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## West Brookfield resident awarded Boston Post Cane



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West Brookfield's Anna Schultz celebrates with family and town leaders.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – The town's eldest resident was celebrated last month during a Boston Post Cane presentation ceremony. On July 23, town officials presented the traditional honor to Anna Schultz during a private outdoor ceremony at her Lakeshore Drive Extension residence. Although current health restrictions prevented a larger gathering, officials wanted to make sure the Boston Post Cane tradition was still honored.

Born on March 5, 1920, Anna Schultz has lived on Lake Wickaboag for the past 40-plus years. She was joined at the presentation ceremony by her son, Joseph Schultz, and his wife Carol. Also in attendance was Historical Commission Chairman Dick Rossman, who provided a brief history of

the Boston Post Cane tradition. Additionally, Historical Commission member Anne-Marie Nolan shared a short biographical history of Anna Schultz and her family. She was then presented with a commemorative pin and certificate from Selectman Diane Vayda.

Massachusetts Senate and House citations were presented to Schultz by State Rep. Donald Berthiaume and Lucas McDiarmid (District Director for Senator Anne Gobi). Officials were thrilled to honor Schultz and meet her family.

The daughter of Joseph and Sophie Cichon, Schultz was born in Three Rivers and attended school in Palmer. She married John Schultz and welcomed their son, Joseph.

While John Schultz served in World War

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## Struggling businesses call for revised reopening policies

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Starved for business, several local owners are calling on state leaders to revise COVID-19 reopening policies.

Closed for more than four months, Spencer Country Inn has lost or rescheduled 117 parties since March. Gov. Charlie Baker's current reopening mandate limits indoor functions to a maximum of 25 people; the maximum outdoor capacity is 100. For venues like Spencer Country Inn that host multiple weddings and other functions, the Governor's mandate has suffocated business.

"I understand what the Governor is trying to do, but there are a lot of flaws with these policies," said Amy Perro, the owner of Spencer Country Inn. "Because of these regulations, many people have had to go to other states for weddings, or they are deciding to cram events into their back yards. The Governor is actually making an even less safe situation by forcing people to have functions in their yards instead of venues."

Local owners are also frustrated by the inconsistency of reopening policies governing various sectors. Many industries still have to wait until phase four of the state plan to reopen, while others continue to struggle with restrictions in phase three.

"You're allowed to go to a strip club and see dancers, but

you can't go to a wedding and have a bride and groom dance with their friends," Perro added. "The whole thing has been very frustrating. I really wish the Governor would listen to the concerns of business owners."

Perro and other owners said they would be amenable to having fifty-percent occupancy regulations, but the current cap of 25 guests for indoor events has been devastating. Additionally, the continued closure of bars has hamstrung businesses and employees. State officials aren't currently planning to allow bars to reopen until phase four, which would require a vaccine.

For now, local restaurants like 308 Lakeside in East Brookfield have had to scramble to assist bartenders desperate for work. A few 308 Lakeside bartenders have started waiting tables in the bar area to make up for lost wages, while others have sought work elsewhere.

"We would like to have everyone back as soon as possible [if bars reopen this year], and it would also allow us to stay open later with the bar," said Tom Fahey, the owner of 308 Lakeside. "Right now, when the kitchen closes, everyone leaves. We used to be able to stay open later."

Although local restaurants reopened for indoor dining in

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## Community rallies to send off East Brookfield students

EAST BROOKFIELD – Even though East Brookfield Elementary School sixth graders missed out on their sendoff ceremony in June, school and community leaders rallied to preserve the tradition.

The rescheduled sendoff took place on July 23, with students, school staff members, parents, and community leaders in attendance. The ceremony is usually held on the sixth graders' last day of school in June, but schools statewide were shut down through the summer.

With facial coverings and

social distancing in full effect, teachers and administrators were thrilled to celebrate their students.

"We were able to honor our students and have them leave EBES with a celebration and some closure," said EBES teacher Christine Lavin. "Some students have been in our school for seven years."

Ceremony guests heard speeches from school staff and local officials, including Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Paul Haughey and State Representative

Donald Berthiaume. East Brookfield Finance Committee member Mark Carpentier was also in attendance.

Guest speakers discussed with students and their families the importance of improvising, adapting, and overcoming challenges. Students have already demonstrated a strong mastery of those skills at a young age, and they look forward to the next journey.

"We were happy to have the opportunity to send our kids off on their next adventure in middle school. They have made EBES so proud," Lavin added.



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East Brookfield Elementary School students were honored for their accomplishments during a delayed sendoff ceremony.

## Baker announces self-quarantine requirement for visitors



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Gov. Charlie Baker discusses a new travel order.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – If you're planning to travel to states that have become COVID-19 hotspots, you'll need to add a 14-day quarantine into your plans after returning.

Massachusetts has reached a manageable level of new daily COVID-19 cases, but officials are afraid that travelers from the southern and western portions of the country could bring the virus with them and cause a second wave in New England.

To help prevent the spread, Gov. Charlie Baker recently announced that, effective Aug. 1, all travelers entering Massachusetts from high-risk states must quarantine for 14 days. This includes Massachusetts residents returning home from vacation, as well as college students arriving for the first semester.

"Every traveler coming to Massachusetts, no matter where they're from, has a responsibility to help keep COVID-19 out of the

Commonwealth," Baker said.

The Governor recently expressed frustration with large social gatherings statewide and irresponsible behavior from travelers, which he blames for the rise in new cases late last month.

"There are no shortcuts when it comes to containing COVID-19," Baker added. "For months, residents have been vigilant and adjusted their daily routines. We cannot – and we must not – let up now. Do not travel here if you have symptoms of COVID-19."

In addition to quarantining for 14 days, travelers from high-risk states must fill out a "Massachusetts Travel Form." Exemptions will be made for travelers from low-risk states, as well as those who can produce a negative COVID-19 test result administered no more than 72 hours prior to arriving in Massachusetts.

Travelers who get a test in Massachusetts

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# Local nonprofit introduces youngsters to the outdoors

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – After spending months cooped up in their homes, several local residents are thrilled to be enjoying the great outdoors this month.

Women of the Outdoors is hosting multiple August events, including sensory friendly youth fishing lessons, an adventure walk, and a cleanup initiative, among others. The Massachusetts-based nonprofit organization uses outdoor recreation activities to educate women and young adults in leadership, responsibility, and compassion.

As part of its sensory friendly fishing program, Women of the Outdoors (WOTO) held youth sessions at Westville Lake Recreation Area in Sturbridge. The sessions were offered through WOTO's Youth of the Outdoors program. It was a thrill for organizers to see youngsters getting outside and enjoying recreation.

"Youth of the Outdoors allows children a positive outlet that gives them a chance to build self-confidence, learn new skills, and make memories that will last a lifetime," said Women of the Outdoors President Phyllis Rowe.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, the organization will host a youth adventure walk at McKinstry Brook in Southbridge. Kids are looking forward to exploring the many sights and sounds of the great outdoors in the summertime.

Additionally, Women of the Outdoors will offer an online women's archery course on Aug. 8. Instructor Kaylee Jade Jackson, who has taught archery for 45 years, will focus on the basics of bows and arrows during the first session. A second program on Aug. 15 will focus on the proper stance and various shooting techniques.

Moreover, a virtual nationwide women's fish-off is slated for August 22-29. Also, an online adventure hunt for both



Photo Courtesy

Guests take part in recent events held by Women of the Outdoors.

women and youth will be offered.

Women of the Outdoors is also heavily focused on its cleanup initiative set for this month. Participation in the program is easy, as volunteers can simply take a photo of themselves while cleaning up an outdoor recreation area. Then tag Women of the Outdoors on social media and earn automatic eligibility for several prizes, including gift cards, a two-person tent, a survival bag, and others.

The cleanup effort will run throughout the month of August. More information is available on the organization's website.

"We are motivating women across the nation, with prizes, to clean up their fishing and hiking areas. Conservation

and preservation are a large part of our organization," Rowe said.

While many people associate outdoor recreation activities mostly with men, Women of the Outdoors continues to help local women pursue their passions in a fun environment.

"Women of the Outdoors allows women a safe setting to become self-sufficient, connect with other women who share their passions, and prosper in an otherwise male-dominated field," Rowe added.

To learn more about Women of the Outdoors, visit [www.wotousa.org](http://www.wotousa.org). You can also check out the organization's Facebook page for announcements on events.

## SPENCER NEW LEADER

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### BUSINESSES

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June, many businesses are struggling to bring back customers. At Haymakers Grille in Spencer, customer traffic is down significantly from pre-pandemic levels. Many residents have decided to avoid restaurants until a COVID-19 vaccine is in place, forcing owners to compete for a reduced pool of dining guests.

"We're really struggling. Chain restaurants have done okay, but it has been very hard for mom-and-pop businesses," said Lisa Gilman, the owner of Haymakers Grille.

Gilman reopened her Main Street business on July 15. Other local owners have also seen a steep decline in customers, and officials are concerned that many businesses will not survive if restrictions aren't loosened.

"If things don't change, I think a lot of small businesses are going to be in trouble and may end up closing," Perro said. "What really scares me is that we might only be at halftime [in the fight against COVID-19], nowhere close to the end. I think there are a lot more things that could be done to help small businesses."

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Ally and Ella of Spencer are pictured here selling Koala bracelets and donating all profits to the Australian Koala fund... they are working hard and making our world a better place.



## Spencer resident earns social work pin

PAXTON — Spencer resident, Chelsea Army, a Social Work major, received her Social Work pin as a graduate of Anna Maria College's Class of 2020.

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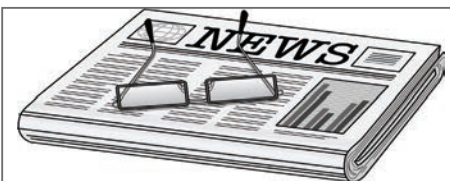


## Rescue Squad membership drive underway

SPENCER – The annual Spencer Rescue Squad membership drive is currently underway.

All Spencer residents have received membership applications in the mail within the past few weeks. If you did not receive the mailer, you may pick one up at the Spencer Rescue Squad office. You can also apply online at [spencer-ems.org](http://spencer-ems.org); simply click on "Become A Member."

"Not only does it absolve members of any out of pocket copays not covered by their insurance; it helps to support one of Spencer's most valuable and important resources," read a statement issued by membership drive organizers.



## PERSON of the WEEK

Jeanne Perron, of Spencer

Jeanne has a heart of gold. She has volunteered countless hours sewing hundreds of masks and matching headbands for anyone who needs them in this time and day. Jeanne's love of dogs has led her to rescue many sheepdogs in need of a good home. She willingly sews on patches for any Legion Rider who needs them put on their vests. She is also a member of American Legion Auxiliary Post 138 in town. Jeanne belongs to a group of ladies who generously design and create quilts for veterans, contributing countless hours to this worthy cause. The Quilt of Valor blanket is given to veterans to honor their time and service to this country.

Wherever she goes, Jeanne always brings something homemade with her so as to put something yummy in your tummy and a smile on your face!

— Submitted by Mariann LaSasso

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# Gobi named to Soldiers' Home oversight committee

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Sen. Anne Gobi has been named to the joint oversight committee that will review the COVID-19 outbreak at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

The outbreak at the complex was one of the deadliest in the nation, resulting in the deaths

of 76 residents at the facility this spring. Gobi (D-Spencer), a former vice chair on the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, currently serves as vice chair of the Joint Committee on Public Service. She is committed to providing answers to families who have been devastated by the out-

break.

“The loss of veterans to COVID-19 – and the horrendous toll it has taken on their families – is worthy of deeper investigation,” Senator Gobi said. “I am honored to serve on the commission in memory of our lost veterans.”

From mid-March to early June, the outbreak infected more than 71 percent of the 210 veterans living at the facility. Several allegations ranging from staff failure to follow safety protocols, to a collapse in leadership and management, led to the termination of Holyoke Soldiers' Home Superintendent Bennett Walsh.

The 17-member joint oversight committee is tasked with conducting a comprehensive review of the facility's handling of the outbreak. This will include an investigation of the structure, leadership, and staffing levels at the facility, as well as a review of the quality of medical care provided at the home.

Additionally, the probe will include a review of the preparedness and ability of the facility's leadership team to respond to the outbreak. All communications at the leader-

ship and staff levels pertaining to COVID-19 will be reviewed.

“There is no greater honor than to be able to assist our veterans. As a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary, I take that duty to assist seriously,” Gobi said. “The deaths of so many veterans and the extreme grief it has caused their families demands a response, and I look forward to working with the other committee members to do the work necessary to find answers and to make sure that something so heartbreaking can be prevented from now on.”

Gobi also serves as the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education, as well as the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. As part of her latest role on the oversight committee, she will join fellow members in reviewing state and federal investigations into the Holyoke Soldiers' Home outbreak.

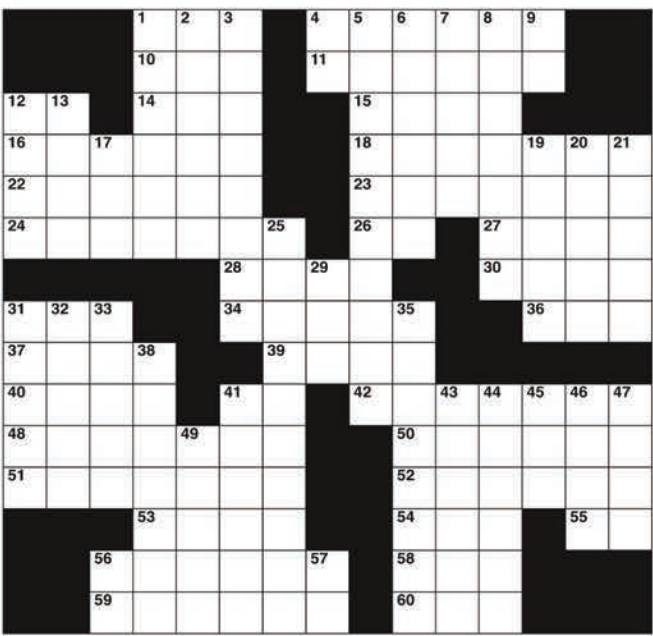
The oversight committee will file its report this fall on the results of the investigation, as well as legislative recommendations.

Established in 1952, the Holyoke Soldiers' Home is

a multifaceted healthcare facility available to eligible Massachusetts veterans. A scathing report from an independent investigator suggested that former superintendent Walsh was unqualified to lead the facility. The management team's decisions in response to the worsening outbreak were described as “utterly baffling” by investigator **Mark Pearlstein** in his 174-page report.

Several investigations have already revealed that infected residents at the facility were not properly isolated after testing positive. Others displaying symptoms of COVID-19 were allowed to remain in the general resident population while awaiting their test results, investigators said.

Shortly before the release of the independent report in June, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Services Francisco Urena resigned from his position. For more information on the joint oversight committee, contact Gobi's office by email at [Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov](mailto:Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov).



CLUES ACROSS

1. Opposite of on

4. Creator

10. No seats available

11. About springtime

12. Flagship ESPN show (abbr.)

14. Automobile

15. A matchup

16. Porous volcanic rock

18. Utter repeatedly

22. Not written in any key

23. Revolved

24. Archrival

26. Within

27. Smoker's accessory

28. Disfigure

30. Primordial matter

31. Thrust horse power (abbr.)

34. Kisses
36. Some is iced

37. A way to derive

39. Unaccompanied by others

40. Discontinued Google app

41. Tony B. left his heart there

42. Condiment

48. Ancient Italian city

50. One who distributes payoff money

51. Guarantees

52. Highly decorative

53. A hair on top of the eye

54. Pie \_\_\_ mode

55. Spanish be

56. Glued

58. A way to drench

59. Part of the body

60. Changes the color

CLUES DOWN

1. Passerine birds

2. Noisy quarrel

3. The front arm or leg of an animal

4. Early multimedia

5. Golden years

6. Large mollusk

7. Small arm of the sea

8. Persian jurisdiction

9. Atomic #81

12. From end to end

13. Adorable

17. Ma

19. Nearly falling

20. Portable conical tent

21. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
25. Fish with high dorsal fins

29. Equal (prefix)

31. Aquatic plant genus

32. Choppers

33. Hand parts

35. Region bordering the sea

38. Well-liked

41. Nap

43. It's used to make beer

44. Related on the father's side

45. Senior officer

46. Delicacy (archaic)

47. Figures

49. A way to take away

56. Beloved sandwich \_\_\_&J

57. Symptom typical of withdrawal (abbr.)



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# Pets in need find champions on the links and in the community

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services would like to thank all the golfers, local businesses and individuals who made the Eighth Annual Golf Tournament a great success despite the many challenges of hosting a fundraiser at this time.

COVID-19 has forced many changes at Second Chance Animal Services, but there is one constant – the many, many pets who need help. With donations dwindling and many fundraisers postponed or cancelled, the annual golf tournament took on new importance as the first live fundraising event since the pandemic struck.

Second Chance is grateful to the event's main sponsors, R.P. Masiello, Curaleaf and longtime supporters Bill & Judy McClurg and along with all the sponsors and item donors who helped make the event possible.

Event organizer Lindsay Doray is thankful to the local business community who rallied to make this year's event one of Second Chance's most-successful tournaments.

"We faced many challenges hosting this year's tournament and we adjusted some things to help comply with the state's current guidelines," said Doray. "We had to limit the number of participants, so we added the opportunity to bid online in the event's silent auction. We weren't sure what to expect, since we've never done that before, but it was very successful and some of the item winners told us how much fun they had participating from home."

Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato added her thank you to all the golfers who came out to support pets last Saturday.

"Everyone was very understanding of the restrictions and seemed to have a



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Sasha is a four-year-old shepherd-mix waiting at the Second Chance Adoption Center to find a new home.

great time," Blancato said.

Blancato reports that Second Chance's nonprofit vet hospitals are seeing a record number of patients right now, noting "Many pet owners are struggling financially, and some other local veterinary programs affiliated with schools have suspended or reduced their services due to school closures. Second Chance remains committed to providing access to veterinary care. It's important to help these pets to keep them in their homes and out of shelters."

# Open Sky Community Services celebrates career of Director of Training and Consultation



Stephen Murphy

WORCESTER — Open Sky Community Services is celebrating the career and retirement of Stephen Murphy, Director of Training and Consultation. After 38 years and several agency mergers, Stephen completed his last day of work at Open Sky Community Services on June 30.

"My career has been a sequence of happy accidents," said Murphy. "I land-

ed in a place where I was able to contribute and create my own career path."

Murphy began his career in 1982 with The Bridge of Central Massachusetts at the Northborough Community Residence, the first Department of Mental Health program of the agency. Under the guidance of Murphy, and a core team of staff, The Bridge was able to expand and flourish. To date, there are now over 35 DMH programs under what is now Open Sky. The Bridge and Alternatives, Inc merged in 2018.

"Steve was one of the first essential team members our organization had," said Ken Bates, President and CEO of Open Sky Community Services. "He has helped shape the core values of Open Sky and created national recognition for us in regards to the use of evidence based practices within the mental health field."

Murphy's notable achievements over his career included the development of programs throughout South County, the creation and expansion of the Bridge Training Institute, and his role in Open Sky's awardment of housing vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

For more information about The Bridge Training Institute, please contact Suzy Langevin or Elesia Humphrey at traininginstitute@openskycs.org.

For more information about Open Sky Community Services, please contact Lorie Martiska, lorie.martiska@openskycs.org.



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Additional information on the travel order is available at [www.mass.gov/MATraveler](http://www.mass.gov/MATraveler). You can also text "MATraveler" to 888-777.

The Baker Administration also announced updates to the Commonwealth's COVID-19 mandatory safety standards for workplaces to incorporate the requirements of the travel order. This includes sector-specific guidance for lodging, higher education, and office spaces, among others.

"Employers are strongly discouraged from allowing business-related travel to destinations other than those appearing on the list of COVID-19 lower risk states," read a statement released by the Baker Administration. "Employers that permit employer-paid or reimbursed travel to those states should take measures to ensure employees comply with this order."

Meanwhile, state officials remind all travelers and residents that they must continue following requirements for face coverings and social distancing.

**SCHULTZ**  
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II, Anna worked at an aircraft factory where she spent nine hours on her feet each day on an assembly line. After the war, in 1950, she and her husband owned and operated Schultz's Market in Three Rivers, working six days a week.

In the 1950's, after her 16-year-old son developed an interest in waterskiing and purchased a boat, Schultz and her husband discovered a vacant lot on the Lakeshore Drive Extension. Their cottage was built shortly thereafter and became both a getaway and a summer home.

Over the years, the Schultz's summer home featured a Sunday open-door policy for any friends and family members who wanted to drop by for waterskiing or swimming. When asked if she waterskied, herself, Anna said she tried it once but preferred swimming.

"It was one and done," Joseph Schultz said of his mother's waterskiing foray. "Swimming was more her style."

By the end of the 1970's, Schultz and her husband became fulltime residents. After retiring in 1982, Anna and John became active with vol-

unteering at the Senior Center. Anna also enjoyed going window-shopping at malls, and she spent winters with her husband in Florida until John's passing in 2008.

Today, Anna can still be found enjoying the sights and sounds of Lake Wickaboag. Her son and his wife live across the street, and she is thrilled to have the daily company of family. Anna also has two grandsons, Thomas and Jay, as well as four great grandchildren: Matthew, Alexandra, Juleanna, and Hunter. She even has two great-great-granddaughters, Hadley and Tatum.

Upon being notified that she would receive the Boston Post Cane pin, Anna quipped, "I'm happy about it. It's not every day that you get it."

The Boston Post Cane tradition began in the nineteenth century when gold-headed canes were given to the eldest citizens of each town by the leading newspaper of the time, The Boston Post. In 1899, canes were distributed by the Post to 692 New England towns, with instructions that they be held by the eldest male citizen of each community during his lifetime. Later, the rules were changed to eliminate the gender limitation.

The ebony canes were originally made from special lumber imported from the Congo, then cut to length and seasoned for six months. From there, they were turned over lathes, covered with shellac, rubbed with pumice, varnished, and hand-polished with fine pumice and oil. The entire process took a year to complete, whereupon 14-karat gold heads were hand-decorated.

As decades passed, many towns discontinued the cane tradition, while officials in a handful of communities simply forgot about it. Other canes have been lost, stolen, destroyed, or forgotten in storage over the years. West Brookfield is one of a few remaining communities still in possession of its original cane, which is stored in a special case at Town Hall.

West Brookfield resurrected the presentation tradition in April of 2000, after a number of years when the cane was not given. For several years, a symbolic cane was presented; now, a commemorative pin is presented instead, along with a small brass plaque with the recipient's name and the date of the presentation. The plaques are added to the case at Town Hall to ensure that each recipient is forever honored.



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SPENCER – The David Prouty High School community came together last week to salvage graduation, enabling Class of 2020 members to celebrate before going their separate ways.

Seniors' journeys at DPHS came to an abrupt halt in March, when school closed at first for a few weeks, and then the remainder of the school year. Seniors missed out on spring sports, prom, class events, and several other

activities, but school officials were determined to ensure they didn't miss graduation.

On July 31, hugs and handshakes were exchanged for masks and social distancing measures – but seniors were still celebrated just the same. School officials wish the Class of 2020 the best during their next chapters.

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**EDITORIAL**

# Advice for avoiding burnout

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

With the go-go, go culture that has taken over our society, many people find themselves burnt out, to their detriment. Experts say people can reverse that feeling of burn out and we decided to share what we have found with our readers, especially given the current unease the pandemic has brought on. The future remains uncertain; we still have no idea what school or universities will look like this fall, and whether a vaccine really is on the horizon.

If work and stress is taking its toll on you, you may need to make some changes there. Experts say that often times simply talking it out with a co-worker or supervisor can help to get things off your chest, especially if the consensus is to create a healthier work environment. Some people have found that the only way to cure burnout is to change positions, however without proper techniques every job, could eventually burn you out. Noted is the newfound appreciation to even be employed, given the high unemployment rates due to Covid.

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

A vacation can help ease burnout symptoms but often, a week isn’t enough time to truly combat burnout. Further, vacationing seems to be off the table for the time being. Trying to play tourist in your own backyard will have to suffice.

Finding a release is imperative, whether it’s going for a run or simply tuning out with a good movie or an old fashioned game of solitaire. If you let stress build and build without letting off some steam, that could lead to unintentional outbursts and severe irritability. Try not to let yourself become dependent on alcohol and caffeine. Everything in moderation. We’re not sure, but we do believe the Red Bull trend has settled a bit.

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

In the book “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, and It’s All Small Stuff” by Richard Carlson, he talks about how when you die, your ‘In Basket’ won’t be empty. His point is that we all feel the need to get everything done. We stay up late, get up early, just to get everything done. By doing this he says we put off having fun or spending time with loved ones. Keeping a full ‘In’ basket

means that your time is in demand, with projects to complete and phone calls to return. Carlson reminds his readers that no matter what you do or who you are, nothing is more important than your own happiness and sense of inner peace and that of your loved ones. He reminds us that when we die there will still be things left to finish, and that someone else will do it.

It’s one thing to read tips, and take advice from others, but it’s another thing to remember what you’ve read, and to put those words into action.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The choice we (may) face in November

To the Editor:

I want to thank Ms. Faugno for writing in and giving her perspective. Patriotism certainly is the last refuge of scoundrels and it has never been truer than today when deplorable political thought gets justified through patriotism which in some circles makes it untouchable. Ms. Faugno has suggested that the New Leader limit the word count and reject the letters that promote hate, lies, and bigotry.

Where I disagree is the notion that truncation and censorship is the answer. While it is certainly disturbing to learn more about what is the hearts of our neighbors, it is important to have a free exchange of ideas, and not a truncated and censored version. It is important to unmask the “conservative” movement for what it has become – White Nationalism, extolling Confederate leaders, applauding creeping authoritarianism, disregard for rule of law when it doesn’t suit them, and outright to hostility at the democratic process, as they realize they are in the minority. The best way to unmask this movement for what it really has become is to give its most virulent supporters enough room to condemn themselves with their own words. Rapid screeds supporting Fascist ideals are disturbing to read but it is important nonetheless to understand the choice

we (may) face in November.

I say the choice we may face because the President has floated the idea of postponing the election and he has put a Republican donor in charge of the Postal Service and “cost saving measures” has slowed down delivery speeds. The November election is going to be such a mess that the likelihood increases every day that there will be no choice at all, COVID-19 is a slow moving Reichstag fire, and that Donald Trump will be the last president and the end of the constitutional era of American history.

Mr. Herholz – in one sense, I agree that it is inappropriate to swear at or flip off eight-year old children. Swearing at and flipping off Trump supporters, the thin blue line flag, the thin red line flag, etc., while not something I would do personally, is reasonable. An eight-year old being used as a political prop presents a quandary; it is inappropriate to use children as political props, carry political signs, and participate in political rallies in support of their parents’ politics. It is inappropriate for an eight-year old to support Trump just as it is inappropriate for an eight-year old to protest Fascism or protest that the election needs to be held on schedule. Eight-year olds can’t

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### Indecent proposal

To the Editor:

Another glorious Friday afternoon, and another successful Stand Out for Trump in the books. I am happy to report that the Honk to Single Finger ratio was even better in the favor of another Four Years! Just like the previous Stand Outs, smiling faces lined both sides of the street, this Friday’s rally being in the beautiful town of Brookfield. We showed our support for President Trump as well as the ones sharing in the moment as they drove by, horns blaring, thumbs raised high. However, to sour the mood, if only briefly, the vulgar left reared its ugly, and I mean ugly, head(s). With shouts of dissent and displays of disapproval, they used gestures and language that would have made Sam Kinison blush. One girl, who looked to be maybe a few years older than my daughter, shouted offers of fornication as their car full of

miscreants slowly drove down the line of patriots. If you, oh vulgar warrior of the drive-by, happen to be reading these words, just know that you put on full display for everyone, including my children, the absolute unhinged lunacy the left has among their rank and file. The lack of respect for the elderly and the budding ears of young children, by these loose cannons, is equally unsurprising as it is appalling.

It has just occurred to me, as I type these words, she was neither wearing a mask nor her seat belt! Tsk-tsk! Safety first, little girl! And while you’re at it, some etiquette lessons after your mother washes your mouth out, in your case, with some Lava soap.

I understand the urge to let emotions take control of your actions, I was once a dumb kid, too. However, hanging

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### We really can’t afford this

To the Editor:

Like many, I was dismayed to learn that the school year was going to start two weeks later, without the time being made up in any way, even remote. The excuse is that the teachers need time to prepare and make new lesson plans, plan for hybrid in-person and remote learning, and prepare for the remote-only learning we all know is coming. COVID-19 is not going away, and every attempt to restart activities that put people in close proximity have failed pretty rapidly.

I understand that teachers chose a lifestyle that included a 10-month job, whereas the rest of the country works 12-month jobs, but these are extraordinary circumstances. This “extra prep” really should have been done in the summer. I’m not opposed to paying them for 190 days out of public funds this year if it is about money... but our children have already lost so much education with how rapidly we had to shut down in the spring, it is unconscionable to then delay even remote learning this fall.

We really need to think outside the box. We need to get tents set up at all schools so that they can have outdoor school until the weather absolutely won’t allow it. Our children need in-person instruction, and parents need the kids out of the house. We need to do this with the lowest COVID risk possible. Honestly, tents should have been set up in June with school going through summer to make up for lost time and take advantage of the weather. We need to get as much education into these kids as possible before the darkest of quarantine winters descends on us and we are all cooped up at home for months.

I know a lot of people voted for Donald Trump because they thought we couldn’t “afford” social programs. We can’t “afford” for poor people to get medical care. They thought we couldn’t afford whatever paltry sum of public funds illegal aliens use. Republicans have long been deficit hawks but only when a Democrat is in the oval office. It

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### Students and teachers need to be back in school

To the Editor:

“But nobody can account for the possession of fear when it takes hold of the mind.”

Daniel Defoe, “A Journal of the Plague Year”

As we approach the beginning of the school year in the Fall, we hear so much about what form school will take and how we can protect the students and teachers that will be attending class. It seems clear to me that the widespread panic over COVID-19 last school year should not be allowed to derail the learning and development of the children going to school this year. As I am writing on July 31, COVID-19 has infected 117,000 people and resulted in the deaths of 8,595 people in Massachusetts. Of those who have died, 62.7 percent (5,391 people) have been above the age of 80 years old, many with preexisting conditions. Those under the age of 59 years who have died have made up 5.2 percent

of the overall deaths (453 people) and of those infected from 0-19 years old, not one COVID-19 patient has died in Massachusetts. On June 1, there were 3,840 new cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. As of July 30, we had 414 new cases. The curve has flattened, and this crisis is ending.

That does not mean we cease to be cautious; however, it will be detrimental to the long term education and well being of the kids who should be attending school if they are forced to stay out of school and away from in-person instruction. Remote learning is a band-aid and in the best of circumstances, a poor long term system for learning. Furthermore, for the children of school age, there is no mortality rate. COVID-19 makes children sick; it does not result in their deaths. There is, therefore, no reason they cannot attend school. COVID-

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## When facing Illness, take control of finances

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, virtually all of us have considered health-related issues. But for people facing a serious, chronic illness, such as Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis, diabetes or cancer, health concerns are an everyday matter. If you’re fortunate, you may never be afflicted with such maladies, but the future is unpredictable. Of course, going through these health challenges bring physical and emotional concerns – but also financial ones. How can you prepare for them?

Essentially, you’ll need to consider four key areas: investments, insurance, legal arrangements and taxes. Let’s take a quick look at each of them:

Investments – You’ll likely need to draw on your investments for at least some of the expenses associated with your illness. So, within your portfolio, you may want to establish a special fund devoted entirely to these costs, whether they be health care, modifications to your home, transportation and so on. A financial professional can help you choose investments for this fund, as well as make recommendations for your overall investment strategy, including techniques for boosting your income, such as adding investments that can provide an income stream that kicks in when you think your costs will rise.

Insurance – Depending on your health status, you may be able to collect Medicare earlier than the traditional starting point at age 65. Even so, you’ll likely need to supplement it with additional coverage. But you may also want to look beyond health insurance. For example, you might be able to purchase a “chronic illness rider” that allows you to tap into life insurance benefits while you’re still alive. Or you might consider adding a “long-term care rider” to a life insurance policy; this rider offers financial benefits if you ever require daily care that you can’t provide for yourself. And some foundations, states and drug companies offer programs that can help pay for some costs that your insurance won’t cover.

Legal arrangements – If you haven’t already done so, you may want to establish the legal documents most appropriate for your situation, such as a durable power of attorney for finances, which gives someone the authority to manage your financial affairs if you become temporarily incapacitated, possibly due to flare-ups of your chronic disease. Once you’ve recovered, you regain control of your financial decisions. You might also want to consider a health care proxy, which appoints an individual to make medical decisions for you if you can’t. In creating or revising these documents, you’ll need to consult with your legal professional.

Taxes – You might qualify for Social Security disability payments, which, like other Social Security benefits, are taxable, so you’ll need to be aware of what you might owe. But you might also be eligible for some tax breaks related to your condition. If you still itemize tax deductions, you may be able to deduct some medical expenses, as well as certain home improvements, such as wheelchair ramps, bathtub grab bars, motorized stairlifts and so on. Your tax advisor may have suggestions appropriate for your situation.

Dealing with a chronic illness is never easy. But by considering how your illness will affect all aspects of your life, getting the help you need, and taking the right steps, you may be able to reduce the financial stress on you and your loved ones.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reporting in from the F.E.B.A.

To the Editor:

Here, deep in the Dog Days of summer, an old man searches for ways to stay involved, to feel that time has not yet completely passed him by. Won't watch baseball now that the cowardly owners and players have destroyed the great game. Same for football. It's too hot to be in the garden, and working up the winter's wood, for now, is out of the question, so much of my time is spent in the shade reading or listening to whatever conservative talk-radio I can find. The book for the past few days has been a new release on "Cross of Snow," the biography of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow by a former Worcester T&G columnist, Nick Basbanes—a wonderful look at the life of the only American poet to be honored by a place in the Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey.

But, I certainly do brave the heat to

be with my compatriots in the weekly Trump M.A.G.A. standouts in area towns. If you're one of us—the people who love our country and our flag(s)—and who see Trump as fighting for us and our families, there's much to relay to you this week from the F.E.B.A. (Forward Edge of the Battle Area). And it is bloody hot out there on the street, let me assure you.

First, the turnout of good patriots of all ages, both sexes, and from all sorts of backgrounds willing to stand for a couple hours in blistering heat to show their support for the President—even in what some defeatists might consider the lost cause of the Old Bay State—continues to amaze and delight me. Each week, the number of attendees is increasing, and they show no sign of losing heart, or of being discouraged by

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## Good people stop anarchy

To the Editor:

At one time, there was a country who had a disenfranchised group of people. The world then, like now, was in the midst of a crisis, called the Great Depression. This group was mainly war veterans without work who thought their service was for nothing. They started to meet in beer halls. A leader emerged who coalesced this group into a group of protestors by blaming all their problems on one race, the Jews. They started protesting in the cities. They then targeted the businesses of the Jews painting their symbols on the stores of Jews and smashing their windows. They fought the governments police and attacked the governments buildings. They promised there would be no piece until the government met their demands. The government capitulated and out of that developed WWII. That country was Germany. The group was the Nazis. The leader: Hitler.

Seems like a lot of similarities between that and the what's going on today. Our public buildings are being destroyed. Businesses are being attacked. The symbols today being spray painted are BLM instead of the Star of David. The group is comprised of anarchist socialists called

Antifa. The leader they are coalescing around is Joe Biden. (Bernie Sanders Puppet.) The group being attacked is anyone who opposes their side of view. If you are colored and you don't agree, they will destroy you by calling you an "Uncle Tom" or worse. Can you say the name Bernell Trammell? He is a black Trump supporter murdered in broad daylight. No marches for him. If you have a TV show, you will be abruptly canceled. If you rise your voice in opposition, you will be crushed, and you will most likely lose your job.

They have found an effective weapon, they call it "institutional racism." What is institutional racism? It seems the definition is being of white skin or any institution built by white people. Businesses, politicians, and celebrities are so scared of retribution from this group they will sacrifice those who practice their right of free speech. They know any opposition will result in a concentrated effort to cancel them out. If you oppose them at one of the demonstrations, they will physically hurt you. One of the leaders of this group was on national TV saying that unless their demands

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## Elephants in the room

To the Editor:

Let me preface by stating, without reservation, that I believe slavery was the original sin of our nation. No words can express the full extent of its evil. That said:

Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3 of The US Constitution adopted, and therefore endorsed, the Three-Fifths Compromise which declared that slaves were not to be recognized as full and complete persons. The Missouri Compromise of 1850 recognized the right to hold slaves by maintaining an equal number of free and slave states. In 1857, The US Supreme Court ruled in the Dred Scott Decision that slaves were not included and were not intended to be included under the word citizen. The Scott decision made slavery legal and gave slave owners a constitutional right to own slaves – it also struck down the Missouri Compromise

stating there should be no limits on a states right to legalize slavery. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected President, southern states started to secede from the Union in 1961, after Lincoln took office, Fort Sumner in South Carolina was attacked, Lincoln sent federal troupes and civil war was declared.

The Confederate States did not secede because of slavery - slavery was legal and constitutionally protected. They seceded to protect their States' Rights, which were also constitutionally protected, or so they thought. The North had no right to interfere with the South and during The Civil War, that lasted until 1865, slavery remained legal. I don't have the actual percentage but I can estimate that well over 99 percent of Confederate soldiers did not

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## What's in a flag?

To the Editor:

There are three official flags that represent our government – the flag of the United States, the flag of Massachusetts, and the town flag for our respective towns. While none of those should be controversial and none should represent political messaging, there is a concerted effort of those "standing out" to make our national flag a controversial symbol and political messaging. The official town, state, and national flags are merely a statement of fact and not a political message.

There are a lot of unofficial flags that we see flying around this area on private property. For example we see the rainbow LGBTQ+ flag, we see Trump 2020 flags, the "don't tread on me" flag, the red/black/green African American flag, "Black Lives Matter" flags, the pink and purple trans flag, occasionally a Confederate battle flag, and the "thin blue line" flag among others. All of these unofficial flags are beloved by some and considered offensive by others. All of these unofficial flags are political messaging.

While political messaging is permitted on private property, it is inappropriate to display on public property or use

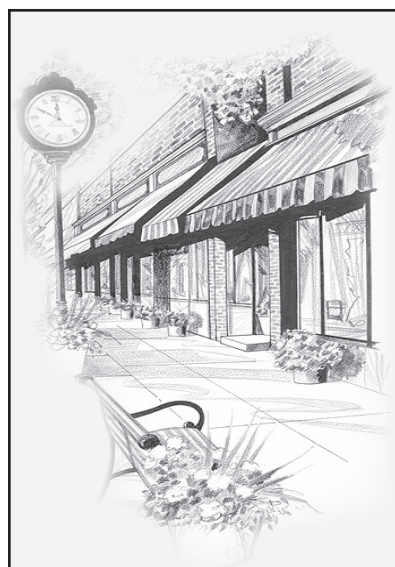
public resources to display them.

The town of Hingham, Mass. has created national controversy with its insistence that the fire department remove the "thin blue line" flags from their fire trucks. Residents are planning rallies both for and against the flag. Some see them as a proud tribute to police officers, and others denounce them as racist symbols. Regardless of your opinion on the flag, it is political messaging and is simply not permitted on town property.

The "thin blue line" flag is a black and white rendition of the American flag with a blue stripe running underneath the stars to represent cops standing as a line between law and order and chaos. Proponents say it is meant to show police pride and solidarity with the police. The Hingham Fire Department claims that the flag is flown to honor a police officer killed in the line of duty in a nearby town two years ago.

Colloquially, the "thin blue line" also refers to the idea of a code of silence among police officers used to cover up police misconduct. This code is an expectation that cops will not blow the whistle

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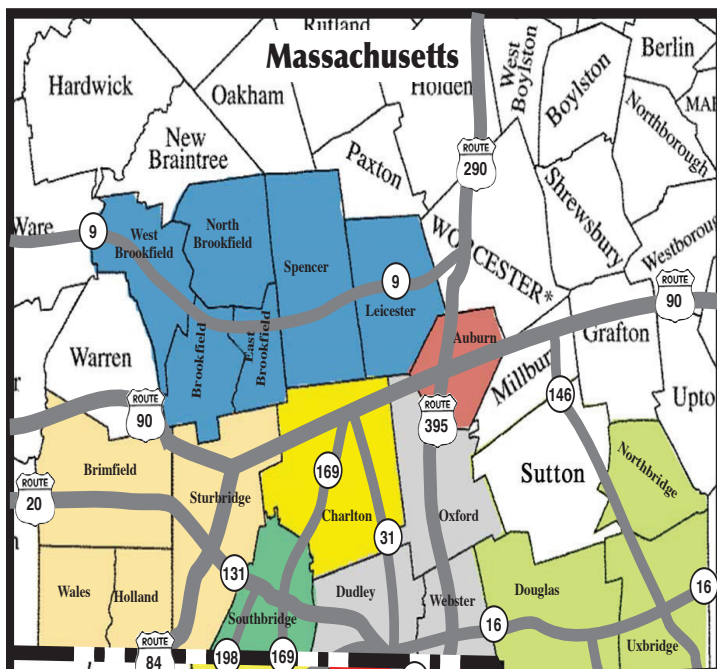
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understand the implications of either position and are merely parroting their parents' politics and perhaps they are being used as human-child-shields against political responses and discussion?

Perhaps Mr. McRae can enlighten me, when did the New York Times transition from real news to a “Pravda-like propaganda organ?” How exactly does a private organization that is despised by the President and the party in control of the Senate act like an official mouthpiece? It really seems that Fox News holds the cake for Pravda as it appears to function as the mouthpiece of the President of the United States.

It must be tough for some MLB fans this summer. First MLB supports BLM, darn palindromes! MLB is full of diversity in its players and its fans. Black and brown Americans – both fans and players, have no love for the 1950's version of America that Mr. McRae wants to recreate. The MLB players taking a knee is quintessentially American – there is no greater statement of American values than powerful speech. Our flag is not a religious symbol worthy of unconditional love and when it is used to shield bigots and justify violence against its own people.

There is one item I think deserves to be cleared up. Mr. McRae falsely stated, as Trump has falsely stated, that Trump was scheduled to throw the 1st pitch at Yankee Stadium on Aug. 15. Trump lied about this so he could then cancel. This was all news to the Yankees because

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got me thinking, how has Donald Trump lived up to his promise of saving the taxpayer money?

For starters, Trump's tax cuts will cost \$2.3 trillion over 10 years before they expire, which is an interesting position for the “we can't afford it” chorus and it was implemented during a great economy that didn't need to be goosed.

It has been determined that a “perfect” response to COVID-19 would have avoided 99 percent of the carnage in this country, and while that is not reasonable to expect, a swift reaction two weeks earlier than we had one would have avoided 90 percent of the carnage. Who knows how much better things would be if we didn't have a president mocking masks, promoting drugs and therapies rejected by the medical community, encouraging states to lift restrictions too soon, and egging on armed protests against states that did not. It begs the question, for the guy who said “I alone can fix the system” how much did this idiocy cost?

So far, the United States has spent \$3 trillion in Coronavirus relief and is debating another \$1 Trillion. So much for a “Democrat hoax” that was just going to disappear one day... Our national debt has risen to \$26 trillion against a (2019) \$21.4

he was never invited.

It seems Mr. Robillard really seems to believe there is anti-white racism and has butchered Dr. King's speech to make his point. As black people demand equal opportunity and equitable treatment from our institutions in this country it certainly does diminish the white privilege that white people have become accustomed to. Diminished privilege is scary and it makes those afflicted feel like the victims.

How's COVID-19 doing? Well, the U.S. is up to 4,620,502 cases and we have seen 154,449 confirmed deaths, still leading the world. Based on current trends Brazil and India will eclipse us in months. My prediction is re-opening schools here will keep us well ahead of Brazil, but India will eventually eclipse us only due to the fact they have three times the population. The fact that the USA is competing with developing nations with unimaginable slums and is on a travel ban from the entire developed world is embarrassing.

Herman Cain, 2012 presidential candidate and leader of “Black Voices for Trump” has died of COVID-19. He attended Trump's June 20 Tulsa rally, fell ill 4 days later, received a positive COVID test 5 days after that, and died on July 30. He was mocking masks at the Tulsa rally and was in close contact with someone else who contracted COVID. It seems pretty obvious he caught it there. COVID-19 is a slow killer, Cain didn't get a test result until 9 days after exposure and didn't die until 40 days after exposure.

For months, if I were to discuss COVID-19 with uninformed people or pseudo-patriots, they would often cite “the deaths are going down,” or “look at

trillion GDP. The day President Obama handed the country over to President Trump we had a debt-to-GDP ratio of 100 percent. We had a debt-to-GDP ratio of 109 percent going into COVID-19 despite the economy continuing to grow due to tax cuts. Fitch is estimating that our debt-to-GDP ratio will be 130 percent by the beginning of 2021. This is bonkers; it seems like an idiotic Coronavirus response is what we really couldn't afford.

But wait, there's more! Not only is the federal government looking at spending \$4 trillion and doubling the planned budget for 2020, what about our Gross Domestic Product? GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced in our economy and it took a 32 percent hit in Q2 representing \$1.7 trillion in value that we should have created and simply didn't. But wait, there's more! What is the cost of the medical services that we shouldn't have needed? What has the millions upon millions of tests we now need cost? What is the cost of the vaccine we wouldn't need had we eradicated this like New Zealand? What are the cost overruns from state and local governments incurred due to this scourge we all saw coming for months before President dum-dum got on board? How much have will we spend burying the 250,000 or so COVID deaths in 2020 alone? I think we can easily add up \$8 Trillion.

als are not like us; they play by different rules.

One thing that has changed, though, since the Tea Party days, is the unsettling spectacle of young, white, millennial girls/women from, say, high school age to late twenties/thirties coming by and-upon encountering us-hanging out of a car window screaming every variation of the “F”-bomb known to man, faces contorted with rage, and, of course deploying both hands in their ultimate response to discomforting sights: the “finger.”

When the predictable one-finger response comes from a nutty woman driving by herself, I try to smile, blow her a kiss, and make her wonder if I'm as out of my mind as she is. Actually, what I'm thinking is: “Is that all you've got? Get lost, Karen. Go home and have a bowl of kale and brown rice. You'll soon be feeling superior again.”

Yesterday, at a great outing in Brookfield, and towards the end of the session, for the first time the opposition showed up: a group of six young females with Biden and BLM signs. Aren't you just thrilled to know for the first time in the 48 contiguous states some live person(s) stood on an American road holding a Biden sign? Right here in Brookfield; how great is that?

These young ladies (wouldn't they just love to be called that?) all appeared nervous and self-conscious at first, but then they just sort of blended into the background. I don't think they knew what to expect.

I wanted to say, but I have enough survival sense to know when to keep my mouth shut, “Girls, do you understand that if any of us Trumpsters were to crash a Biden/Black Lives Matter demonstration (as you've done here today) with our signs and flags-regard-

the deaths.” COVID-19 is a slow killer, and exploding caseloads were bound to eventually lead to increasing deaths. The deaths per day have been increasing every week throughout July. The deaths per day bottomed out at roughly 600/day on July 1. By Aug. 1, they were at 1,200/day. At this rate, we will be looking at more than 20,000 deaths/day by Jan. 1. We haven't even opened schools yet!

It takes five days to present symptoms. It takes five days of being sick before seeking a test. It takes 10-14 days to get results. Decisions today won't affect positive test data for three weeks. If it takes 40 days to actually die then decisions today won't affect death statistics for two months. Waiting for the bodies to pile up before deciding it's a problem is not going to work!

We continue to be rocked by how infectious COVID-19 is. MLB made it four days before an outbreak of more than 20 cases on the Miami Marlins. Another three days later the St. Louis Cardinals had an outbreak. On week 2, MLB changed the schedule around due to COVID quarantine. Last night, six teams out of 30 couldn't play due to quarantines.

Schools, if they open, are going to be a mess. Some schools in other parts of the country have re-opened and they have had outbreaks already. A summer camp in Georgia ended up with more than half of the campers and staff infected.

The situation is the United States is very bad. Burying our collective heads in the sand is not going to make it better, it is going to make it worse.

OMAR HAR-YAROK  
EAST BROOKFIELD

That sure is a lot of food stamps and mammograms I thought we couldn't afford...

Let's put things in perspective... The mismanaged Coronavirus response will probably cost us \$10 Trillion dollars by the time it is all said and done. The Iraq War cost \$2 trillion. Afghanistan is \$2.4 trillion over the last 20 years. World War II, adjusted for inflation, cost us \$4 trillion. COVID-19 is likely to eclipse all of those combined.

Then the non-monetary cost... This pandemic has upended the lives of every person. What are we supposed to do with our kids? My choice is five hours homeschooling every day and failing them because I'm not a teacher, or sending them to a school where they will get this terrible virus and bring it home? Therein lies the problem: impossible choices. So not only is the mental health of both kids and adults strained, but we will lose at least a year in education. How will the lost year of education affect the future competitiveness of the USA and our future GDP?

Non-monetary losses... How many birthday parties, social gatherings, family gatherings, rites of passage, weddings, vacations, etc.?

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TANYA KASPI  
SPENCER

less of our age—we would be cursed at and beaten to within an inch of our lives? Are you surprised that by showing up here in an attempt to disrupt our activity you weren't met by any threats, you weren't assaulted, you weren't dipped in a sewer of filthy language and gestures, you weren't screamed at by anyone at any time? Did you think you might be met with a hail of stones, of urine-filled bags, of mad dogs swinging baseball bats at your heads as routinely happens at Commie/ANTIFA/BLM events? Does it disappoint you that at worst you were met with a casual indifference, that once the novelty of your appearance wore off, you were simply ignored?

Sadly, these deranged, utterly brain-washed young women who I observe come unhinged when they see us, do not portend well for our country. The rage in their faces is reminiscent of the Manson Girls (Leslie Van Houten, Susan Atkins, and Patricia Krenwinkel) who, in 1969 at the behest of Charles Manson, murdered the actress Sharon Tate in her home, and took fiendish delight in stabbing her in the stomach where she was heavy with child—insane women filled with a demonic, mindless rage.

I believe what you see in the facial demeanor of these lost souls is the end result of a decade or two of non-stop indoctrination, of mind-numbing ignorance, and of being deeply-programmed to hate everything normal, decent, and good. If the “eyes are the windows of the soul”, then their eyes tell all you need to know. These screaming, fulminating harpies are the very same type of females who screeched their lust for the guillotine in the French Revolution, and now they can be found all over America, even in placid little

## HERHOLZ

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out the window of a car and screaming vulgarity at the top of my lungs was never something that would have crossed my mind. Now, don't get me wrong, I've said and done plenty of foolish things in my youth, and I am sure my wife could tell you a few things in the recent past that hold the plausibility of being deemed as a minor slip of my better senses. But, again, screaming like a banshee while hanging half way out of a moving car is not among them. Can I make a suggestion without being accused of sounding all patriarchal? Next time, say something witty. Try and be original! To immediately resort to vulgarity only shows a complete lack of imagination. In short, it gets a little boring.

Side note: Rather than just smile and take it, I decided to hold up four fingers in reply to their one. I'm not sure if the look on their face was one of defeat, utter confusion, or, perhaps, a combination of both. I know the temptation, when verbally or visually assaulted, is to react in kind, but you are only sinking down to their level of primordial evolution. Now is the time to be crafty. Most of them, after verbally ejaculating their talking points, do not possess much more ammunition in their shallow magazine. Meet their vulgarity and hatred with wit. Most don't have the ability to react with anything else other than more vulgarity and/or a single finger.

To make this Stand Out complete, a handful of protesters showed up, all donning covid masks (need I mention that these Stand Outs are outside?) holding signs such as, ‘BLM,’ Biden 2020, and, my personal favorite, ‘White Silence is Violence’. Rather than spread out they huddled together because, obviously, the six feet of separation doesn't apply to them. Even with half their faces hidden, you could see a look of uneasiness in their eyes. Probably worried that the ones holding the Trump banners and

## LINDSAY

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19 is not deadly for teachers either, and educators should not be so fainthearted as to be scared of that. As an educator myself, I would be back in the classroom tomorrow if I could be. We can no longer project this fear to those we are charged to educate. Health and safety has become the never fail mantra of those who want to get their own way. Who can oppose health and safety? No one, but when that cry is not legitimate, it is incumbent on those who care to say so. When we assume the healthy are

American Flags could, at any moment, descend on their band of merry women (yes, I'm assuming their genders) and cause them grievous harm. One can only assume that this concern is borne out of the numerous reports of murderous Trump Supporters targeting those peaceful BLM ‘protesters,’ in addition to being indoctrinated with the ‘predatory male/rape culture’ lie, I am sure their level of anxiety was near critical mass. It does make me wonder, have they seen Creepy Uncle Joe Biden in action? Video after video of some of the most cringe-worthy hair stroking, hair sniffing, clutching little girls around the waist, holding onto their shoulders, and whispering into their ears, which can only be considered actions just short of being inappropriate contact with a minor under the age of 14.

Don't worry, ladies, you are much safer at one of our rallies than you would be in the Seattle, Washington C.H.O.P. zone, any BLM “peaceful protest”, or anywhere near Biden. You can have your all but brief moment of triumph standing all clumped together, holding your signs and rest assured that whatever virtue you showed up with, you will have when the Stand Out has concluded. We also won't be throwing rocks or concrete milk shakes in your direction or shouting as loud as our voices will go to try and drown you out. One question, since you seem to know when we congregate could you supply us with a schedule of your gatherings so that we can come down and maybe hold a sign in opposition and be given assurance that we won't be assaulted, verbally or otherwise? We ask that you kindly give us the same courtesy we extended to you.

Calling All Patriots! Another Stand Out is planned for this Friday, Aug. 7 at the West Brookfield Common on Route 9. Come on down and bring a friend! The numbers of attendees have improved at each rally! Help us continue this trend!

MATHEW HERHOLZ  
SPENCER

sick and cower in fear from people who might, but are probably not, asymptomatic, we allowing those who want to control us to do just that. The educational health and mental safety of our students demands we get them back in school. Grade level academic progress will not be achieved by most students through remote learning. The psychological effects of being separated from their peers and social groups will also take its toll. Students need to be in school. Anything less would be an abuse of their trust in us.

JAMES LINDSAY  
EAST BROOKFIELD

## MCRAE

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the displays of abject hatred directed at us occasionally by outraged passers-by who can't believe their eyes when they come upon a not-insignificant number of happy faces, and a thicket of Trump banners and old American flags lining both sides of the road.

Being an old veteran of Tea Party standouts and demonstrations, I'm neither shocked nor surprised at the display of a puerile, unthinking, reflexive-and incredibly vulgar-reaction by the chuckleheads, the crypto-fascists who happen upon us exercising our First Amendment rights and proceed to go ballistic.

The default position of almost all of these offended by our signs and flags--by our very existence, for that matter--is to instantly shoot us the bird. Age or sex, doesn't matter. I've seen kids not even in their mid-teens, as well as brain-dead old women passing by in their Priuses, instinctually glare and raise up their third digit, their digitus medius in our direction. Well, I guess that showed us; the discussion is over before it even began: the one-fingered salute has carried the day for these moronic people. And American soldiers died for these pathetic wretches and their precious right to express themselves? God help us.

I ask my conservative brothers and sisters on occasion: have you ever even once in your long life considered shooting the bird to someone whose political sign or flag irritates you? Or screamed obscenities even at children who are with their parents at a political event? The answer is “...never, has never even crossed my mind.” But, classless liber-

towns in Central Massachusetts. I think the knowledge they are the single-most pampered, protected, coddled, catered-to, and babied class of humans ever to live on the planet has driven them over the edge. They crave attention despite doing nothing to deserve it; they pass themselves off as perceptive and wise, while they secretly suspect they are monumentally ignorant and stupid. Thus the descent into obscenity, vulgarity, and bizarre appearance: anything to get attention. These are females who would have joined Mao's Red Guards, or Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge, or Mussolini's Black Shirts if they had had the chance; they would kill you.... for the “Revolution.”

Stand fast, patriots. We have a President who understands the Roman Stoic philosopher Seneca's observation that “The foremost art of kings is the ability to endure hatred.” The man, Donald Trump, can take all the vile filth they pour on him every single day; we, his friends and supporters can at least endure a few “birds” and F-bombs coming from people who never progressed emotionally or morally from the eighth grade.

Keep coming to these standouts, Americans, and bring some friends. Judging from the almost non-stop horn beeps and yells of support, there are many of our fellow citizens of Central Mass. who love seeing us out there, and find encouragement when they do so. America hangs in the balance; what will you do to try to help save her?

We'll be at the West Brookfield Common on Route 9 Friday, Aug. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. Hope to see you.

JOHN MCRAE  
EAST BROOKFIELD



# OBITUARIES

## Lynda Provost, 60

Lynda Provost (aka Auntie Lynda to everyone)- on Dec. 21, 2019 died of complications of the heart and intestines.



She was predeceased by her father, Arthur Provost, her niece Jeanne Lussier and young cousin Brian Odiorne, and many other relatives.

She had just turned 60 on Sept. 30. Lynda leaves her Mother and Stepfather, Jeanne and Clifford Marriott of West Brookfield with whom she

lived. Three brothers: Alan and Gary Provost of Lexington, NC and Ralph Provost of Greenfield, MA. A step-brother, Ryan Marriott, Middleboro, MA, and stepsister Heather Bray and her husband Bill of Palmer. Lynda's godmother, Beverly Russel of West Warren, MA and a very close friend, Francis St. Andre of Palmer and many nieces and nephews, to many too name, please forgive me

She was laid to rest Friday, July 17, 2020 with her father and niece Jeanne in a very private ceremony. Due to the Virus, she will have a memorial at a later date if possible.

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own or were in any way associated with slaves. It was a “Don’t Tread on Me” decision to fight for The Confederacy. Thank God we don’t protest Roe or Citizens United with similar bloodshed.

My father once told me that “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure” (he used man’s, but I want to be PC). During the “troubles” in Northern Ireland, I told my children that one person’s terrorist is another person’s patriot. The statues and other memorials to Confederate leaders were not intended to disrespect the ancestors of slaves - they were meant to honor the patriots that led the fight for the rights of proud southerners. Slavery was wrong but southern pride was right – northerners were right but their interference was wrong.

The 13th Amendment to the Constitution outlawed slavery in 1865, and in 1868, the 14th Amendment granted former slave and all persons of color full citizenship and equality – the former Confederate states were forced to ratify the 14th Amendment in order to be entitled to representation – just one additional reason why Southerners don’t trust the North to this day.

As to those who claim that the South was, and remains, a third world collection of uneducated imbeciles, please note: The University of Georgia was founded in 1785, University of North Carolina in 1789, University of Tennessee in 1794, University of South Carolina in 1801, University of Virginia in 1819, University

of Alabama in 1820, University of Missouri in 1839, University of Florida in 1853, Louisiana State University in 1860; and to round out the remaining members of the 13 Confederate States of America, the University of Kentucky (oddly enough) in 1865, University of Arkansas in 1871 and the University of Texas in 1883. All 13 state universities are highly regarded institutions of higher education. They are not Harvard or Yale but the South considers that a complement.

While I’m at it, please allow me to address the elephant in the room – Black Lives Matter.

Black leaders say they have a message ,and some black celebrities say they have a platform. But do either have a target group? I think that the large group of white people that seem to be indifferent to the plight of black people should be the specific target group. This group was easy to win over. After the killing of George Floyd, you had us eating out of your hands. We were mortified by the death and were willing to listen and try to understand. But instead of talking to us you decided to talk at us and down to us. People of any race will refuse to have any message, regardless of its merit, jammed down their throat. Protests, riots, takeovers, teardowns, “murals” and like actions will not win us over but rather shut down any meaningful debate.

Black Lives Matter Too. You can’t say All Lives Matter until Black Lives Matter. These messages grab my attention – I agree with them and totally support them. Black Lives Matter to the exclusion of all other

lives turns me off. I wanted to watch the opening Yankee game and upon seeing BLM on the back of the mound and immediately turned the station. I refuse to watch a basketball game or any other game with BLM on the court or rink or field or pitch.

Addressing another elephant, I have a solution to the dispute regarding kneeling during the National Anthem. On the one hand, they say it’s not the anthem or the flag or the military that we are protesting and on the other hand they say that knelling or protesting in any form is disrespectful to the anthem and the flag and the military. So, why don’t we stop singing or playing the anthem, stop presenting the flag and stop allowing our military members to be present in uniform at any and all sporting events. Problem solved.

Finally, the ladies of the WNBA want us to “Say Her Name.” I believe they are talking about Breonna Taylor, a 26 year old from Louisville who was shot and killed by police that were serving a lawful no knock warrant. This was a tragedy, and is currently under investigation. I wonder why they don’t ask us to say the name of Secoriea Turner, an eight year old that was shot and killed by protesters in Atlanta for merely driving in her Mother’s car. I guess police are far worse than protesters. I would mention the three year old boy shot and killed in Chicago by gang members but I’m sure the ladies believe girls are far more important than boys.

JIM REID  
SPENCER

## Joseph R. O’Keefe, 81

WARREN - Joseph R. O’Keefe, 81, of Warren died on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family.



He leaves his wife, Marie H. O’Keefe of Warren; his children, Sherron Gaudette and her husband Mark, Karen O’Keefe and her wife Amy Joubert, Kevin O’Keefe and his wife Lisa, Ronald O’Keefe, Kim

Bachant-Barber and her significant other, Wayne Brownell and Nichole Knipe and her husband Seth; seven grandchildren, Kelsey Spear and her husband Kurt, Reilly Magazine and her husband Matt, Meaghan O’Keefe and her fiancé Richy Redd, Thomas O’Keefe and his wife Cristina, Damien Couture, London Brownell, and Koryn Beckford; his brother, Robert O’Keefe and his sister, Dorothy Beaudry and her husband Francis. He was prede-

ceased by his son Timothy O’Keefe. He was born in Ware, son of the late Joseph and Antonia (Galary) O’Keefe.

Joseph was a computer programmer for American Optical for 30 years before retiring.

Joseph was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He spent many years maintaining and caring for Pine Grove Cemetery in Warren which he loved and took a lot of pride in. He also enjoyed game shows and sitting in the sun on his front porch. He was a great handy man and would help anyone who needed it.

A Graveside Service for Joseph was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 1:30PM in St. Paul’s Cemetery in Warren. For everyone’s health and safety, along with the current regulations, masks must be worn along with social distancing.

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

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are met, they will burn down everything. Their slogan is you won’t sleep until they get what they want. They issue threats and demands. They don’t want peaceful solutions. Their demands are totally unreasonable. Get rid of the police? Give everyone an income whether they work or not? Give free health care to everyone? Everyone knows it’s impossible for a government to provide free stuff without a means to pay for it. So, it’s obvious these

aren’t real demands. They are just a smokescreen of morality so they can seize power.

So, how do we stop this country from falling into the same fate as Germany? They didn’t see it until it was too late. Once the mob gets in charge, they will consolidate their power further by tearing apart our rights given to us by the Constitution. Free speech and liberty will be reserved for only a certain few. We need good people to have the courage to stand up against them now! America with its freedoms will only die if the good people sit by and

do nothing. The ultimate stand you can make is vote for free speech and rule of law in the upcoming election. Vote for the man that says everyone has a voice. Vote for the man that follows the constitution. Reject Joe Biden and the new Democratic party controlled by the socialist anarchist mob. Send them back to the dark recesses of hatred where they came from. Vote for prosperity, freedom, equality, and safety for all races. A vote for Trump is a vote to save America.

MARK ROBILLARD  
SPENCER

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on other officers who commit unlawful arrest, falsification of evidence, or other crimes against citizens, and that officers will not speak to outsiders about hazing and harassment within the force itself. The term has a similar meaning to the “blue wall of silence.”

The “thin blue line” flag has been associated with white supremacist groups. During the 2017 Charlottesville “United the Right” rally, the thin blue line flag was flown alongside the Confederate battle flag by neo-Nazi demonstrators. The thin blue line flag has been adopted by the “Blue Lives Matter” movement which was launched specifically in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and to many it connotes an opposition to the goals of ending police brutality and systemic racism.

In my opinion, the “thin blue line” concept speaks to a sense of “Us. vs. Them.” I support the Black Lives Matter movement. Does that make me a “them?” Am I an enemy of the state? A subversive?

The whole issue strikes me like a cult. Police officers are civilians. They are at-will employees. They can quit at any time. It seems pretty tone-deaf and outrageous to even try and counter the Black Lives Matter movement with a “blue lives matter” message. On one hand we have immutable genetically determined traits and on the other we have a career choice. Black people were born black, they went to school black, they were black every minute they ever

worked a job, they are black in public 24/7, and they will be buried black. Cops were “people” until they became a cop and then they are only cops 40 hours/week and can quit at anytime. They are “people” when off the clock, on vacation, etc. When they retire they are just “people.”

For public officials to display the flag that represents maintaining “law and order” on public property is especially galling because it seems that it is clearly political messaging and clearly it is unlawful to use taxpayer funds to do that. Which laws, exactly, do they intend on enforcing and upholding? The firefighters who refused to take down the flag are also galling – it seems like they can’t be bothered to care about all the citizens in town and they deserve to refuse orders from the Board of Selectmen, their bosses.

The resident who brought up the issue has received numerous threats against his property and his life. Apparently, the harassment has been ceaseless and vicious. While this conduct makes hypocrites of those who call for respect of public safety officers while threatening the safety of others, it doesn’t surprise me in the slightest.

The obvious conclusion is that all political messaging needs to be removed from public property. A good litmus test to see whether it is political messaging is to ask for its removal and gauge the response. If it leads to protests and counter-protests, then quite clearly it carries a political message.

TERRANCE WASHINGTON  
SPENCER

## Hear the sounds of Santana in Leicester

LEICESTER — Leicester’s Concerts on the Common series continues its 30th anniversary season Wednesday, Aug. 12, with ABRAXAS, a tribute band performing more than five decades of hits from Santana.

All concerts run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This project is supported, in part, by a grant from the Leicester Arts Council, a local agency sup-

ported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Leicester Savings Bank Fund and The Fontaine Fund of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, as well as private donations.

The rain date for next week’s concert will be Thursday, Aug. 13. For postponement information, visit [www.leicesterma.org](http://www.leicesterma.org).

### In Loving Remembrance

On your 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Lisa Haynes**

3/31/1964 - 7/24/2016

Our hearts are full of memories  
With pride we speak your name

Though life goes on without you  
It will never be the same

Missing you today and always

Love,  
Ma, daughter Nicole,  
sister Diane and her husband Brian,  
along with their two children, Alexis and Nicholas

## Cheryl Begin promoted at Bay State Savings Bank



Cheryl Begin

WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is proud to announce Cheryl A. Begin has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer. Ms. Begin will continue to grow commercial relationships and loan activity within the Bank’s service area while continuing to provide customers the personalized service they value.

Ms. Begin joined Bay State Savings Bank in 2007 and has over 25 years of banking experience. She previously worked

at Country Bank for Savings. Ms. Begin received her Degree in Human Services from Mount Wachusett Community College.

“Cheryl is a major asset to the Commercial Lending team here at Bay State Savings Bank,” said Maria Heskes-Allard, Senior Vice President, Senior Lender. “She consistently shows a level of dedication and commitment to her customers that is hard to come by, always doing whatever she can to help them achieve their financial goals. Her promotion is well-deserved, and I look

forward to watching her continued success.”

Ms. Begin currently serves as the President of the Kiwanis Foundation of Worcester, Inc., in support for the betterment of children in Central Massachusetts. In addition, Cheryl volunteers many hours to other area organizations supporting their mission of service to the Community.

She resides in East Brookfield with her husband, Gary, and black lab dog, named Rowan.



# Support native bees and enjoy the many benefits

Pollinators are responsible for about 75 percent of the food we eat. The European honeybee is the most well known but our native bees are also critically important.

We can help our native bees and gardens by reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides and providing shelter as well as food and water.

About 70 percent of our native bees are ground nesting. Reduce the risk of conflicts with ground nesting bees. Create an inviting habitat away from prime gardening areas. Leave warm south facing spaces open for bees to establish their in-ground nests.

Wood and cavity nesting bees, like the leaf cutter bee, make up about 30 percent of our native bee population. Others nest in hollow plant stems so leave these, their homes, stand for winter.

Bumblebees nest in abandoned animal burrows, tree cavities, grassy areas, or under fallen leaves. A colony usually contains a few hundred bees. All members of the colony die in fall except the fertilized queens. The queens look for new homes the following spring.

Support our native bees by planting a variety of bee attracting flowers. The plants provide food and shelter and help attract the native bees to your landscape and bee houses.

Include plants with different colors and shaped flowers. Grow lots of purple, blue, white, and yellow flowers that are favored by bees. Plant flowers in mass. You will enjoy the display, the garden will require less maintenance, and you will get the attention of the bees you are trying to attract. Plus, bees use less energy when they can gather lots of food from a smaller area.



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Make sure you have something in bloom throughout the growing season. Spring bulbs, wildflowers and perennials provide essential food that is often in limited supply early in the season. Fall flowering plants provide needed energy supplies as the bees and other pollinators prepare for winter.

Bigger flowers are not always better. Double flowers may be showy, but they have less nectar and pollen. The multiple layers of petals hinder access to what nectar and pollen they contain.

Grow some herbs in the garden and containers for you and the bees. Let some go to flower and watch for visiting bees on thyme, borage, oregano, and other herb flowers.

Grow native plants whenever possible. They are a richer source of nectar and pollen than cultivated plants. Native bees and other beneficial insects have evolved with these plants, providing a mutual benefit.

Leave leaf litter in place and healthy perennials including grasses stand for winter. These provide homes for some bees and other beneficial insects. Wait as long as possible in spring so you don't interrupt their hibernation.

Increase living quarters by making your own native mason bee houses. Just be sure you provide a properly designed, clean home with needed winter protection. Do your homework first to make sure you are not harming the native bees you are trying to support.

The easiest method uses a bundle of hollow sticks such as bamboo, reeds, or sumac. Cut them into short segments and remove three to five inches of pith with wire or a drill. Consider painting the front to make an inviting entrance for the bees. Bundle the stems together



Photo Courtesy

Plant a variety of bee attracting flowers like swamp milkweed, a North American native plant.

with wire or place in a bucket or can.

Or create a solitary bee house from a block of untreated wood. Drill holes into, but not through a block of untreated wood. The holes should be three to five inches deep and about 5/16 of an inch in diameter for mason bees. Nesting tubes inserted into the holes makes for easier cleaning and storage that prevents debris and disease from building up one season to the next.

Mount the bee house on the southeast side of a post, fence or building. Make sure to provide a nearby mud puddle the bees will use to seal off the individual development chambers in the holes.

Creating a bee friendly landscape not only increases your garden's produc-

tivity but also the number of songbirds and beneficial insects that visit your garden. That means fewer garden pests and a more beautiful garden for you to enjoy all season long.

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

## Welcome to our 2nd Annual Summer Scramble!

We've decided to change it up for Summer and instead of a crossword puzzle, we've created a scramble. We hope you'll enjoy this challenging puzzle!

Please find the answers (business names) on the ABC's of SUMMER page in this week's issue. We will unscramble for you and announce a winner of a \$25 Gift Card to an ABC Business in the August 21st issue.

Please mail to ABC's of Summer Scramble, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550 or take a pic and email to [jsima@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:jsima@stonebridgepress.news) by August 14.

Good luck!



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Newspaper you saw this in, circle one: Spencer New Leader, Auburn News, Southbridge News, Charlton Villager, Sturbridge Villager, Webster Times, Blackstone Valley Tribune

We love your feedback comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ABC'S OF SUMMER SCRAMBLE

(These are not in alphabetical order)

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| 3. INHIGSG EERYNG RVNEALTTIEA _____    | 16. DGBUXREI OEHIDOPCTSR _____    |
| 4. WHIRDCKA MSRAREF _____              | 17. DTVICNEAHRZ ALRE STEETA _____ |
| 5. KIAEAML ADN NJUE _____              | 18. GRYSA TRETSUG _____           |
| 6. EMRIROC EELSWJER _____              | 19. LCLIHA ETRI NDA AUTO _____    |
| 7. EBNS KALETC HKSCA _____             | 20. SODOYW TUAO YDOB _____        |
| 8. BAIETCN OTEPD _____                 | 21. RNOAIRDD OEEKFE EASH _____    |
| 9. LOXAMUERU DROF _____                | 22. IFVE VLAEOS _____             |
| 10. EATACURC TPSE CLTOONR _____        | 23. ASLN TNPAI TNEREC _____       |
| 11. RMANCIEA TSNUCID OIL _____         | 24. ADEVS LCAEANPSPI _____        |
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# Tax Savings Event on windows!

We’re celebrating our **Tax Savings Event** this month, and **before August 15<sup>th</sup> you’ll get our early bird special!**

**Save \$330 on every window and save \$725 on every patio and entry door** plus **6.25% off your entire project and pay nothing for a whole year.<sup>1</sup>** And when you set your appointment by August 15<sup>th</sup>, you’ll **get another \$250 off your entire project!<sup>1</sup>**

- From last year we know that these appointments fill up quickly; call today
- This Tax Savings Event is **even better than last year’s!**



Early bird special, before Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>

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on every window<sup>1</sup>

**SAVE \$725**  
on every patio and entry door<sup>1</sup>  
Minimum purchase of four.

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★ PLUS another ★

**\$250 OFF**  
your entire project when you set  
your appointment by August 15<sup>th</sup><sup>1</sup>  
No minimum purchase required.

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**3** **\$0** **0** **0%** **FOR 1**  
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# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22  
12:00-12:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:08 a.m.: threats (Main Street), report taken; 12:16 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 12:28 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 12:57-1:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:07 a.m.: disturbance (Temple Street), investigated; 7:02 a.m.: lost/found (Thompson Pond Road), found cellphone; 7:50 a.m.: animal complaint (Vernon Street), sick skunk; 7:56 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 8:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:46 a.m.: mv repossessed (Hastings Road), assisted; 11:13 a.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 11:15 a.m.: citizen complaint (Route 49), cyclist in road; 11:23 a.m.: mv lockout (Greenville Street), assisted; 11:53 a.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 12:19 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 12:31 p.m.: mv stop (Man Street); 12:38 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 12:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:07 p.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 1:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:24 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 1:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), 1:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:49 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:09 p.m.: restraining order service (Woodside Road); 2:45 p.m.: restraining order service (Wire Village Road); 3:01 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unauthorized use/debit card; 3:24 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street) 3:44 p.m.: restraining order service (Chickering Road); 4:16 p.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 4:40 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), report taken; 5:18 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 6:14 p.m.: fraud (Woodside Road), scam call; 8:30 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Mechanic Street), misdial; 8:53 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Chestnut Street), investigated; 9:15 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Auburn PD bolo; 9:30 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

THURSDAY, JULY 23  
12:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:06 a.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 12:08 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:31 a.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), intoxicated party; 12:54-1:02 a.m.: buldings checked, secure; 1:49 a.m.: disabled mv (Linden Street), assisted; 4:51 a.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), lg. branch in road; 7:38 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), multiple LTC change of address/4; 9:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:04 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 9:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:52 a.m.: burglary (Park Street), boat house broken into; 9:55 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:00 a.m.: officer wanted (Water Street), advised alarm issues; 10:23 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 10:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:46 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 11:10 a.m.: disabled mv (Wire Village Road), assisted; 11:11 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 11:14 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 11:18 a.m. 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 11:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:34 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 12:05 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 12:18 p.m.: mv stop

(Maple Street); 12:47 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), threats made; 1:04 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 2:09 p.m.: residential alarm (Taylor Drive), services rendered; 2:27 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:33 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), dangerous tree; 2:38 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), log truck speeding; 3:09 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:10 p.m.: FID issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:42 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), tailgating; 5:08 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 5:20 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 5:24 p.m.: DPW call (Bay Path Road), water leak; 5:24 p.m.: mv stop (Clark Road); 5:32 p.m.: mv s(Main Street); 5:41 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 5:42 p.m.: fraud (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 5:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dog in mv; 6:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Charron Street), spoken to; 7:29 p.m.: abandone 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 7:35 p.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), info taken; 10:40 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 11:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:55 p.m.: building checked, secure.

FRIDAY, JULY 17  
12:26 a.m.: disturbance (Wilson Street), noise complaint; 12:40-1:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:23 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:28 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road), hang-up; 3:22 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 3:34 a.m.: disturbance (Wilson Avenue), unwanted party; 5:11 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Collier Circle), no contact; 5:25 a.m.: disturbance (South Street), unwanted party; 6:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dead fox in road; 7:22 a.m.: animal complaint (Hastings Road), loose dog; 8:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:37 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 10:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Jolicoeur Avenue), loose/aggressive dog; 10:32 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:43 a.m.: disturbance (Wm. Casey Road), family issue; 10:56 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), missing ducks; 10:57 a.m.: mv lockout (Olde Main Street), assisted; 11:05 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 11:16 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Meadow Road), misdial; 11:46 a.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), d/way blocked; 11:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), loose chickens; 12:01 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 12:11 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 1:17 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), erratic operator; 1:17 p.m.: fraud (Cottage Street), scam call; 1:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:42 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 2:07 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 2:31 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Maple Street); 2:58 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), unsafe operator; between 4:00-4:21 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 4:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (G.H. Wilson Road), no contact; 4:56 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Sherwood Drive); 6:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), ex-landlord issue; 7:41 p.m.: medical/general (Sherwood Drive); 9:20 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Hastings Road), info taken; 9:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:54

p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 10:00 p.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 10:08 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), noise complaint; 10:25 p.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 10:25 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:36 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 10:37 p.m.: suspicious persons (Charlton Road), investigated; 10:51-10:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:25 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), noise complaint; 11:36 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 11:43 p.m.: suspicious mv (Bixby Road), investigated.

SATURDAY, JULY 25  
12:09 a.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), all units respond; 1:15 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 1:26 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 3:24 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), son missing; 7:04 a.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), loose dog; 7:43 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 10:15 a.m.: residential alarm (Chickering Road), services rendered; 10:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Town House Court), spoken to; 11:29 a.m.: officer wanted (Kitteredge Road), spoken to; 11:29 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), re: tent in park; 11:58 a.m.: vandalism (Park Street), door vandalized; 12:19 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), spoken to; 1:44 p.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 1:59 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 3:12 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 3:53 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 3:42 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 4:17 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 4:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), issue at park; 5:06 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 6:23 p.m.: threats (Pleasant Street), threatening texts; 7:38 p.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), unwanted party; 7:45 p.m.: burglary (Wire Village Road), press box broken into; 8:08-8:12 p.m.: parking violations/3 (Summit Street), tickets issued; 8:32 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 8:49 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 8:56 p.m.: fireworks complaint (North Spencer Road), noise complaint; 8:57 p.m.: missing person/adult (Bixby Road), son gone/4 days; between 9:06-10:58 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 10:5 p.m.: fire alarm (Debbie Drive), services rendered.

SUNDAY, JULY 26  
12:11 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Ware PD bolo; 12:19 a.m.: disturbance (Church Street), noise complaint; 12:31-2:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:21 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:21 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 5:50 a.m.: medical/general (Elm Street); 9:03 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:26 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), mv vandalism; 12:37 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 1:27 p.m.: 911 call (Lambs Grove), open line; 1:40 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:17 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic

operator; 4:34 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 4:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:23 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 5:32 p.m.: medical/general (Browning Pond Road); 5:35 p.m.: medical/mental health (Howe Village); 6:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), intox. male; 6:04 p.m.: 911 call (Bellevue Drive), open line; 6:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), beach closed/people lingering; 7:12 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:29 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), info taken; 7:44 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Main Street), smoke in area; 7:45 p.m.: 911 call (Charlton Road), open line; 8:05 p.m.: RV complaint (Borkum Road), info taken; 8:27 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road), Brittany L. Robbins, 23, 38 Bay Path Road, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, license not in possession, speeding, missing registration sticker, arrest; 8:35 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), lg. fight; 9:12 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Lake Street), info taken; 10:03 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:08 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 11:35 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Hardwick PD bolo.

MONDAY, JULY 27  
12:11-12:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:31-12:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:38 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:43 a.m.: restraining order service (Charlton Road); 12:46-12:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:19 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 1:21-1:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:11 a.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), unknown problem; 5:19 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), cone in roadway; 5:52 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 7:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:09 a.m.: medical/general (Pauls Drive); 8:14-8:32 a.m.: mv stop/3 (Main Street); 8:37 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), m/f argument; 8:44 a.m.: spills (Howe Road), oil slick on water; 8:49-9:01 mv stop/3 (Main Street); 9:36-10:44 a.m.: mv stop/4 (Main Street); 10:47 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 10:48 a.m.: suspicious persons (Smithville Road), info taken; 11:03-11:15 a.m.: mv stop/2 (Pleasant, Main streets); 11:16 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 11:46 a.m.: parking omplaint (Lake Street), mvs on sidewalk; 12:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), info taken; 12:19 p.m.: elderly matter (Main Street), welfare check; 12:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), re: FedEx delivery; 1:05 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 2:22-2:29 p.m.: mv stop/3 (Main, Maple streets); 2:34 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 2:37 p.m.: parking complaint (Maple Street), info taken; 3:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), info taken; 3:32 p.m.: 911 call (Greenville Street), accidental; 3:46 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. of harassment; 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Pine Acres), injured raccoon; 4:36 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:01 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 5:15-5:37 p.m.: mv stop/3 (Main Street, Howe, Harrington roads); 5:43 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Mechanic Street); 5:45 p.m.:

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# LEGALS

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, the North Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. regarding a Notice of Intent submitted by Christine Whitbeck, property owner, for an addition to house on 5 Brooks Pond Point Road. The public is invited to attend this hearing. Notice of the public hearing will be posted at the Town Hall. You may contact your local Conservation Commission for more information about this application on the Town Website. August 7, 2020

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE DEP File No. TBD

The East Brookfield Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40, will hold the following Public Hearing relating to proposed work within a wetland, waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 100-foot buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody, or resource area on:  
**August 18, 2020 at 7:30 PM**  
**in the Memorial Town Complex**  
This Public Hearing is in regards to a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Colleen DiBara for the following: Repair while the pond level is down of 15' of retaining wall which has fallen in disrepair, located on 180 Red Gable Road in East Brookfield, MA, Tax Map No. 12.1 Parcel No. 14.  
Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this request should appear

at the time and place designated. Copies of the above noted submittal are available for review at the East Brookfield Town Clerk's Office.  
Submitted by:  
Robert Button  
Chairman  
EAST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
C: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Planning Board, DEP-CERO, Applicant, File  
August 7, 2020

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. W020P1945EA Estate of: Valentin J. Dzelzitis Date Of Death: March 25, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Roseland Blake Dzelzitis** of **Silver Spring MD** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Roseland Blake Dzelzitis** of **Silver Spring MD** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Rep-

resentative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
August 7, 2020

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. W020P1903GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: Peter R Tata Of: Warren, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Baystate Medical Center of Springfield, MA  
in the above captioned matter alleging that **Peter R Tata** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Sharron M Breault of Spencer, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/11/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**  
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 16, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
August 7, 2020





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**OXFORD** – 377 Main St! 9 Rm Center Hall Colonial! .59 Acre Corner Lot! Charm of Yesteryear! Eat-In Frplcd Granite Kit w/Updated Cabinets, Frplcd Din Rm w/ Built-in China Cabinet & Butler Closet! Gracious Foyer! Spacious Frplcd Liv Rm! Breezeway to a Home Office or an Unfinished Cathedral Ceiling Fam Rm or Craft Rm! Sit on the Front Porch and Enjoy Morning Coffee or Evening Tea! Huge 2-Car Garage w/Loft-Storage Area! Mature Tree Studded Yard! **\$339,000.00**




**WEBSTER** – 10 Wyman St! Webster Lake Neighborhood Access at Lakeside Beach & State Boat Ramp Near-by! 10,000' Lot! 1 Level Living! 11 Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths! Room for the Extended Family! 2 Complete Living Quarters! A/C! LP Gas Heat! Town Services! 2 Driveways! Fenced Back Yard! 2 Sheds! **\$189,900.00**




**DOUGLAS** – 102 SE Main St! Start Parking! Spacious 9 Rm Colonial! 2.23 Acres! Center Island Granite Kit w/Soft Close Cabs, SS Appliances! Slider to 24' Deck! Open Floor Plan! Hickory Wood Floors throughout the Kit, Din & Liv Rms, all w/Recessed Lighting! 1st Flr Office or Possible 4th Bdrm w/Oak Hrdwd Flr! Full Bath in the Hall! 2nd Flr w/Full Dble Vanity Bthrm & 3 Comfortable Bdrms, all w/Beautiful Wood Laminate Flrs! Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight, Ceiling Fan, Bay Window overlooking the Back Yard and a Master Bath! Lower Level w/2 Finished Rms, Utility Rm w/Laundry and Half Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Recent C/Air, Heat & Roof! 24x28 2 Car Detached Garage! Huge Shed! Nearby Nature Trails & Walkum Lake Beach! **\$379,900.00**




**WEBSTER LAKE** – 112 Gore Rd! NORTH POND! Sucker Brook Cove! 8 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath Ranch is Ready for You! Southwestern Exposure! Gorgeous Sunsets! Unique Waterfront! An Open Floor Plan! Lake Views from Nearly All Rooms! 2x6 Construction! Energy Efficient Blinds in Every Room! 4 Oil Tanks - Fill Up Once a Year! C/Air! Gas Fireplace! Whole House Fan! Meticulously Cared For! Large workshop! 3 Car Garage! Carport! 2 Sheds w/Electric! Back Yard is Perfect for Family Gatherings! Plenty of Off Street Parking! Summer is Here! **\$539,900.00**




**WEBSTER** – 4 Jeffrey St! 5 Rm, 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath Ranch! ¼ Acre Lot! Liv Rm w/ Cathedrals & Bay Window! Eat-In Kit w/ Isl! Master w/Laundry Closet & Full Bath! Hall Bath w/Laundry! Freshly Painted Int! Front & Rear Decks! Partially Fenced Yard! Oil Heat! Town Services! Garage! Lakeside Beach & Boat Ramp Near! **\$249,900.00**




**WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT** - 3 Lakeview Rd! Middle Pond – Reid Smith Cove! Ideal Summer or Yr Round 6 Rm Ranch! Western Expo – Beautiful Sunsets! Near All the Excitement that "Indian Ranch" provides, Dining, Concerts & the Indian Princess! An Arched Bridge to Your Own Private Island, a Great Place to Enjoy the Lake from! Open Flr Plan! Being Sold Fully Furnished! Recent Kit w/Quartz Counters, Breakfast Bar, SS Appliances, Tile Flr & Recessed Lighting! Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr, 6x14 Lake Facing Picture Window & Stone Frplcd! 3 Remodeled Bdrms w/Ceiling Fans & Hrdwd Flrs! Master w/Bath & Laundry Closet! Screen Porch w/Lake Views! Dock! Carport! Shed! Still Time for this Summer! **\$579,900.00**



**GRAFTON** – 168 Brigham Hill Rd! 8 Rm Garrison Colonial set on 1.3 Acres! 4 Comfortable Bdrms & 2 Full Bthrms! Freshly Painted, Floors Recently Refinished! Spacious Kit w/Lunch Counter! SS Appliances w/Gas Cook-Top! Grand Dining Rm for Family Gatherings! 19x26 Living Rm w/Pellet Stove! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closets & Hot Tub! Bright & Airy Mudroom out to the 2 Car Garage! Furnace & Hot Water Tank 5 Years Young! Radon tested at 2.5! New Roof on Garage & Breezeway! New Well Water Tank Installed! Title V In-hand! Property Abuts Grafton Land Trust - Hiking Trails Right Out Your Back Door! Convenient to Routes 90, 9 & 20! Immediate Occupancy! **\$449,900.00**



**WEBSTER LAKE** – 62 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 51' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic Panoramic Lake Views! 11 Rms, 6 Bdrms, 4 Bathrooms, 3,269' A/C'd Colonial! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Formal Din Rm w/ Cherry Hrdwds! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Cathedrals, Cherry Hrdwds! Slider to Waterfront Deck! Spacious 1st Flr Master Bdrm w/Full Bath, Cherry Hrdwds & Walk-in Closet! Frplcd Lower Level Fam Rm! 1st & 2nd Flr Laundries! 2 Car Garage! **\$949,900.00**



**WEBSTER LAKE** – 11 Bay View Rd! One of the Lake's Premier Properties! 9,822' of Nice! .68 Acres of Park Like Grounds! 297' Waterfront! \$4 Million Spent, Nothing Spared! 17 Rms! 5 Water View Bdrms, 5.5 Bathrms! Brazilian Cherry Hrdwd Flrs, Grand & Spiral Stairways! Elevator, Ground Flr to Master Suite! In-door Resistance Swimming Pool, Hot Tub & Bthrm w/Steam Shower off Exercise Rm! Billiard Rm! Media Rm! Center Isl Granite Kit w/Viking Gas Range, Sub-Zero Frig, Pantry & Breakfast Bar! Open Flr Plan! Din Area, Fam Rm w/Entertainment Center w/Wet Bar! Formal Din Rm, Frplcd Liv Rm & Atrium! Library w/Deck! Waterfront Master Suite w/Office, Bdrm w/Triple Glass Dr to Private Deck w/Lake Views, 3 Walk-in Closets, Bathrm w/Multi-Head Shower, Whirlpool, Dble Vanity, Separate Commode/Bidet/Sink Area! 16 Z's of Updated Geothermal Heat/A/C! Recessed Lights & Fire Sprinklers Through Out! 3 Car Garage! Generator! Slate Roof! Reward Yourself! **\$2,499,900.00**



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**WEBSTER - 195-199 THOMPSON RD**



3 ACRE COMMERCIAL SITE! APPROX. 500 FT ROAD FRONTAGE ON STATE HIGHWAY RTE 155 (AKA THOMPSON ROAD). STRATEGICALLY NESTLED BETWEEN TWO (2) 1-306 (NORTH & SOUTH) ON-RAMP & TWO (2) 1-306 (NORTH & SOUTH) OFF-RAMP. PROPERTY DIRECTLY ADJUTS 1-306 (4000' BUILDING). 7,800 SF TOTAL LOWER LEVEL USE AND ACCESS THRU DRIVE IN GARAGE. (DOOR NATURAL GAS HIGH TRAFFIC - HIGH EXPOSURE MANY POSSIBLE USES. WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED?) **\$600,000.**

**WEBSTER - 56 CUSHING ROAD**



**ON DEPOSIT**

**FIRST TIME OFFERED!** Meticulously Cared for & Loved – 4 Bedroom / 2 Bath, 1963 Capital Natural GAS Heat, Town Services! Boiler – Just like New! Corner Lot. Garage! 2nd Flr – 2 Lg Bdrms! Bathroom, Hardwood Floors. This House is Ready for a New Family. is it YOUR? Call today, Don't Delay! **\$272,900.**

**MILLBURY - 9 LEONE AVE**



**SORRY, SOLD!**

Ranch home w/Fireplace! living room. 3 Bedrooms! hardwood floors! Oil Heat. 200 AMP Circuit Breakers! Garage . Manicured Landscaping! assisted sale **\$331,000.**

**WEBSTER - 36 PARK AVENUE**



**SORRY, SOLD!**

Well cared for Colonial on Park Avenue! Hardwoods! Formal dining room, eat in kitchen, 3 bedrooms! Hollywood Bath. 1-1/2 baths total. deck! Garage! Freshly Painted! **\$264,900.**

**SOUTHBRIDGE - 42 PRINCE ROAD**



**SORRY, SOLD!**

Cape-style home on quiet cul de sac. Bedroom and full bath on the 1st flr. 2nd Flr. 2 bedrooms. Living room w/ gas fireplace, dining room, kitchen. 1 +/- Acre. assisted sale **\$233,000.**

**DUDLEY - LAND ON PACKARD DRIVE**



**ON DEPOSIT**

**Privacy!!** Off Ridge Drive - 2 abutting Lots offered as a package. Each, has there own Deed description. Lot# 19 Contains 27,699 SF of land area. Lot# 20, Contains 24,883 SF of land area. Total 52,582 SF / 1.2 acre. **\$50,000.**

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

**Dudley** - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, **SORRY SOLD \$70,000**

**Webster** - 85 Upper Gore w/View of the Lake. 1+ acre! Much work done! Artesian well, Septic Design & Conservation **NEW PRICE \$115,000**

**Webster** - Cooper Rd 2 Residential Lots! Water/Sewer Access, Zoned Lake Residential! **\$49,000. ON DEPOSIT**

**Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest** **\$132,900**

**Oxford** - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Possible to be subdivided. **NEW PRICE \$89,900**

*On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg*

**Webster - New Lake Listing!**



**ON DEPOSIT**

media room & spacious 1st floor guest BR Suite w/private bath. Incredible 2nd floor fireplace lake-facing corner master suite w/ luxurious private bath, 3 more 2nd floor BRs & full bath! It Truly is a Great Opportunity to Own Something Special! Remember, Timing Is Everything!

**\$1,075,000.**

**LAKE SHIRLEY - 647 RESERVOIR ROAD**



**SORRY, SOLD!**

Lakefront! Lake Shirley! Modern Flare on a Lake-front Colonial! 1st level Formal large entry foyer, living room, gas fireplace, chef kitchen, Impala black granite, center island, 3 season porch, overlooking the lake. 1st Flr bedroom suite w/shower and jacuzzi tub. 2nd floor Master Suite! Lower level Summer kitchen, full bath, game room. Crown moulding & hardwood floors throughout, wired sound system, radiant floors. oversize 2 car garage. Additional Guest House! assisted sale **\$859,000.**



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**TUESDAY, JULY 28**

12:03 a.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), ticket issued; 12:09 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:34-12:35 a.m.: parking violation/2 (Prospect Street), tickets issue; 12:38 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:51 a.m.: parking violation (Franklin Street), ticket issued; 12:53-1:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:36-1:39 a.m.: mv stop/2 (Main Street, Donnelly Road); 2:53 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:14 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 5:46-6:23 a.m.: mv stop/2 (Main Street, Northwest Road); 6:30 a.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), loose turkey; 7:59-9:12 a.m.: mv stop/8 (Main Street, Paxton Road); 9:59 a.m.: officer wanted (Park Steet), re: previous incident at park; 10:18 a.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), ongoing issues; 10:27 a.m.: mv stop (Donnelly Road); 10:35 a.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), re: incident w/lifeguard; 10:40

a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:48 a.m.: RV complaint (Cherry Street), quads in road; 11:07 a.m. medical/general (Valley Street); 11:25 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:31 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (Maple Street); 12:38 p.m.: vandalism (Church Street), mv damaged; 2:08-2:20 p.m.: mv stop/3 (Main, West Main streets); 2:24 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 2:31 p.m.: larceny (Maple Street), bicycle stolen; 6:36 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:41 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), spoken to; 6:45 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), info taken; 7:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), info taken; 7:22 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Browning Pond Road), child w/ phone; 7:42 p.m.: suspicious persons (Greenville Street), investigated; 7:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), kids w/shopping carts; 8:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:14 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), info taken; 9:18 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 9:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Wet Main Street), assisted; 9:32 p.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), unauthorized cellphone use; 10:20 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 11:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Clark Road), welfare check.

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**Leicester Police****THURSDAY, JULY 23**

1:27 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), Wayne P. Bosma, 67, 1148 Stafford Street, Rochdale, OUI liquor, marked lanes violation, negligent operation, unregistered mv, arrest; 9:39 a.m.: suspicious mv (Towtaid Street), no action required; 11:48 a.m.: assist other PD (Breey Green Road), message deliv-

ered; 12:29 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), spoken to; 1:04 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 3:10 p.m.: fraud (Watch Street), report taken; 3:58 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), report taken; 6:05 p.m.: property found (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:45 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Stree), gone on arrival.

**FRIDAY, JULY 24**

9:00 a.m.: b&e/residential (Main Street), report taken; 11:18 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 1:21 p.m.: larceny (Mulberry Street), report taken; 3:37 p.m.: investigatin (Stafford Street, Worcester), services rendered; 3:48 p.m.: welfare check (Spring Street), services rendered; 3:49 p.m.: welfare check (Lake Drive), services rendered; 4:05 p.m.: fraud (Charlton Street), report taken; 5:01 p.m.: assist other agency (Crestwood Road), services rendered; 8:35 p.m.: malicious mischief (Charlton Street), report taken.

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

2:49 a.m.: disturbance (Trenton Street), services rendered; 9:52 a.m.: investigation (Charlton Street), services rendered; 12:25 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:07 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken; 3:19 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered.

**SUNDAY, JULY 16**

12:54 a.m.: property found (Main Street), spoken to; 2:33 p.m.: residential alarm (Whittemore Street), fale alarm; 3:39 p.m.: welfare check (Brookside Drive), investigated; 4:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:54 p.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), gone on arriva; 8:21 p.m.: investigation (out of town, no destination noted on police log), services rendered; 9:11 p.m.: investigation (South Main

Street), services rendered; 11:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), criminal application issued.

**MONDAY, JULY 27**

2:13 a.m.: investigation (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 9:38 a.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 11:52 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:38 p.m.: harassment (Paxton Street), assisted party; 2:48 pm.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 2:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 5:04 p.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), services rendered; 9:40 p.m.: welfare check (Fernecroft Road), report taken.

**TUESDAY, JULY 28**

12:48 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 1:09 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 6:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:28 a.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), peace restored; 8:59 a.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), report taken; 10:28 a.m.: harassment (Reservoir Street), report taken; 10:44 a.m.: accident (Stafford Street), mv towed; 1:01 p.m.: assist citizen (Lexington Avenue), advised civil action; 3:10 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 4:25 p.m.: malicious mischief (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 4:35 p.m.: family problem (Pleasant Street), peace restored.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

7:10 a.m.: residential alarm (Whittemore Street), services rendered; 8:52 a.m.: suspicious activity (Locust Street), services rendered; 11:02 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 5:14 p.m.: restraining order service (Bond Street), report taken; 6:47 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Washburn Square), services rendered; 9:02 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 10:57 p.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), gone on arrival.

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Most holy Virgin Immaculate, my Mother Mary, to thee who art the Mother of my Lord, the Queen of the universe, the advocate, the hope, the refuge of sinners, I who am the most miserable of all sinners, have recourse this day. I venerate thee, great queen, and I thank thee for the many graces thou has bestowed upon me even unto this day; in particular for having delivered me from the hell which I have so often deserved by my sins. I love thee, most dear Lady; and for the love I bear thee, I promise to serve thee willingly forever and to do what I can to make thee loved by others also. I place in thee all my hopes for salvation; accept me as thy servant and shelter me under thy mantle, thou who art the Mother of mercy. And since thou art so powerful with God, deliver me from all temptations, or at least obtain for me the strength to overcome them until death. From thee I implore a true love for Jesus Christ. Through thee I hope to die a holy death. My dear Mother, by the love thou bearest to Almighty God, I pray thee to assist me always, but most of all at the last moment of my life. Forsake me not then, until thou shalt see me safe in heaven, there to bless thee and sing of thy mercies through all eternity. Such is my hope. Amen. N.L.

Dearest St. Jude, thank you for your prayer and intercession on my behalf to the Lord, you have always answered my prayer but still I will never be able to thank you enough. Please forgive me on occasion that I may have forgotten or overlooked in thanking you for the favours granted. I promise you St. Jude to ever grateful and always be, devoted to you as my patron saint. For by the good Lord's grace has got me to this point in life, and there is still a very long road for me to traverse. Therefore, St. Jude, I will always need you by my side and please continue to guide and help me with God's grace. I ask you St. Jude to not leave any prayers unanswered whether it is one of mine or from other who have invoked your aid. Look upon us the hopeless and desperate for the Lord's help in our life. I will always be in need of your help and you always hear my prayers, otherwise my life will be very difficult to lead. AMEN. N.L.

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When did we stop caring for each other?

It's election season and the mass "unfriending" has begun. Friend against friend and family member against family member arguments are in full bloom and potentially creating relationship damage that may extend far past election season. I grew up believing in the old adage, "Blood is thicker than water" and I always believed that friendships should be forever. I'm wondering ... "When did our political ideology become more important than our relationship with family and friends and our love for each other?" Relationships are important to me. There isn't an election nor any life event that would cause me to unfriend a friend or disown a family member. My love for those I care about transcends who they vote for. Because you believe something different does not mean you are my enemy. It just means we disagree. No problem. Some people like pepperoni on their pizza while others prefer sausage. Why is that different than one person is voting for Biden while another is voting for Trump? I'm not making light of the weight of the voting decision but am saying disagreeing on an election should not be relationship damaging. Why should a disagreement negatively impact the love we feel for one another? I'm hearing with great regularity how families are being torn apart by this election and this pandemic. I heard recently about how a friend posted a very passive comment about the current state of the nation and then were attacked publicly online by her daughter. Are you kidding me? Shame on anyone who will publicly scorn a loved one because they see things differently! I sadly heard this morning of a son who told his parents over the weekend, "You are dead to me!" Really? Over political differences? What has happened to us? Look no further than the great mask debate. I believe wearing a mask in public protects others. There are no absolutes and masks are not fool proof. Common sense tells me that anything that reduces the amount of mouth aerosol into the air cuts down on the risk of transmission. I posted this online and was attacked by others. I won't repeat the name-calling, but here's some of what I was told ... "What's wrong with you? Forcing me to wear a mask is a violation of my rights." There's nothing wrong with me but I'm curious about everyone else's rights not to breathe your spray. Do we not have rights? "You of all people (meaning me) should know better! Little children get their emotional cues from your facial expressions." Me of all people? Well, don't wear a mask at home, but until we get control of this pandemic, it won't hurt you or your children to make a small sacrifice. In fact, I think it's a great opportunity for a learning experience for our kids. Maybe teach them about social responsibility? "This is all a government conspiracy to take away my rights." Maybe I'm in the dark, but I don't believe there's a government conspiracy to take away anyone's rights in this case. Here's my favorite ... "A mask only protects you from me. It is not for my protection, so why should I wear one?" Again ... When did we stop caring

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# Gone fishing

To date, this summer has been extremely hot & humid. Fresh & salt-water temperatures are also very warm, driving many species of fish deeper, looking for cooler waters. This past week, this writer & Matt Fontaine enjoyed some great fishing for seabass and fluke in Rhode Island waters. He actually caught two legal size fluke measuring 20 inches each. Throwing back 18-inch plus fluke was not easy to do, with many just short of the 19-inch legal size. Matt commented how cold the fish felt that we were catching. Seabass limits were also reached, but many were also just short of the 15 inches. The seas were calm on this day of fishing, with thick fog until 9 a.m.

Navigating through the fog was fairly easy with the help of Matt's Lawrance GPS, but it is a lot easier and safer to navigate without the fog. We started out fishing in 40 to 50 feet of water, but fishing remained slow. Our next stop was in 50 to 60 feet of water, and it was basically lock and load fishing on sea bass and fluke. Fortunately, we took the time to catch some fresh mummies again prior to unloading the boat at the ramp. What also made a big difference was putting the 90 horsepower motor in gear using the trolling plate to keep the boat moving because of no wind, and we had very little drift from the tidal flow.



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Matt was using a fluke rig with a spinner attached to the front of it, and this writer was using a striped bass rig which consisted of a double hook set up and two spinners attached. We baited the rigs with a combination of squid strips and a couple of live mummies. Using a fish finder and a four ounce weight to get the rigs to the bottom was a perfect combination for the type of fishing we were doing. I always check the rig and bait in the water along the side before lowering it to the bottom.

The slow trolling speed was great for the rigs and bait we were using, and we quickly lowered them to the bottom. Double hookups were common. I sure miss my buddy Steve Mercure on my fishing trips. He is missed, but not forgotten. He was one of the best bottom fishing anglers that that I had to fish with, and he always kept me laughing.

Something and someone need to address the high population of protected species that are negatively impacting our food sources as well as the safety of humans. They need to decide what is more important. Shark attacks are endangering the public at our beaches every year and some of the attacks are fatal, extending all the way into the state of Maine this year. Seal populations are out of control, and they are luring sharks into shallow water

causing numerous fatal attacks every year. Seals also eat many pounds of fish daily which is negatively impacting many species of fish populations.

Bottom fish species are disappearing rapidly. Cod populations are at a point of collapse, and it is not only the type of fishing being done by commercial fishing, that is the problem. Haddock populations are also in big trouble on the South Shore of New England, but have bounced back on the North Shore over the past 10 years or so.

Winter flounder are in big trouble on the South Shore, with Narragansett Bay being basically shut down to any recreational fishing over the last five to 10 years. Cormorants eat millions of pounds of fish annually, including the recently born fry. How long will these protected species of birds and animals be allowed to destroy our valuable fish populations.

We all love to see wildlife flourish, but we need to keep their populations in check and properly managed as we do our deer populations. Just imagine deer hunting being suspended. 13,000 animals were harvested last year in Mass., and the deer population continues to grow. Mute swans, coyote & beaver are also out of control & need to be addressed.

Man has upset the balance of nature, and they need to make some major changes before it is too late.



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A huge Wolf fish caught aboard the Clipper fleet a number of years ago! They are now illegal to keep because of a dramatic decrease in their populations. The Clipper fleet was put out of business a number of years ago because of restrictions on Cod, Haddock, Wolf fish, etc.!

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## Reader's Share Favorite Tips

Summer is in full swing, and with many still staying close to home, there is no better time to share your favorite tricks and tips than now.

From garden and grilling tips to saving money and making do, the following tips from readers are sure to please this season.

Yes, we have some bananas - especially since this tip will keep them around longer!

My hint: When making banana bread, do not use over-ripe bananas. That is a hold-over from the depression so as not to waste food. For a better taste and lighter texture, use firm and less ripe bananas. Try it and you will not go back to the old way.

Paul Davignon  
Uxbridge, MA 01569

Talk about Yankee Ingenuity! This reader always comes up with creative tips and tricks and the following are no exception:

My first tip is how I made my own version of an easy open



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dent for as long as possible, but he hated the childproof lids on his prescriptions. He had no children living with him, so I made cloth with a pipe cleaner, to serve as an over-size twistie and he was happy. Also, Nature Made and a few other brands make a flip top lid, these are interchangeable with other brands, e.g. local drugstore brands, Just save your flip lids and just attach them to your next bottle before opening!

I keep a few around and share with elderly I check on!

Also, when doing floor and other exercises that require you to roll a towel under your

shoulders etc., I use the same towel, rolled and secured it with pony tail elastics. This way, I can wash it easily when needed and the same towel is always at the ready each day.

Viola Bramel  
Northbridge, MA

Fresh lemon slices do double duty with this tasty grilling tip: Now that it is summertime we are all doing lots of grilling.

I found that when grilling or baking fish (I have been baking mine lately), it's a good idea to wrap it up in foil and place lemon slices on the bottom of the foil. This will help keep the fish from sticking as well it gives added flavor to the fish.

MD  
Sturbridge MA

These garden hints up your odds of a successful tomato crop:

Fish buried a couple feet below plants is fantastic, a cracked egg under tomato plants is like magic, and rags soaked in ammonia and aluminum pie plates tied up around

the garden help keep away critters

Joe S.

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Prize Winner

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about each other? I willingly wear a mask to protect you. Why would you not do the same for me? Have we really become that selfish?

And before you send me a study saying masks don't work, be aware there's a plethora of studies saying they do. I think the best sources I've read say masks are not foolproof but will provide a 65 percent reduction in the chances to transmit or catch

the virus. I think 65 percent is well-worth the inconvenience of wearing a mask in public.

My faith tells me that the greatest commandment is to love each other as we love ourselves. I don't think it means we should only love those who vote as we do or agree with our opinions. I don't think it means I shouldn't wear a mask to protect others, even if it doesn't protect me. It means exactly as it says. We are to love each other as we love ourselves.

I love you enough to wear a mask in public. Won't you do the same for me?

Life is too precious and so very fragile. We have no guarantees for tomorrow. Can't we choose to love our neighbor while we are here?

I do.

Will you join me?

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