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# Monette hopes to keep momentum going



Warren Monette

### **BY KEVIN FLANDERS**

Editor's note: An article published in last week's edition featuring profiles of the remaining two candidates for selectman, Ralph Hicks and John Howard, incorrectly conveyed that they were competing for the same seat. They and Mr. Monette are, in fact, all competing in the same race for two available seats on the board The New Leader deeply regrets any confusion that may have resulted from this unfortunate error.

#### in several sectors.

Monette has served in multiple capacities, including his position as the Select Board liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission. He was thrilled to see funds raised to help reopen the long-shuttered Luther Hill Park. The funds paved the way for repairs at the park, swimming lessons, and ongoing maintenance.

Additionally, as a member of the Exchange Club, Monette has personally contributed to repairs and maintenance at Powder Mill Park. Looking ahead, he will eventually install pavers in front of the bandstand.

For Monette, municipal service has always meant more than simply making decisions at meetings. He enjoys being directly involved in projects throughout the town and helping those in need.

"My favorite part of being a selectman in Spencer is watching the town change for the better, and knowing that I have been involved in that change," said Monette, who graduated from David Prouty High School and Worcester State University.

Selectman Monette also serves as an alternate to the CMRPC (Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission), an organization that assists towns in securing funding for projects.

"By attending meetings on a regular basis, I have become informed about this process and have helped to keep Spencer in the loop of receiv-ing funds," Monette told the New Leader. "Our Town Planner, Paul Dell'Aquila, does a great job prepping the necessary grants, and Spencer has received thousands of dollars via Turn To **MONETTE** page **A18** 

# Local restaurants buoyed by returning customers

#### **BY KEVIN FLANDERS**

REGION — As the state proceeds through various stages of reopening, local restaurants are seeing an incremental return of staff members and customers.

Launched on June 8, Gov. Charlie Baker's second phase of reopening allows restaurants to return to in-person dining - but only for outdoor table service. This has enabled restaurants to rehire some of their servers and other staff members, although owners are eagerly anticipating the next phase of reopening that allows indoor dining.

"Because it's reservations only right now, we have had to turn away a ton of people," said Tom Fahey, the owner of 308 Lakeside in East Brookfield.

Fahey has been able to bring back the majority of his staff, although the bar and indoor dining section remain closed. Still, patrons have been thrilled to return to the site and enjoy meals from the scenic deck and stone patio. Having sheltered in their homes for months, residents can't

wait to return to all of their favorite restaurants this summer.

For many restaurants, the limitation to outdoor table service has been more of a challenge than a relief. Outdoor setups are dependent on having significant space for table service, and several local restaurants are in short supply of outdoor space.

"We are contemplating having small outdoor setups, but we don't really have the room," said Steve Barrett, the co-owner of Northeast Pizza, which has four area locations. "We still might get something going in our West Brookfield location, where we have a bigger parking lot.'

Northeast Pizza operates restaurants in Barre, Leicester, West Brookfield, and Worcester. Some of the locations are in plazas, which makes it difficult to open an outdoor space for dining, Barrett said. Northeast Pizza continues to offer takeout at all of its locations, and staff members are counting the days until the next reopening phase is launched

area restaurants continue to focus entirely on takeout and deliveries. They thank patrons for their strong support amid this challenging time, especially during the statewide stay-athome order in late March and April.

"[In-person dining] was never really a huge part of our business, but it will be nice to have people back in here," said Matt Bluyus, the owner of Uncle Sam's Pizza in East Brookfield. "The community support these last few months has been great."

When indoor dining returns later this month or next month, the Governor will release specific guidance to increase safety when the masks come off. Restaurant owners understand that the combination of distancing protocols and fears of COVID-19 will reduce their attendance for the remainder of the year - especially among elderly customers - but they are eager to reclaim as much business as possible.

"We need to get everything back soon. We don't want to keep turning people away," Fahey said.

Meanwhile, other local

# Leicester voters choose

SPENCER – Selectman Warren Monette is proud of the town's accomplishments over the last three years. as well as its continued momentum

# BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER - Voters at last week's election demonstrated their desire for a combination of experience and new ideas on the Select Board.

By re-electing the town's longest-tenured selectman, Dianna Provencher, and also choosing newcomer Herbert Duggan, Jr., voters conveyed a unique blend of demands. Provencher earned the most votes at the June 9 election (809), with Duggan close behind at 801.

Collecting only 333 votes, incumbent Selectman Sandra Wilson saw her ninevear run on the Board come to an end.

"I wish Mrs. Provencher and Mr. Duggan all the best on winning the election," Wilson said.

Looking ahead, residents and officials know it will be a major challenge for the town to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. Several voters told the New Leader they want a continued veteran presence on the Board, but also new ideas from Duggan.

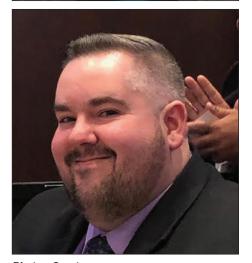
For Provencher, who has served on the Select Board for 15 years, it means a lot to receive continued support from voters.

"I would like to give a big thanks to Leicester voters for voting for me," Provencher said. "The voters made their choice, and people forget some times the voters are the ones in charge."

In the year to come, Provencher and her colleagues will be heavily focused on helping all members of the community recover from the COVID-19 crisis. It will be a long road back, but Board members are committed to providing support and guidance to residents, business owners, and town officials.

"Most important is financial stability for the future of Leicester," Provencher told the New Leader for her election profile. "Due to the Coronavirus and the state shutdown, the town will be hard hit in the financial area. There is going to be some hard times everywhere, just like it was in 2008–2010. We want to make sure that our businesses in town get the help they need to reopen and make it as painless as possible.'





**Photos Courtesy** Incumbent Leicester Selectman Dianna Provencher and newcomer Herbert Duggan, Jr., were victorious at last week's election.

Set to retire next month from her position with the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission, Provencher is looking forward to dedicating even more time to her town.

Duggan, meanwhile, brings a unique blend of skills and experiences to the Board. Having spent 13 years as a business owner and 24 years as a first responder, he understands how

East Brookfield Elementary

# School hosts sendoff for students

EAST BROOKFIELD - Unable to bid farewell to students in typical fashion, East Brookfield Elementary School staff members found a creative way to send kids off to summer.

When students and staff last convened for classes in mid-March, no one could have predicted that school would be closed through the summer. For sixth graders, that means the end of their careers at EBES, an accomplishment that would normally be celebrated with a sendoff ceremony in June.

But thanks to the creativity and commitment of EBES staff members,

students were still able to enjoy a sendoff. On June 14, students' families gathered at the police station for a vehicle parade led by police down Route 9. The parade finished at the EBES parking lot, where staff members were waiting with celebratory signs and decorations.

'It was so exciting to see all of the students and families once again after not seeing some of them since March 13," said EBES teacher Christine Lavin. "We were saying goodbye to our sixth graders that will be going to

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an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better at the conclusion of the senior year.

# Time to renew your **Transfer Station sticker**

SPENCER — With current Transfer Station stickers set to expire on June 30, stickers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year will be

on sale at the Spencer Highway Garage, located at 7 Meadow Rd., on Saturday, June 20 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The fee for a sticker is \$50. Second stickers for the same household will cost an additional \$25.

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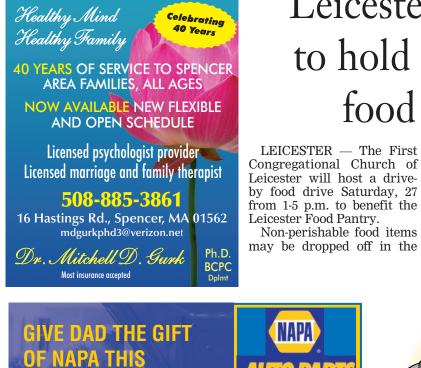
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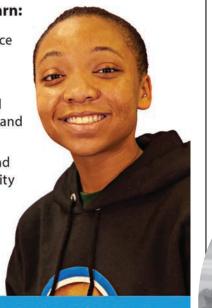
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# Interest dwindling in local government

#### BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION – It's no secret that interest in local government has significantly declined in recent years, but many towns are seeing an alarming level of apathy.

In Spencer, a write-in candidate will be elected to the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee next week because no one ran for the vacant seat. Additionally, not a single resident pulled papers for the library trustee position.

Ballots in surrounding towns are also littered with vacant or uncontested seats. Even the selectmen's races in Spencer and Leicester only saw one challenger in each town this spring, guaranteeing instant re-election to one of the two incumbents on the respective ballots.

Spencer Town Clerk Laura Torti joins officials from throughout the area in expressing concern over the lack of new interest in municipal service.

"It is a sad state of affairs when the interest in town government is so low that one of the most influential governing bodies – School Committee, which wields the greatest impact on how local tax revenues are distributed and spent – will end up being filled by a write-in candidate," Torti told the New Leader.

In many local communities, declining interest in town government has forced the same residents to take positions on multiple committees and boards. Area leaders are particularly concerned about the lack of participation among residents age 35 and younger. Officials continue to promote municipal service to the elusive 18-35 demographic, with the hope that younger adults can help usher in the next phase of leadership among their peers.

"Whether it's local government, civic associations, or political party committees, younger people need to feel like they belong," said State Rep. David LeBoeuf, who represents Leicester and portions of Worcester.

At 31, LeBoeuf is one of the youngest representatives in the Commonwealth. He received support from many sources during his quest to join the ranks of local leadership.

"I remember when I was 18, I joined my local Democratic City Committee and I was the only person in the room under 40," Representative LeBoeuf recalled. "Fortunately, I had individuals who encouraged me to stay involved, and I was motivated to recruit other young people to join. It is the combination of creating a welcoming environment and providing mentorship that young people need."

In addition to general disinterest in local government, officials also highlighted several other barriers to access. Although social media was intended to bring people together, many officials agree that it's instead scaring potential candidates away from municipal service. In recent years, leaders in area towns have seen a substantial increase in political acrimony and personal attacks directed toward officials on town social media pages. What began as troves of town-related information have degenerated over the years into toxic theaters of disparagement and even threats. Officials are saddened that many residents have been far more apt to launch insults from keyboards than get involved in the community and work toward solutions.

'There is an undercurrent of distrust

of anyone in elected or appointed roles," said Brookfield Selectman Clarence Snyder. "We are in a time of seesaw politics – we move in extremes rather than finding common ground. Contrary to popular belief, we actually are more alike than we are different."

Looking ahead, officials hope residents will take the opportunity to get directly involved in community affairs and help find solutions, rather than simply hurling useless insults on social media.

"I believe that if people spent as much time supporting their local government as they do typing derogatory comments on social media, our communities would be far better served," Torti said. "Don't type uninformed comments that only spread ignorance and create divisiveness. Do something. Take action. Run for office."

Added Selectman Snyder, "Entering the arena, as Teddy Roosevelt once talked about, is the surest way to make change. In entering the arena, you learn to make progress. You need to find common ground, which in today's politics is thought to be a foreign concept."

Additional barriers to entry in town government include work commitments, family obligations, recreation activities, and travel. Although adding a municipal role to these responsibilities can present a time management challenge, the reward of local service is well worth it, officials said.

"For many of us who are juggling career and family, it may seem as if public service is not the most effective use of our time. That could not be further from the truth," LeBoeuf told the New Leader. "Especially at the town and municipal level, you can have a significant impact."



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middle school next year, and to four of our staff members that will be retiring this year."

Retiring staff members include Ann Gifford (administrative assistant); Mary Anne Slack (music teacher); Anna Tonna (pre-school teacher); and Kathy Delisle (fifth/sixth grade science and history teacher).

School leaders thank EBES staff member Megan Anderson for coordinating the parade. Officials are hoping to hold a sixth grade sendoff ceremony at the end of July; details will be announced as they become available.

Members of the town's police and fire departments are also thanked for their participation in the parade.

# Police seek driver who fled accident scene

SPENCER – Police are searching for a driver who fled the scene after crashing his car on Route 9 last week.

The June 13 wreck occurred just outside David Prouty High School. After crashing into the school's welcome sign, the driver opened his trunk, extracted a BMX bike with white rims, and fled the



scene, witnesses told police.

The suspect was described as a thin young man wearing a flat brim hat, a gray shirt, and black shorts. Please contact the police department if you have information on the incident.

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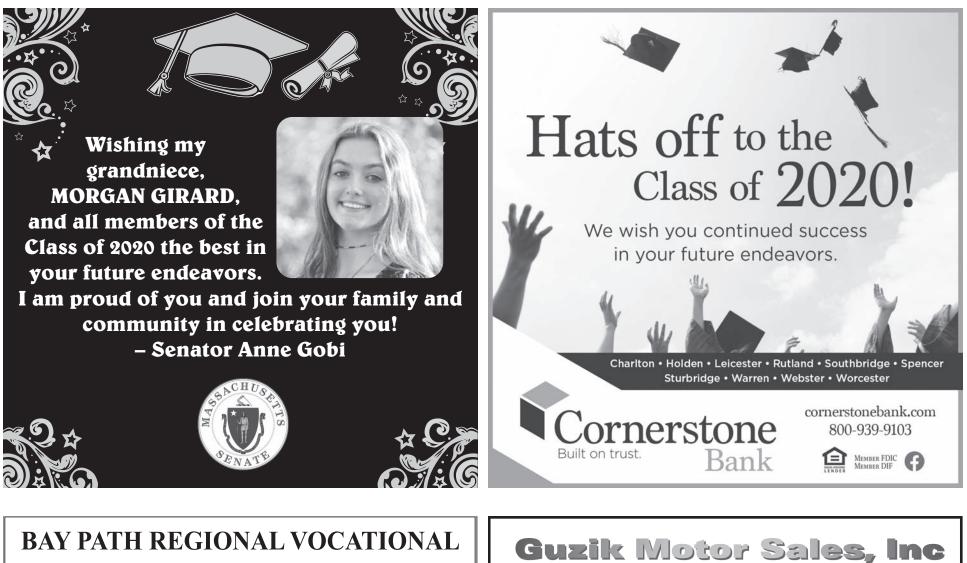


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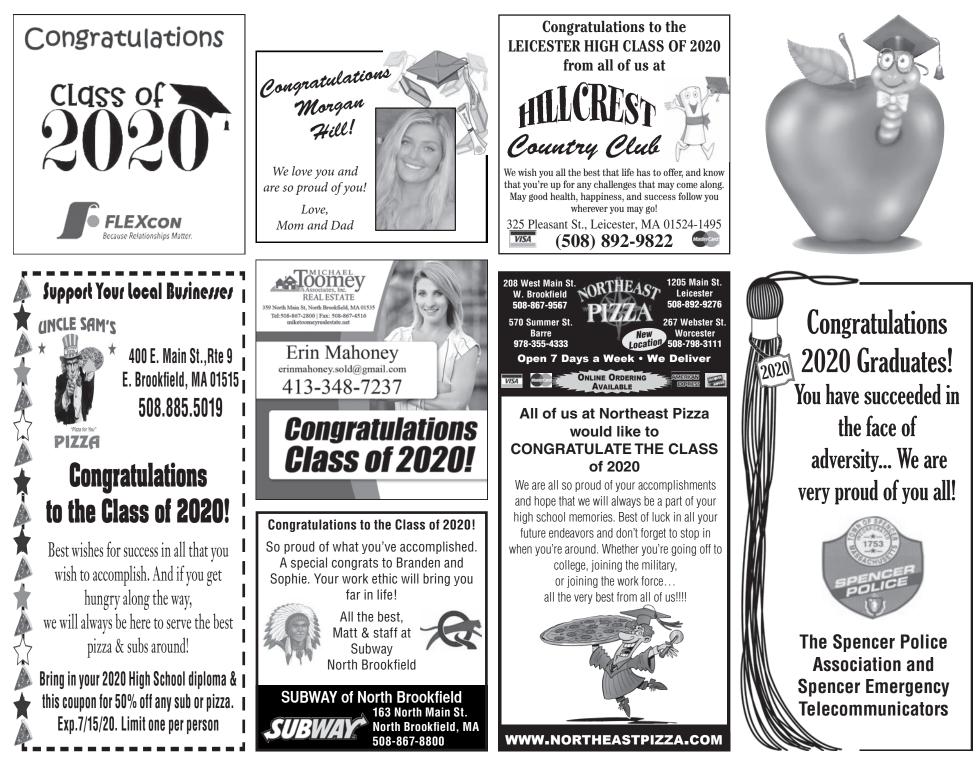


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# Assumption confers 522 degrees to Class of 2020

LEGALS

WORCESTER — On May 10, Assumption conferred the degrees of 522 individuals who completed their studies at the culmination of the 2019-20 academic year. Local students include:

Alexander Arsenault, of Spencer, received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

Rachel Berthiaume, of Leicester, received a Bachelor's degree in Marketing with a concentration in digat the College's 103rd Commencement, Assumption virtually celebrated the candidates for graduation and their years of commitment to academic programs. Assumption President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., was joined by Provost and Academic Vice President Greg Wiener, Ph.D., and Vice President for Mission Father Richard Lamoureux, A.A. '64 for a Conferral of Degrees ceremony that was livestreamed from the

confront adversity and the unexpected," he said. "You should be proud of the way in which you adapted to this situation, how you showed your resilience, strength, and ability to overcome challenging times."

He added that while the COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges for the Class of 2020, their Assumption education has and will help them thrive rather than simply endure. "Because of your education, you are able to view challenges as obstacles to overcome rather than a crisis to be endured," he explained. "Assumption has provided you with an education that prepared you to confront and to make sense of these personal and societal challenges. This pandemic has made the unique value of a Catholic liberal education like the one Assumption provides even more evident. The most important challenges our society faces in both overcoming and understanding this crisis involve more than technical problems, although those are an important part of an Assumption education, too. The essential issues are the deepest questions of the human heart, which transcend time

and place," he said, adding that ancient and modern thinkers have explored the questions regarding the meaning of life and human suffering.

Saint Augustine reminds us that these questions are 'ever ancient, ever new.' The Assumption education you received has prepared you for a changing world. Many institutions have forgotten these enduring questions. Assumption never has and you have benefitted from this A Catholic liberal education engages these questions has prepared you to live out your vocations and to be lifelong learners. It has provided you with the wisdom and courage to confront the challenges we face at this time and that vou will face throughout vour life.' Before closing, President Cesareo said he hoped that the disruptive nature of the last several months had taught the graduates some important lessons: take the time to say 'I love you,' to stop harboring resentment, thinking that forgiveness can always wait for another day, to cease pretending that little annoying things matter so much, to pick up your heads to look at the beauty of the world, to examine your beliefs about

ital marketing.

Rebecca Carr, of West Brookfield, received a Bachelor's degree in Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies.

Ashley Elliott, of E Brookfield, received a Bachelor's degree in Management.

Jordan Gablaski, of East Brookfield, received a Bachelor's degree in English.

Sean O'Rourke, of Spencer, received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Economics.

Timothy Tran, of Spencer, received a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design.

Jaxon Wells, of Spencer, received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science.

On Sunday, May 10, the day on which the Class of 2020 was originally scheduled to receive their degrees Chapel of the Holy Spirit. The ceremony was followed by a Mass which included candidates for graduation who pre-recorded hymns and readings.

Assumption has rescheduled its annual commencement ceremony during which it will formally honor the graduates of the Class of 2020 for Aug. 23.

When addressing the graduates virtually, President Cesareo acknowledged the unprecedented challenges the Class of 2020 faced in their final semester, namely making a swift shift to remote learning due to the global pandemic. "You have come to the end of your studies at Assumption under extraordinary circumstances. This has certainly been a difficult and challenging semester for your class. You have had to

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#### Town of North Brookfield Request for Diesel Fuel Bids

The North Brookfield Highway Dept. will receive bids on the following item for Fiscal Year 2021, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

1. Approximately 10,000 gallons nolead gasoline

2. Approximately 14,000 gallons Ultra Low Sulfur diesel fuel

Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bids must be submitted on the standard Bid Form prepared by the Town which may be obtained from the Highway Dept., 508-867-0213. Sealed envelopes must be delivered to the North Brookfield Highway Dept., 58 School St., North Brookfield, MA by 2:00 PM on July 1, 2020. Highway Superintendent June 19, 2020

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO20C0176CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Travass Carlton Woodworth A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Travass Carlton Woodworth of North Brookfield MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Travis Carlton Woodworth

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/30/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 20, 2020

> Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

June 19, 2020

#### TOWN OF BROOOKFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold two Public Hearings beginning at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 8 at the Brookfield Town Hall located at 6 Central Street.

The purpose of the first hearing is to consider a request from Stephen J. Comtois II to build a new home located

at 41 Rice Corner Road. This requires a variance as per Section 7) Dimensional Requirements, sub-section C) Dimensional Regulation Table, of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Brookfield. This property is located in the Rural Residential District.

The purpose of the second hearing is to consider a request from Amanda Normandin to keep livestock or poultry at her home located at 35 River Street in Brookfield. This requires a special permit as per Section 5) Accessory uses, B) Residential Districts, (4) Livestock or poultry....subject to approval of a special permit by the Board of Appeals such use shall be allowed in the Village, Business A, Business B Districts, of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Brookfield. This property is located in the Village District.

Timothy Simon – Acting ZBA Chairman June 19, 2020 June 26, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2000 Docket No. WO20P1393EA Estate of: Ronald L. Miner

#### Date Of Death: April 8, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Darryl M. Miner** of **North Brookfield MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

## Darryl M. Miner of North Brookfield MA

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 Representative 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.

June 19, 2020



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## Editorial

# But tomorrow may rain, so I'll follow the sun

Well, here we are at the start of summer. We've survived a mild winter, but winter nonetheless. The days are longer. The sun is shining brighter. Now that warmer days have arrived, it makes the current closures a bit easier to manage.

While we will miss summer festivals and live music, there is still plenty to do to soak up a fun filled, relaxing summer. While we're out in our kayaks, hiking in the White Mountains, or enjoying an afternoon fishing at the river, don't forget about the many health benefits that come along with this amazing season.

Sunlight acts as an aid to regulate our bodies and gives us more motivation to improve our lives. During the summer months there is a reduced number of heart attacks. One study, including 11,000 individuals, showed that over nine years, the survival rate increased by almost 20 percent if the incident took place in the summertime. One theory is that the increase in vitamin D, plays a role.

During the summer months people are more likely to eat more fruits and vegetables. Diets become more green and healthier. We all know the more colorful the diet, the healthier we are. We could argue that the all time best cereal invented, Fruity Pebbles could be just as healthy, but we would be wrong.

Warmer months means clearer skin for many. Now that we are older (some of us), we know that sitting outside with tin foil to help us become more tan faster, is not a smart move. Sunscreen it is. In addition, people tend to exercise more in warmer weather. This is perfect for allowing more oxygen to reach the brain and stress levels decrease as an added bonus.

The sun can have an effect on those with sleep issues as well. Waking up to the sunlight aids a person's internal clock to reset. Hotter weather also causes us to drink more water. More water means less toxins in our bodies. Cheers to that. We think it's a good idea to create a summer bucket list. Some of the things on our list include hiking more 4,000 footers, finishing a certain amount of books (some started almost ten years ago), making more trips to the ocean, trying out a paddle board, getting around to purchasing a fishing license, question legislation about daylight savings and having sunflowers in bloom by fall.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Juneteenth

To the Editor:

Today, June 19, is known as "Juneteenth," Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Celebration Day. It commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger read federal orders in Galveston, Texas, then the farthest flung and most remote corner of American slavery, that all previously enslaved people in Texas were free. It was the emancipation of the last remaining enslaved African Americans in the Confederacy.

President Trump had originally scheduled his first in-person rally of the 2020 campaign season on June 19 in Tulsa, Okla. Somewhat funny is that after all Trump has done to downplay the Coronavirus pandemic his campaign forced those seeking tickets to digitally sign a waiver of liability should they contract the virus. June 19, Juneteenth, sure is a weird day to pick for the first rally which could have easily been weeks prior or after.

I'd be happy to explain to anybody who disagrees why Trump and the Trump campaign is racist and running on a campaign of dog whistles, white nationalism, and occasionally a hint of white supremacism but that is really a waste of time. We're never going to convince each other. What should be time of great racial strife and conflict in the United States, I think we'd all agree on that while we place blame differently. I think we would all agree as well that minority communities by and large view Trump as racist, race baiting, etc. If he is viewed so negatively by the black community, why would he possibly pick Juneteenth? Won't that only enflame people or rip wounds that are just scabbing over raw? Why isn't he trying to reconcile with communities who distrust him?

indisputable however is that this is a

Tulsa, Okla. is also an interesting choice of venue for Trump's first rally. The "Tulsa race massacre" was the single worst incident of racial violence in American history and was white mob attacking an entire black community. The attack destroyed 35 city blocks which at the time was the wealthiest black community in America known as "Black Wall Street". The massacre began as a response to a black teenager accused of 'assaulting' a white teenager (she never made the accusation, other people did) and things escalated. White mobs rampaged through the neighborhood killing men, burning and looting stores, and setting fires to everything. Private aircraft were even used by white assailants to fire rifles

## Let's unite on sunscreen

To the Editor:

Our Divider-in-Chief seems to have a devoted acolyte in Mr. McCrae, who directs his invective at anyone who might show some critical thinking, compassion, or healthy skepticism at presidential statements whose truth is questionable.

Several correspondents have attempted to counter Mr. McRae's ramblings in great detail, which, while tempting, I will not attempt to do, other than to say that it is in character that he would disparage locals who might

# **Dear Governor Baker**

#### To the Editor:

You and all your Democrat cronies have flagrantly seized upon an opportunity to delegate erroneous rules and regulations in typical bureaucratic rasmon... entangled with reams of ridiculous red tape! As if there are no more pressing issues to address in the state of Massachusetts? Please spare us your condescending contempt... preaching to us as if we are morons, mentally inept and lacking common sense! Your cryptic, cagey and covert stages for reopening are unbecoming! You have no clue what is in the best interest of private industry and small business!

be supportive of people whose lives are different from our own.

But he has outdone himself in his commentary about local protests and vigils this week by attempting to politicize:

- Using sunscreen
- Using insect repellant
- Stretching before exercising Healthy foods.

Really? Are we all not free to make our own decisions about matters like these.? I like to believe that we are more united than divided on many

that still has no definitive proven scientific data! Nor is it the ravaging menace that it was predicted to be!

We the people don't need you and your non-essential bureaucratic budand drop firebombs on commercial buildings and homes. Law enforcement officials at the time said that planes were used to provide reconnaissance and protect again "a negro uprising."

In the end, about 300 people were killed, 800 in the hospital, and 10,000 people were homeless. That is what Tulsa, OK represents.

I believe June 19 in Tulsa, Okla. for a campaign debut was chosen on purpose by his campaign manager (Trump has proven he doesn't understand history) to inflame the black community and incite violence. Black anger spilling over into violence seems to help Trump politically so what could be better than inciting it?

As much as Trump likes poking his opponents in the eye, it must have been a step too far for even him. Somewhat shockingly he has shown extreme pusillanimity in his capitulation and in an act of obeisance to us Leftists moved the date of his rally by one day. To the true Trump fans they must see him as totally humiliated and disgraced.

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more serious things. It is ridiculous to try and divide us further on choices which are really non-political.

Let's declare amnesty on sunscreen and insect repellent use, healthy eating, and stretching before exercising. Then, we can start talking about holding our elected officials accountable, climate change, and health care for all.

> Liz Foss Spencer

We the people can best decide which goods we want to purchase and which services we want to utilize and patronize!

We the people have the innate ability to decide when and where we feel safe and secure! You Charlie are from the government and you are not here to help! You need to unleash us! We the people want to work; we want to succeed, and we want to prosper! The best stance you and your administration could take right now is to let us all alone! Get out of our way, get off our backs and get out of our business!

The most important thing, and we say it often, is to remember to slow down and appreciate every summer moment, hour by hour.

Note: To give credit where it is due, the title of this week's Editorial was taken from the song "Follow the Sun," written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney and recorded by The Beatles in 1964.



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# **Chief Shaw**

To the Editor:

Most of the letters last week were good, on point, and not disturbing, except one – "What are they marching for"; it was on page 15. In case you missed it, it was a good read, and very enlightening to the soul of the American conservative movement. The one thing I want to comment on was the way Michael Shaw, Chief of Police in Webster, was described. Mr. McRae described Chief Shaw as having a lack of courage, "shameless," "totally disgraced," showing "obeisance to his BLM masters." He described Chief The world, the country, the states and the local cities and communities have drilled us, terrified us and threatened us for three months about a virus

# I kneel to no one

#### To the Editor:

I'm from a family with seven children. I was born, went to public school, had a paper route, went to high school, worked on the loading docks, went to public college while working a fulltime job. My grandfather came over from Ireland in early 1900's and worked in the wire mills in the lowest paving jobs. He made his way up and fought in The Battle of the Bulge in WWII. My father's family came from Canada in the early 1900's, and they all worked in the textile mills in Leicester just to survive. He served in the Marines, went to school on the GI bill, worked at Raytheon, and helped all seven kids go to college. No unemployment back then, no stimulus packages. You work or go hungry.

When someone comes up to me shouting white privilege, excuse me when I just want to put my fist in a ball and smash it in their face. It's not white privilege to me, it's called bustdies to write a tomb of protocols, i.e. (rules & regulations) for businesses to follow!

We (business owners) know how to operate our businesses! We don't need your onerous and oppressive guidance! We get it! We know what is best for our employees, our vendors and our customers!

All business owners should have the liberty to decide how to operate their own businesses under the aegis of the Invisible Hand! The self-interest of individuals (we the people) via freedom of production and freedom of consumption should reign supreme!

ing my butt. I knell to no one except when I'm praying in church These privileged young kids that haven't had the character-building experience of having to bust their butts are the problem.

Every one of every color needs to take responsibility for their lives. Get off their butts, work hard, save your money, and use it to invest in something, use it for school, investments, or start a business. Black Lives do matter. It should matter the most to them. They should take responsibility and build their lives no matter what anyone else thinks of them. Skating around with a mask, smashing windows, and looting from honest hard-working people is not the best way to a bright future.

A lot of the problems today have to do with the choices younger people make. In the old days, a suitor would meet the girl's parents. The father would ask what means he had to support himself and what references he JEN GAUCHER SPENCER

had. The idea of this was, he hoped his girl would have a stabile household for them to prosper. This not only helped them, but all of society. Not now. The young girls go out and get knocked up by losers. They have a bunch of baby daddies who come and go. The girl is stuck with a bunch of kids crying for society to take care of them. The kids grow up with no family structure and look for these fringe groups or causes so they have a sense of belonging to something.

There is only one answer to all of this. The young need to believe in themselves, work hard, and save their money. When a person has made a good foundation doing so, then they can go find the right person and build a strong home.

> Mark Robillard Spencer

Shaw as "humiliated" and "capitulated."

What did Chief Shaw do, you may ask? While at a demonstration against police brutality in the wake of George Floyd's death, he joined a symbolic movement with the crowd and layed down on his stomach with his hands behind his back for eight minutes and 46 seconds in silence to re-enact George Floyd's death. Mr. McRae describes this as "prostrated," suggesting submission which while similar is a different position.

Shaw called the video of Floyd being

killed "disgusting" and "disturbing," and felt a need to tell the protesters, "we're on the same side here – that was wrong, there is a problem, and let's work together to fix it." This story become national pseudo-news when Breitbart picked up the story with a picture that had the caption, "Police Chief Lays Face Down to Appease Black Lives Matter Protest."

I watched some of the videos. It ended in chants of "Thank you, Chief." There were no arrests during this peaceful protests. There have been much on Facebook attacking Chief Shaw's character and it required him to release a three-page letter on Monday "explaining his actions." He has been the subject of "extreme" attacks, and this is reprehensible.

Whether or not such a description of the Police Chief participating in a symbolic act to denounce a murder is racist is up to the readers. It is certainly pretty authoritarian and Fascist though.

> RICHARD TAYLOR SPENCER

## <u>Letters to the Editor</u>

# **Back to COVID**

#### To the Editor:

Is COVID-19 a scourge or a miracle? I can't believe this question is being asked, it is unequivocally a scourge. Mr. Robillard has given us a heart-wrenching description of his wife's final years, but that in no way turns a global pandemic that is killing healthy people and elderly people who don't want to die into a miracle. While COVID has surely put some out of their misery, that is no excuse to let it rip through society killing millions who didn't want to die. COVID is not a miracle sent by the Lord and Massachusetts' inoculation was after Feb. 14!

To set the record straight, this disease is less likely to affect younger people, but people in their 20's and 30's have died and the risk of a 40 year-old dying is still two in 1,000. If our medical system were to become overrun, we could see a death rate as high as 15 percent. Some people take six weeks to clear the infection, with fevers every day. Many were sick and in the hospital for weeks, suffering, suffocating, before their eventual demise. The suffering caused by (and to be caused by) COVID-19 is immeasurable but sure, some people were put out of their misery. If you find it disturbing that we warehouse "zombies" just waiting for their number to come up, then perhaps you would support physician assisted euthanasia? Euthanasia can be more targeted than infectious disease...

As not only nationwide, but worldwide protests against America's the treatment of our black and brown citizens fade into the backseat of "not novel" or "old news," we had a boost-er shot last weekend, when a black man sleeping in his car in Atlanta was hassled by police, resisted arrest, tried to run away, and ended up shot dead. Obviously, he shouldn't have been sleeping drunk in a car Wendy's, shouldn't have resisted arrest, and shouldn't have run – but my question is why this needed to be escalated so far until somebody was dead? The Chief of Police has resigned, the shooting officer fired, and rioters torched the Wendy's to the ground. I can only hope that police power structures realize that unnecessary escalation will end their careers and white voters realize that unnecessary escalation will burn their cities.

It should be noted that the South was never "de-Confederized" in the way Germany was de-Nazified. There are no statues of Hitler or Heinrich Himmler in Germany but there are status of Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis all over the South. Many may not be aware, but the U.S. Capital has statues of Jefferson Davis and Alexander Stephens (President and Vice President of the Confederacy) because the states choose the artifacts to put in the Capital museum. We have many U.S. Military installations and ships named after Confederate Military leaders recent-"heroes." ly proposed renaming the assets and Donald Trump said he wouldn't consider it. I guess not shocking, but still wow...

The Confederacy is "history" in the way Nazi Germany is "history." It is to be learned about so that we don't repeat it, but it is not to be honored or memorialized in any way. Confederates were traitors to this country and fought against it to preserve slavery. It is 150 years overdue to de-Confederize this entire country and to see protestors doing it over the objections of the white power structure is pretty sweet.

It is right about time to turn our attention back to the COVID-19 pandemic - first emerged in Wuhan, China but mismanaged bigly in the United States. We now have 2,075,840 infections and 115,436 deaths - leading the

world by a "YUUGE" margin representing 26 percent of the world disaster when we only have 4.2 percent of the population. We are punching above our weight - Americans are six and a half times more likely to contract or die from COVID-19 compared to the world average...America First...

For weeks now, Brazil was out of control while infections were abating somewhat in the U.S. It looked like Brazil might take our #1 crown, but I knew America would defend her title. What we have seen is in the Northeast, you know the blue states, had an early inoculation and managed the pandemic as well as they could given that we are part of a larger country. New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, among others in the region, pushed the infection rate down 70-90 percent from the peak, while other states (ironically mostly former Confederate) were rising in a disturbing pattern. For those math geeks and former math teachers among us, it has been exponential growth occurring in those states for at least a month. Since Calculus isn't the forte of the Massachusetts rust belt, let me translate - the writing was on the wall, and anybody with a brain knew the south was about to spin out of control.

There is a pattern to COVID-19 infections - highest on Fridays and lowest on Sundays due to how/when things are processed. This Friday, we saw 5 percent more cases than the prior week, and Saturday, we saw higher infections than Friday which is new and odd. As it turns out most of the old Confederacy, including Arizona, is spinning out of control. We are seeing rising national infections but in reality, the epicenter is moving southwest. Florida has seen record high days of infections several days last week, each day a new record. North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Mississippi,

and Alabama are in the same boat. Arizona has announced it is quickly running out of hospital resources.

Some in the media have called this a "2nd wave," but that's incorrect. The first wave never ended. Most states were worse the day they "re-opened" than the day they "closed." The 1st wave has abated (but not gone away) in the Northeast, and we are seeing the 1st wave start affecting the south and the west in big numbers. The reality of exponential growth with a low initial condition is that it takes a while to get going. Louisiana had a spike due to Mardi Gras but the data didn't peak until April 7. Massachusetts started shutting down on March 13 but our cases didn't peak until April 20 and our policies took several weeks to bring us down to a new null. The Northeast has the 1st wave mostly in control (but not over) and the south and west are playing dumb as the 1st wave take hold.

This isn't complicated. This isn't hard. This is simple math.

New Zealand locked down after us, but took it seriously and locked down hard. They have eradicated the disease in their country. They had 1,504 cases and 22 deaths. They are now fully open with no social distancing. Their schools are fully operational, shopping malls, everything. As much as people whined in this country about the economy we are going to be plagued by this until at least 2022. Imagine if we could forget this like a bad dream, and live life normally like New Zealanders. Too bad we couldn't be so responsible. I am working remotely anyway so I had considered going to New Zealand temporarily to have a more normal life but no dice, they're not letting foreigners in right now.

> **OMAR HAR-YAROK** EAST BROOKFIELD

# Ghana's door is open

#### To the Editor:

First, I have to admit that, for once. I was wrong. My letter of last week challenged the sacred cow of the Black Lives Matter movement, and, more specifically, the "useful idiots' (Lenin's term for well-meaning fools who facilitate their own destruction) in this area mindlessly endorsing the agenda of those who will, ultimately, destroy not only the country but even those who thought they would be O.K. in the coming New America since they had once bothered to walk down a safe street holding a supportive sign. Oh, there was nothing wrong or incorrect about the letter, I just predicted to my buddies it was too "in your face," too "insensitive" to be printed. After all, 11

of my elegantly composed, meticulously researched, fun and fact-filled treatises have been spiked by the editors open our arms and invite all brothers and sisters home. We have arms wide open to welcome you home. You do not have to stay where you are not wanted. You have a choice and Africa is waiting for you.'

To which I say, "Hallelujah!! Amen, sister!" There can be no excuses now, the door is wide open, the light has been left on for any weary sojourners escaping the racist hell of America. Who will be first to take up the good Ghanian's magnanimous offer? Let's start with you, Kapernicke, you who despises this country, you with the 100 pairs of shoes, the six mansions, the stable full of pricey cars....isn't this something you and the rest of the millionaire ingrates of the NFL and NBA ought to consider? I'm sure Ghana would respect your celebrityhood and protect your wealth, plus you would finally be putting your money where your mouth is. Additionally, since the British once ruled it until the "George Washington of Ghana," Kwame Nkrumah, came along, English is the lingua franca of the land, so there'd be no having to learn an almost impossible African tongue at this stage of your life. I mean, think about it: a country with no statues of Confederate generals, no white privilege, no embarrassing crime statistics, no white cops--but plenty of black ones who will split your skull right down the middle the first time you call one of them a MF'er--none of the stuff that makes life so unbearable for you here in the U.S.A. I'm sure, Ms. Oteng Gyasi, if funding is a problem for these transatlantic flights, our man with the orange hair-who I know you would like--could simply order up a fleet of C5A Galaxies and put about five or six hundred on each one to help expedite the migration, gratis to you and to the fortunate emigres. The only thing, though, is that many

of us would not want to lose our black Americans who actually do quite well here, who are good citizens, sincere Christians who work hard, serve in our military, have strong families, and who are smart enough to know if you can't make it here in America, you can't make it anywhere. You may get stuck with the dead-enders, the whiners, the perpetually angry.....the takers and not the makers, but at least they'll be home. That's the important thing.

Could you, though, do us white folks in America a favor and take these white Antifa punks off our hands as well? I know you only called for African-Americans to come home, but please consider relieving us of these spoiled, entitled brats as a project to see if anything could help them to grow up and get their heads straightened out. These useless, white guilt-ridden, Commie losers see themselves as guerrilla fighters, as street warriors, but maybe they could be put to use as "community organizers" in Accra. You must need some of that type of "expertise." That's the only kind of "work" one of our former presidents ever did, and look where it got him. And don't worry, if they get out of line, a good horizontal butt stroke to the head will settle them down soon enough. I noticed this story because I once spent a year teaching in an innercity parochial school. The experience was a mixed bag of some good, some bad, but the kids I remember most fondly were three girls from Ghana. the epitome of what normal teachers value in a student: bright, hardworking, responsible, cheerful, enthusiastic about learning, and determined to do their absolute best. They left their cell phones in their lockers, smiled easily, could take a joke, and never searched to find some excuse--like their race--as a reason things didn't always go as well as they had hoped they would.

One of them, appropriately named Fatima (this was a Catholic school), was a superstar loved by everyone on the staff. Her father came in on Parents Night, and I was impressed to say the least. A handsome man in a neat suit, well-spoken, genuinely smiling and friendly...the real deal. After the pleasantries were exchanged, he came to the point: what could I and the rest of the teachers do to give her the best chance to excel? How could we get more work out of her? I knew then how it was she was such an impressive young lady. (Oops, can't use that term anymore. Sorry.) I later learned she was the recipient of a major scholarship at a prestigious university; I only hope all the efforts made by her parents and school were not undone by the "better" people on the faculty of that institution who probably sneered at the conservative and traditional ways in which she had been raised. So, Ghana, if your country produces such quality people as Fatima and her friends and their parents (who I think want only to be seen as "Americans" and not as "African-Americans") I say, please, take all the ones who hate where they live--the U.S.A.--and see what you can do for and with them. May they no longer have to suffer under the designation "African-American". Now they will be able to go to the end of their days as simply "Africans." You've made the offer, now it's entirely up to them.

over the past few years. Why stop now?

But there it was, mirabile dictu, printed in all its refulgent glory. That's the good news: the reincarnation in America of Mao's Red Guards or of Mussolini's Black Shirts hasn't as yet seized control of the offices of the New Leader. I'm certain the letter will be countered in this week's edition by the usual suspects--even the few having the guts to sign their own names--and the same tired old calumnies of "racist, white supremacist, bigot, fascist," etc. will be trotted out, the whole nine yards of leftie invective. Who cares? That's all they've got: no facts, no logic, no honesty...just junior high level name-calling. When that happens to you, you've won the argument, and everyone with a brain knows it.

Now, here's the even better news for everyone, B.L.M. and their Nancyboy Antifa thug pals included. The Minister of Tourism for Ghana, one Barbara Oteng Gyasi, has just sounded a clarion call to all disenchanted black people in America: "We continue to

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# Schools and childcare are essential

#### To the Editor:

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, I was fearful of the virus but also angry at where schools and childcare appeared to fall in the spectrum of "essential." Public health is important and economic security is important so it is up to our leaders to balance these goals. Unfortunately, it seems that our leaders are pulled around by a choke collar of the 'politics of the day' and

often ignore the goals they are elected to balance and manage.

As is usually the case, schools were closed with the drop of a hat. On March 13, schools had closed for the remainder of the school year while workplaces and private daycares were still open. This is not unlike snow days where the schools are often closed the night before based on a forecast of snow which often never comes to fruition.

This immediate school closing caused a crisis for working parents who had to scramble alternative care for elementary school children. Our leaders acted like schools aren't an essential cog in the economy when in fact they are. Private daycare for children aged one to four was closed the next week. It wasn't until a week after that we finally

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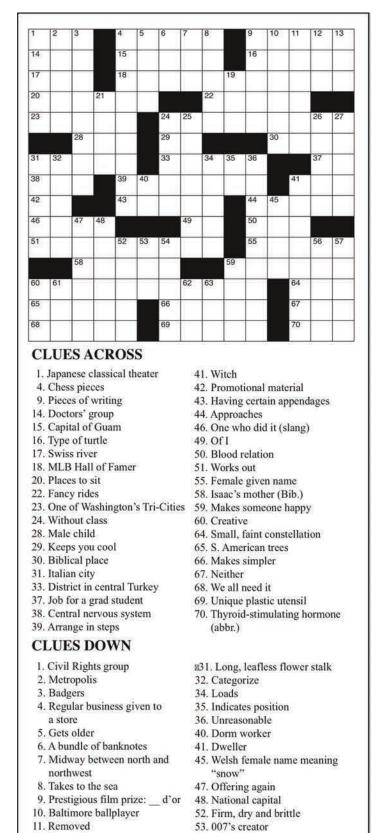
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Defund & abolish the police

To the Editor:

It warms my heart that in the last few weeks, I have read many letters in this publication and elsewhere that support the nationwide protests that erupted after George Floyd's murder. This area is predominantly white, but it is important to understand that all lives can't matter until black lives matter. All lives won't matter until white people in North Brookfield understand that black lives have been marginalized for 400 years in this country and black lives are still not equal. All lives won't matter until white people in all the Brookfields are so angry for



their fellow Americans as to join the march.

Those that protested in Worcester, North Brookfield, and elsewhere have had a lot of company, literally millions of people. We have seen protests of more than 100 participants in 750 cities across all 50 states. 200 cities imposed curfews and at 27 states plus D.C.. called up the National Guard. Protests have taken place in over 60 countries and on every continent except Antarctica. Every corner of the world is angry at our rotten police culture and Fascist politics that protect and enable it. We have seen protests from Baffin Island to Kazakhstan to New Zealand. U.S. embassies have been marched on in dozens of countries to send the message loud and clear, "Black Lives Matter."

In reference to the "All Lives Matter" crowd, perhaps the BLM movement should have been called "Black Lives Matter, too." We are specifically protesting state sponsored violence against black people. Any attempt to dilute, divert, and deflect is racist. Nobody is saying non-black lives don't matter, we are demanding black lives be valued like all others.

The anger is about much more than one unlucky guy who got killed. It is the small injustices that people of color receive on a regular basis. Being treated more harshly than white people at every corner - driving while black and records generated, receiving citations when a white person would get a warning, being arrested when a white person would be told to go home, harsh action justified by the fact that the computer has records of prior harsh treatment, etc. creates a snowballing effect. It is about getting roughed up. It is about evidence being planted. It is about police reports being falsified. It is about being held in "contempt of cop." It is about being sentenced more harshly than whites for the same crimes.

We shouldn't forget that the genesis of policing in the United States was literally slave patrols to bring runaway slaves back to their masters, and modern police departments flourished after the Civil War to keep Negroes in line. The Posse Comitatus Act passed in 1878 at the end of Reconstruction prohibited use of the military in enforcing domestic policies but the police departments sure look pretty militarized. They sure act like they are at war and the enemy is us.

The time for virtue signaling is over. The time for holding signs is over. The time for action is now. I call on our legislatures and town selectmen to defund and abolish the "po-po," as we know them.

Today, police do perform a necessary public safety function and that I propose we keep. I want to use the 1997 Spencer Police Department disbanding as the model where we relieve entire departments and start over. We can allow them to apply for a position as Public Safety Agent (PSA) for the newly created Department of Public Safety (DPS) if they choose. While DPS will take on many of the functions the po-po used to and the skillset of PSA's and police officers may overlap, the change is necessary.

Modern police departments don't look like civilian agencies, they look like militaries. They use military equipment, wear a military style uniforms with insignia, and use military ranks (Sergeant, Lieutenant, Corporal, Captain, Major, Colonel, etc). This has to end. We need to have Agents, Agents, Supervisors, Sr. Managers, Directors, etc. The ranks and titles need to sound like the civilians we want them to be. We need to scrap the uniforms, jackboots, and tactical gear. Public Safety Agents should be wearing khaki pants, sneakers, and a blue blazer with a prominently displayed photo ID, not a "badge" or a "shield."

Police cruisers need to be replaced with Public Safety vehicles. Instead of macho "Police Interceptors" we should have hybrids such as Priuses that at least look stock.

Traffic enforcement as we know it has to end. Speeding can be enforced more effectively, cheaply, and fairly with machines and a ticket in the mail. Other minor infractions should involve a video snapping the plate with a ticket in the mail – no side of the road judgement or justice. No unnecessary escalation.

We need to reexamine the myriad of laws that the entire population regularly breaks but currently the police selectively enforce on the few making them judge, jury, and hangman on our streets.

We need to automatically expunge and delete Public

Safety records when cases are closed so that a past accusation is not used as justification for action concerning a new accusation. All Public Safety interactions should be judged on the merit of that interaction alone.

We need body cams that run 100 percent of the shift and become public record so that both defendants and activist groups can access it. We need a civilian oversight board which can fire public safety agents over the objections of any union. We need a statutory duty to intervene when malfeasance of an agent is observed by another agent. We need a public safety license so that "bad agents" can't get jobs in new towns and moved around like the Catholic Church moves priests.

Public Safety Agents should have skillsets other than cracking skulls. Yes, some should be social workers. Yes, some should be substance abuse counselors. Yes, some should be mental health counselors. The agents should have a primary skill in addressing our varied social problems with special training for responding to emergencies.

The Department of Public Safety must not be a Police Department with a new name, but a fundamentally different agency focused on the public good. We need to reexamine the budgets as well as how selective enforcement impacts different groups and we need to never take our eyes off the ball of serving the citizens and improving our communities – not dominating over them.

Many current cops will not find this new public safety role acceptable. That's fine; we are better off without them. If it requires that we have to pay more to hire the right people then so be it.

It took 400 years from the first black slaves to get to this point. Black people have only been equal "on paper" for 50 years or so. Black people have learned not to trust white authority. It will take decades if not generations to repair the damage.

The time for virtue signaling is over. The time for holding signs is over. It is time to demilitarize our streets and stop treating Americans like we're the enemy. It is time to step onto the right side of history and join the movement to defund and abolish the po-po.

> TERRANCE WASHINGTON SPENCER

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effective leadership can quickly solve problems and provide assistance.

"I want to be the voice for those who want to be heard," said Duggan, who has lived in Cherry Valley for 34 years, in a previous interview. "I feel that

#### ASSUMPTION

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what truly matters in life, to mend relationships, and to take time to pray," he said.

"I am not going to say goodbye, but rather arrivederci, since it is my hope to see you in August," he said.

The ceremony was com-

there are many financial burdens on the horizon in town, and I want the people of Leicester to be at ease knowing that I will perform at the best of my abilities to make sure any and all purchases and actions are in the best interest of the town and its residents."

Duggan currently serves the Brookfield Police Department as

plemented by the playing of a newly composed hymn based, "Shelter Me," a prayer song in the time of COVID-19, by Jan Michael Joncas based on Psalm

23. After the conferral of undergraduate, continuing education, and graduate degrees, Adam Duval '20, William Goliger '20, Arianna Pereschino '20, and led by Brad Dumont, a part-time officer. He also owns and operates Duggan Vehicle Equipment in Cherry Valley, which specializes in emergency vehicle upfitting services.

"I want to thank the voters who came out and supported me," Duggan said. "I look forward to serving the town with the utmost transparency."

sang the Alma Mater, "Long Live the Blue and White," via video conference.



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# **Elect Greg Rosum for Treasurer/Collector**

#### To the Editor:

I am a candidate for Treasurer/ Collector in Spencer, and I am running against the incumbent. It is my belief that I am as qualified if not more so than who currently holds the position.

I have a degree in Accounting, and over 30 years of work experience, including 20 years in banking, from staff to supervisory. My skills include financial statement prep and reporting on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. I pride myself on my ability to find and resolve with account reconciliations, any variances that need to be disclosed. I have prepared on a continual basis, escrow payments to municipalities for taxes and insurance companies when they are due. I have also handled investments and borrowings from inception, interest calculations, and disposal. I work with subledgers including fixed assets, prepaids and accruals. These financial institutions have asset sizes from \$300 million to \$900 million.

My software knowledge includes Fiserv, PeopleSoft, Oracle, Fin/Ess among others.

I have also worked in municipalities, through third party contracts, in Treasurer/Collectors offices. While Spencer has a budgeted revenue \$20 million, the offices in which I was contracted had revenues of up to four times that amount. My responsibilities included

## **Generation** Z

revenue receipts processing, mostly mortgage tax, water & sewer, along with other revenue accounts. I helped in both the borrowing and investment processes from inception to disposal. I was given further responsibilities of reconciling revenue accounts to the general ledger, and bank accounts that the municipalites held and also oversaw

I have a working knowledge of Munis, which is a fully integrated software package used by many municipalities, and their departments to communicate seamlessly in their process.

My management style is team oriented, we succeed, and personally, I never ask someone to do a task that I would not do myself. My customer service philosophy is simple. Every customer is most important, and there is no such thing as a bad question. The Treasurer/Collector's office has to follow Massachusetts General Laws in its process, and to educate citizens of the Town of Spencer is very important in my estimation.

I must say here that I have no animosity toward the incumbent, but since it is an elected position, it is my belief that an incumbent should never run unopposed, especially when you believe that your skill sets and experience meet or exceed that of the incumbent.

On June 12, a letter written by Susan Lacaire listing the accomplishments of the incumbent (her protege), seemed to spin the accomplishments of the incumbent to be more than they actually are, in my opinion.

First, this is a full-time position, where 40 hours or more per week is to be expected, especially given the salary that the position pays. Yes, the Town Hall is open only 31.5 hours a week, but the work does not necessarily stop when the door closes. I have been in banking way too long not to realize this. This for me is not about the salary, it is about doing a better iob. doing what is best for the Town of Spencer, and its residents.

Second, in 2019, budgeted revenue was \$20 million, with over \$15 million of that amount to be generated by property taxes (real estate). A little more than 98 percent was collected, but that still left a shortfall. My question is, why? Considering that financial institutions collect and remit these amounts (known as escrow), and about 98 percent of homes have a mortgage, it is a simple process. Why isn't the shortfall being collected? This is a continuing problem from year to year, and though the shortfall can be usually covered by sales of assets, or revenue collections that were not budgeted. In fact, in 2019 without these items, the Town of Spencer would have had a shortfall exceeding \$500,000. It is my ability to read financial statements that allows me to come to this conclusion. Since we

are in the bottom third in taxes in the Commonwealth, every dollar counts.

The one thing that baffled me in the 2019 Town Report is how the Treasurer/ Collector's report of collections can't tie to the accounting reports. I found out that the reports run on a different year. The accounting reports run on a fiscal year (July-June), while the Treasurer/ Collector's report runs on a calendar vear. Again, my question is, why?

The Town of Spencer also elects our Treasurer/Collector, while over 90 percent of towns appoint theirs. An election can get you the most popular, but possibly not the most qualified. An appointment usually gets you most qualified, but sometimes that misses as well. It is my belief that I am the most qualified.

I thank you for your time, and on June 23 from noon until 7 p.m., please visit Town Hall and cast your vote. I hope that I have shown that I am the right person for the job. Again, and I must re-iterate that I have no personal animosity toward the incumbent, but since the Town of Spencer elects this position, I choose to run, and I have the right to run. I hope that you will consider my candidacy as viable.

> GREG ROSUM SPENCER

#### To the Editor:

Our youngest named generation, "Generation Z," those born roughly from 1997-2010, have been out en masse protesting and are saying, in effect, "We are not going to take this anymore. Things have to change.'

Gen Z have grown up in a very different world than all of us reading print media. When older people are asked if the people around you are trustworthy they generally answer in the affirmative. When young people are asked the same question, they say no most are selfish and only out for themselves. They feel this way because they have been raised in a society that did not earn their trust. They've seen the failures of "The War on Terror" since they were young children, they saw the financial crisis, their parents becoming unemployed, they've seen continued racism despite video evidence, they've seen ignoring of climate change despite overwhelming evidence, and they've seen the emergence of Donald Trump and all he represents.

Generation Z is the least white generation in American history. They have a sense of alienation and delusion with society at large. They are protesting digitally and out on the streets because the America they have grown up observing isn't working for them.

One thing that is worrying about their movement is their distaste for hierarchy and organization of authority and this can be seen in the Capital Hill neighborhood of Seattle where the police abandoned the area. The symbolism is great and the protests in the "autonomous zone" have been largely peaceful, but they can't have permanent and institutional change unless they are either willing to reform existing institutions or build new ones. A large complex society requires institutions and any attempt to not have them will end in somebody else building them to their liking.

Our young people have a sense of

urgency. They have an impatience for justice. We should all be encouraged, inspired, and proud of our young people.

Cell phone cameras and livestreaming have caused the ground to shift under America. A few years ago most people did not support "Black Lives Matter." Today by a margin of 29 percentage points people say yes. Today people fear police violence more than looting by a 2-1 margin. We are finally seeing dramatic shifts in public opinion over the issue of the African American experience.

> DAVID ROSENBERG SPENCER



# **OBITUARIES**

# Ellinor E. Allen, 78

NORTH BROOKFIELD: Ellinor E. (Klose) Allen, 78, of Birch Hill Road died Wednesday, June 10 in her home surrounded by her loving family after a long battle with leukemia.



She leaves her husband and best friend of 57 years, Kenneth S. Allen, a son James K. Allen and his wife Shelly of North Brookfield, a daughter Gayle M. Hurlbutt and her husband Ted of Stanley, New

York, a sister Marion Mueller and her husband Christian of Redding, CT, 8 grandchildren; Brian, Joshua, Kaleigh, Hannah, Mackenzie, Ashley, Allison & Angela, a great granddaughter Zoey and several nieces and nephews.

Ellinor was born in Wriezen, Germany, daughter of Werner J. and Erna (Jammermann) Klose. She was

a registered nurse at David Prouty High School in Spencer for many years, then worked at the Fallon Clinic before retiring. She was a member of the Holden Chapel, the Cornerstone Quilters Guild and the Monday Club at the Spencer Congregational Church. She loved quilting, knitting, sewing and her fabric collection. She was an award winning quilter and a long time volunteer at Old Sturbridge Village.

Funeral services and burial in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton are private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Holden Chapel, 279 Reservoir Street, Holden, MA 01520 or to the VNA Care Hospice, 120 Thomas Street, Worcester, MA 01608. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing funeral arrangements.

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# Betty J Morse, 84

SPENCER- Betty J Morse, 84, of Spencer passed away after a brief illness on June 8, 2020.



Betty is predeceased by her husband Edwin Morse Sr. and her son Wayne Harvey. She leaves her daugh-ters Wanda Roy of North Shelley Obuchowski & husband Ronald of

Brookfield, Charlton and Marcia

Cote of Worcester; sisters Ann Lima of Hubbardston and Brenda MacDonald of Spencer; 9 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was

also predeceased by her siblings Donald Wright of New York, Gordon Wright of Sterling, Mary

Wronski of Sterling and Robert Wright

of Canada.

Betty was born and grew up in Upper Woodstock. New Brunswick. Canada the daughter of Burton D Wright and Isabel J Strait and later moved to Massachusetts. Recently residing in Holden Ma. Betty raised four children as a stay at home mom. Later she worked at Harrington Hospital as a Home Health Aide.

Betty enjoyed shopping, being outside and going to the beach. She also had many dogs over the years that she adored. Everyone that met Betty loved her sense of humor, kind heart and energy. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and will be missed tremendously.

graveside service for Betty Α will be private for the family in Evergreen Cemetery, East Brookfield. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer.

# Robert J. Surprenant, 79

SOUTHBRIDGE- Robert J. "Bob' Surprenant, 79, passed away on Saturday, June 13th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after a period of declining health.



wife, Carol His (Hodgerny) Surprenant, passed away in 2003. He leaves his three children, his daughter, Lisa L. Tucker and her husband Patrick of Southbridge and his twin sons, Robert

#### Surprenant.

worked for Millbrook Bob Distributors in Leicester for over 20 years, retiring many years ago. After retiring he worked maintenance at the Christmas Tree Shop in Shrewsbury. Bob was a friend of Bill W. and had over 30 years of sobriety when he passed.

Bob's family would like to say a special thank you to the compassionate and caring Nurses and CNAs of Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center including his granddaughter, Jennifer Susan. She was his healthcare proxy and always advocated for her Pepere and made sure she "got his drink", "hung his coloring picture" and spent some time with him when her shift was through for the day.

# Lawrence 'Larry' Mullaney, 87

Lawrence 'Larry' Mullaney, 87, of Worcester, passed away Tuesday, May 12th and was reunited with the love of his life, his wife, Patricia Garrity-

Mullaney. He is survived by his brother and best friend, Rev. Fr. Antony 'Tony' Mullaney, of Harrington, ME; Nine nieces and nephews, who are deeply honored to call him 'Uncle Larry',

Warren Snow and his wife Sandra and Gregory Snow and his wife Debra and Rosemarie Sargent and her husband David all of Spencer, Tina Cristy and her husband Gordon and

Donna Godfrey and her husband Robert both of Worcester, David Snow and his wife Nancy of Auburn, Joanne Snow of Worcester, James Snow and his wife Justine and Ann-Marie Tsetsos and her husband James both of Worcester; Loving grand-nieces and grand-nephews and great-grand nieces and greatgrand nephews; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, especially, Kate and Tom Sheehan of Dedham; dear cousins; treasured friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Garrity

and his sister, Alice Snow. Larry was born in Boston, the son of Patrick and Mary (Flynn) Mullaney, and lived in Jamaica Plain. After his father's death, his mother moved the family to Worcester. Larry graduated from St. Peter's High School with the dream to attend Boston College. He fulfilled that dream by hitchhiking from Worcester to Boston every day and graduated from his beloved Boston College in 1954. Next, Larry enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany. Upon his return home, Larry attended graduate school at Clark University. After graduating from Clark in 1959, he began his career as a history teacher at David Prouty High School in Spencer. Over the next 36 years, Larry enjoyed every minute with his students and many of these students later became his friends. Larry will be forever remembered for his big heart, his sense of humor and his love of Boston College. With grateful hearts, Larry's family thanks everyone at Tatnuck Park and Brookhaven Hospice for providing excellent care while treating Larry with love, kindness and respect. His family will gather for a private funeral service on Wednesday May 20, 2020. Donations may be made to the Worcester County Food Bank, 474 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

## David I. Levine, 79

LEICESTER- David I. Levine, 79, of Swampscott, MA and most recently Leicester, MA, died on Wednesday, June 10 of long term health issues complicated by Covid-19.

He leaves behind

3 children, 3 step

children, 5 grandchil-

dren, 7 step grand-

children and 1 step

great grandchild-all

his partner of many

years and

Pamela Pearson,



of whom filled him with pride and love.

# Michael R. Kelley, 65

wife

SPENCER- Michael R. Kelley, 65, passed away June 10, 2020 at UMass/ Memorial Hospital, University Campus in Worcester.

He leaves 2 daughters, Jessica L. Kelley of Charlton and Melissa M. Kelley of Holland, 2 grandchildren, Cameron and Caleb Kelley, and a sister, Linda Patano of New Mexico.

Michael was born in Waltham, January 20, 1955 son of the late Walter R. and Germaine (Poirier) Kelley and

David earned multiple degrees from Boston College, Cornell, Georgetown and Harvard Business School. His work took him all over the world and his captivating storytelling will be missed.

Services will be private at a later date. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrangements.

Memorial donations can be made to The Odd Fellows Home of Worcester, 104 Randolph Rd., Worcester, MA. 01606 for their dedicated care, endless patience and kindness.

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He was a self-employed mechanic for many years and was very mechanically savy. He enjoyed fishing and his motorcycle, but especially enjoyed being with his grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

The ROBERT J. MILLER CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave an on-line condolence,

G. Surprenant and his wife Brenda of Woonsocket, RI and Scott A. Surprenant and his wife Deborah of Southbridge; his two stepsons, Ronald Davies and his wife Vickie of Brookfield and Donald Davies and his wife Dale of Spencer; his two brothers, Raymond J. Surprenant of Utica, NY and George E. Surprenant of Camanche, IA; 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his former wife, friend and mother to his children, Susan A. (LaFleche) Langevin, and his sister, Theresa A. Papineau. Bob was born in Spencer on May 19, 1941 the son of the late Eugene J. and Marie Ann (Poitras)

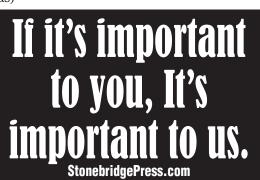
Bob's funeral service and burial in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton, will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Lisa Tucker, c/o Cornerstone Bank, 284 Worcester St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com





graduated from Waltham High School.

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# Ann O'Neil, 92

Ann (Doyle) O'Neil passed away on June 7, 2020 at the age of 92. She passed away quietly of natural causes. Ann was born on Feb 24, 1928 to John and Helen (Sullivan) Doyle. She was proceeded in death by her husband of 21 years, Peter William O'Neil, and her siblings Noreen (Doyle) Murphy, and Paul Doyle. She is sur-



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Ma, Kathy (Larson), husband Kevin of Springfield, Colorado, and Kevin, wife Tami of Santa Rosa, California, grandchildren, Kyleigh, Bailey,

Neil, Tim, and Grace, and great granddaughter Keylee.

Ann grew up in Norwich Connecticut and graduated from the Academy of the Holy Family in Baltic, Connecticut in 1946.

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Being a devout Catholic, Ann's faith played a prominent role in her life. She never missed a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation and frequently called her daughter on Sunday afternoons to discuss the sermon, which was her way of checking to see if her daughter actually attended Mass.

She loved dancing and was also an avid sports Fan. She was always the loudest in the room cheering on her beloved UConn woman's basketball team, the Bruins, the Patriots and the Red Sox!!

She was widowed at the age of 43 and went from being a stay-at-home mom to an independent, working mom, in a time when working women were not the norm.

Ann worked in the Social Security office and US Bankruptcy Court in Worcester, MA from which she retired in 1994. After retirement, Ann moved to Groton Connecticut. She lived in Groton until her health required her to move into assisted living at Christopher Heights and then the Christopher House Nursing Home in Worcester, MA.

Ann loved to travel and took several cruises with her friends until she became a grandmother and then spent most of her travel time visiting grandchildren. Her favorite role was being Nana. Nana loved when "the kids", her children, spouses, nieces, nephews and grandchildren, came to visit and everyone spent time together at Lake Lashaway.

Ann's last few years were spent in the haze of dementia but despite the challenges presented by the illness she continued to be the strong woman we all knew and loved. The family would like to thank all of the companions, nurses, and staff at Christopher Heights and Christopher House for their patience and dedicated service to Ann throughout the years she spent with them. It is truly appreciated.

Rest in peace Ann, Mom, Nana, Aunt Ann. We will miss you.

A private catholic mass and funeral will be held in Norwich, Ct. on June 23

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Alzheimer's Association.

# POLICE LOGS

# Spencer Police Logs

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

12:07 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:17 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:20 a.m.: warrant service (Maple Street), Christina A. Erb, 34, 40 Maple Street, Spencer, warrant X 2, arrest; 2:38 a.m.: suspicious mv (Greenville Street), investigated; 9:02 a.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), info taken; 2:47 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), intoxication/panhandling; 2:53 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:28 a.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), info taken; 4:00 p.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), info taken; 4:11 p.m.: 911 call (Irving Street), accidental; 4:59 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Streeet), nest of skunks; 6:33 p.m.: elderly matters (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:51 p.m.: juvenile matter (Thompson Pond Road), kids jumping off bridge; 7:53 p.m.: medical/ general (Crown Street); 8:30 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:45 p.m.: suspicious mv (Lake Street), investigated.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

12:50-1:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:12 a.m.: suspicious my (Greenville Street), investigated; 8:47 a.m.: fraud (Sherwood Drive), rep. unemployment fraud; 9:16 a.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 9:39 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 10:22 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:51 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 10:51 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info request; 11:10 a.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), misdial; 11:49 a.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), lumber in road; 11:55 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 12:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), rep. of threats; 12:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), ispoken to; 12:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Sunset Lane), immediate threat; 12:51 p.m.: suspicious mv (Sherman Grove), investigated; 1:05 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:10 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 1:45 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Smithville Road); 1:56 p.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 2:04 p.m.: accident (Crestview Drive), report taken; 3:09 p.m.: fraud (Temple Street), fraudulent unemployment claim; 3:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Wire Village Road), loose dog; 3:43 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 4:03 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), neighbor dispute; 4:07 p.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), arson threat; 4:30 p.m.: medical/ general (Mechanic Street); 4:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Ethier Drive), snake in house; 4:52 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 5:30 p.m.: mv complaint (North Brookfield Road), speeding; 5:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), front door broken; 6:31 p.m.; officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 6:39 p.m.: suspiciou persons (Wilson Street), investigated; 7:26 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:15 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 9:30 p.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 9:52 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:07

mailbox struck by mv; 10:09 p.m.: disturbance (Ash Street), confrontation; 10:39 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), no trespass inquiry.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

5:16 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 6:00 a.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 6:24 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road): 6:36 a.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 7:28 a.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), exit blocked; 9:02 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 10:00 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:27 a.m.; larceny (West Main Street), theft from mv; 10:46 a.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), fraudulent unemployment claim; 10:54 a.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), chipmunk in house: 11:23 a.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), info taken; 1:05 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), exit blocked; 1:39 p.m.: 911 call (Shore Drive), open line; 2:17 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); between 2:44-3:03 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 3:17 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), mv towed; 3:43 p.m.: fraud (Brown Street), unemployment scam; 4:58 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/6 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:08 p.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), neighbor dispute; 5:38 p.m.: assault (West Main Street), report taken; 6:19 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 6:39 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), water issue; 7:00 p.m.: 911 call (Crown Street), elderly male calling; 7:22 p.m.: missing person/adult (Briarcliff Lance), mother missing; 10:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Borkum Road), animal bite; 10:23 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:50 p.m. lost/found (Grove Street), wallet found; 11:32 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), noise complaint.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

12:01 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), State Police bolo; 12:15-2:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:28 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 4:30 a.m.: suspicious mv (Greenville Street), info taken; 8:28 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:50 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 9:01 a.m.; commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:15 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:44 a.m.; 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 11:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), branches on wires; 12:03 p.m.: mv stop (Chestnut Street); 12:31 p.m.: building checked (Browning Pond Circle), spoken to; 1:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Langevin Street), loose dog; 2:38 p.m.: officer wnated (Pleasant Street), tree on wires/road blocked; 2:41 p.m.: DPW call (Briarcliff Lane); tree/wires down, fire in woods; 2:43 p.m: fire (Northwest Road), servies rendered; 3:01 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), item found; 3:06 p.m.: DPW call (Wilson Street), low-hanging wire; 3:10 p.m.: lost/ found (Main Street), wallet found; 3:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Jolicoeur Avenue), tree in road; 3:15 p.m.: DPW call (Cooney Road), tree in road; 3:30 p.m.: DPW call (Cranberry Meadow Road), tree in road; 3:36 p.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), catch basin blocked; 3:46 p.m.; DPW call (Gauthier Road), tree in road; 3:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Tom Casey Road), tree across road; 3:52 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), cars blocking road; 3:52 p.m.: DPW call (Dufault Road), tree blocking road; 4:00 p.m.: officer wanted

(West Main Street), assist Leicester PD; 4:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), paint spilled in road; 5:14 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), TT blocking road; 5:23 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), speeding; 5:25 p.m.: 911 call (Northwest Road), multiple calls; 6:12 p.m.: officer wnated (Hastings Road) landlord/tenant issue; 6:37 p.m.: 911 call (Lake Avenue), accidental; 6:51 p.m.: RV complaint (Clark Road), ATV on road; 7:06 p.m.: larceny (Wall Street), rep. of theft; 7:23 p.m.: DPW call (Pleasant Street), boulders in road; 7:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), riding lawn mower in road; 8:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 8:37 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:55 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:56 p.m.: DPW call (Elm Street), street light out; 9:59 p.m.: medical/ general (Grove Street); 10:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Town House Court), spokent to; 11:50 p.m.: mv stop (Wire Village Road);

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

12:12 a.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), moving turtle; 12:28 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:35 a.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 12:42 a.m.: odor of gas (Bixby Road), investigated; 1:16-1:20 a.m.: buidling checked, secure; 1:28 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:50 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 6:16 a.m.: medical/general (Brown Street); 6:50 a.m.: DPW call (Lake Avenue), no electric service; 7:06 a.m.: 911 call (Lyford Cross Road), accidental; 9:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Howe Road), spoken to; 10:12 a.m.: officer wanted (Cranberry Lane), spoken to; 10:34 a.m.: illegal dumping (South Spencer Road), grill dumped; 10:37 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 10:43 a.m.; fire alarm (McDonald Street), services rendered; 10:58 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 11:05 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 11:18 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Terkanian Drive), sick porcupine; 11:33 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 1:14 p.m.: fire (Main Street), services rendered; 1:48 p.m.: disabled mv (Route 49), assisted; 2:00 p.m.: disturbance (Ash Street), m/f dispute; 3:00 p.m.: 911 call (Debbie Drive), open line; 3:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), info taken; 4:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), spoken to; 4:21 p.m.: mv complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), speeding; 4:30 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 4:42 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 4:45 p.m.: officer wanted (South Street), locked out of phone; 5:05 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 5:15 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), info taken; 5:22 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 5:28 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), speeding; 5:48 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 6:29 p.m.: animal complaint (Kingsbury Road), loose cow; 7:32 p.m.: disturbance (Donnelly Cross Road), noise complaint; 7:52 p.m.: juvenile matter (Church Street), custody issue; 8:07 p.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:35 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:47 p.m.: disabled mv (Route 49), assisted; 9:51 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:41 p.m.: 911 call (South Spencer Road), misdial.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

12:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:12 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 12:42-12:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:16 a.m.:

checked, secure; 1:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:49-2:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:16 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:25 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 7:59 a.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 8:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Woodside Road), turtle eggs; 9:07 a.m.: fire alarm (Linden Street), services rendered; 10:24 a.m.: medical/general (Cranberry Meadow Road); 10:49 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), issues w/ local business; 11:03 a.m.: 911 cal (West Man Street), Harrington CT down; 11:28 a.m.: sex offener registration (West Main Street), assisted; 11:49 a.m.: DPW call (Old East Charlton Road), tree down; 11:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Borkum Road), aggressive dog; 12:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), locked in park; 12:58 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:38 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 1:56 p.m.: lost/found (Route 49), wallet found; 2:32 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 2:38 p.m.: disturbance (Kingsbury Road), neighbor dispute; 2:53 p.m.: medical/general (Gauther Road); 3:03 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:27 p.m.: elderly matter (Wst Main Street), spoken to; 4:41 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), fraudulent unemployment claim; 4:51 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 5:09 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 5:36 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:06 p.m.: disturbance (McCormick Road), dispute; 6:20 p.m.: lost/found (South Spencer Road); 7:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 7:55 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (East Charlton Road), no contact; 8:25-8:27 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:03 p.m.: animal complaint (North Brookfield Roard), kitten found; 9:14 p.m.: mv lockout (McDonald Street), assisted; 9:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (McCormick Road), investigated; 10:04 p.m.: suspicious mv (Smithville Road), investigated; 10:59 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

12:02-12:23 a.m.: buildngs checked, secure; 12:27 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 12:31 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:01-1:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:12 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 1:19 a.m.: elderly matters (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 2:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:34 p.m.: medical/ general (Bixby Road); 6:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:30 a.m.: officer wanted (Wst Main Street), re: protest; 8:48 a.m.; fraud (East Charlton Road), fraudulent unemployment claim; 9:09 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:27 a.m.: suspicious mv (Northwest Road), info taken; 9:54 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Browning Pond Road), accidental; 11:24 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 12:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Sherwood Drive), spoken to; 12:19 p.m.: elderly matter (Crown Street), spoken to; 1:44 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:54 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), catalytic converter stolen; 2:21 p.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), unwanted party; 2:23 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:44 p.m.: 911 call (Valley Street), accidental; 2:52 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 2:54 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), wires down/

mv stop (Main Street); 1:22 a.m.: building

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had our stay-at-home order (respected by some, violated by many).

During times of danger and crisis, of course the government needs to shut things down. What disturbs me is the way it fell like dominos moving in slow motion and the relative importance they gave each thing.

Why did it take nearly two weeks to go from closing schools due to pandemic to closing insurance offices? Are insurance offices, nail salons, and yarn stores more essential than educating our children? Is sticky paper manufacturing more essential than providing childcare for the workers of the sticky paper manufacturing facility? Eventually all non-essential work did shut down, but in my opinion education and childcare are the most important of the non-essential activities and should have been the last to shut down, not the first

Gov. Baker created a crisis pretty quickly with the essential workers who had no childcare and it took several weeks to set up the "emergency childcare" system. How did he not see this coming? Why do people not realize shutting schools down creates crisis for families until nurses were calling out for weeks on end during a pandemic? It is sad that he seemed genuinely surprised by the crisis he created.

As we "re-open" our economy, childcare is taking a back seat. The regulations are so stringent that most summer camps are not re-opening this summer due to staff ratios, sanitation requirements, social distancing, etc. The economy can't recover until parents can work again.

I have read the CDC reopening guidelines for the fall  $-\frac{1}{2}$  the kids per class, no intermixing of student groups, social distancing, masks, etc. I have read some school districts' plans and it comes down to half the kids in school every other day, distance learning every other day, masks on everyone over the age of two, no recess, lunch at their desks, etc., etc. These plans will lead to half the educational content, none of the socialization the kids need, and a swiss cheese childcare situation for families.

Frankly, it is not viable. Where and

how are parents going to get childcare that will cattle prod the kids to "distance learn" for the other half of the days? How will educational disparities emerge when some families can provide good support for the off-days and other kids are left at home to fend for themselves?

Teachers have complained for years that "we are not babysitters" when parents would complain about snow days, professional development days, early releases, summer care while our expensive facilities are mothballed, etc. I argue forcefully that teachers have a dual role - educators and childcare despite their objections.

Low and behold, teachers are now speaking out against the every other day school proposal because they are parents too. Teachers will need to be at work every day but if their kids are in school every other day they have a childcare crisis on their hands... Welcome to our world! Apparently school serves as childcare for teachers' children and other teachers are babysitters for teachers children...what do you know...

It is time that we treat education and childcare as the nearly essential service it is. For the pandemic we need to run the schools in shifts and hire armies of paraprofessionals to keep the wheels turning – there is no sense in using a building six hours a day when there are 24.

After the pandemic passes, we need to keep our foot on the gas. No more closing for snow days unless it is a state of emergency and private businesses are also closed - perhaps we could make snow days optional activity days so that parents can elect to keep the kids home or use the childcare. No more early releases or professional development days without the school securing backup babysitters and activities for the children in the buildings we already have. No more closing for 2 months in the summer and mothballing facilities creating an annual childcare crisis for millions. Schools should all be open for childcare until at least 6pm. Perhaps we could even look to countries that have better test scores than us and lengthen our school year?

Teachers are educational babysitters whether they like it or not. Proposing they work five days a week while their kids are home two or three days a week may finally have made them realize this dual mission.

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#### POLICE

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Route 49; 3:23 p.m.: mv lockout (Howe Road), assisted; 3:25 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued: 3:44 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 4:03 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 4:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Cottage Street), spoken to; 5:28 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), report taken; 5:40 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), shoplifting; 5:51 p.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:11 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 8:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:27 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:38 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), m/f dispute; 8:55 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Street); 9:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), barking/howling dog; 9:34 p.m.: buiing checked, secure; 11:30 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), info taken; 11:36 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5

12:26 a.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 8:01 a.m.: fraud (Henshaw Street), report taken; 11:30 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 12:31 p.m.: fraud (Main Street), report taken; 2:03 p.m.: trespassing (Rawson Street), spoken to; 5:24 p.m.: noise complaint (Towtaid Street), unfounded; 5:46 p.m.: assist other PD (West Main Street, Spencer), unable to locate; 8:56 p.m.: harassment (Woodland Road), spoken to; 10:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:36 p.m.: suspicious mv (Waite Street), spoken to.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

12:48 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 8:24 a.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 9:36 a.m.: disturbance (Water Street), unfounded; 11:30 a.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 1:19 p.m.: suspicious (Collier Avenue), unfounded; 1:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Soojians Drive), investigated; 3:21 p.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), unfounded; 3:29 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 4:19 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), unable to locate; 4:43 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), transported to hospital.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

7:56 a.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 11:19 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:35 p.m.: ambulance (Watch Street), transported; 2:06 p.m.: erratic operation (Auburn Street), gone on arrival; 3:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Hyland Avenue), no action required; 5:03 p.m.: family problem (Rawson Street), restraining order served; 7:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), unable to locate; 9:28 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), unable to locate.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

9:47 a.m.: fraud (Pine Street), report taken; 3:31 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 7:20 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9** 

10:20 a.m.: welfare check (Towtaid Street), assisted party; 1:41 p.m.: assist citizen (Washburn Square); 5:52 p.m.: family problem (Crestwood Road), report taken; 6:17 p.m.: lockout (Pleasant Street). assisted; 6:38 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:11 p.m.: disturbance (Bottomly Avenue), no action required; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:24 p.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

12:40 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 2:03 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), report taken; 7:56 a.m.: debris in road (location not noted on police log), referred; 9:05 a.m.: investigation (Collier Avenue), services rendered; 9:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:18 a.m.: ambulance (River Street), transported; 10:48 a.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 11:41 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 12:30 p.m.: restraining order service (Lexington Avenue), services rendered; 12:45 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 12:49 p.m.: funeral assistance (Main Street), services rendered; 1:27 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 2:34 p.m.: restraining order service (Boyd Street), no service; 2:39 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), trans-

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# Endicott College announces local Dean's List student

BEVERLY—Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Spring 2020 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

North Valencourt of Jordyn Brookfield, is among those named to the Dean's List at Endicott College for the Spring 2020 semester. Valencourt is majoring in Photography and is the daughter of Rebecca Valencourt and Joseph Valencourt.

#### MONETTE

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these grants."

Monette has also supported many positive community projects over the last three years. These include the installation of the Brian Sweeney Memorial Park and the town's Police Monument (Monette volunteered to perform the excavation and installment of pavers for both sites).

Also a member of the town's Economic Development Committee, Monette worked with officials to facilitate the sale of the historic Sugden Block building to Mexicali Grill, which has already taken several strides toward improving the building. Moreover, Monette and his colleagues oversaw the lease of the former Lake Street School property; the solar array project on South Spencer Road; and the downtown revitalization project on Route 9.

Additionally, Monette has promoted several volunteer projects that improved the community. These include local craft fairs and the August 2019 street party; the floral baskets donated by Bemis Nursery; and the reinstatement of the town Christmas tree lighting ceremony in December 2019. For the latter ceremony, Monette contributed the Christmas tree and coordinated the involvement of the DPHS band and choir.

Looking toward 2021 and beyond, Monette and his colleagues are prepared for a number of challenges as the town emerges from the COVID-19 crisis. He emphasizes the need for strong, experienced leadership to steer residents and business owners through adversity. He also agrees with the leaders of surrounding communities that supporting local businesses must be an immediate priority in these dire circumstances.

"The next three years will prove to be a great challenge," Monette said. "We need to support our local small businesses as much as possible as they strive to recoup from the pandemic

closures."

Monette also stresses the need for town leaders to be heavily involved in all corners of the community.

"I attend Finance Committee meetings, and they do a wonderful job keeping the funds allocated," Monette added. "Under the leadership of Town Administrator Tom Gregory, we have great department heads which are loyal to the town of Spencer, and I know things will improve in time. We are so lucky to have these people in place."

If re-elected, Monette pledges to continue staying active through several roles in support of all constituents and organizations.

'My belief is that every individual should serve their community in some form," Monette told voters. "I choose to run for the office of Selectman. I ask for your support and would appreciate your vote.'

The election will be held on Tuesday, June 23.



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Aiden Age 9

### and dogs!

Aiden is an energetic and sweet boy of Caucasian descent who loves to laugh. He is very active and likes to be outside. play sports, and run and climb. When he is inside, he enjoys playing with cars and trucks, building with Legos, and collecting Pokémon cards. He also likes to have books read to him before he goes to bed. Aiden is a big sports fan, and when he grows up, he would like to be Tom Brady. If that doesn't work out, Aiden says that he would like to be a fireman. Aiden plays well with others, as well as on his own.

He does well in school and gets along with his teachers and peers. He receives speech services, as well as emotional and behavioral supports to help him stay focused in class.

Legally freed for adoption, Aiden is searching for a family of any constellation with either no children in the home or with children who are older than he is. An ideal family will be able to provide Aiden with individualized attention, consistency, and structure. A family must be open to Aiden visiting with his birth mother twice a year in Massachusetts. Aiden also has an older sister who he is very attached to, and he will need to keep in contact with her.

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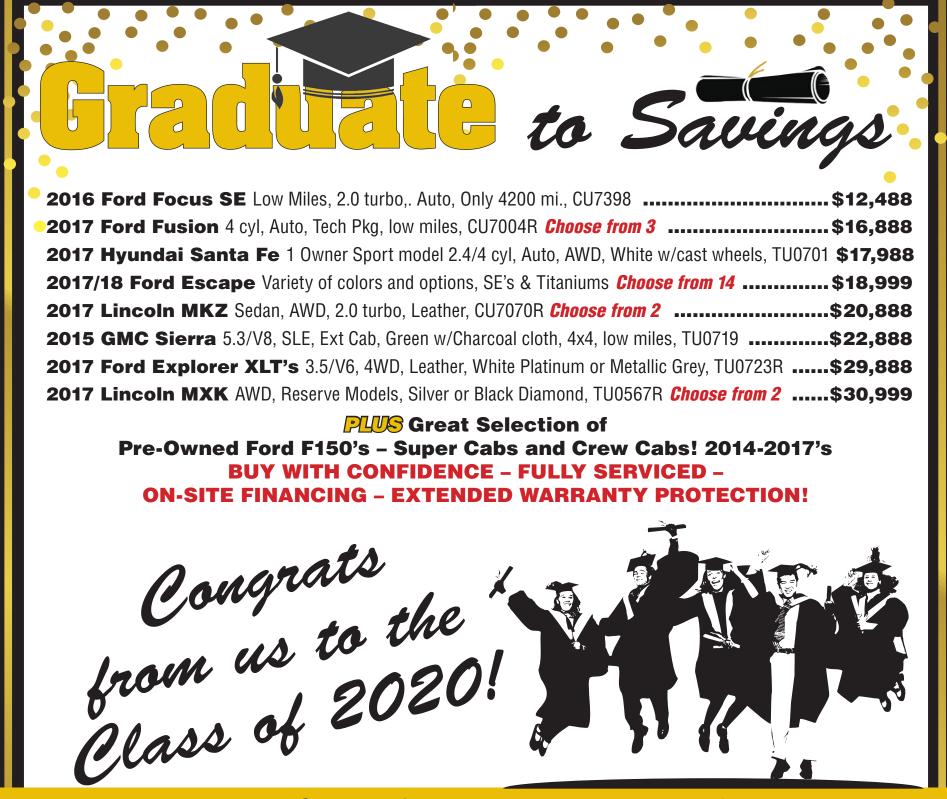




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