadow Road), services rendered; 4:40 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:53 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 7:34 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), hang-up; 7:41 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:20 a.m.: DPW call (Cherry Street), rep. sinkhole; 9:04 a.m.: suspicious mv (Cherry Street), investigated; 9:12 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:11 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 10:14 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), Robert A. Waite, 69, 204 Main Street, Spencer, warrant served, arrest; 10:42 a.m.: building checked, secure; 10:43 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:01 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), services rendered; 11:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Bay Path Road), loose dog detained; 11:14 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 11:47 a.m.: disturbance (Smithville Road), noise complaint; 2:36 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:14 p.m.: accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 3:17 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 3:37 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), call fr. Brookfield PD; 3:57 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street), 4:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Pauls Drive), c/o

## Local teen charged in connection with motor vehicle crash

SPENCER – A teen driver is facing several charges stemming from a July 31 crash at the intersection of Main Street and Maple Street.

The Spencer Police Department recently concluded its investigation of the single-vehicle wreck, which took place at 3:37 a.m. When police arrived on scene, they found that a 2021 Mazda SUV had crashed into a traffic light pole at high speed.

The driver and passenger were both found unconscious with serious injuries.

Following the SPD investigation, the 17-year-old male driver from Webster is facing the following charges: OUI liquor, resulting in serious injury; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; unlicensed operation of a motor

vehicle; speeding; and failure to wear a seat belt.

"The investigation revealed that the operator was traveling at 65 MPH (posted 30 MPH) prior to the crash, with a blood alcohol level at nearly three times the legal limit," read a statement released by the Spencer Police Department.

The driver has been summoned to appear in court at a later date. Police are still investigating where the teen obtained and consumed the alcohol.

The passenger in the wreck, a 17-year-old male from Worcester, was transported via Life Flight to UMass Medical Center. Police have not announced whether he is facing charges in connection with the incident.

contractor; 5:05 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), kids provoking fight; 5:33 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 5:43 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 5:46 p.m.: mutual aid (Town House Court), Worcester PD req. welfare check; 6:05 p.m.: animal complaint (Chickering Road), loose/aggressive dog; 6:07 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 6:27 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:48 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:32 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), unwanted party; 9:53 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:30 p.m.: medical/general (Old Farm Road); (Total daily mv stops – 2).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

1:20 a.m.: disturbance (Prospect Street), rep. assault; 2:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Shore Drive), barking dog; 6:00 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:03 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Clinton Hosp. CT down; 7:24 a.m.: vandalism (East Charlton Road), tire marks in yard; 8:04 a.m.: suspicious persons (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 9:36 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:45 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:50 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 10:54 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT up/running; 10:57 a.m.: lost/found (McDonald Street), wallet found; 12:00 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 12:14 p.m.: lost/found (North Spencer Road), wallet found; 12:30 p.m.: 911 call (Lake Avenue), open line; 12:54 p.m.: 911 call (Terkanian Drive), open line; 12:55 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 1:15 p.m.: lost/found (Highland Street), license plate found; 1:35 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), panhandling; 2:27 p.m.: 911 call (Highland Street), open line; 2:37 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), retrieving belongings; 3:05 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:05 p.m.: residential alarm (Paxton Road), services rendered; 4:07 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant View Road); 4:53 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 5:11 p.m.: fire alarm (West Main Street), issues w/alarm; 5:23 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:14 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), services rendered; 7:31 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 7:59 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), beaver in trap; 8:26 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:44 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 9:26 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Oak Lane); 9:48-9:49 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:51-10:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:44 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

12:18-1:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:26 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:54-2:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:57 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 8:28 a.m.: fire alarm (Chickering Road), referred; 9:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), branch in SB lane; 9:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Street), lg. limb in roadway; 11:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Temple Street), loose dog; 11:43 a.m.: animal complaint (Sullivan Street), dead dog; 12:54 p.m.: DPW call (G.H. Wilson Road), tree in roadway; 1:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), services rendered; 2:34 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), branch on cable wire; 3:40 p.m.: DPW call (Donnelly Road), tree on wires; 4:35 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 6:53 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 7:50 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:11 p.m.: 911 call (Irving Street), hang-up; 8:21 p.m.: weapons violation (Prospect Street), Kyle P. Blouin, 19 Prospect Street, Spencer, improper storage of firearm/2 counts, possession firearm w/out FID card, possession large capacity firearm, carrying firearm w/out FID card, arrest; Taylor MacLeod, 29 Carpenter Street, Foxborough, discharging firearm w/ in 500 feet of a dwelling; possession of ammunition w/out FID card; carrying firearm w/out FID card, arrest; 8:47 p.m.: disturbance (Langevin Street), unwanted party; 8:51 p.m.: 911 call (West

Main Street), misdial; 9:27 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 11:12 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 11:58 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), req. escort home; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

12:02 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Smithville Road), tree on wires; 1:00 a.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), open line; 3:27 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Holden PD bolo; 3:50 a.m.: medical/general (Candlewood Drive); 4:32 a.m.: suspicious persons (Bay Path Road), investigated; 4:34 a.m.: DPW call (East Charlton Road), limb blocking roadway; 4:59 a.m.: citizen complaint (Church Street), speeding; 7:26 p.m.: harassing phone call (Briarcliff Lane), threatening text rec'd; 8:20 a.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 8:23 a.m.: fire alarm (Bixby Road), referred; 8:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Norcross Road), poss. rabies exposure; 8:51 a.m.: fire/rescue (Maple Street), stuck in elevator; 9:26 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), assist other agency; 9:56 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 9:58 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:58 a.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), spoken to; 10:21 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:03 a.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), tree on wires; 11:26 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Thompson Pond Road), accidental; 11:50 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), tornado warning; 12:16 p.m.: restraining order service (Langevin Street); 1:13 p.m.: mv lockout (Northwest Road), assisted; 1:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), concerned for friend; 2:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. welfare check; 3:10 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), loose dog; 4:29 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 5:34 p.m.: mv complaint (Cherry Street), erratic operator; 6:05 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), keys found; 11:08 p.m.: mutual aid (Norcross Road), rep. of gunshots; (Total daily mv stops -1).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

12:21 a.m.: commercial fire (Main Street), referred; 1:38 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 2:14-2:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:59 a.m.: suspicious mv (R. Jones Road), investigated; 8:54 a.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), family issue; 10:55 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 11:13 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 11:19 a.m.: restraining order service (Pleasant Street); 11:47 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 11:49 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), re: spay voucher; 12:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), injured goose; 1:34 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 2:23 p.m.: medical/general (Crown Street); 2:38 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 3:29 p.m.: illegal dumping (Meadow Road), dumped from car; 3:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), loose dog; 4:25 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), stray cat; 5:18 p.m.: intelligence/criminal (Starr Street), poss. drunk driver; 5:41 p.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), misdial; 6:22 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:42 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:29 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic mc operator; 9:22-11:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

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## Leicester Police

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

1:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:31 a.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street, Spencer), transported; 10:59 a.m.: water/sewer problem (Watch Street), services rendered; 1:53 p.m.: erratic operator (Henshaw Street), gone on arrival; 2:50 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 4:18 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), written warning; 5:07 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:39 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Carlos R. Linares, 30, 33 Broad Street, #1, Marlborough, unlicensed operation, not meeting RMV safety standards,

straight warrant, arrest; 7:03 p.m.: harassment (Siani Road), report taken; 9:43 p.m.: debris in road (Pine Street), removed; 9:51 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:09 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

1:33 p.m.: stolen mv (Main Street), mv towed; 7:24 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 9:58 a.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation/2nd offense; name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, arrests made; 4:06 p.m.: accident (Paxton Street), report taken; 4:57 p.m.: animal complaint (South Street), unable to locate; 5:49 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 5:58 p.m.: threats (Chapel Street), no action required; 6:12 p.m.: debris in road (Locust Street), unable to locate; 8:39 p.m.: welfare check (Mannville Street), spoken to; 9:23 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 10:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

12:16 a.m.: mv off road (Stafford Street), services rendered; 1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:44 a.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), spoken to; 2:43 a.m.: suspicious mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 4:25 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Cleaven Anthony Gordon, 32, 75 Main Street, #1L, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 1:47 p.m.: welfare check (Peter Salem Road), assisted; 6:05 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 6:19 p.m.: RV complaint (Memorial School Drive), spoken to; 6:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Angelica D. Harris, 31, 8 Sigourney Street, #1, Worcester, op w/suspended license, default warrant, arrest; 8:24 p.m.: disturbance (Bottomly Avenue), unable to locate; 9:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), criminal application issued; 11:52 p.m.: ambulance (Harberton Drive), transported.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

1:28 a.m.: parking complaint (South Main Street), spoken to; 3:18 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), removed; 3:26 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), removed; 5:24 p.m.: harassment (Charlton Street), services rendered; 9:41 p.m.: residential alarm (Green Street), false alarm; 10:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, marked lanes violation, mv towed.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

3:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Kendall Geiger, 26, 113 Cude Street, Fayetteville, NC, unlicensed operation, marked lanes violation, warrant, arrest; 10:45 a.m.: suspicious activity (Pleasant Street), unfounded; 6:25 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), assisted; 8:41 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), no action required; 9:04 p.m.: debris in road (Marshall Street), removed; 9:42 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), gone on arrival; 10:16 p.m.: suspicious activity (Hyland Avenue), gone on arrival.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

6:58 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:28 a.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), verbal warning; 11:24 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 11:32 a.m.: investigation (Brookside Drive), services rendered; 1:22 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 2:46 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), peace restored; 3:47 p.m.: assist other PD (Redfield Road), spoken to; 4:11 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 4:35 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 4:56 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, mv towed; 5:50 p.m.: mv stop (Mayflower Road), verbal warning; 6:40 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Carleton Road), investigated; 7:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:05 p.m.: mv stop (Memorial School Drive), spoken to; 8:09 p.m.: RV complaint (Memorial School Drive), unable to locate; 9:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Chapel Street), spoken to; 9:29 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 9:46 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pine Street), spoken to; 10:05 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

6:33 a.m.: ambulance (Charlton Street), transported; 11:02 a.m.: accident (Washburn Square), report taken; 3:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:39 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street), served; 6:51 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Pine Street), unable to serve; 4:57 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:14 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), report taken; 5:48 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwin Street), name and address redacted from police log, up w/suspended license, no inspection sticker, criminal application issued; 6:34 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwin Street), Juvenal Dominguez Ramos, 47, 189 Hamilton Avenue, #3, Lynn, unlicensed operation, speeding, forgery/misuse of RMV document, refusing to identify self, arrest; 8:52 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 9:43 p.m.: welfare check (McNeil Highway), unfounded.



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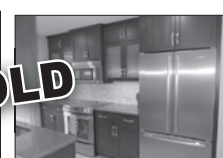
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# Haston Library offers full slate of events this month

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Guests of all ages are invited to check out a busy schedule of September programs at Haston Free Public Library.

On Sept. 9 at 7 p.m., visit the library and check out an event called, “Find Your Ancestors – and Become a Good One Yourself” Presented by Seema Kenney, this workshop will help guests learn how to uncover information about our ancestors and provide tips on leaving information for our future family to discover.

Speaking of leaving information for future generations, diaries and correspondence will be the focus of an event called “A Private View of the Past.” Set for Sept. 14 at 7 p.m., this hybrid event will be held in person at the library, as well as on Zoom. The presentation will be run by Amy Hietala, Manager of the Old Sturbridge Village Research Library.

“We’ll consider what our predecessors discussed about their daily lives; how their thoughts may help us to understand history today; and what we can learn

about the private thoughts of individuals,” read a library-issued statement promoting the event.

Both of the aforementioned events belong to the library’s Preserving our Memories project, part of the Virtual Programming for Distance Learning grant program paid for with CARES Act funding. The federal funds are administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

In other library news, the Haston Art Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. On Sept. 13, the club will make sewing kits with Lou Meierdierks. There is a \$5 fee for materials, and participants should have some basic sewing skills. Please call the library at 508-867-0208 to register for the event; space is limited.

Rescheduled from May 2020, Julie Stepanek will return to the Haston Library to hold a Ukulele for Beginners class on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. If you have a ukulele, you may bring it to the library for this program; guests who do not have an instrument can use one provided by the musician. Pre-registration is required for this event, which is supported in

part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council.

The Haston Library’s book group will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. Members will discuss “Educated” by Tara Westover. If you would like to join the group, stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book.

Meanwhile, the library’s adult coloring group meets every Monday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Coloring pages and pencils are available to guests, or you can bring your own supplies.

There are also plenty of activities taking place in the Children’s Library this month, including Story Time on Tuesday mornings at 10:30. Miss Brianna has planned some great stories and accompanying crafts for the month. On Sept. 7, the theme will be “Back to School.” Sept. 14 will feature the story “Potato Joe” by Keith Baker, and the Sept. 21 story and craft will relate to apples.

Also, don’t forget the library’s Lego Club, held every Thursday evening from 4-5:30.

For more information about library events, or to register for activities, call 508-867-0208.

## Rochdale resident Aidan Fahey enrolls at College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — The College of the Holy Cross is excited to welcome Aidan Fahey of Rochdale as a member of the College’s Class of 2025.

At 822 students, the Class of 2025 includes students from 33 states and 15 nations across the globe. This year’s incoming class is made up of 54 percent women and 46 percent men, with 23 percent of students coming from ethnically diverse backgrounds and 16 percent as proud first-generation college students.

These newly minted Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

The new Crusaders will arrive on campus and move into the residence halls starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, August 28th, where they will be welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and

alumni. Fall classes are set to begin Monday, September 6th.

“I am thrilled to welcome Holy Cross’ Class of 2025 - a vibrant and diverse group of exceptional students who are also one of the most academically accomplished classes in the College’s history. I can’t wait to see what you do and how you will grow ethically, spiritually and intellectually on The Hill,” said Holy Cross President Vincent Rougeau.

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### MYERS

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taking a bite out of your plants. Apply repellent before animals start feeding and follow the label directions for best results.

Continue to gather ideas with visits to public gardens and partaking in garden tours. Be sure to take notes and pictures that you can reference later. Creating a year-round landscape is an ongoing process that is part of the fun and adventure of gardening.

*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 a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Tree World Plant Care for her expertise to write this article. Myers’ Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.*

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9am Draft Horse & Oxen Obstacle Course (Grandstand)  
1pm Giant Pumpkin Weigh Off (Cattle Show Tent)  
10-4pm Farmer's Market at Agricultural Center  
3pm Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull (Pulling Area)  
6:30pm Chicken Flop/Poop Bingo (Agricultural Center)  
7pm JM Motorsports Productions, Inc. (Grandstand) "Worlds Largest Demolition Derby"

**MAIN STAGE**

NOON National Anthem  
1-4 Brookfield Rhythm  
5:30-7 Kevin Herchen  
8pm Rose Porter & The Neon Moons

**SAT., SEPT. 4TH**

**ON THE GROUNDS**

7:30am Tractor Pull on Concrete (Pulling Area)  
10-4pm Farmer's Market at Agricultural Center  
10am Beef Cattle Show (Cattle Show Tent)  
1pm Open Poultry Show (Agricultural Center)  
6pm Tractor Pull (Grandstand)

**MAIN STAGE**

NOON National Anthem  
1-3 Holdin' Back Band  
8pm Vintye Skynyrd

**SUN., SEPT. 5TH**

**ON THE GROUNDS**

10am Draft Horse Pull (Pulling Area)  
10am Dairy Cattle Show (Cattle Show Tent)  
10-4pm Farmer's Market at Agricultural Center  
1pm Youth Poultry Showmanship (Agricultural Center)  
1pm Youth Rabbit Showmanship (Agricultural Center)  
5pm Demolition Derby (Grandstand)  
6:30pm Chicken Flop/Poop Bingo (Agricultural Center)

**MAIN STAGE**

NOON National Anthem  
3-4 April Cushman  
5-8pm Crossing Kelley  
8pm Alya Brown & Rob Riley

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