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Friday, June 4, 2021

## Weather holds for Memorial Day parade



Members of Boy Scout Troop 201, of Spencer, get ready for the parade.



Flags are flown high in honor of fallen heroes.



Photos Kevin Flanders

Camp Marshall is well represented at the parade.

SPENCER – For a while, residents worried it might rain on the Memorial Day parade, but the weather wound up holding off for the entire celebration after a soggy weekend. Guests

lined Main Street to watch the parade, which started at the American Legion and proceeded down Route 9. More photos on Page 6

## Coyle hopes to bring new insight to Leicester School Committee

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – With years of experience in municipal leadership roles, Ashlyn Coyle is hoping her insights can help the School Committee as it faces several challenges and important decisions.

Running as a write-in candidate for the School Committee, Coyle currently serves on the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Capital Improvement

Committee. Prior to moving to Leicester, she served as a City Council member for ten years.

“I have faced budgetary and municipal challenges in each of these offices, and I believe these experiences make me qualified to serve. Also, my time on the three Leicester boards has provided me with insight as to workings of Leicester’s government,” Coyle said. “I would like to help the School Committee represent the community’s



Photo Courtesy

Ashlyn Coyle is running for the Leicester School Committee.

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## Boisjolie seeks School Committee seat as write-in

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Jonathan Boisjolie is hoping to have the opportunity to support students and families as a member of the School Committee.

Running for the committee as a write-in candidate, Boisjolie brings a strong background of service and community involvement. A resident of Rochdale since 2018, he feels like now is the perfect time for him to take the next step in

municipal service.

“My three-year-old will soon be in the school system, and I felt like it was the right time for me to help fill the open seat,” Boisjolie told the New Leader. “Active involvement has been a staple of every industry I’ve been a part of throughout my life.”

Among his many service and volunteer accomplishments, Boisjolie has organized regular office volunteer outings for the Orlando Food Bank;



Photo Courtesy

Jonathan Boisjolie is running for a seat on the Leicester School Committee.

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## Erica Jones joins Brookfields Rotary

REGION — On May 20, Brookfields Rotary inducted Erica Jones of Ware as its newest member. The ceremony took place lakeside in Brookfield at the home of one of our members.

Jones was inducted remotely by our District Governor Diana Nestorova, who also congratulated the club for its many service projects during the pandemic year. Diana added that Jones was fortunate to be joining a club that



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From left, President Lynn Duffy-O’Shea, Erica’s sponsor Mark Minnucci, Erica and her partner Max Labier. Seated in front is Past President Beverly Sawyer.

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# Phillips hopes to bring experience to Leicester Select Board



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Allen Phillips is running for a seat on the Leicester Select Board.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Having served as a selectman for ten years in his previous community, Allen Phillips brings a depth of experience rarely seen in board candidates.

During his decade-long Select Board tenure in West Boylston, Phillips served

as chairman four times. In addition, he worked for 20 years as a firefighter/EMT, as well as his community's deputy emergency management director.

After moving to Leicester three years ago, Phillips wasted no time in getting involved in his new community, serving as the resident liaison for the Waite Pond Dam project. He also took the opportunity to familiarize himself with the town's many projects and challenges.

"About a year or so after moving to town, I was asked if I would consider running for the Select Board. I felt I needed to learn more about the town and some of the issues before I ran for the seat," Phillips told the New Leader. "I decided to run now because I feel I can make a positive impact and contribute to the future of our town. I have a few new ideas, as well as things that worked well in my previous community that I will work with the other Board members to see if we can implement in our town."

Phillips is hoping to bring a new perspective to the Board that can help identify ways to address and solve issues. His career experience also provides helpful insights; for the past 16 years, he has worked full-time for the Massachusetts

Emergency Management Agency. Additionally, he holds a Master's degree in homeland security and emergency management, plus a degree in business.

"Due to my previous municipal leadership, I am familiar with budgets, contract negotiations, and general town functions," Phillips said.

In addition to his municipal service, Phillips has also coached Pop Warner football for eight years and assisted at the high school for another three years with the varsity team. Looking ahead, he is eager to continue solidifying his roots in Leicester and meet new residents and business owners.

"Leicester is a good town with good people. I would like to be an advocate for the community and bring issues forward that the taxpayers feel is important," Phillips said. "I would like to keep our taxes low and services high."

Over the last few years, prior to cementing his campaign for the Select Board, Phillips has been paying close attention to major issues affecting the town.

"One issue of note is the school. That has been a hot-button issue for the past few years, and it has caused some division in town that does not need to be there," Phillips said. "Town Meeting

turned down the School Committee's request for a \$97 million school. That could have had a huge impact on our taxes if it had passed at that price. The town wanted more than one option to choose from, such as one that was not the full 'gold' option. Recently, many people have asked the town to look at Becker College. I had an opportunity to tour the full campus and buildings with the Select Board and School Committee. If the price is right, and in the neighborhood I am thinking, Becker may offer it to the town. Then it may be the 'gold' option for the 'brass' price, which may solve the problem."

Phillips has also stressed the importance of accessibility, accountability, and strong communications at all levels of town government.

"I plan to bring issues forward, as well as a possible solution. My goal is to make sure people understand that I am accessible and ready to assist them by bringing their issues forward," Phillips said. Outside of work, Phillips enjoys boating and fishing with his wife.

He has also done acting roles on 25-30 movies and many commercials.

"Most of all, I enjoy just spending time with my wife, children, and grandchildren," Phillips said.

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## West Brookfield residents invited to presentation on MVP Program

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – Residents are invited to attend a public presentation and discussion next week to learn about the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program.

The presentation is scheduled for

Wednesday, June 9. The MVP Program is a state-funded effort to allow municipalities to plan for climate resiliency to protect residents and infrastructure against changing natural hazards. Once a town has completed the MVP planning program and become a certified MVP community, it is eligible to seek action grants to design and implement resiliency projects.

West Brookfield partnered with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to complete its MVP plan. The planning process included a three-part virtual workshop hosted by the West Brookfield project team and CMRPC leaders this past spring. The program also featured other community stakeholders, who worked with officials to identify current and future risks from natural hazards. These include risks to infrastructure, as well as environmental and societal assets.

"Some issues noted at the workshop include stormwater drains that are increasingly inadequate in the face of more intense rainstorms; more frequent droughts that threaten the drinking water supply; and changing forests that are impacted by heat, drought, and invasive plants and pests," read a statement released by the CMRPC.

A summary of the workshop's key findings and recommendations will be presented at the June 9 forum. Barbara Portal, West Brookfield's local co-project manager for the MVP program, will also be in attendance at the event.

"Once we host the public listening session, West Brookfield will be well on its way to joining the many other Massachusetts towns that are already MVP certified," Portal said. "This is an important step that will enable our town to secure the funds it needs to build its defenses against the long-term impacts of

climate change, and it gives town residents a chance to shape how we go forward."

Interested residents may attend the presentation on Wednesday, June 9, at 6:15 p.m. in the selectmen's meeting room at West Brookfield Town Hall (2 East Main St.). The presentation will be part of a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen starting at 6 p.m.

Attendees of the presentation are encouraged to ask questions and provide comments and feedback. The draft MVP report will be open to public review ahead of the June 30 deadline for submission to the state.

For more information about West Brookfield's MVP program or the June 9 event, including inquiries about potentially participating in the event remotely, please contact Ian McElwee, of the CMRPC. He may be reached at 508-459-3331, or by email at [imcelwee@cmrpc.org](mailto:imcelwee@cmrpc.org).

### COYLE

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voice in public education, providing citizen governance and knowledge of the community's resources and needs."

If elected, Coyle would focus on promoting several priorities. These include transparency of the budget; ensuring on-site, in-person learning for the fall; and helping to address financial and facility challenges.

"The voters have stated loud and clear they want a quality education, while renovating and utilizing the school buildings and campuses we have available, and I believe I am up to the challenge," Coyle said. "I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these ideas as a School Committee member."

Many of Coyle's family members have also been active in community

involvement over the years. She looks forward to having the opportunity to further serve Leicester in support of students and families, if elected.

To that end, one of her major goals for the upcoming year is to promote full-year in-person education, beginning in the fall. Many students throughout the area struggled this past year during hybrid learning.

"Education is not a line item in a school's budget – it is the only item. Every child deserves a right to be in school, whether the child has disabilities, medical disabilities, or no disabilities," Coyle said. "By working together, we can all share in the knowledge and satisfaction that we have provided for the educational needs of all the children, and have built a district where students, parents, teachers, and staff feel they are welcomed and that they belong."

Outside of work and municipal leadership, Coyle enjoys gardening, going to the beach, reading, and exploring New England's history.

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# North Brookfield chosen to receive assistance from Mass Development

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** — In the Fall of 2020, North Brookfield was awarded a Technical Assistance Panel Charrette from Mass Development. The state agency commissioned Urban Land Initiative (ULI Boston/New England) to conduct the TAP, covering the \$10,000 fee for the program.

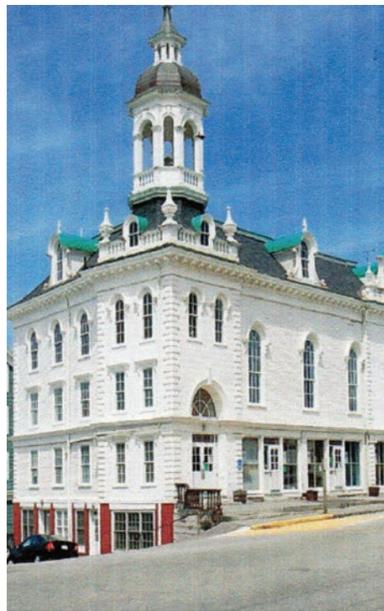
The five to eight panelists involved in the project provide expertise in land use design and planning, market feasibility analysis, financial analysis and structuring, structuring private/public partnerships, adaptive reuse of buildings, development process, permitting, zoning and community relations. These experts donate their time preparing for the panel, conducting the TAP and contributing to the final report, in essence a grant to the Town of \$30,000 - \$40,000 in services.

Working together, representatives from the Friends of the North Brookfield North Brookfield Town House and the Downtown Development Committee, Eva Brown, Jim Buzzell and Sheila Orsi submitted an application and compiled background information needed by the panelists in order to understand the project. They also assumed responsibility for organizing and scheduling interviews and planning and conducting a tour for town officials and panelists. Dale Kiley signed the application for the board of selectmen.

After months of planning, the Charette will begin with a site tour of North Brookfield's downtown by town officials and ULI-TAP panelists on June 4. That afternoon, business owners and citizens actively working to improve downtown will participate in two Virtual Stakeholder Sessions. Then, on June 7th there will be a Public Webinar Presentation of the TAP Panel's Findings and Recommendations from 6-7:30 p.m. Residents can join the Zoom meeting using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82036391815>.

TAP charrettes are most often offered to large and medium-sized cities. Mass Development was interested in working with a small, rural community. As luck would have it, North Brookfield was chosen to fill the bill. Over the years, efforts have been made to restore and renovate the historically significant Town House. It has now become the focal point to create a vibrant, walkable downtown that could be a model for other rural communities.

The State has begun to recognize the importance of supporting small towns. North Brookfield applied for the Local Rapid Recovery Program and recently received technical assistance geared toward relief for the business community following COVID-19. The ULI-TAP, also a technical assistance program, is a follow up to the LRRP to



continue restoration of the Town House and the revitalization of the downtown area. Receiving technical assistance and the knowledge that State funding sources are looking at a small town brings hope that those dreams may be realized.



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# Changes made to microenterprise grant program

**REGION** — There have been many changes to the Microenterprise Grant Program since it was launched earlier this year.

A Streamlined Application Process and increased Grant Awards (up to \$25,000) are two of the major changes local businesses need to know about.

Grant awards of up to \$25,000 are available to eligible businesses within those towns that have experienced financial loss due to Covid-19 and the associated shutdowns. Eligible businesses must have five employees or fewer (including the owner), must have been in business since March 10, 2020,

and must be able to demonstrate revenue loss caused by the pandemic. The business owner's family income must fall within certain limits. Other eligibility requirements apply.

The grants are made possible through Community Development Block Grant funds (funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Federal CARES Act and administered by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development).

Grant awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis from applications received that are certified eligible

until the funds are exhausted.

To learn more about the Microenterprise Assistance Grant Program go to Town of Webster's website: [Webster-ma.gov](http://Webster-ma.gov) - click on the Community Development/Redevelopment Authority link and you will find Webster Regional Microenterprise Program information and application forms.

You can also contact Carol Cyr at the Webster Office of Community Development [cyr@webster-ma.gov](mailto:cyr@webster-ma.gov) or call 508-949-3800, ext. 4004.

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# Gaming Club returns after yearlong hiatus

**EAST BROOKFIELD** — After a year-long hiatus due to COVID-19, it's game on for the Mass Pikemen Gaming Club.

The club is set to make its grand return on Saturday, June 5, at 1 p.m. at the East Brookfield Senior Center. Tabletop war-gaming is offered to participants of all levels, with instruction provided to new members who are eager to get involved.

During the June 5 event, the club will explore the era of the Aztecs and the

Conquistadors using the Feudal Patrol gaming system.

No prior experience is required. All gaming materials will be made available, and new members are always welcome.

For more information about the program, call Mark at 774-922-0600. You can also send an email to [MarkAMorin@aol.com](mailto:MarkAMorin@aol.com).

The East Brookfield Senior Center is located at 110 Pleasant St.



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**PERSON of the WEEK**

**GARY McCOMAS OF NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA**

Gary is being recognized for the beautiful photos of nature that he posts on Facebook for the enjoyment of all. Here's a recent one that he took on Lake Lashaway. Thank you Gary for sharing your talents!

— Thank you Larry Gordon of East Brookfield for your recommendation

**Pet of the Week**  
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Breed: Labrador Retriever/Mix  
Sex: Female  
Size: Medium  
Age: 3 years, 6 mos.

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Friday's Child

**Jayvon Age 10**

**Hi! My name is Jayvon and I want to be a police officer or firefighter.**

Jayvon is a boy of Caucasian and Hispanic descent who loves to jump and run. He is an energetic child who enjoys going to the playground and particularly likes to play on jungle gyms. Jayvon is very proud that he recently learned how to ride a bike. Jayvon also likes board games, playing games on his tablet, and Pokémon cards. When he grows up Jayvon would like to be a police officer or a fireman. Jayvon is smart in many ways and enjoys school. He is currently receiving academic supports.

Legally freed for adoption, Jayvon will do well in a family of any constellation where he is the youngest or only child. He will thrive in a family that can provide him with affection, guidance, structure, and calm limit setting. A family for Jayvon must be open to helping him maintain contact with his sisters who reside in Massachusetts.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit [www.mare-inc.org](http://www.mare-inc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

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# University of New Hampshire announces May 2021 graduates

UDURHAM, N.H. — The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham over the weekend of Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office

has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

Mikayla Ferguson of Leicester graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm:Marketing Benjamin Butensky of Spencer graduated with a BA degree in Cmn:Business Applications

Taylor Latter of West Brookfield graduated with a BS degree in Neuroscience & Behavior

# North Brookfield to host final Movie Night

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Bring your cars, chairs and children for a night at the drive-in. On Thursday night, June 17 at sundown, we will be hosting our final movie, "School of Rock," on the big inflatable screen. Tune into the fun on your car radio or sit outside on the grass.

Please sign up ahead of time by using the following link: <https://forms.gle/UmhMF3kn3wgTeNXZ8>

Originally created for North Brookfield residents in the fall of 2020 through a partnership between the Downtown Development Committee and the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House, the movie nights have been funded by the Commonwealth Places COVID-19 Response: Resurgent Places grant from Mass Development. Two movies were screened in the fall and three more in the

Spring. Our last movie of the series is open to all area residents. Come, enjoy the music and madness of "School of Rock." The COVID-19 pandemic created both personal and economic burdens, and we hope that this will lighten the load and give you an opportunity to support our local North Brookfield businesses.

# Carlson of Leicester awarded degree from UA

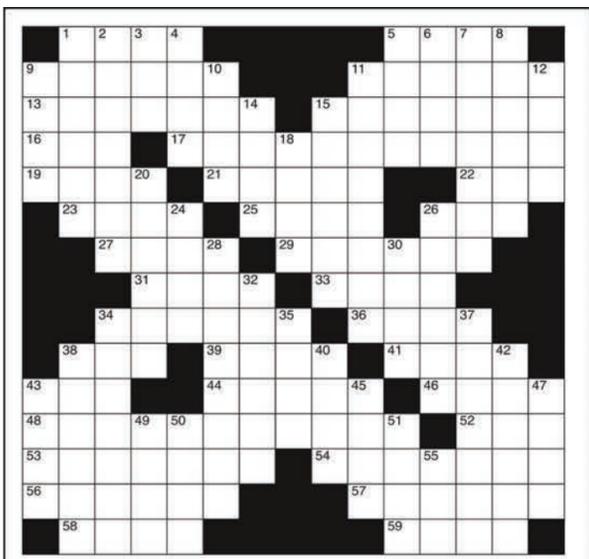
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- 11. Diplomat
- 13. Hires
- 15. Hawaiian island
- 16. Set aflame
- 17. Very happy
- 19. Blue dye
- 21. Small terrier with short legs
- 22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 23. Northern pike genus
- 25. Expression of annoyance
- 26. Female deer
- 27. Casella and Kellerman are two
- 29. Actor's lines to audience
- 31. Days (Spanish)
- 33. Close a person's eyes
- 34. Cloaked
- 36. Comedic actor Rogen
- 38. It's all around us
- 39. Neutralizes alkalis
- 41. Native people of New Mexico
- 43. No seats available
- 44. Famed "Air Music" composer
- 46. Fit of irritation
- 48. Psychic phenomena
- 52. Knicks' first-rounder Toppin
- 53. Seed used in cooking
- 54. "WandaVision" actress Hahn
- 56. Samples food
- 57. In a lucid way
- 58. Stair part
- 59. Adieus

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Type of moth
- 2. A Christian sacrament
- 3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
- 4. Turn away
- 5. Impersonal
- 6. Shortly
- 7. Indigenous Alaskans
- 8. Subtle difference of meaning
- 9. Sicilian city
- 10. Put in harmony
- 11. Administrative divisions
- 12. As happily
- 14. Horse mackerel
- 15. Muddy or boggy ground
- 18. Monetary unit of Italy
- 20. Construction site machine
- 24. 22
- 26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Insect repellent
- 32. Runner-up
- 34. Musician
- 35. Serious or urgent
- 37. Esteemed one
- 38. Where rockers play
- 40. Work furniture
- 42. Greek prophetesses
- 43. Quantitative fact
- 45. Missing soldiers
- 47. Minute
- 49. This (Spanish)
- 50. Maintain possession of
- 51. Assault with a knife
- 55. Holiday text message greeting

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**BOISJOLIE**

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regularly donated blood to the American Red Cross; served on the boards of directors for regional travel associations in Georgia; and served as a member of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS' Governmental Affairs Committee.

If elected, Boisjolie would focus on helping his colleagues address several challenges facing the district. These include spatial constraints in school buildings and aging structures.

"Working for a short time in the construction industry and now in real estate, I understand the cost of

building and its effects on the community," Boisjolie added. "No one wants to bankrupt the town and lower property values, given all of the current issues with our many water districts. Understanding the increased costs of building with exorbitant material prices, we will need to work hard as a town to find solutions. There's no silver bullet for this issue."

Helping students and families emerge from the pandemic will also be a major focus for Boisjolie, if elected.

"Let's not forget the education gap created by COVID-19 and the challenges teachers face in the classroom," Boisjolie told the New Leader.

**JONES**

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is so actively engaged in community service. Her sponsor, Mark Minnucci congratulated her on having already completed a number of service projects that demonstrate that she will be an excellent Rotarian.

Erica grew up in South Carolina and was very active in her community. She moved to Ware about a year ago where she and her partner Maxwell LaBier operate Labier Brothers Tree Experts. Erica, who reached out to Rotary a few months ago, added that she looks forward to bringing her passion for community service to Rotary and her new community.

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# Garden-fresh vegetables help fight cancer

Cancer prevention starts on your dinner plate; actually, it starts in the garden. Growing your own nutrient-rich cancer fighting vegetables allows you to grow pesticide-free vegetables, harvest them at their peak, and use them right away, ensuring the highest nutrient value and best flavor.



**GARDEN MOMENTS**  
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growth habit creates a nice vertical accent in the garden or containers. Another popular vegetable that is a cancer-fighter, the tomato, can easily be grown on any size balcony or landscape. And nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Whether eaten fresh, juiced, sauced, or added to your favorite dish, this lycopene vegetable (a powerful antioxidant) will help in the fight against cancer.

To grow tomatoes, all you need is a container of potting mix or a sunny spot in your landscape. Save space and reduce pest problems by growing these vines on a stake, in a tomato cage or supported by any decorative structure. Compact varieties like Patio Choice Yellow Cherry, Early Girl Bush, Window Box Roma, and Red Robin are just a few you may want to try.

Always select a tomato variety suited to your growing conditions. Check the plant tag to make sure you have enough warm frost-free days for the plant to grow and produce in your area. Include fiber rich beans in your gar-

den and meals. Regular consumption of this natural source of antioxidants and phytochemicals can help reduce the risk of certain cancers. Go vertical, growing pole beans on a support if space is limited and for making harvesting much easier.

Save a bit of room for red onions. Research at the University of Guelph found red onions had high levels of quercetin and anthocyanins that help fight cancer. Start onions from sets or plants and harvest when the bulbs are full-size, and the tops begin to yellow and topple.

Not only will you improve your health by growing your own nutrient-rich vegetables you will also improve your well-being. Tending a garden can help improve your mood and reduce stress.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *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. Her Web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).

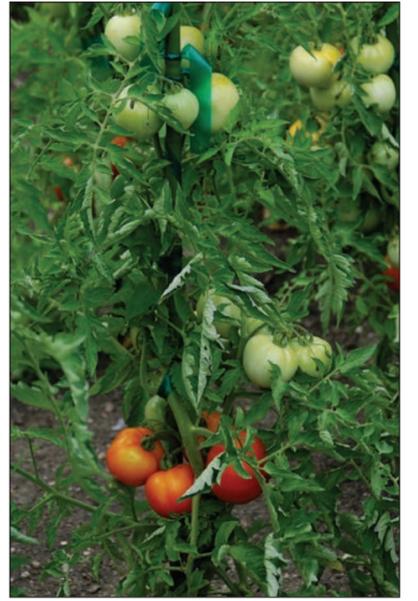


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## EDITORIAL

# A history of Memorial Day

When Memorial Day was first celebrated in the aftermath of the Civil War, it was known as Decoration Day. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War, that ended in 1865 took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States, the estimate is roughly 620,000 — the Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the more than 5,000 people in attendance decorated more than 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday as we all know is celebrated on the last Monday in May, and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2000, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act,” which designated the time be at 3 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, N.Y. as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After WWI America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. During the Great War (also known as the First World War), 116,516 Americans died, and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives, and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. A total of 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

An estimated 38 million people in America traveled over the holiday weekend, and two and a half million travelers will board flights. Memorial Day is the fourth busiest travel day of the year.

In New York, Washington, D.C., and Chicago you can find the largest parades in the country. Because of the three-day weekend, many Americans were expected to throw parties and barbecues or head out of town for a mini getaway.

## Alternate truth

To the Editor:

Some of you who follow political news, as I do, may remember the interview Kelly Conway did with either ABC or FOX or CNN, where they suggested she was being less than truthful. She cited “alternate facts,” which the commentator pointed out was another name for lies. In this venue, I have offered both opinions and facts. To my knowledge, no fact I have offered has been challenged. I am a big fan of fact checking, and encourage its use.

I read Mark Robillard’s letter a few times, but am unclear where the dream portion ends and the opinion/fact section begins, if it even does. Being a 14th generation New England WASP, I have no dog in the fight between Israel and Hamas or the Palestinians. I have spent some time in both Israel and Egypt, and make a point of conversing with locals and following events both before and after my visits.

Here is some old and new history

# VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Propane gas tank farm appeal underway

To the Editor:  
The people’s appeal is presently in progress to override the special permit granted to a heating fuel company by the Brookfield Planning board. This special permit was made possible with the help of a special appointment from the Board of Selectmen.

This appointment is bad practice, bad politics. This individual was appointed to the Planning Board by the Board of Selectmen to be the one vote that was needed to grant this special permit and override the vote, voice of the people, who voted against

this permit.

This permit grants this heating fuel company the right to install two large 100,000 gallon above the ground gas tanks [gas farm] 400 feet from the elementary school and across Route 9 Cumberland farm, and 100 feet from a residential neighborhood. This appeal is presently in the process to go before the Land Court Judge.

Thank you to all who have supported this appeal!

ROLAND BLAIS  
BROOKFIELD

### The thinking of fools

To the Editor:  
In response, again, to Mr. Har-Yarok.

It was almost painful to struggle through reading your written bloviation. One thing is for certain: that you don’t get it. I don’t “like guns,” or any other inanimate object for that matter.

What your addled brain defines as an “assault weapon” is not a weapon of war. That is a fact. The truth. Deal with it.

A firearm is a tool. A tool has no will or mind of its own. A progressive’s drone is also a tool with no

mind or will of its own. The drone, though, is always employed for evil; to tend the garden of moral depravity and societal collapse so appealing to the nitwit liberal one-percenters. Those same nitwits then blame inanimate objects while encouraging the drones to immerse their minds in vile entertainment, assuring anyone with sense that such immersion has zero effect on the brain. That is the thinking of an idiot.

R. MICHAEL SMALL  
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### The difference between ‘are’ and ‘may’

To the Editor:  
According to Merriam-Webster, an opinion is a view, judgment or appraisal formed in the mind about a particular matter – a belief stronger than an impression, but less strong than positive knowledge.

Omar, it would be sad to find out that you don’t know the difference between the word are and the word may – you may be an exception does not mean you are evil. However, if you feel honored to be considered evil, then who am I to argue. The ability to read is a blessing but the inability to comprehend what you read is a curse. I have never written or implied that nobody is evil and that all people are fundamentally good and trying their best. A person can be bad, immoral, indifferent, misguided or even Republican without being evil or good.

Omar, I am aware that there are many truths, many lies and many opinions. I’m also aware that a falsehood cannot be an opinion because an opinion cannot be false – in order to be a falsehood, you need a truth, and an opinion cannot be a truth. Mostly, I believe that there is evil in this world. I listed the groups I believe are in the best position to combat evil and it is my opinion that they are not evil, and in your words, they are fundamentally good.

“You are entitled to your own opinion but not to your own facts.” Thank you, Ken and Sen. Moynihan, for these words of wit. Personally, I prefer “Don’t let your facts get in the way of the truth.” Case in point: You have been arrested and charged with first degree murder with special circumstances and will be tried in federal court – the death penalty will be in play. You know that you are innocent, but you have no proof and cannot offer any evidence. As your attorney, it is my opinion that you are telling the truth. The prosecution presents all their evidence, and gathers all their facts and you are found guilty and sentenced to death. Using your logic, I should throw up my hands and give up your defense. I try my best to delay the execution

with multiple appeals. Years later, a DNA test proves that you are indeed innocent. Hopefully, this happens before your execution, and not after.

Two plus two equals four. The sun rises in the East and sets in the West. The opposite of right is left, and the opposite of up is down. Therefore, all Republicans fight dirty and cheat, and all photo ID’s are racist. I thank you, Omar, for your excellent analysis. Your use of points and percentages was brilliant, sheer genius. Also, your suggestion to eliminate human mascots was spot on. Maybe we should eliminate all mascots – it works for European soccer teams and The Washington Football Team.

Mark, you may find this hard to believe, but I too had a dream last week. I died and went to heaven and was met at the pearly gates by St. Peter who appeared to me as an Asian. Jesus appeared to me as a Black Man and asked me to walk with him to the golf course where Abraham. Martin. John and Bobby were in an intense match. Abraham appeared as a Mexican, Martin as a European (Irish I think), John as a Jew, and Booby as an Iranian. Judas was the score keeper and appeared as a Russian. Jesus nudged me and told me the Russian judge always cheats. I asked why there were no Native Americans or other indigenous people and he told me they were all special angels along with the unborn babies killed by abortion.

Just before I awoke, God appeared to me in a bright light and asked me to say hello to all the letter writers and readers at the SNL. I asked Him why everyone doesn’t appear as they did on earth. He explained that we live on earth in our earthly bodies, but in heaven, we live in our heavenly bodies. I created everyone in my image, and I decide how you will appear in my kingdom. He gave me a word of warning – Be careful how you treat people on earth because you have no idea who will decide your fate at the gate.

JIM REID  
SPENCER

to consider. Several thousand years ago, Solomon, son of David, built a temple on what is now temple mount in Jerusalem. All that now remains of that period is what they call the Wailing Wall, where Jews pray and insert prayers on small slips of paper, between the stones. I too have prayed there. Some 4,000 years after Solomon built his temple, Mohammed is said to have departed this earth in a chariot of fire. The third most holy Muslim Mosque now stands on temple mount. I will skip some history, and tell you that the city of Jerusalem belonged to the nation of Jordan, until it was captured and occupied during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The Arab we know as Israel did not exist prior to WWII. The globes and world maps from that period, depict a country named Palestine. I don’t recall whether it was the League of Nations or the United Nations, who bequeathed a piece of land, just a little smaller than

the city of Philadelphia, to the vast number of Jews now refugees. I think these are the same brilliant minds that demarked other area nations, with a view towards topography and total ignorance of population. This explains how Iraq, came to have a Kurdish population adjacent to Kurdistan, a Shiite population adjacent to Iran and a Sunni population, adjacent to Jordan and Egypt, but I digress. The best equivalent that comes to mind, is divesting Native Americans of their land, and giving it to someone else.

The establishment of a Jewish State in the middle of Muslim lands was not taken lying down, and the Israelis fought to hold the land they were given in 1948. That war theoretically ended, although they were never actually welcomed. In the 1967 war (I think they call it the three-day war), Israel seized more ground, including the Golan heights, where Arab positions had fired down on them, and they grabbed

## Financial tips for the self-employed

Being self-employed has some benefits: You get to choose your own hours, you don’t have to count “vacation days” and you’ll never worry about getting downsized. On the other hand, you’re truly on your own – there’s no employer-sponsored retirement plan and no benefits package. So, if you’ve recently started a business or become a “gig worker,” possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, what can you do to get on the road to financial security?

There are several steps you can take, including the following:

Establish a budget. When you’re self-employed – and especially when you’re first starting out – you need to keep tight control over where your money is going. So, establish a budget and

stick to it.

Open a retirement plan. As a self-employed individual, you can choose a retirement plan, such as a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE-IRA or an “owner-only” 401(k). When your earnings are limited, you can contribute modest amounts to any of these plans, but when your income rises, you can boost your contributions. While these retirement plans have some things in common, including tax-deferred growth of earnings, they differ in other areas, such as contribution limits, and one plan may be more suitable for you than another, depending on whether you have employees. You may want to consult with a financial advisor to determine which plan is best for your needs.

Build an emergency fund. When you work for a business or other organization, your income is predictable – but that’s usually not the case when you’re self-employed. And when your earnings are uneven, you can be vulnerable to financial stress when you face an unexpected expense. To help protect yourself from these threats, try to gradually build an emergency fund containing a few months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Pay down your debts. Some debts, such as loans to help your business, may be unavoidable – and even productive. But other debts, especially those that can’t be deducted from your taxes and carry a high interest rate, are far less useful, so you may want to set up a repayment plan. With your other expenses, you might not be able to whittle these debts down as fast you’d like, but, over time, your efforts can pay off.

Put money aside for taxes. Because no employer is withholding taxes from your paychecks, you will likely have to make quarterly estimated payments. Plus, you’re responsible for all your Social Security taxes, which, if you worked for someone else, would be split between you and your employer. To make sure you’ve got enough money available to pay your taxes, you might want to set up a special account – one that’s not used for any other purpose.

Get proper insurance. Depending on the nature of your work, you may or may not need some type of business insurance, but if you have a family, you should certainly consider the need for life insurance, and you may also want to consider disability insurance.

Self-employment can be quite fulfilling – and you’ll find it even more rewarding when you make the right financial moves.

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Jerusalem. We and the United Nations had long held that seized land must be returned at the wars end. It has never happened there, and we have been their defender and whipping boy ever since. I am somewhat surprised that the Golden Domed Mosque survives, but Israel has recently started trying to purge the Arab population that lives in its shadow and worships there three times a day. It is that action that caused Hamas to step up its attacks, and Israel to commence their version of Custer’s last stand. Knowing this history, I am frankly surprised that it did not start when Trump moved our embassy to Jerusalem, and recognized it as Israel’s capital.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The Levant

To the Editor:

It's really amazing, the amount of mental energy Mr. Robillard spends on BLM and the chant (All Lives Matter) which was coined as a disingenuous retort to the problem raised by Black Lives Matter proponents. Nobody said "All Lives Matter" before the Black Lives Matter movement, and I'm sure the activists early in the movement are eternally regretful for not saying "Black Lives Matter, too." The "All Lives Matter" crowd is implying that all lives are at equal risk, or all lives move about our society with equal privilege and that is simply not the case. While of course, both "Black Lives Matter" and "All Lives Matter" are true, the "All Lives Matter" slogan tries to whitewash over a specific problem using deceptively narrow or disingenuous language. It really is amazing to see/hear the absolute hostility towards the BLM movement.

Mr. Robillard's assessment of the situation in the middle east is equally interesting... Hamas, a terrorist organization, won a majority in the 2006 Palestinian legislative elections, and has been in complete control of the Gaza Strip since a coup in 2007, both during the George W. Bush administration. Both Israel and Egypt have had a land, air, and sea blockade against Gaza since 2007, and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has expressed support for this blockade.

The Levant has seen ethnic strife and settler colonialism since the late 1800's, when the Ottoman Empire was in charge, then the British had a governing mandate after WWI for a few decades filled with sectarian violence until their disengagement from the region in 1948.

Gaza has been occupied in one form or another for centuries – the Ottoman

Turks since 1516, British from 1917-1948, Egypt from 1948 until 1967, and now Israel to the present day. The Arab-Israeli conflict had been one of the theaters and proxy wars of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union. There were two intifadas before Israel unilaterally disengaged from Gaza. Since Hamas took over there have been several skirmishes where Gaza fired rockets into Israel and Israel responded with air strikes and at times ground invasions – several during the Bush Administration, during the Obama administration, the Trump administration, and the Biden administration... But yeah, let's blame the last 4 months of the Biden administration...

No, I am not going to roll my sleeves up and tackle Hamas or talk some sense into the Israeli government, but I will point out idiocy in the Spencer New Leader.

Mr. Kushner did little to advance peace. He brokered normalization of relations between Israel, Morocco, and the UAE – countries that were never actually at war. Kushner suggested a Palestinian entity which would cede all land Israel subsumed since 1967 and would be a sovereign state in name only. This rump state would cede control of its borders, air-space, electromagnetic spectrum, foreign policy, and security to Israel. This non-country wouldn't be allowed to have a military. This non-country would need Israel's consent before joining any international organization, shall take no actions and dismiss pending actions against Israeli or U.S. Citizens in the International Court of Justice and similar tribunals. This non-country wouldn't be allowed to take any action against any U.S. or Israeli citizen w/ Interpol. This non-country would

have a four-year phase-in period where Israel could unilaterally hold them in default and retake military control. Palestinian textbooks and school curricula would need to be approved by Israel. Palestinians would need to relinquish all claims to control the Haram al Sharif and Al Aqsa mosque to Israel. Under Kushner's plan Jews would still be able to reclaim any property lost in the 1948 war but Palestinians would not be afforded the same.

Mr. Robillard made no mention of the 2021 Sheikh Jarrah dispute which was the start of this back 'n forth. Israeli law gives Jews the right to reclaim property lost in the 1948 war but not Arabs. A Jewish trust written during the time of the Ottoman Empire has heirs and these heirs are using Ottoman era deeds to try and evict Palestinians living in homes built in the 1970's when the area was part of the Kingdom of Jordan. In April 2021, there were attempts to forcibly evict the residents in Sheikh Jarrah and this started the current dispute. This would never fly in the U.S. – we have adverse possession laws known as squatters' rights which limit this activity to a few years. This is part of an effort to Judaize Jerusalem and clear out Arab neighborhoods that have been there for many decades.

Mr. Robillard made no mention of the current political stalemate in Israel where Netanyahu has gone through three stalemate elections and is only a caretaker Prime Minister while he is also standing trial for corruption. He was about to lose his fourth election due to his opponent forming a coalition, but the political situation shifted and this "loss" turned into another stalemate, or a "tie" so they now head to a 5th election while Netanyahu remains in power. We should consider

all of his motives in question given his political survival and potential jail sentence awaiting him.

The current status quo is unsustainable. Israel is a modern country that happens to pen in a few million people in "no-man's land." Gaza is functionally an open-air prison with 50 percent unemployment, and is the most densely populated bordered jurisdiction in the world with one of the world's highest birth rates. Israel is not alone in causing their misery though, Egypt also blockades them, and the Palestinians are caught in no-man's land also due to Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, etc. The Palestinians were pawns during the US-Soviet cold war. The founding population of Israel were Jewish refugees. Everyone is responsible to help solve this, but an open-air prison is not the answer.

The 2021 conflict cost 13 Israeli and 250 Palestinian lives. On the other hand, COVID-19, the virus Trump tried to ignore, has killed 593,325 Americans and counting. For comparison, 910 Australians died from COVID-19. Even the horrible surge in India we hear about in the news is nothing compared to the disaster within our own borders. If the Indian surge continues its downward trend, the U.S. will still have more confirmed cases and deaths than India – yet India has 4x the population, is far more impoverished, and doesn't have the access to vaccinations we have. Granted, COVID-19 wasn't completely avoidable but with a competent president even with our medieval cultural attitudes towards caring about others and cultural myopia, we could have easily seen half the carnage.

OMAR HAR-YAROK  
EAST BROOKFIELD



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GARY W.  
MOORE

Family traditions are meaningful to me. The older I get, the more important it is to

preserve these annual happenings in hope that they will be passed down through generations. One of these traditions for our family is barbecued pork spareribs on Memorial Day. This year, I'm teaching my nephew, son-in-law, two sons and oldest grandson the recipe and methods. I'm sure they may add their special tweaks to the recipe but I'm confident the basics will remain.

I was 13 years old when my dad called me over to the grill and began teaching me. It may have been the first time my father spoke to me and treated me as an adult. Cooking ribs in the Moore household was serious business and I

## The importance of family traditions

felt a sense of pride that my father was entrusting me with this almost sacred responsibility. I didn't understand it then, but from that day forward, ribs on Memorial Day were my responsibility, and has been since that moment.

I realized a few months ago that I've waited too long to pass the "tongs" off, so this holiday weekend was important. It represented a "changing of the guard" for our holiday tradition.

Cooking for me is an art form. There are specific techniques that create the repeated desired results. Over the years, there have been slight changes in methods and ingredients. I'm sure this next generation will do the same. I've added a few ingredients to my cooking pallet and have slowed the cooking process down to create a more tender result, but over the last decade, the recipe and process had reached the point, that in my mind, created the perfect slab of Moore Family barbecue spareribs.

And of course, the barbecue jokes or "dad jokes" begin. "Why should you never BBQ on your roof? The steaks are too high."

For those of you who enjoy cooking, I barbecue ribs in three basic steps.

First, I remove the membrane from the bone side of the ribs and apply a rub of salt, pepper, smoke paprika and brown sugar. I then slowly smoke them with apple wood for three hours. Next, I wrap the ribs in aluminum foil and apply a little apple cider vinegar, butter and honey and place back on the grill for two hours. Then the final step is to unwrap them, put on a thick coating of sauce and put them back on the grill. Check them every fifteen minutes or so, making sure they do not overcook and dry out.

The weekend was everything I hoped for. My students took the process as serious as I hoped they would, and next year, it will be their responsibility. The ribs were a bit rushed because the teaching process set us back a bit and as such, they were not as tender as usual. Next year will be better. I'll just sit back, watch, try to keep my mouth shut and enjoy a responsibility-free holiday for the first time since I was thirteen.

Ribs of course are not what's most important for this holiday. Another tradition is sharing the importance of why we celebrate Memorial Day. So many have given so much and it's important

not to forget their ultimate sacrifice.

So, what are your family traditions? A Utah woman felt so strongly about her family fudge recipe that she had it engraved on her tombstone. Is there something you hold so dear that it's important to you to continue after you're gone? It's never too late to begin.

And maybe it isn't passed down to you from generations before.

Maybe it begins with you?

Oh ... one last dad barbecue joke ... "My dad always said he would go to his grave with his famous BBQ rib recipe. On his death bed, he had me lean in to tell me the secret ingredient.

That's when I knew it was Thyme."

Laughter is brightest when food is best.

Irish Proverb

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When I was there, there was sort of an uneasy acceptance, that Jerusalem was important to many faiths and was grudgingly shared by all of them. The Barack Hussein Obama administration used his Muslim connection and the US-Israel alliance, to try to bring a just and lasting peace to the region. By then, Israel had started building housing settlements on seized land. We asked Bibi Netanyahu to stop doing that so we could negotiate peace and establish new borders and an independent Palestine. While our VP, Joe Biden, had come to work on that peace, Netanyahu announced new settlements with Biden standing next to him.

While we condemn Russia for trying to rebuild the USSR, and China for seeking to annex Taiwan as they have Hong Kong, or failing to recall how we acquired California and Texas, please beware of the alternate truth they are trying to feed you about Israel, especially if they don't know who is president.

Speaking of alternate truths, Jan. 6 is not worth investigating, but Benghazi was investigated ten times more than the entire dozen ambassadors ever killed, in a country where most of the people there hate us.

Another alternate truth, is people claiming to represent the will of the people, do not read polls. Nobody has worried about deficits of winless wars or tax breaks for millionaires, but now it is just too expensive to increase our own worth doing things that benefit us. They are again offering the alternate truth, that we can't afford it. It would be the best investment in generations.

I will address the voting suppression and police at another time. Suffice it to say, beware of the alternate truths the right favors. It should be easy for citizens to vote and all people, police and presidents included, should be liable for their actions. We really need to stop saying "Nobody is above the law," because it is certainly an alternate truth.

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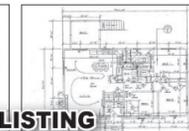
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# Fluke fishing is great at Block Island

Fluke fishing has been providing some great fishing for anglers fishing around Block Island. Numerous door-mats are being caught regularly at the Island. Seabass are also being caught, but are not legal to retain until June 24 in Massachusetts. Stripers are also on the increase in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island, but because of the slot limit, many anglers are fishing for fluke and other species of ground fish. Scaup are still legal game in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island, but the three fish limit of Tautog closed at the end of May. Check season dates for the reopening of tautog!



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with a good amount of ice will keep your catch fresh until you get home to clean them. It is a good idea to cut the throat of the fish so that they bleed out. It will make your fish a lot tastier at the table. Blue fish especially need to be handled this way and kept ice cold until you get home. Filleting your blue fish immediately after you catch them will ensure fresh fish at the table. Not all boat captains allow this type of cleaning on the boat for obvious reasons. I fished with one boat Captain years ago, that washed the boat down after every fish was landed!

Mass. Fish & Wildlife is changing their plans on the massive increases on hunting & fishing licenses proposed this past winter. There will be more public hearings on June 22, 23, and 24 to discuss a five-year phased in increases. Mass. Fish & Wildlife will be presenting the public hearings and changes on their web site soon, with the link for persons that would like to participate in discussions on those dates.

A couple of weeks ago, I was fishing with my nephew in Buzzards Bay on the Cape, and realized that I was fishing with fresh squid he had caught a month earlier. It was extremely noticeable when I attempted to place a piece on my hooks. It was a lot firmer than the low grade, soft squid I have been using for many years from tackle shops and high-end fish markets. It even caught fish, but just imagine what I would have caught if I was using freshly caught squid. Using fresh bait for fishing does catch more fish, but you also need to keep it on ice or in a cooler. So many times, I have had to tell my fishing buddies not to leave fresh bait in the sun.

Taking care of you freshly caught fish is also very important. Having a cooler

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will be holding another 3D archery shoot on June 6. This is a great opportunity to get the whole family into the sport of archery. The event is open to the public! Breakfast will be available starting at 7 a.m. The archery course is set up on more than 50 acres of land. Life size targets are set up over the 50 acres of woodlands, that are easily marked. A day on the archery course with family and friends is a good way to say goodbye to the pandemic!

Stripers are in at the Providence River, and they are feeding on the large schools of porgies that are also in the river, as well as every other body of water that holds stripers.

As the dog days of summer arrive, man's best friend still needs to be exercised daily, and kept in a cool place. Keeping them indoors with air conditioning in the heat of the day, will insure a good healthy dog when hunting season rolls around. Heartworm medication and flea & tick medication needs to be administered year-round to your pet, to insure they stay healthy.

*Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*



Photos Courtesy

This week's photo shows Matt Fontain with one of the numerous sea sculpin he caught last week in Buzzards Bay after limiting out on some very large seabass.



Janet Harper with her 26-pound wild turkey taken at the end of the Mass. Turkey season, with her crossbow.



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES  
WAYNE TUISKULA

## Latest antiques, collectibles, and auction news

The Moscow Times reported that two paintings of Rasputin are headed to the auction block. According to the Moscow Times, "the portraits were done by Theodora Krarup, a Danish artist, in St. Petersburg. Karaup did a total of 16 portraits of Rasputin, most of which have been lost or destroyed. Krarup sold three portraits of Rasputin to the Finnish Consul General, Otto Auer. One was resold

and its whereabouts are now unknown, but descendants of Auer consigned the two remaining portraits to the auction house. Grigory Rasputin was renowned — and reviled — for his supposed ability to stop the Tsarevich's hemophilic bleeding and for his supposed influence on the royal family." Rasputin was assassinated in 1916. The Moscow Times reports that the auction estimates are \$16,500 to \$24,600 and \$82,000 to \$98,000.

In other art news, rockstar Alice Cooper is auctioning an Andy Warhol silkscreen on canvas. According to the Arizona Republic, the artwork titled "Little Electric Chair" was gifted to Cooper by his former girlfriend and model Cindy Lang. She paid \$2,500 for it in 1972. Cooper said "I never was a Warhol collector. I collect other artists but I never really collected Andy Warhol so I'm sure there's somebody out there that is a Warhol

fan," according to the Arizona Republic. It is estimated to sell for between \$2.5 million and \$4.5 million.

A collection of rare baseball cards is also going to auction. The collection belonged to Dr. Thomas Newman of Tampa, Fla., who died in January of COVID-19 at the age of 73. ESPN reported that "he began collecting as a child, and through loving the sport of baseball, he had built a small collection of 1950s cards that was thrown out

by his mother when he went to college." He began collecting cards again to replace his discarded collection when he graduated from medical school and the collection eventually grew to over 1,000 cards. The most valuable card is a 1933 Godey Babe Ruth card. "The card could fetch close to \$5 million, and the entire lot could eclipse \$20 million", according to ESPN.

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### Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-6.  
The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right.  
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

	3	1	6
	0		6
6			14
12	8	6	

3	5	0
2	0	4
1	3	2

Solution

### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- 1654: LOUIS XIV IS CROWNED THE KING OF FRANCE.
- 1776: RICHARD HENRY LEE OF VIRGINIA INTRODUCES A RESOLUTION IN THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS THAT WILL LEAD TO A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.
- 1929: VATICAN CITY BECOMES A SOVEREIGN STATE.



### ENDEMIC

(of plants or animals) native to a certain area

### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

TRAGE DOSUOROT

Answer: Great Outdoors

### ANIMAL FACT!



STANDING 6 FEET TALL, THIS ANIMAL IS THE LARGEST MAMMAL TO CALL NORTH AMERICA HOME.

ANSWER: AMERICAN BISON

### How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Forest
- SPANISH:** Bosque
- ITALIAN:** Foresta
- FRENCH:** Forêt
- GERMAN:** Wald

### Did you know?

THE GREAT TRAIL IS THE LONGEST TRAIL IN THE WORLD. IT STRETCHES FROM ONE COAST IN CANADA TO THE OTHER. IT ALSO HAS THE LONGEST PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE.



### GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PALM TREE

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### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cats.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 5 = C)

A. 23 10 9 18 24 10

Clue: Relating to cats

B. 5 9 6 20 25

Clue: Curved, pointy nails

C. 21 2 8 8

Clue: Low, vibrating sound

D. 25 5 8 6 26 5 13

Clue: Mark the surface

Answers: A. feline B. claws C. purr D. scratch

### SUDOKU

7	3			8		4		6
5	6	4	1	7		2		
2				5			3	7
	7	6						
	5			1		7		
			7	4			8	1
		2			5	9		
6	4	5	9				1	
8		7	4					

Level: Beginner

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	9	7	4	3	1	6	2	5
6	4	5	9	2	7	8	1	3
3	1	2	8	6	5	9	7	4
9	2	3	7	4	6	5	8	1
4	5	8	3	1	2	7	6	9
1	7	6	5	9	8	3	4	2
2	8	9	6	5	4	1	3	7
5	6	4	1	7	3	2	9	8
7	3	1	2	8	9	4	5	6

ANSWER:

# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

12:18 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), unoccupied mv; 1:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:58 a.m.: residential fire (Chestnut Street), referred; 7:24 a.m.: animal complaint (Borkum Road), dead beaver in road; 7:45 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), power out; 7:45 a.m.: abandoned mv (Main Street), services rendered; 8:02 a.m.: medical/general (Ethier Drive); 9:39 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 10:13 a.m.: E911 call (Cherry Street), req. copy of accident report; 10:43 a.m.: residential alarm (Shore Drive), services rendered; 12:49 p.m.: mv theft/plate (Main Street), license plate stolen; 1:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 1:16 p.m.: accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 1:38 p.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), rep. erratic operator; 2:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), re: son; 3:04 p.m.: residential alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 3:23 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), MSP bolo; 4:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Hastings Road), fox in road; 4:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), personal issue; 5:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), re: past altercation; 5:15 p.m.: juvenile matter (Wilson Street), bike stolen; 5:42 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), speeding; 6:22 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:22 p.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), silent call; 6:28 p.m.: juvenile matter (Park Street), kids on lifeguard tower; 6:44 p.m.: medical/general (G.H. Wilson Road); 7:54 p.m.: animal complaint (Wire Village Road), injured baby owl; 8:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Linden Street), barking dog; 8:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Water Street), someone in house; 9:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), unwanted party; 10:04 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:59 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops - 4).

THURSDAY, MAY 20

5:11 a.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), illegal dumping/mattress; 5:55 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Rutland PD bolo; 6:34 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Condon Drive); 7:37 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 7:52 a.m.: juvenile matter (North Spencer Road), grandson/refuses school; 7:55 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:34 a.m.: warrant service (North Brookfield Road), John "Richard" Sherman, Junior, 12 North Brookfield Road, warrant, arrest; 11:22 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 12:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), req. escort/retrieve belonging; 12:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), harassment documented; 1:29 p.m.: mv complaint (Lincoln Street), speeding; 1:29 p.m.: parking complaint (Water Street), truck blocking travel lane; 1:33 p.m.: assault (Main Street), rep. previous incident; 2:42 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Whittemore Drive); 3:28 p.m.: suspicious mv (Cranberry Meadow Road), investigated; 3:33 p.m.: restraining order service (Maple Street); 4:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), custody issue, Terrell Bradshaw, 26, 94 Rosseter Street, Boston, warrant, arrest; 5:17 p.m.: animal complaint (McDonald Street), loose dogs; 5:22 p.m.: medical/general (School Street); 5:42 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 5:51 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:11 p.m.: 911 call (Duggan Street), non-emergency; 6:49 p.m.: suspicious persons (Borkum Road), investigated; 9:49 p.m.: mutual aid (Maple Street), mv stop; 10:30 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:10 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); (Total daily mv stops - 1).

FRIDAY, MAY 21

2:32 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), assist East Brookfield PD; 3:34 a.m.: residential fire (Mechanic Street), referred; 6:52 a.m.: 911 call (Meadow Road), accidental; 10:36 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 12:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), req. location check; 12:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), info taken; 12:47 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 1:18 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 1:42 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), teens/"booty call" on football field; 1:44 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Wm. Casey Road); 2:02 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 2:44 p.m.: 911 call (Bellevue Drive), accidental; 3:01 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 3:20 p.m.: restraining order service (Langevin Street); 3:58 p.m.: medical/overdose (Prospect Street); 4:03 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 4:16 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), erratic operator; 4:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), bf withholding property; 4:26 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), bear in area; 4:40 p.m.: residential alarm (Pine Acres), services rendered; 5:02 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 5:56 p.m.: suspicious persons (Maple Street), investigated; 7:06 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:25-7:43 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:45 p.m.: medical/general (Collier Circle); 8:00 p.m.: 911 call (Oakland Drive), misdial; 8:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:40 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Mechanic Street), unattended fire; 8:57 p.m.: building checked,

secure; 10:39 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:46 p.m.: disturbance (Wm. Casey Road), unwanted party; 11:04 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), citizen complaint; (Total daily mv stops - 7).

SATURDAY, MAY 22

12:12-1:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:34 a.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 6:14 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), landlord/tenant issue; 9:40 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 10:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Sherwood Drive), bear in yard; 11:30 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Salem Street), no contact; 1:44 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 2:05 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 3:12 p.m.: 911 call (Chickering Road), open line; 4:29 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Bay Path Road), illegal burn; 5:51 p.m.: medical/general (Meadowbrook Road); 6:17 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:45 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 7:28 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 7:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), noisy peacock/hours; 8:33 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Mechanic Street), almost struck by fw; 9:26 p.m.: disturbance (Ash Street), noise complaint; 9:42 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Briarcliff Lane), neighbors igniting fw; 9:54 p.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), noise complaint; 10:11-10:33 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:36 p.m.: medical/general (Wilson Street); 10:55 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Auburn PD bolo; 11:13 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; (Total daily mv stops - 4).

SUNDAY, MAY 23

12:13-12:21 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:21 p.m.: parking violation (Salem Street), ticket issued; 12:32-12:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: juvenile matter (Deer Run Road), investigated/no action required; 1:06-1:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:08 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), mv stolen; 9:20 a.m.: medical/general (Pearl Street); 11:34 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), barking dog; 12:11 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Cherry Street), illegal burn; 12:47 p.m.: RV complaint (Rustic Lane), loud dirt bikes; 1:06 p.m.: medical/general (Ledge Avenue); 1:55 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), lost debit card; 1:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Terkanian Drive), bear in yard; 2:20 p.m.: disabled mv (Route 49), assisted; 3:34 p.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), accidental; 3:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), accidental; 4:11 p.m.: burglary (Linden Street), money taken from apt.; 4:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Route 49), injured turkey vulture; 4:38 p.m.: medical/general (Briarcliff Lane); 4:44 p.m.: fraud (Charlton Road), calls/accident scam; 5:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), low-flying drone; 5:26 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Marble Road), poss. assault; 7:41 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 8:22 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), debit card found; 8:40 p.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), bear in yard; 9:19 p.m.: disturbance (Buteau Road), gunshots heard; 9:20 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 9:29 p.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), bear in area; 11:27 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), investigated; (Total daily mv stops - 1).

MONDAY, MAY 24

2:28 a.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 2:30 a.m.: residential alarm (Bacon Hill Road), services rendered; 3:00 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 7:37 a.m.: fire alarm (Sherry Lane), referred; 9:16 a.m.: fire alarm (Chestnut Street), referred; 10:38 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), coins found; 10:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. escort/return property; 11:10 a.m.: harassment prevention order (West Main Street); 12:08 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 12:24 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 1:09 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), referred; 1:15 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), students fighting; 1:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), family issue; 2:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), req. detective; 2:54 p.m.: disturbance (Grant Street), noise complaint; 3:17 p.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road), Tiajah Monet Hudson, 226 North Spencer Road, Spencer, warrant, op w/suspended license, arrest; 4:12 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:45 p.m.: restraining order service (Ash Street); 4:46 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Thompson Pond Road), open line; 4:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), barking dog; 4:52 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/4 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), Guinea hens in yard; 5:47 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), fight; 8:08 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (East Charlton Road), misdial; 8:17 p.m.: RV complaint (Lamb Grove), go carts in area; 8:35 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant View Road); 9:34 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 9:45 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), noise complaint/nightly issue; 10:10 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), money missing; 10:14 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:42 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 11:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), welfare check; (Total daily mv stops - 2).

TUESDAY, MAY 25

7:39 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), info taken; 7:44 a.m.: res-

idential alarm (Pine Avenue), services rendered; 9:09 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 9:19 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Charlton PD info; 11:43 a.m.: DPW call (Bixby Road), needs water shut off; 12:05 p.m.: animal complaint (Bond Street), re: baby wild birds; 12:36 p.m.: disabled mv (South Spencer Road), assisted; 12:36 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:42 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost license; 12:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), need mv VIN; 1:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), noise complaint; 1:04 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 1:44 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:47 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), neighbor issues; 3:39 p.m.: commercial alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 3:50 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Brookfield Road), no contact; 3:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), citizen w/suspect; 4:20 p.m.: disturbance (McDonald Street), noise complaint; 5:02 p.m.: lost/found (Meadow Road), debit card found; 5:09 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), child unrestrained/leaning out of window; 5:38 p.m.: animal complaint (R. Jones Road), missing dog; 6:20 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 6:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), req. assistance w/oxygen co.; 6:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street), poss. rabid animal; 6:36 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:56 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 7:25 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Rutland PD bolo; 8:13 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: son's arrest; 8:59 p.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), accidental; 9:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), speak to mv owner; 9:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Lloyd Dyer Drive), re: threats rec'd; 9:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), locked out of residence; 11:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Old East Charlton Road), loose dog; (Total daily mv stops - 1).

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## Leicester Police

THURSDAY, MAY 20

2:59 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 7:58 a.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 9:50 a.m.: escort (Main Street), services rendered; 10:46 a.m.: investigation (Redfield Road), services rendered; 11:41 a.m.: restraining order service (Main Street), served; 12:11 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, report taken; 12:57 p.m.: fraud (Sargent Street), spoken to; 1:59 p.m.: welfare check (Mill Street), spoken to; 2:09 p.m.: fraud (Birchwood Drive), report taken; 3:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Charlton Street), services rendered; 4:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Shawn Everhart, 34, 145 Pleasant Street, #B, Southbridge, op w/suspended license, mv not meeting safety standards, arrest; 4:56 p.m.: investigation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 8:06 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 10:34 p.m.: welfare check (Sabina Circle), services rendered.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

6:00 a.m.: vandalism (Paxton Street), report taken; 10:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, criminal application issued; 12:47 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), no action required; 3:28 p.m.: mv stop (Burncoat Street), written warning; 3:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:15 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:44 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 5:22 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 5:40 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 6:25 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 6:57 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 7:35 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 7:52 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 9:06 p.m.: family problem (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:46 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 11:52 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

1:16 a.m.: noise complaint (White Birch Street), investigated; 9:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:13 p.m.: assist citizen (Marshall Street); 1:13 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), Marissa R. Coy, 22, 1442 Main Street, #3, Worcester, shoplifting by recording false value, arrest; 3:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 4:01 p.m.: disturbance (Verona Street), spoken to; 4:56 p.m.: parking complaint (South Main Street), spoken to; 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Carleton Road), verbal warning; 6:40 p.m.: harassment (Soojians Drive), report taken; 7:30 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:57 p.m.: suspicious mv (Winslow Street),

no action required; 9:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:07 p.m.: mutual aid (Bowdoin Street, Worcester), transported to hospital.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

12:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:11 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:39 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:33 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 10:23 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 10:25 a.m.: residential alarm (Pleasant Street), false alarm; 10:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:45 a.m.: suspicious mv (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 12:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:30 p.m.: domestic disturbance (Grove Street), report taken; 2:26 p.m.: disabled mv (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 6:17 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), unfounded.

MONDAY, MAY 24

12:44 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:07 a.m.: suspicious mv (Pine Street), no action required; 9:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:55 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 10:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:24 a.m.: fraud (Monterey Drive), report taken; 10:44 a.m.: erratic operator (Marshall Street), unable to locate; 10:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:16 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 11:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:57 p.m.: suspicious activity (Tracy Place), unable to locate; 4:00 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, mv towed; 4:21 p.m.: assist other PD (Fairview Drive), Zachary Scott Daniels, 21, 25 Fairview Drive, Leicester, violating harassment prevention order, arrest; 4:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:49 p.m.: accident (Paxton Street), report taken; 5:59 p.m.: trespassing (Rawson Street), spoken to; 9:40 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), report taken

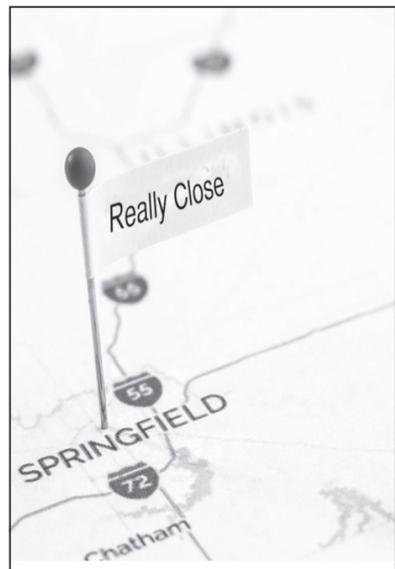
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1:05 a.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 8:38 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Waite Street), unable to serve; 8:50 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 9:13 a.m.: harassment (Parker Street), assisted; 5:27 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:31 p.m.: assist citizen (Ackley Drive); 6:55 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 7:04 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 7:32 p.m.: investigation (Auburn Street), services rendered; 9:51 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 10:14 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

12:24 p.m.: property found (Soojians Drive), removed; 2:07 p.m.: suspicious mv (River Street), services rendered; 3:24 p.m.: assault (Dale Street), no action required; 3:49 p.m.: erratic operator (Paxton Street), unfounded; 4:04 p.m.: disabled mv (Mill Street), no action required; 4:59 p.m.: civil dispute (Auburn Street), spoken to; 5:30 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Green Street), no action required

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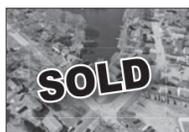
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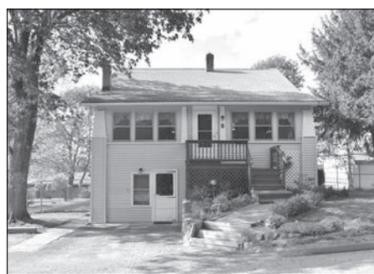
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Did you ever wonder what the origins of your favorite foods were? Sure, we've all heard the story of how Toll House cookies were born when some chocolate bits fell off a shelf into a raw batch of cookie dough, but there are lots of interesting tales behind just about every common food we enjoy today. This week's column will take a peek into the entertaining past of some of our favorite meal staples and snack foods. \*\*\*

**Phantom Faces:** Mrs. Smith's frozen pies have come to the rescue for many busy women during holiday baking time, but were you aware Mrs. Smith doesn't exist? Neither does Mrs. Paul (of frozen fish fame). And are you ready for this? Chef Boyardee is a fake too. While Mrs. Smith and Paul were probably conjured up by an ad man to portray a product whipped up by apocryphal middle-aged cook, Chef Boyardee is actually a combination of the names of the three founders of the company: Boyd, Art and Dennis. Now the good news: There really is a Sara Lee, and as we all know, nobody doesn't love her. \*\*\*

**Catsup or Ketchup?:** As a child I remember watching Fred MacMurray hawk Hunts Catsup during commercial breaks in "My Three Sons." Why would I remember such a thing? Beside the fact ketchup was as high on my childhood fave food list as Screaming Yellow Zonkers, the commercial sticks in my mind because he called the ketchup "catsup." I recall thinking that was weird. Here's some ketchup trivia relat-

ing to this pronunciation discrepancy: In the early years, ketchup king Henry Heinz used both spellings for his product. He settled on ketchup when he started advertising the condiment in the early 1900s. Meanwhile, J. W. Hunt stuck with catsup until the late 1960s. DelMonte was the last competitor to switch over to the more popular ketchup spelling, doing so in 1988 due to customer pressure. By the way, ketchup, originally called ketsiap, was a sauce developed in the seventeenth century by the Chinese. Back then it was a tangy potion of fish entrails, vinegar and spices the Chinese used mainly on fish. \*\*\*

**Soda Buzz:** Did you know 7-Up once contained lithium? In 1920, C.L. Griggs invented an orange drink called Howdy. When he tried to improve on it by adding different flavors, the result was a concoction he dubbed Bib-label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda. The fizzy tonic not only boasted more carbonation than standard soft drinks, but actually contained lithium! The unique taste caught on, but not the name. Six months after marketing the drink, Griggs renamed it 7-Up. I'm happy to report today's 7-Up is just as delicious, but without the addition of lithium. \*\*\*

**Pie in the Sky:** Remember Scooter Pies? For many boomers, the big, marshmallow sweets were a lunch bag staple. But Moon Pies were the true predecessor of Scooter Pies. In fact, while we in the northeast call the marshmallow, graham cracker and chocolate snacks Scooter Pies, other parts of the country know them as Moon Pies. And here's why: In the early 1900s a representative of a North Carolina mill bakery asked coal miners what they would like to eat as a snack. The min-

ers said they wanted something "solid and filling" that could easily be transported in a lunch pail. When asked how big the sweet snack should be, the story goes the moon was rising and one miner looked over, circled it with his two hands and said "about this big." Thus, the "moon pie" was born. The Scooter Pie, made by Burry, was "born" decades later in 1959, just in time for baby boomers to enjoy a sweet treat in front of the television set. \*\*\*

**Smoking Sub:** Who would've thought novelty Pez candies started out as a smoking deterrent? In 1927 an anti-smoking advocate created the peppermint candies as a substitute for cigarettes. It's name "Pez" comes from the German word "pfefferminze," which means peppermint. When Pez was imported to the United States in 1952, sales failed to impress. But when the inventor revamped the product and targeted it to children, complete with character dispensers, sales went through the roof. As we all know, old Pez dispensers are hot collectibles today, with rare examples fetching hundreds of dollars each. \*\*\*

**B&J Secret Recipe:** While I was researching food origins and facts, I came across Ben and Jerry's secret recipe for Cherry Garcia Ice Cream. Here it is as printed in "Ben and Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream and Dessert Book." (I know it has nothing to do with the theme of the column, but since it's ice cream season, why not!)  
Ingredients: 1/4 cup shaved plain chocolate (Ben and Jerry prefer Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate candy bars); 1/4 cup fresh Bing cherries, halved and pitted (you may use canned cherries, but be sure to drain the syrup); two large eggs; 3/4 cup sugar; two cups heavy or whipping cream; one cup milk.

Directions: Place the shaved chocolate flakes and the cherries in separate bowls. Cover and refrigerate. Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy, one to two minutes. Whisk in the sugar, a little at a time, then continue whisking until completely blended, about one minute more. Pour in the cream and milk and whisk to blend. Transfer the mixture to an ice cream maker and freeze following manufacturer's directions. After the ice cream stiffens (about two minutes before it's done), add the chocolate and the cherries, then continue freezing until the ice cream is ready. Makes grateful one quart. \*\*\*

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## Minimize the appearance and discomfort of rosacea

Skin is the largest organ in the human body. As a result, when skin is compromised, the results can be painful and noticeable.

Rosacea is a common skin condition that affects a large number of people. The American Academy of Dermatology says rosacea begins with a tendency to blush or flush more easily than other people. Rosacea may first appear on the nose and cheeks or the forehead and chin before spreading to other areas like the ears, chest and back. If simple blushing were the only symptom, people may be content to let rosacea go unaddressed. However, the AADA says rosacea has four subtypes that can cause more pronounced symptoms:

- Erythematotelangiectatic rosacea: This causes redness,

flushing and visible blood vessels.

- Papulopustular rosacea: Redness, swelling and acne-like breakouts are hallmarks of this type of rosacea.

- Phymatous rosacea: When this occurs, skin thickens and has a bumpy texture.

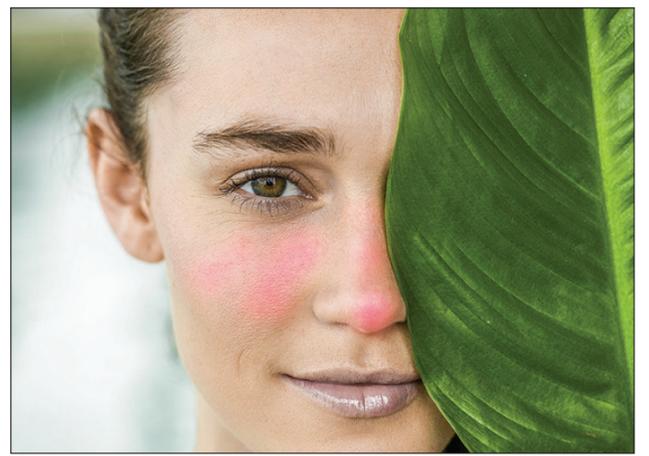
- Ocular rosacea: Ocular rosacea affects the eyes, which can become red and irritated. Eyelids may swell, and a person may have what looks like a sty.

Treatments for rosacea vary depending on the type a patient has and its severity. The Mayo Clinic says treatment often involves a combination of skin care strategies and prescription medications. For example, the drug Brimonidine may be prescribed to constrict blood vessels and reduce redness.

Oral antibiotics may be prescribed to reduce inflammation and reduce bumps and pustules.

Patients also are advised to take some self-care steps to reduce flare-ups. These include some easy techniques:

- Wear sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher, as UV rays can exacerbate flare-ups.
- Use gentle products on the skin and avoid rubbing or touching the face too much.
- Keep a log of what triggers redness and avoid those triggers. Specific foods, alcohol and certain cosmetics and other skin products may be triggers.
- Use makeup to reduce the signs of redness. Green-tinted foundations and powders can offset red undertones.
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alternative treatments like gentle facial massage can reduce swelling and inflammation. Dermatologists can work with patients to develop treat-

ment plans for their specific symptoms. Although rosacea cannot be cured, symptoms can be managed effectively.

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