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Berthiaume cruises to re-election



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State Rep. Donald Berthiaume, of Spencer, cruised to reelection last week.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION – In one of the less dramatic Election Day races, State Rep. Donald Berthiaume thwarted a challenge from political newcomer Samuel Biagetti.

Berthiaume (R-Spencer) won every town in the Fifth Worcester District on Nov. 3, cruising to a 62-38 victory. Berthiaume once again enjoyed strong support in his hometown of Spencer, collecting 3,115 votes (65 percent).

Moving forward, Berthiaume will be focused on the COVID-19 recovery process and providing continued support for local businesses.

"I could never express the amount of gratitude that I have for everyone who came out to vote on Election Day," Berthiaume said. "This job has been an incredible learning experience for me, and it's all thanks to those who have helped and supported me over my time in the legislature."

Since March, Berthiaume has supported a

wide range of bills to assist families, municipalities, and small businesses during the pandemic. In addition to backing expanded mail-in voting and other options to allow residents to safely vote, Berthiaume also supported the Restaurant Relief Act, which would cap third-party delivery fees and give businesses additional time to submit their meals tax payments without being subjected to penalties or interest.

Biagetti, a Democrat who lives in North Brookfield, knew he would face an uphill battle against a strong incumbent in a Republican-favoring district. But trying to reach voters and build name recognition amid a pandemic added to the already steep climb.

Despite the many adversities, Biagetti was proud of his campaign and supporters for not backing down from challenges.

"I am proud to have stepped forward this year and, with the help of so many volunteers and civic organizations, put forward a

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Camp Marshall offers families a safe but fun Halloween



SPENCER – Families from throughout the area enjoyed a fun, safe Halloween experience thanks to the dedication of the Camp Marshall family.

On Oct. 30 & 31, the camp held a packed schedule of events, including fright walks for all ages, a trunk-or-treat celebration, and spooky tours of the campground, among others.

For the Camp Marshall staff and volunteers, it meant a lot to help salvage Halloween for local families. Many towns decided to cancel celebratory programs due to a regional spike in COVID-19 cases, but the Camp Marshall team allowed youngsters to safely show off their costumes and collect candy.

"We are committed to finding ways in which we can serve the community and restore as much of a sense of normalcy as possible to the youth, in particular," said Camp Marshall Executive Director Sheryl Moore, in an interview ahead of the two-day Halloween celebration.

With help from more than 40 volunteers, the camp provided plenty of thrills and chills during the fright walk tours. The entire camp community came together to prepare a "spook"-tacular experience for families.

"Many of the volunteers are counselors from this and past summers here at camp," Moore added. "They are very excited to provide yet another experience for the youth in our community. They are such an incredible and dedicated group."

Families and kids enjoyed the two-day event, as well as a few four-legged friends. Even Santa Claus dropped by to say hello.

For more information about programs at the camp, or to register for an event, visit www.CampMarshall.net. You can also check out the camp's social media pages.

Gobi retains Senate seat

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION – Republican challenger Steven Hall exceeded his election performance from 2018 last week, but it still wasn't enough to unseat Sen. Anne Gobi.

In the Nov. 3 rematch between the candidates, Sen. Gobi held on for a 53-47 victory (44,894 votes to 40,061).

Hall, who lives in Sturbridge, has made significant inroads with voters throughout the district since his 55-45 defeat two years ago. But despite a robust campaign effort and strong momentum heading into Election Day, he fell just short of his elusive goal of serving the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex Senate District.

"Congratulations to Senator Gobi on her successful victory," read a statement issued by Hall, a small business owner, author, nursing home administrator, and truck operator. "For my voters, I am deeply honored for your support. For my volunteers, a special thanks to all of you who worked tirelessly for a cause you and I believed in. I will never forget your efforts and your friendship."

Gobi once again defended her hometown of Spencer, receiving 3,736 votes (59 percent). She also narrowly topped Hall in his hometown, Sturbridge, by a count of 3 081-2 768

count of 3,081-2,768.

After securing her fourth term, Senator Gobi is focused on assisting people in all phases of the COVID-19 recovery effort. She currently chairs the Senate Higher Education Committee and the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Committee.

"Thank you for the honor to



Photo Courtesy

Sen. Anne Gobi captured reelection last week.

continue to serve you in the State Senate," Gobi said. "A special thanks to my family and friends that held signs over the course of the campaign, and to all who helped out on Election Day, including our election workers and police."

Looking ahead, Gobi knows the urgency that is needed to help save lives and careers.

"COVID-19 has affected lives and livelihoods. We will be feeling the effects of this pandemic for years to come," Gobi said in an interview ahead of the election. "Our state revenue continues to decline, as we are facing some of the highest unemployment numbers we have seen in

decades."

Added Gobi, "The coronavirus has brought with it a great deal of mental distress caused by isolation, food insecurity,

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North Brookfield School Committee seeks public input on mascot

meeting.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Facing pressure from alumni and community members, the School Committee is bringing the public into the conversation on whether to retire the junior-senior high school mascot.

school mascot.

The next step in the process is a public hearing slated for the Nov. 16 School Committee meeting. Residents will have a chance to address the debate over potentially changing the school's "Indian" nickname and logo.

At the July 20 School Committee meeting, members discussed a correspondence sent by several North Brookfield Junior-Senior High School alumni members and residents. The document requested the retirement of the nickname and logo, and School Committee members discussed the matter further at their Oct. 21 meeting.

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Ultimately, members decided the best option was to invite the community to offer input.

"The School Committee is committed to listening carefully to our community and our students on this matter," read

a statement released jointly by North Brookfield Schools Superintendent Richard Lind and School Committee Chair Maria Tucker. "To that end, the School Committee will be gathering information and feedback from the community, including students, regarding the Indian nickname and logo."

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At the Nov. 16 School Committee meeting, residents are invited to speak or submit written comments on this topic. After hearing the input from the community, the School Committee plans to vote on the issue later in the

The Nov. 16 meeting will take place in the North Brookfield Elementary School auditorium. It will also be available via Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person.

If you are interested in speaking on this topic or submitting written testimony, please visit www.nbschools.org to fill out a form. All residents who wish to speak or submit written testimony must complete the online form by 12 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13.

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4 factors to consider to maintain winter safety

Many changes are to be expected as fall gives way to winter. Temperatures drop for much of the country, and depending on where one lives, snow, wind and ice are to be expected.

beautiful As snow-covered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spend prolonged periods outdoors unprotected.

According to the company insurance Carsurance, more than 156,000 crashes occur annually due to icy roads. Roughly 17 percent of all vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however. That means winter safety involves a consideration of a host of

1. CHANGING **VISIBILITY**

While slippery sur-

some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be hazardous to drivers, aviators and mariners and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year, advises the National Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your lowbeam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

2. SNOW REMOVAL

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are wintertime common activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm up prior to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid

snow over vour shoulder. which can contribute to back injuries.

3. CARBON MONOX-**IDE POISONING**

Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking. Carbon monoxide is produced through the burning of fuel in various forms, including stoves, engines, gas ranges, portable generators, and grills. The National Safety Council says carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can go undetected as it builds up in enclosed spaces. Never warm up the car inside of a contained garage. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors, have furnaces, and water heaters and other fuel-burning appliances checked and serviced by a qualified technician annually. Be sure that carbon monoxide alarms are on every floor of the home, and take it seriously if the alarm goes off.

4. BLACK ICE

Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the temperature drops once more while the ground is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing, says the National Weather Service. Black ice gets its name because it looks black on asphalt roads. However, it also can form on sidewalks and overpasses, or spots shaded by trees or other objects. Slowing down and exercising extreme caution are essential.

Winter is a beautiful season. But it can be just as hazardous as it is awe-inspiring. Taking steps to stay safe in unpredictable conditions is a necessity each win-















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Spencer Exchange Club launches new award

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER - With the launch of a new award, the Spencer Exchange Club will honor several accomplished young residents.

The club has announced the creation of its 18 under 18 awards program. Club members ask local residents to nomimpressive youngsters from Spencer and East Brookfield who will form the candidate pool for the awards.

After receiving the list of nominees, the club will select 18 award recipients under the age of 18. Club members hope to use the program to highlight the accomplishments of students who have gone largely overlooked. These achievements can include community service activities, academic success, extracurricular involvement, and even dedication to student jobs.

While accomplishments in the classroom and on the playing field often

housing insecurity, and the anxiety

that comes with them. I am proud to

have advocated for additional funding

for behavioral and mental health ser-

Gobi has also seen the devastation

of the virus in the western part of the

state. At the Holyoke Soldiers' Home,

76 veterans lost their lives during the

early part of the pandemic. Several

the COVID-19 outbreak at the facility

s and reports have indicated that

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garner most of the attention for young achievers, Exchange Club members want to celebrate the hard work taking place in all facets of students' lives.

"I feel like athletic and academic achievers get noticed a lot more than the kid who's working two jobs to help out his family while still going to school every day - or kids who have overcome illnesses or have disabilities," said Sheena Toscano, the president elect of the Spencer Exchange Club.

Having previously been nominated for a similar award, Toscano was inspired to support a program that would give back to Spencer youths.

"Just being nominated by someone felt amazing," added Toscano, who has worked with a small committee to launch the award. "I was hoping that this would be a way to honor the youth of our community. And once word gets out, maybe it will inspire kids to be the best that they can be in hopes of win-

was caused by major failures in policies and decisions at the leadership level.

As a member of a special oversight committee, Gobi is committed to getting answers for veterans and their families on what went wrong in Holyoke – and how to better serve our aging veterans' healthcare needs.

Gobi has also honed a comprehensive strategy to help the region recover from the pandemic and ensure long-term sustainability. Students, educators, manufacturers, small businesses, and local farmers will form the linchpin of Gobi's

ning this award."

Sponsorship and nomination forms will be completed in the coming weeks.

Winners will receive a medal, a certificate of excellence, a cash award, recognition in the Spencer New Leader, and a celebratory outing at Powdermill Park.

Traits for award nominees will include selflessness, community involvement, volunteerism, leadership, and work ethic, among others.

If you know a deserving youngster who lives in Spencer or East Brookfield, download a nomination form by visiting www.spencerexchangeclub.org.

You can then mail your nomination MASCOT form to Exchange Club of Spencer, PO BOX 219, Spencer, MA, 01562.

If you choose to email your nomination form, send it to spencerexchange18u18@gmail.com.

The deadline for nominations to be received is Feb. 1, 2021.

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real challenge, even under the most difficult of conditions," Biagetti said. "We advanced an entirely positive message, centering on our principles and on the policies that would serve the needs of teachers, healthcare workers, small businesses, and all those who struggle to provide for themselves and their families in our region. While it is disappointing that we did not achieve a higher percentage of the vote, we did receive more total votes than in the last cycle, and we demonstrated that Democrats and progressives are fully part of this community and should never be afraid to speak up for our hopes and beliefs

Biagetti owns Labyrinth Antiques in Barre. For the immediate future, he will focus on small business ownership, teaching, and writing.

"I extend my congratulations and good wishes to Donnie Berthiaume on his reelection," Biagetti said.

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"We understand that this can be a highly emotional issue for many members of our community," read the joint statement released by school officials. "We urge all involved to listen carefully and speak respectfully to each other."

All attendees of the Nov. 16 meeting must wear masks and adhere to social distancing regulations.

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Isabella Age 15

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Isabella likes going to school and she reports that she has many friends this year that she enjoys spending time with. Her favorite class is chorus

and she does well in school with extra supports.

Isabella really wants to be a part of a family and loves participating in all kinds of family gatherings. Isabella will do best in a patient family that can give her a lot of individualized attention. Her social worker is open to exploring families that consist of a single mother, two mothers, or a mother and a father. She will do best as an only child or with an older sister in the home. Isabella is legally freed for adoption.

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- 8. Body part
- 11. Largely dry valleys
- 13. Brew
- 14. Ancient Greek sophist 15. Where rockers play
- 16. Human gene
- 17. One point east of northeast 18. Adversary
- 20. Small cask or barrel
- 21. About ear
- 22. Benign tumors
- 25. In a different way 30. One charged with a crime
- 31. Chinese principle underlying
- the universe
- 32. Long, narrow straps

33. Passover

- 38. Ottoman military commander 41. One who does not succeed
- 43. Data
- 45. 3D image
- 47. Whale ship captain 49. Japanese title
- 50. Made of wood
- 55. Yokel
- 56. Exercise system _ -bo 57. Supreme being
- 59. Playing card with three spots
- 60. Hostelry
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Single lens reflex 63. Time of the 90th meridian,
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- 1. Shuttered airline 2. Swiss river
- 3. Port city in Yemen
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Election officials report success of safety measures

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION – It was a major challenge to safely handle a record-setting number of voters amid a worsening COVID-19 situation, but local election officials were pleased with the results.

Months of planning were required from officials and volunteers to ensure a safe environment for all voters. From

adding new parking and social distancing regulations at town halls, to installing protective shields partitions,

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Sue Soden, Leicester, MA

Leicester school system (secretary from Leicester

middle school) and now volunteers at the thrift store

in Leicester. She has been a substitute secretary in

the Leicester school system since retirement. She is

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still giving back her time and love to Leicester.

Sue Soden had retired many years ago from the

officials were ready to handle large crowds. Masks, hand sanitizers, disinfectant sprays, and hand wipes also joined the ranks of Election Day safety tools employed throughout the area.

In Leicester, which saw an impressive 80.7 percent voter turnout, Town Clerk Deborah Davis and her team worked hard since the summer to be ready for Nov. 3. Shields bearing the Leicester town seal were purchased for all precinct tables, as well as dividers between the workers. Additionally, sanitizing stations were set up for voters and employees entering and exiting the building.

Leicester also

- Nominated by C.J.

utilized election booths with sneeze guards, and traffic was coordinated in a one-way fashion to keep voters properly distanced. Moreover, the town relied extra staff members and volunteers to clean booths voting throughout the day. All of the measures combined for a successful election, and voters were commended

for their patience and cooperation.

"My office and my staff, as well as all the election workers, did an excellent job implementing all of the regulations and precautions necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible," Davis said. "Voters, when necessary, were reminded of social distancing. We had extra police officers on duty, and they did a fantastic job. Overall, we had a great turnout and very few complaints.'

Of a possible 7,987 registered voters, Leicester saw 6,449 residents cast a ballot this year. Similarly strong numbers were reported throughout the county, mirroring a significant rise across the state and nation.

In central Massachusetts, with several contested races in play, voters were determined to have their voices heard.

Spencer saw a 77 percent voter turnout. Interim Town Clerk Lisa Johnson inherited a daunting challenge after the unexpected resignation of former clerk Laura Torti this fall, and officials were thrilled with her preparations and execution on Election Day.

"We all had a very good night. Social distancing, masks, and flow went very well," Johnson told the New Leader.

Increased voter turnout numbers were also reported throughout the Brookfields, as well as Sturbridge and Warren.

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\$325,000, 214 Pine St, Phelan, Debbie-Ann, to Gordon, Amanda.

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\$455,000, 5 Debbie Dr, Legere, Mary A, to Ellsworth, Betty, and Flynn, Nancy.

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\$175,000, 45 Maple St, Nieves-Rivera, Elena, to Parkin, Kaitlynn.

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\$313,000, 28 Ridge Rd, Foley, Gail D, and Foley, Francis P, to Page, Susan, and Page, Vernon. \$254,900, 86 Shoreline Dr, Piche, Crystal A, to Totas,

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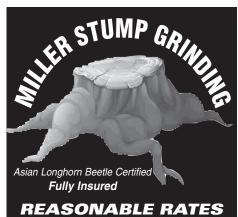
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Thanksgiving Trivia, Tales and Turkey Talk



TAKE THE HINT **KAREN** TRAINOR

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, this week's column will highlight some interesting trivia and fun facts about the beloved holiday:

Turkey Dinner: Believe it or not, Thanksgiving, along with our country's appetite (or lack thereof) of turkey, spawned a billion dollar industry - the TV Dinner. According to the Smithsonian Institute, in 1953 Swanson found itself with 26 tons of leftover frozen turkeys when the company underestimated sales for the holiday. Back in the "waste not want not" era, the solution fell to savvy Swanson personnel - who came up with an ingenious way to package and market the surplus turkey: Cut the turkey into slices, add stuffing, along with a couple of sides, freeze it in a tin tray and voila - the TV dinner is born! The Smithsonian reports that's exactly what Swanson salesman Gerry Thomas did when he found himself with a refrigerated railroad car filled to the brim with unsold turkeys. Inspired by prepared foods served in trays on airlines, Thomas filled the partitioned tin trays with the first Swanson turkey dinners, which included sliced turkey, corn bread dressing with gravy, sweet potatoes and peas. Capitalizing on the popularity of television and American's new habit of eating supper on a TV tray in front of the tube, Swanson dubbed the convenient meals, TV dinners and sold them for 98 cents each. To the company's surprise (and relief), the frozen meals were a hit, and in 1954 ten million turkey TV dinners were sold.

From Greek God to Thanksgiving Table: For generations, a symbol of harvest has been the cornucopia bas-

ket overflowing with the fruit (and vegetables) of the season. The cornucopia, a.k.a. horn o plenty, has a history dating back to ancient Greece. According to legend, when the young Zeus was playing with Amalthea, the goat who had nursed him in a cave on the island of Crete, he accidentally broke off one of her horns. To make amends, Zeus promised that from that day forward, the horn would always be filled with whatever fruit she desired. The Cornucopia came to symbolize a plentiful bounty, a tradition that has carried over to the harvest season and onto the Thanksgiving table. A horn shaped basket filled with autumn fruits and vegetables has long served as a harvest centerpiece. Generations of families continue the tradition by displaying a cornucopia on a mantle or dinner table. The colorful leaves, acorns and pinecones of New England provide the perfect backdrop for a horn o plenty overfilled with garden delights.

Thanksgiving Day Myths: If your thoughts of the first Thanksgiving conjure up elementary school images of Pilgrims and Indians sharing a feast of stuffed turkey and pumpkin pie – think again. While the first Thanksgiving did bring the colonists of Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Indians together in the autumn of 1621, the details were not recorded. The best record of the day is a brief written account of Governor Edward Winslow of Plymouth Colony who reported the Pilgrims met with Chief Massasoit and 90 of his men for a four day feast, which came to be known as the "first Thanksgiving." Another popular myth of Thanksgiving is that the meal was a formal affair, with Pilgrims dressed in black and white and Indians in full feathered garb sitting down at a large table to dine on turkey and the trimmings. Truth is, according to Gov. Winslow, protein offerings were limited to venison and wild fowl with the Native Americans bringing "five deer" to the feast. In addition, it is unlikely the diners gathered around a table. A more feasible scenario includes informal din- India: South India's holiday closest ing, sans the silverware and tabletop. According to historians, the dishes at the Thanksgiving feast were likely prepared with Native American spices and cooked over an open fire. With virtually no sugar available, pumpkin pie and other popular modern Thanksgiving desserts were nonexistent at the first feast.

Global Thanksgiving Traditions Families across the globe come together to give thanks each year, and while international traditions differ, the premise of being thankful for harvest blessings are the same. The following sampling of "global Thanksgiving" festivals offers a peek into other annual celebrations. cultures' China: The Chinese holiday that most resembles the Thanksgiving feast is the country's mid autumn festival, Chung Ch'ui, which is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month to mark the harvest season. Like Thanksgiving, Chinese families gather on this holiday to give thanks and feast on various foods. Moon cakes are the traditional food which is eaten under the bright moon. The festival includes burning incense and fire dragon dancing under lanterns. Vietnam: Also held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month is the Vietnamese mid autumn festival of Têt-Trung-Thu. One of the country's favored holidays, the day is centered around the children and in fact, is referred to as the "children's festi-Lighting lanterns, dancing in masks and candlelit processions are some popular activities of the day. Korea: Another Thanksgiving type holiday held 15th day of the 8th lunar month is Chusok, celebrated in Korea during harvest time in mid August. Festivities include children dressed in traditional clothing and dancing under a bright moon. Rice cakes comprised of beans, chestnuts and sesame seeds are served during the celebration, which can extend for up to three days. Fruit and rice are offered to Korean ancestors and thanks is given for the season's bounty.

to our Thanksgiving is the harvest celebration "Pongal," a three day festival held on January 14. Named for a rice dish, the celebration is focused on giving thanks to the moon and the rain gods for a successful harvest. On the last day cows are honored for their hard work in plowing fields for crops. Germany: Erntedankfest, the festival honoring the harvest is Germany's version of America's Thanksgiving. The religious celebration held in late September includes music, dance and church services followed by a parade, fireworks, and great festivities. Africa: At the end of August, people in Nigeria and Ghana host a Yam Festival, to give thanks to the gods for the mainstay food. Yams, which are a prominent harvest crop, are a vital to feeding the country's people. The vegetables are offered to the gods at the festival and also passed out and shared with family and village residents.

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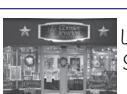


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Many clubs in and around the valley have had to pull back from their annual fall stocking because of dwindling revenue, caused by Covid-19. Members of local clubs are asked to attend work parties to get the club and grounds ready for winter. This is your club!

Deer hunting for archers has been good, and the rut is now in full swing. Numerous archers reported watching bucks chasing does last week, and were unable to get a shot because of their fast pace, as they ran under and around the tree stand, failing to stop for a decent shot. Car deer collisions are also on the increase which is a sure sign the rut is on.

Early morning or early evening are the most dangerous time for motorist to encounter a deer crossing their path, so drivers should be aware of the danger for the next few weeks. Shotgun deer season is scheduled to open on Nov. 30 in the Central District.

Sighting in shotguns at your local Rod & Gun Club should not be left to the last minute. You should also locate some deer slugs as soon as possible, as most shops have very little in their inventory. Sighting in your gun with the same brand of deer slugs that you plan to hunt with is also important. It does make a difference, as they do not all act the same when it comes to accuracy.

Many deer hunters also equip their shotguns with a scope. Learning how to use a scope and purchasing the correct

Fine weather for fishing

scope is also important. You should go to a good gun shop in your area, and get a good idea of the best scope for you buy. Having gun mounts that will properly hold your scope should also allow you to use the open sites when it becomes necessary to shoot at a running deer. Trying to use your scope to shoot at running deer requires a lot of experience, and although many deer hunters can shoot well at a running deer with a scope, it takes a lot of practice and good marksmanship.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will start holding their trap shoots on the club grounds starting this Saturday afternoon. The shoots are open to the public, so get out and enjoy some great shooting events prior to winter setting in. Need help shooting? Just ask, and someone will assist you at the range.

This past week, young Tylor Conroy harvested his first deer of the season with his bow. This week's picture shows Tyler with his spike horn buck! His dad has mentored the young hunter from a very young age, and is now enjoying every minute hunting birds and big game. Nice job, Tyler!

This week's second picture shows Steve Briggs with his young son Dexter out hunting pheasant at a local club! They also managed to catch a couple of trout at the club's pond! Working and baby-sitting does not hold back the Briggs family from enjoying the great outdoors. There is nothing like starting them young. The young hunter was enjoying every minute of his early hunting and fishing experience, and is sure to become another great hunter in the coming years.

Tautog fishing remains strong in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters, and anglers are noticing some much larger fish being caught. There is still time to catch some of these hard fighting

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This picture shows young Tylor Conroy with his first deer of the season.



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EDITORIAL

The passing of a legend

"This is 'Jeopardy!" will never sound quite the same again after the passing of longtime host of America's favorite game show, Alex Trebek, on Sunday at the age of 80. He served as the show's host for an impressive 37 years. In the spring of 2019, Trebek was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

Since 1984, Trebek has been a fixture in households during the dinner time hour when families across America would shout answers at their television sets. Many of the show's questions, made us wonder if we ever picked up a book.

In every episode, Trebek always remained, calm, cool, collected and was the perfect gentleman. Throughout the years, many have tried to stump the famous host with various trivia questions, to which Trebek would always respond by saying "What is...?" first.

Trebek was born George Alexander Trebek in Canada on July, 22 1940. Apart from "Jeopardy!" for which he is most known for, the famous TV personality hosted other shows such as Nickelodeon's "Double Dare," "Classic Concentration," "The Wizard of Odds," and "Battlestars," to name a few.

The man, famous for his mus-

tache, received a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Game Show Host seven times through his tenure. In additionl he has received several awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award and was given the key to the City of Ottawa.

Many fans don't know that Trebek's father emigrated from Ukraine and that he grew up in a bi-lingual household. His first job at the age of 13 was serving as a bell hop at the hotel his father, a chef, was employed with.

He graduated with a degree in philosophy from the University of Ottawa in 1961. Before graduation, he dipped with a job working for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

In one interview, he said, "I went to school in the mornings and worked at nights, I did everything, at one time replacing every announcer in every

possible job". While employed with the CBC, Trebek hosted various news shows and sporting events.

The well loved host made a move to the states in 1973, when he began working for NBC. His first gig, with them, was hosting "The Wizard of Odds."

Art Fleming was slated to be the host for Jeopardy but failed to return citing creative differences. Trebek slid into the spot in 1984, and it was game on ever

Trebek was married with two children. Apart from his role as host, husband and father, he was a longtime philanthropist and activist on the behalf of children worldwide.

Trebek has a star on both the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Canada's Walk of Fame.

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"It's not only that Trump has to lose, but that all his enablers have to lose.' We have to collectively in essence burn down the Republican Party. We have to level them because if there are survivors, if there are people who weather this storm, they will do it again." — Jennifer Rubin from The Washington Post

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Deadly false choices

To the Editor:

The Trump administration will go down in the history books as one of the absolute worst in American history. A primary reason for this will focus on its almost complete inability to control the Covid-19 crisis, including a high degree of deceit and indifference to the well being of all Americans, or as Trump said, "It is what it is."

Because Trump cared more about the stock market and winning re-election than the American people, he asked us to make the first false choice either save the economy and jobs or do things that would better control Covid-19 and save lives.

Because Trump cared more about his made up "macho man" image and winning re-election, he and his supporters actively discouraged the wearing of masks and maintaining social distance when brave, courageous people did this to protect others. He asked us to choose between being a "man" and being safe.

We could go on with these false

choices like choosing between "scientists" (except, of course, those working on the vaccine) and regular practical minded people.

We need go no further than the White House to see what a Covid-19 disaster the Trump "my interests first" created. Not only Trump and his family but dozens of others, recently including his Chief of staff have become infected.

So, the first priority of the incoming staff has become - with national leadership, specialists, and us working together - controlling Covid-19 which now infects more than 100,000 people in America a day. Hopefully, this priority can include. preparing to roll out a vaccine by summer.

With care and dedication, Biden and his team have done this before with Ebola. Building on that experience may they repeat this good history.

> KEVIN KANE SPENCER

This dance is going to be a blast

To the Editor:

Most rational people will realize that the election is over, and there is a clear winner. If spirit and display had counted for anything, the Trump group definitely won that battle. Stand outs, flag waving and signs and banners- I give the Trump camp credit for effort. As I have often stated previously, I would think that elimination of the electoral college, would be a unanimous effort. While all those endeavors, were surely noticed, Trump garnered a third of Massachusetts votes and exactly zero electoral votes.

The house passed legislation, that was designed to improve the security of our elections. Like a plethora of bills the house has passed, it ended on the graveyard of Moscow Mitch McConnell's desk. This administration loves finding fault with the status quo, the deep state, and the swamp. If you start taking credit for a strong econo-

my, minutes after taking office, how do you claim that the system is broken at the end of your four years in office? If you claimed an electoral victory in 2016, what have you done to that system, that makes it broken now?

I am thrilled to see citizens dancing in the streets again. It will remain an open question whether a January election will deliver the support, that a Biden/Harris agenda would require, or a continuation of obstruction. That said, I think political polls are now like weather forecasts, with a very hit or miss slant. Both of these tickets have received more votes than ever, which is encouraging for our future. What now remains is the determination of whether we will have change or progress, or just more nothing. One can hope.

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length and complexity. Consider passphrases - actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, "ThisIsAPassphrase!2468"), for sites that allow them. Protect your computer and your key

email - and give each password some

data. Keep your antivirus software updated. And don't install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.

Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making financial transactions, be sure you're on the website of your bank or financial institution - and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps – stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.

"over-sharing" on social media. Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It's a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday pri vate. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.

Limit use of public Wi-Fi. Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you're finished.

Don't take the bait of "phishers." Cyberthieves go "phishing" for sensitive information - usernames, passwords and account numbers - by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was "suspended" or that an "unauthorized transaction" was made, and you'll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company's website.

If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won't ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, "urgent" requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cybercriminals.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Trump, you're fired!

To the Editor:

I am happy beyond words that the era of President Trump is nearing an end. We did it. What is sad is that this achievement was not the resounding rebuke so many of us had hoped for.

One item of particular interest to me is how this area voted in 2016, and then comparing it to 2020. I took the liberty of looking up Worcester County and each town served by the Spencer New Leader to see how the vote changed over the last four years. In 2016, every town in this paper's circulation voted Republican pretty substantially. In 2020, the margin came down and West Brookfield went blue (barely).

In this area, we saw 13 percent more votes cast in 2020 compared to 2016. Mail-in voting made it more convenient to vote and emotions ran very high on both sides. In 2016 Donald Trump beat Hillary by 12 points in this area (despite losing Massachusetts by 27 points). In 2020, Donald Trump beat Joe Biden in this area, but only by four points. It is still disturbing so many people would vote for Trump especially after the last 4 years of chaos, pandemic, and economic collapse...but at least we saw his support erode by 8 points which is actually quite significant.

Upon further inspection though it isn't what it seems (eight points of support lost for Trump). Trump's support

in this area only dropped by 1.6 percent from 2016. Biden had 6.5 percent more support however. It seems as though Biden picked up most of the 3rd party and write-in votes from 2016 - votes that didn't go D or R decreased by 65%. So in the end Trump only lost 1.6 percent and all the third party/Mickey Mouse

write-in people realized that this was

not the year to throw their vote away.

Because turnout was so high, Donald Trump actually received more votes nationally, in Worcester County, and in the Spencer New Leader circulation compared to 2016. Biden of course crushed Hillary's 2016 numbers. For Massachusetts as a whole, Hillary's 27-point lead over Trump in 2016 turned into a 33-point lead for Biden in 2020. This is not nearly as crushing as it should be, but it's something.

One thing that is shocking and disturbing is that nationwide we are seeing even more polarization that previously if you can believe that. Massachusetts and Vermont both went from more than 27 for the Dems to more than 33 for the Dems. States such as Wyoming, West Virginia, Oklahoma, and North Dakota all saw Trump take a greater share of the votes on the order of 3-4 points compared to 2016. We saw FL shift several points towards

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We the People

To the Editor:

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity, have participated in the 59th quadrennial presidential election as outlined in the Constitution of the United States.

We the people have held a referendum on Donald J. Trump. We the people hare sharply divided on who best to lead us for the reasons above. A record number of we the people have cast out votes, it is looking like 66.3 percent of eligible voters which is a record since such records were kept. In Massachusetts we achieved 68.1 percent of all eligible voters, a record. "Swing states" saw even more of we the people casting ballots, as high as 79.4 percent in Minnesota.

We the people have handily rejected the racism, bigotry, xenophobia, anti-intellectualism, and isolationism of our 45th President, one Donald J. Trump. We the people have handily rejected the repeated praise and support of neo-nationalist and authoritarian strongmen around the world from the leader of the free world while he criticizes other democratic governments better run than our own. We the people rejected the utter stupidity of "the wall" and the cruelty of family separation and caging children as a deterrent. We the people care about our environment and have rejected the push for more coal and fossil fuel emissions in our atmosphere.

We the people have rejected the utter fiscal irresponsibility ushered in by the outgoing administration where tax cuts were given primarily to the extremely wealthy only running the deficit up. We then people have noticed that the party in power only cares about deficits when the other party is in power but spends and cuts taxes like a drunken sailor while they are in office. the people noticed that this president increased the deficit 50 percent in good economic times before the mismanaged pandemic exploded it to record proportions. We the people want healthcare to be a right, not a privilege affordable only to some, causing bankruptcy to others, and a healthcare system that only works for the wealthy. We the people know that we live under an irreligious government which leaves religion to the people as a private matter and we reject travel restrictions based upon religion.

We the people reject a president who abuses emergency powers to usurp the

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Vote Biden or else!

To the Editor:

The cornerstone of a fair and honest election is the security of the voting booth. No one can intimidate you or know how you voted. That is the power of a free election process. It's your decision and your choice.

It's obvious in this election the Democrats had plans to change that. Step one was to remove the law enforcement presence that protects the rights of citizens to live free. The organized gangs of BLM and Antifa where released into these cities sow social unrest and defund the police. This effectively gave control over the populace to these groups. But they couldn't go into the voting booth to force them to vote. They needed a method to control who they vote for. That was step 2.

The answer was to politicize the Covid scare and force the mailing of unsolicited ballots to the people. They then obtained the list of registered voters. This is public information and easily available. So, imagine yourself with a ballot at your home and theirs a knock on your door. You answer and there's a group of 10 people who say 'We are here to get out the vote." They then proceed to tell you who you need to vote for, and they will glad take the ballot to the post office or voting precinct. In the large cities. These are the people who has just rioted and attacked the police. Are

you prepared to say no? Of course not. Who are you going to call if they attack you, the police? Both these groups are the definition of terrorist groups, and should be viewed as such. Instead, the Democratic controlled media calls the peaceful protestors. This is a perversion of our free system. This process in this election was the BLM voting harvest, this is why in Milwaukee 150, 000 votes come in for Biden with none for Trump. Voter intimidation and duress. This has happened in all the major cities in the battleground states. The Dems will say "Prove It." The empirical evidence is that in a free election process that statistics show that there would more for Trump. The balloting was down the line Democratic. There are also videos of the prefilled ballots and the BLM activists showing them where to sign. Such coercion and fraud have never been done in any election. Furthermore, this wasn't a happenstance. It was a coordinated effort by the media and Democratic strategist to pervert the election process. They cried about voter suppression and counting the vote but then subjugated the voter. The BLM/Antifa process is voter terrorism. Unless this mail in voting scheme is changed, they will be able to dominate all future elections. Voter pri-

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The loser and the suckers

To the Editor:

If there was ever an election that should have been a blowout, this should have been it. We had an unpopular president, a terrible economy, and a raging health crisis. I was right that Trump lost, he lost by 4.4 million votes. I was right that Trump would lose in "all the right places" and suffer an Electoral College loss. Trump is a loser. He lied more than any other politician in any position in my memory, he sold himself as the champion of the working class while his policies widened inequality and benefited the capitalist class, and that turned his voters into suckers.

I was wrong, however, about the margin of loss for our Loser-Lame-Duck so-called President. Nationally, he only lost by about three points. What we've learned is that our nation is a deeply divided nation, divided nearly evenly into nearly equal groups. Our two groups seem to live in nearly non-overlapping universes and most people cannot fathom how or why somebody would consider voting for the other candidate. Of course, Democrats have won more votes in seven of the last eight presidential elections, an entire generation, but that doesn't mean that the losing side is much less popular.

People in both camps thought that people on my team could eventually

crush the people on the other team and my team will get to rule. The electoral college and the small-state-advantage of the Senate builds in a five-point advantage or so for the Republicans and it seems as though the Republicans can't seem to get near the 50 percent mark they would need to rule this country comfortably and the Democrats can't seem to get near the 55 percent mark they would need to rule this country comfortably. We now have to face the reality that crushing the other side is not feasible, they are never going to go away, and that is the biggest takeaway of the 2020 election.

This is a divided country. In the last century, only three sitting presidents have lost their re-election. Herbert Hoover was beaten by FDR, Jimmy Carter was beaten by Ronald Reagan, George HW Bush was beaten by Bill Clinton, and now Donald Trump has been beaten by Joe Biden. All those successors to losers served as president as long as possible (FDR had four terms until his death and the others were constitutionally limited to two terms). Most presidents win re-election so Trump losing must be especially scathing. President-Elect Biden beating Loser-Trump was not surprising. What was surprising was the loyalty and

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These are the times that try men's souls

To the Editor:

It is a sad irony to note the arrival this week of, for me, two very meaningful dates on the calendar: the 245th anniversary of the birthday of the Marine Corps and Veterans Day, Nov. 10 and 11, respectively.

Normally, there would be celebrations and commemorations across the country to mark both auspicious occasions, ceremonies honoring the services of not just Marines but of all members of the U.S. military over the past two-plus centuries. Americans still capable of lucid thought realize all the things we take for granted, oh, like....I don't know...freedom, perhaps(?), not to mention a life lived with opportunities to make something of the time we spend on earth, would simply not have been possible but for the willingness of countless millions of their fellow citizens willing to undergo the--sometimes very real--risks and discomforts of military service required to protect the country.

Since April 19, 1775, at Lexington Green, over a million young Americans have lost their young and promising lives in the business of defending the interests of their country, and millions more have lived out the rest of their existence suffering the debilitating effects both physical and emotional of the wounds they suffered in their ser-

vice in far-flung places all around the globe. It is unconscionable that their sacrifices be forgotten, their memorials neglected or even desecrated, and the most vital importance of their contribution to the Republic be effaced.

But, since the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 4, I've been thinking of these two dates on the calendar more than ever. and not in a good way. It was on this day after the election, Americans began to understand the greatest and most brazen theft of our richest possession in a so-called democracy--our right to a free and fair election-had been stolen from right under our noses. All of a sudden, and, literally, overnight we went from a more-or-less free democratic republic to a banana republic in one fell swoop. Don't argue with me, it's as clear as the rarefied air over Mt. McKinley, oops, sorry, Denali on a sunny December morning: grand theft occurred and Stevie Wonder or Ray Charles themselves could've seen it. The very existence of America as we have known it for over two centuries was changed in a heartbeat by Democrat Party gangsters under the cover of darkness and secrecy in corrupt big-city electoral counting rooms--like those in a casino where only the "House" gets in to deal with the fig-

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Firebreak

To the Editor:

First and foremost, it looks like the American people have spoken and We the People have decided to put this stain on American history behind us. As of the time of writing, 4.4 million more Americans have cast their ballot for President-Elect Joe Biden over the gameshow host who was the most divisive since James Buchanan, had the worst economic crash since Herbert Hoover, and the worst pandemic since Woodrow Wilson. In 2016, 2.9 million more Americans, or 4.5 percent more votes, were cast for Hillary Clinton than Donald Trump. In 2020, we are at 4.4 million, or 6.2 percent more votes

for Biden, and we're still counting. I know, I know, "we are not a democracy, we are a republic" was supposed to be the backstop to allow empty land and small states to have outsized influence and to allow land owning white men to vote for the clout of three fifths of a slave. Today, all persons are counted as whole numbers but the Electoral College is supposed to help bolster minority rule emphasizing rural areas... 270 electoral votes are required to win and as of the time of writing President-Elect Biden has 290 compared to Outgoing-President Trump's 214. The score is likely to be 306 to 232 and Biden will have a larger electoral victory than our Loser-in-

Chief Trump. The bizarre workings of the Electoral College chosen by 51 popular elections, 2 of which had nested elections, wasn't enough to overturn the will of the people this time...

I have to say, I've really enjoyed the slow loss for Donald Trump stretched over the course of days. There is nothing more poetic for him than to lose in a slow moving landslide. It allowed his full crazy to go on display on Twitter (with their inaccurate information warnings and all). We also got to see Steve Bannon's Twitter account get suspended because he called for beheadings. I know Twitter and Facebook censor conservative voices at a far higher rate then liberals or centrists but what are vou supposed to do when the former Chief Strategist for the sitting president who just lost reelection is calling for beheadings of specific individuals with their heads on pikes in specific places in explicit detail? Should that remain online as legitimate political discourse or should it be censored?

To respond to Mr. Herholz briefly you seem hell-bent on making sure everybody knows that COVID-19 first emerged in China, but my question is, why? Who do you think doesn't know the country where it first

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Large scale solar saturation

To the Editor:

Since 2012, I have opposed the installation of a commercial solar power plant (farm) in my back yard. My home is located in a designated (Rural Residential) neighborhood surrounded by family homes. The point of this letter is to inform residents of Spencer what I have learned along the way. My goal is to bring attention to the many deficiencies with the uncontrolled solar development saturation in our town, to include the concerns, issues and risks that come with the fast paced solar development. First and most importantly, Spencer has absolutely no solar plan in regard to solar development! Currently Spencer has 18 solar developments in some form, permitted, under construction, constructed, or in operation. These solar developments have been allowed, due to poor decision making by the administration, and lack of proper controls and bylaws to protect the town and our residents. By far the biggest error of judgement within the administration (which continues) is allowing the development to continue with the glaringly obvious ignorance in regard to solar development. I will list in no particular order, just some of the subjects that I have encountered along the way. I encourage all residents to consider the issues and concerns and do some research yourselves. Except for how agreements are reached by the administration that would affect your tax rate, these matters would not normally be the topic of conversation unless like

my family, and my neighbors, you are affected by solar development.

The following are in my opinion important issues and deserve scrutiny, and again I encourage all to research the matters for yourselves. I can speak to and defend any comments in this article as I have spent the last 8 years learning as much as possible in an attempt to protect my and my family's quality of life here in Spencer. I also hope to help protect the town and my neighbors with the information and lessons I have experienced during this

Solar Pilot Agreements

Extreme ignorance and lack of knowledge on solar development so far, by those in the administration agreeing and accepting unreasonable

terms, without expert solar input, proper research, or due diligence and proper oversight.

Monetarily negligent Decommissioning Agreements, where the real costs to remove these facilities far exceeds the agreed to, monetary terms approved, again with the lack of proper research and oversight by the administration.

In both cases the result is unacceptable and is a terrible disservice to residents that goes beyond the pale and in no way protects our residents or towns interests. In fact, it does exactly the opposite!

The mostly effected (small towns) being overrun by solar developers are

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emerged? What is the purpose of emphasizing this?

Mr. McRae – Ruth Bader Ginsburg's legacy is in her legal advocacy, her legal rulings, and the inspiration she offered so many. I'm not going to waste my time researching the race of her clerks throughout the years. What I will say regarding the appointment of judges there is nothing more important than judicial philosophy. Judge Janice Rogers Brown is more than a conservative; she is Libertarian so I would not expect either a Democrat or a Republican to nominate her. As it turns out, George W. Bush nominated

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Trump. When looking at a map it is hard to notice we are getting even more polarized – the center of the country is even more Trumpy than ever and the Northeast, West Coast, Illinois, and Colorado are more blue than ever.

How voters in different areas of the country could look at the last four years and come to such wildly different conclusions makes it hard to understand how we are going to come together and heal as a nation no matter how much Biden wants to be a president for all Americans.

The best possible scenario is for the millions who voted for Trump to quickly turn to shame and then we all agree to forget about the last four years almost like the aftermath of Nixon.

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her to the D.C. Circuit Court, then-Sen. Barack Obama was her fiercest critic. and she was confirmed anyway. Judge Brown was passed over by W. for the high court and Alito was nominated

As much as the 2020 election finally being called for Biden has understandably led to jubilation, celebration, and dancing in the streets that I know was even shown on Fox News, it is important to understand the big picture of this election. Short of a constitutional crisis, The Donald will soon be gone one way or the other soon whether it is under his own power or dragged out by the Secret Service in a straightjacket.

The Donald may be leaving the White House but the basket of deplorables are going nowhere. 75.2 million people may have voted for Biden, but 70.8 million people looked at the last four years and said, "Four more years!" and that is frightening.

One would have expected the party of the losing candidate to suffer losses down ballot, but that does not appear to be the case. I had hoped that the 2020 election would bring out a record number of voters to say loudly and clearly, "This is not who we are." We did see record turnout but both sides gained votes and what we got was a narrow electoral victory for Biden, the Republicans picked up what looks like 5 House seats, the Republicans seem as though they will retain the Senate majority, and they did well in state races. It seems that "just enough" voters said no to Donald Trump but they rewarded his enablers.

Biden's election is a firebreak, not a transformation and not a new direction for America. We are more polarized than ever - blue areas got more blue SPENCER and red areas got more red. It is shocking and saddening that Biden is just squeaking this out after a 5-day nail-biter on TV.

Mitch McConnell made big gambles since Obama was first inaugurated to obstruct him as much as humanely possible and hope the country does poorly because that will translate into Republican votes as long as a Democrat is in the Oval Office. Every bet McConnell made was destroying our system of government but they all paid off for him. What is he going to do to Biden? Refuse to hold hearings on Cabinet nominees to deny Biden a Cabinet? Refuse to pass additional COVID relief because the country doing poorly will translate into 2022 and 2024 GOP gains? If Justice Stephen Breyer dies will McConnell refuse to hold hearing and hold the seat open for 4 years, waiting for a Republican President? We may be evicting the loudest and most imminently dangerous person from our government but the true villain of the last 12 years has been Mitch McConnell and he remains.

Somewhat expectedly, COVID-19 cases this week are now at new all-time highs in the United States. We have had 561,842 new COVID-19 infections since last week, rising 16% in a week, with 98,270 on a single day. Hospitalizations have risen 10% in a week. Deaths usually lag by 3 weeks but they will be kicking up soon. In April we peaked at 33,000 confirmed cases per day, in July we had another local peak of 76,000 cases per day. Yesterday we saw 134,000 cases per day. The pandemic is accelerating.

The election has really dominated the news and taken our attention off of our accelerating pandemic. COVID-19 actually got a lot worse this week as was expected in the fall. In the United States new daily cases went up 28 percent since last week, new daily deaths increased 21%, and COVID related hospitalizations went up 18 percent. This is accelerating quickly. As of now the U.S. has had 9,870,018 infections and 237,154 deaths. The craziest part about this is it that those numbers probably don't even seem shocking anymore.

Even in Massachusetts, we have had several days of more than 2,000 new cases per day. In July we were averaging 200/day.

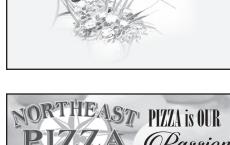
Since I wrote my last letter one week ago, in the United States 7,020 people have died of COVID-19. That is 7,020 people that used to be alive. The cases have been accelerating rapidly - 731,784 new people have been diagnosed. That is 731,784 people sick that didn't used to be. Deaths tend to lag cases by 3 weeks so we will likely see the deaths tick up quickly.

Some will say that we haven't heard of COVID since the election, and that is true because the election is so consequential and newsworthy. The pandemic has continued to claim people, it is accelerating, and as soon as the election drama will re-enter the news cycle. Don't become numb to the numbers. The scope is simply astounding.

Gov. Baker seems to be trying to control the pandemic by "doing something" but not impacting economic activity with his new mask order and curfew. Unfortunately, his latest orders do very little and it will remain to be seen how long he waits to do something that will actually protect lives. We don't know what his pain threshold is for cases and

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ures--and suddenly your freedom--and mine--hangs like a man dangling from a rapidly fraving rope over a pit crawling with crocodiles.

Everyone knows that the Democrat Party is the party of crooks, liars, thieves, and cheats and routinely steals any election where the outcome is even somewhat close, that is a commonplace fact of life in our country. After all, they are, at heart, Marxists whose core belief is that the "...ends justify the means." If it comes to it, they will kill you if you stand between them and political power, never mind lie, cheat, and steal.

But, this was unprecedented, this was industrial-strength, in-your-face fraud, a theft brazen enough to make the "Heist of the Century," the Antwerp Diamond Theft of 2003 seem like a kid stealing a candy bar from the 711. This was the theft of the most powerful country on earth; hard to beat that. The communist masterminds of this operation probably knew Napoleon's answer when asked the reasons for his success in battle: "L'Audace, L'Audace, toujours L'Audace!" Or, always be audacious, bold.

So, I find myself pondering, if the great patriots of the past could have seen this coming, this utter collapse of national political morality and the consequent death of freedom for any but the members of the ruling class, how would they have acted?

I think, for starters, the farmers of Lexington and Concord would've stayed in bed on that dark morning of April 19, 1775 and continued to be the vassals of the British King. I think Jackson, at New Orleans in 1815, vastly outnumbered and outgunned by the Redcoat Army, would've said, "Ah, let 'em have it boys...it ain't worth it. Go on back home." Chamberlain, at Little Round Top, Gettysburg, 2 July 1863, seeing the 5th Alabama massing for the assault up the hill, would've thought better of resisting to the last bullet and said, "O.K., you fine Maine lads, you farmers, fishermen and loggers, roll up those flags and let's go home. Those people 150 years from now don't deserve your blood and suffering." The Marine commanders at Belleau Wood, at Tarawa, at Guadalcanal, at Iwo Jima, at the Chosin Reservoir, Hue City and Khe Sanh, at Fallujah, and a thousand other places would've said, "Uh, no...not today...not if it's all going to be handed over to Marxist thugs and criminals in a few more generations. We won't be moving forward this day."

Would the men behind the protection of the upraised ramp on the landing craft at Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944, hearing the pinging clatter of well-aimed German machine gun slugs slamming up against the steel wall ever agreed to get out and start wading through the icy waters of the bay toward the shore? And knowing all the while their almost certain death and sacrifice only moments away would be callously ignored by these wretches of a dark and dishonest Party who have engineered this world-class coup, and who won't be happy until they have turned the old Republic of free people into Venezuela?

Would any of our heroes of the past who sailed over dangerous waters, flew through dangerous air, marched over dangerous ground ever have agreed to do it if they could have seen what happened here in the "Land of the Free" on Nov. 3, 2020? That three centuries of blood, sweat, toil, and sacrifice would simply be handed over, like your wallet to a street thug, to this gang of communist, hate-America criminals? I think

And, as far as the Birthday of the U.S.M.C. (10 November) is concerned, I'm of mixed feelings. To me, retired generals Mattis, Kelly, and Allen, despite their lengthy service to the Corps and country (and Kelly's loss of his own son in Afghanistan) tarnished the Corps' glory when they turned on President Trump and, rather than resign with dignity if they weren't happy, stayed on to stab the Commander-in-Chief in the back, largely, I believe, because he didn't accord them the god-like deference they were accustomed to after decades of having been so treated in the Marine Corps. And now we have the next colossal flop of a Leatherneck general, Commandant Berger who is hellbent on integrating young females into heretofore all-male recruit training programs at Parris Island and San Diego boot camps even to the point of closing both those illustrious institutions in favor of building a new gender-neutral facility somewhere. Forget it, general, it is absolutely impossible, it can never and will never work. Never. Unless, that is, you're here to preside over the destruction of the "finest fighting force in the world" as our drill instructors used to describe the green machine. God help the poor D.I. who would be tasked with producing tough, young Marines ready to fight if the training includes them having to deal with the unwanted, unnecessary, and foolish presence of recruits--and all their complaints--who have no business being there all mixed together, showers included.

So, you see, there's a lot on my mind this week. I would despair that the country is lost, and it would be if the current president were not Mr. Trump, but, rather, some typical gutless Republican weenie like Romney, Jeb Bush (who couldn't wait to salute the senile crook Biden and his communist running mate--the real next president if they prevail), Graham, Kasich, Ben Sasse, or any of the rest of the wimps and cowards of the execrable G.O.P.

But, while our president is not ex-military, he has all the guts and fighting instincts of a battle-hardened combat

veteran. Although he hates war and the thought of his young countrymen giving up their lives in useless, wasteful foreign adventures (compare the casualty rates under Trump as opposed to those of Obama and Bush, for instance), he is a fighter, a one-of-a-kind guy who is such a rarity in our disgustingly effeminized culture. He will not back down, you will never break his will. He is an American William Wallace, a Davy Crockett at the Alamo, an Eddie Rickenbacker over Tokyo, Churchill in London,1941. He is, in a word...a man, the very thing idiot young white millenial women have been taught to despise. Too bad, girls.

Expect a fight, you liberals. There are 70 million of us who now love and respect the guy; we aren't going anywhere. If he needs us in the upcoming fight to prevent his well-deserved second term from being stolen as easily as the thieves can steal an honest man's identity, we're ready to help him in any

Let the court battles begin, and, in the end, when the results prove conclusively that we wuz robbed, stand by. If cities burn, by their choice, well, it's going to be a cold, dark winter any way you look at it. The mumbling crook, Hiden Biden, told us so. Some things--like freedom and the rule of law--are worth occasional struggle and discomfort. Our President understands that, and, as he has so amply demonstrated, he is willing to fight for such things even if, as has so often been the case, he has to fight virtually alone.

In my long life, I've only ever uttered these words to three men: my father, my brother, and my son. I can now say, with an open heart, "President Trump, I love ya, man. Stay strong...for us."

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Positively SPEAKING GARY W.

I always find it fascinating what triggers us. As an author and a columnist, I've learned to thicken my skin and brace myself for criticism. Anytime any of us put ourselves out there, whether we run for office, create something, or perform publicly, you must expect and accept criticism. It's not always easy. The biggest surprise for me is often that things I write and say that I'm convinced will trigger a reaction, do not. Other times, I'll say something innocent and quite passive and a few will bury me in angry email.

Lest week, I wrote a column about my love of iceberg lettuce. It was true, but largely tonguein-cheek. I thought we all needed a break from the stress and vitriol of a brutal election season, so I wrote to change the subject, express my feelings, and hopefully get a laugh. Wow

... a few people were terribly upset that I prefer iceberg lettuce over other types of greens. It didn't upset me. I found it hilarious at the range and volume of the response. I was called mildly as being ill-informed and nutritionally ignorant all the way up to being a liar and spreading damaging untruths! I may be ignorant but my feelings about my personal tastes are not

untrue ... it's how I feel! Last year, I spoke of the joy I get from chopping wood. Once again, I was attacked at being environmentally irresponsible, even though the only wood we chopped was from already fallen trees. I once wrote a column about losing one sock from every pair in my drawer .. again, I was labeled by a few as stupid and incompetent at keeping a pair of socks together.

I'm not complaining. I love hearing from readers and always use it to make me a better writer, but some of it would

Can it begin with us?

mean-spirited. Now, most of the correspondence is positive and encouraging. I appreciate both, so keep it coming. So, why am I sharing

be laughable if it weren't so

I worry about the intensity of the dialogue and actions of so many in our country today. For those who are triggered over my choice of salad. I want you to step back and ask yourself what has really caused you to be so angry. Think long and hard about it. These types of anger triggers are often a result of an unresolved personal issue. Blaming others is useless. No one can make you act angrily at others without your permission. But some allow it to happen anyway. It's not uncommon to read about a minor dispute over a parking space that turns into someone pulling a gun and killing another human being. I worry about the level of anxiety that allows a person to be

triggered so easily, over something that really doesn't matter. This weekend alone, five people were murdered, and thirty-two others wounded in Chicago. Look at this headline from the weekend, "Dog, Eight People Shot in Nashville Over Canine Dispute." Really?

Then ... there's the election. I'm saddened about the vitriol from both sides and the level of anger it has caused. Millions ... maybe a billion dollars in damage nationwide in burning and looting, while in the process, lives have been needlessly taken. We have a national epidemic of anger that is not worth the consequences of the actions triggered. And please. Spare me. Do not blame bad behavior on other bad behavior. Do not blame any politician.

I have a friend. She's a single parent who is an outstanding mom and community member. I respect her and love her teenage children. I was shocked this week to read her angry, gloating diatribe about the recent presidential election. I was deeply saddened to read the words she posted on social media. I read others who say they can never forgive those who voted differently. Really? Are we honestly unable to forgive those who think differently? Have we come to the breaking point where we now refuse to love our neighbor if they do not agree?

We cannot control the actions or feelings of others. We can control ours. We cannot stop anyone from hurting others, but we can make sure we never raise a fist or a weapon in anger. Violence usually begins with angry rhetoric. Can we begin by examining and tempering the words coming out of our

Let it start with me ... you ... everyone who is reading this column. I believe anger within

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at a huge disadvantage for some of the following reasons:

Lack of staff qualified and knowledgeable in the solar field, and not enough time to do proper research. Solar developers are flooding the small town staffs with administrative responsibilities that require more time than available. This influx adds a need for more meetings, additional process costs, and attention that includes but not limited to the following:

Technical reviews Town Planner Planning Board Conservation **Building Inspector** Police Department Fire Department **Highway Department** Assessors Office Legal Costs 3rd Party Review Select Meetings Town Administrator

Etc. Etc. Etc. As you can see this one area takes up a significant amount of resources and a large portion of our administrative man hours while still having responsibility for day to day operations and long term town opera-

In addition to having no solar plan in place, residents and members of the administration should consider the long term effects, deficiencies and risks that include the following to name a

Lack of proper responsible abutter notification (currently 300FT) not enough distance

Appropriate siting (Not in neighbor-

Land use options removed as Projects last 20-30 years

No history of environmental impacts Deforestation (removal of large tracts of trees) impacts air quality

Impacts water absorption (removal

Removes shade (removal of trees) More wind (removal of trees) Erosion (removal of trees)

Risk of invasive species (Clear cutting)

Risks to the aquifer and town's only two wells from pollution/storm water

Risks to our rivers and streams (overwhelmed storm water, flooding)

Flooding from projects built on slopes Animal habitat destroyed

Animal breeding habitat removed Animal travel corridors removed or interrupted

Traffic dangers as animals rerouted due to fencing, towards high speed travel on Route 31 and other roads

Hiking/ snowmobile trails disrupted or removed

Loss of Prime Agricultural Soils Loss of Open Space

Loss of Towns Character Hot Spots (Forest Removed) acres of

These are just some of the concerns; the tip of the ice berg. I encourage everyone to write an article, speak up, make your voice heard and protect our town and your surroundings. Remember why you chose to live here, raise a family or relocate here.

Other Issues and Questions: I'll help a little

Why are thousands of panels needed on each facility?

Because they are not efficient, only 20-25 percent (do the research) where do they end up at the end of life?

Ask yourself why it's so lucrative for

Because they are subsidized by both the state and federal government (20-30

percent or more) What does the town get in return for

20 - 30 years loss of land use? By comparison, very little, small monetary compensation for what you lose considering the risks both known and unknown vs. what developers get on (ROI) return on investment (huge profits)

current example would be the North Brookfield Rd Project. Remember when I mentioned the Pilot and Decommissioning Agreements (pay close attention to the stupidity) it should concern every resident in this town (see below) and be prepared to be disgusted that this is how we are being represented! This is just one of many

projects. Depreciation of 69% over the projected life of the project, you read that correctly 69 percent!

Thirty-five acres sold to the developer for \$300,000. The developer projects to spend a little over \$2,000,000 to (destroy) develop the site. In return the town will get (Pilot Agreement) approximately \$333,000 over the course of the agreement. The real shame and embarrassment as if that's not enough to piss you off, is the accepted cost to decommission the facility, (Decommissioning Agreement) guess, go ahead and guess the amount! \$ 20,000 — yep, you read that correctly: \$20,000. I can't remodel my bathroom for that amount, can you?

Moving on, look around look at the company names on the convoys of bucket trucks installing the utility poles (hundreds of them) stringing the wires, and the logging trucks doing the deforesting and tree pruning for the lines. Seems like they work for all the solar developers.

These are not your local mom and pop businesses, they are multi-million/ billion dollar international companies in pursuit of big profit at our expense (do some research)

Small towns will be left in the rearview mirror when all is said and done.

To the folks who lease property for the enticing monthly check for little effort, I suggest you get a good attorney and ensure you are protected and ask who is responsible to clean up the mess if a facility should ever be abandoned, be proactive!

Ask yourself why these developers mostly originate from out of state and are all LLCs. Why do the projects get sold so often, sometimes even before they are built. Why do the names change so frequently? Curious?

Where are the hundreds of thousands of so called non-hazardous panels coming from? That's right China, I ask why? I'll bet price, but I am more concerned about quality!

And what happens at the end of panel life? Oh, that's right, we'll worry about that in 2040-2050

When is the last time your electric bill went down?

In my opinion, the solar developers

are very good at promoting the false narrative that solar will save the planet. They are more interested in making as much money as possible as quickly as possible before the issues detrimental to their expansion can be responsibly explored and addressed.

Ask yourself this, why at these small town meetings with mostly volunteer or low paid board members, are solar developers sending highly paid, solar representatives, and groups of lawyers. The answer should be quite obvious. The effort is worth the enormous profits at stake for them.

When have you heard the following issues discussed at a meeting, Subsidies, Solar Renewable Energy Credits, The Smart Program #1, The Smart Program #2, the trading on Wall Street oh that's right, never. I wonder why (do some research). You see where I'm going?

For Spencer, it's time to stop the solar influx, with the obvious lack of knowledge, until we have a better understanding of the facts, and the truth, and can make responsible decisions on behalf of all our residents and protect the town to the greatest extent possible!

I hope by the time you're reading this, the town has voted for a moratorium, as this letter may not be submitted/ published in time for publication, prior to the Special Town Meeting Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at David Prouty High School. If it appears before the Warrant meeting, please attend the meeting and vote on article #12 Temporary Moratorium on the Construction of Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations. I believe the future quality of life in our town deservers as much time, care, and attention as necessary to protect us to the greatest extent possible! Our towns future is in our hands help protect it!

Finally, I believe the best, most cost effective, responsible solution for our town, is capping solar development at the current (#) stage, and being done with it! At this point any possible benefit is surely heavily outweighed by the risks involved both monetarily and environmentally.

At least so far, the only problem we

have in our system is Donald Trump is

still not doing the right thing in his final

weeks in office. The President took an

oath to preserve, protect, and defend

the Constitution of the United States.

It is time to graciously accept defeat,

give a concession speech, calm down

his supporters, and support President-

Elect Biden in the transition because

that is what America needs right now.

Instead, he is undermining confidence

and trust in our country, our institu-

tions, our election, our constitution,

won fairly. The way it stands now, any

claim to winning the vote is illegitimate

and our very system of governance.

expected, at least so far.

MATTHEW DEFOSSE SPENCER

ROSENBERG

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enthusiasm of Donald Trump's base. They turned out in surprisingly impressive numbers.

In the aftermath of the 2020 election, we need to take a step back and consider what this says about us, what this says about this country. In 2016 we say 60% voter turnout. Many of us were hoping for an 85 percent voter turnout blowout to loudly and clearly repudiate Trumpism. That isn't what happened. The Republicans made gains in minorities to achieve the highest percentage of the minority vote in 60 years, since the Republicans and Democrats switched sides vis-à-vis racism, the civil rights era, etc. Trump only got 24% of the black vote, but that's a huge achieve-

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power to tax and spend from Congress and function as a dictator.

We the people want the 100-year plague managed by a competent government and not let run wild as though we were a pre-modern society to figure out who survived and who didn't.

We the people want the press respected as a necessary check and balance on the government and utterly reject any effort to paint a free press as the opposition party.

We the people represent the 76 million votes cast for President-Elect Joe Biden. We recognize that 71 million votes were cast for the sitting Dictator and Monarchist and we offer them compassion, understanding of their struggles, and education.

ment.

The Republican party has turned into the party of people without college degrees. We saw swings of moderates and of college-educated suburbanites to Democrats. The Republican party has potential of a future party as a multiracial working-class party if they can consolidate support across racial lines among those without college degrees. If they drop the racism and focus on the poorly educated, they have a viable party moving forward. It remains to be seen whether they will actually focus on things to help these folks or if they will continue to use them as pawns for policies which only widen inequality, destroy the middle class, and make the rich richer.

Trump has been spouting on Twitter where he isn't really fighting but more constructing rationalizations because

We the people did not only have more votes cast for a new direction to be led by President-Elect Biden. We also represent people "in all the right plac-They the people of Wisconsin, They the people of Michigan, They the people of Georgia, They the people of Pennsylvania, They the people of Nevada, and They the people of Arizona have all said "enough is enough". We the people rejected the Trump era before it ever started but didn't have enough votes in the right placed. We the people have run up the score in places like California, New York, and Massachusetts, but this time we have enough in the "swing states" to finally close this chapter of minority rule.

RICHARD TAYLOR

America has spoken.

SPENCER

he can't he can lose at anything. Donald Trump was impeached. Donald Trump lost an election but won by technicality in 2016. Donald Trump lost by even more in 2020 and even lost with the rigged rules of the game (Electoral College). Donald Trump is a loser. He accused Democrats of having an elaborate vote rigging scheme where they denied him a second term while also losing the Senate and allowing the Republicans to pick up seats in the House. There was no rigging. This election was about Donald Trump and he alone lost. We all feared the great ballot fires of

2020. We feared hijacked mail trucks being driven off bridges and into harbors. We all feared violence in the streets of Atlanta, Las Vegas, and Philadelphia from armed militias. The system is holding better than I even

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vacy and freedom needs to be restored So, this is the reason Trump needs to challenge this, and challenge it strong. America needs elections where voters can vote in a booth with secrecy, away from duress and intimidation. If we continue with unsolicited ballots mailed, gangs such as BLM and Antifa will cower the populace to vote as directed. We will no longer be America of the free. This is exactly how Russia and China hold elections The Supreme Court needs to recognize the abuse and intimidation possible from such practices. You have a right to vote under your own free will, without the threat of recrimination. To preserve the integrity of the election process they need to recognize this happened and force a new vote in these battleground states. Ones with protection and privacy to ensure they can vote without duress. If Joe wins then, he can rightly claim he

DAVID ROSENBERG SPENCER

by freedom loving Americans. I would also like to give my appreciation to the Spencer New Leader. This paper is the definition of a Free Press. It publishes the views from all perspectives and lets the voters make an informed, intelligent decision. Is it any wonder why Spencer and the surrounding towns were the only ones who carried Trump? It was a complete repudiation by out townsfolk of the misinformation from the liberal socialist whiners like Terrance and Har. It shows that Patriot Place is not at Gillette Stadium but here. In a sea of Liberal Socialist sheep who listen to CNN it's nice to live an area dominated by true Americans who sons and fathers bled red so we could be free and believe in our elections. We will honor them on Veterans Day. God Bless America and you, the

sons /daughters of liberty.

MARK ROBILLARD

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OBITUARIES

John A. Paolucci, 51

WEST BROOKFIELD - John A. Paolucci, 51, of West Brookfield passed away in the early morning hours on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.



He leaves behind the loves of his life, his wife, Cassie M. Paolucci, his daughter, Isabella Paolucci, and his son, Vincent Paolucci of West Brookfield. He also leaves his brothers, Dominic "Buddy" P.

Paolucci, Jr. and his wife Margaret of West Brookfield, Joseph R. Paolucci and his wife Rosemary of West Brookfield, Raymond C. Paolucci and his companion Susan Como of Warren; his sister, Eileen Chevrette and her husband Michael of Ware, his motherin-law, Deborah Foley and her husband Mike of West Brookfield, his fatherin-law, Larry Boswell and his partner Carol LeBlanc of Worcester, his brother-in-law, Jason Boswell and his wife Lisa of West Brookfield, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, his extended family and friends. John was predeceased by his brother Carl J. Paolucci. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Dominic P. and Eileen D. (Fenuccio) Paolucci.

John proudly owned and operated Post Road Realty with his wife Cassie and was a member of the Realtor Association of Central Massachusetts. In addition to selling real estate, he enjoyed construction projects, building and flipping many homes in the area.

He had a love for cars and enjoyed

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us triggers anger in others. Likewise, kindness and love calm the human soul. We have reached a dangerous boiling point across our nation and it can only be reduced by cooler heads with love and kindness.

I still believe in the human spirit. I believe we are endowed by our Creator with the seeds of compassion and kindness. If nurtured, these seeds can grow within us and change the course of our nation regardless of who is President or

every minute behind the wheel of his Shelby Cobra Replica. John loved watching car shows, especially the Barrett Jackson car auctions, seeing many cars that would look great in his garage! He looked forward to watching the Patriots play and his nights with the Pool League at the American Legion Post. By far his favorite activity though was watching his daughter and son play sports.

John always had a welcoming smile and took time to stop and say hello, always waving hello if he spotted you, and he never forgot a name. He had an easy going personality and was always telling a joke with his dry sense of humor. John was a friend to everyone and was always willing to lend a helping hand, but what he cherished most was spending time with his family.

A Graveside Service for John was held on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 10:00am in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, West Main Street in West Brookfield. There are no calling hours. In accordance with the current COVID-19 MA guidelines, masks must be worn while at the cemetery and social distancing guidelines must be followed. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Paolucci Children Education Fund, Country Bank, 75 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 or at any branch location.

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

whether your socks match.

Can we love thy neighbor regardless of what type of lettuce they eat, or who they vote for?

I am optimistic. We are better than this.

Can it begin with us?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Garyon Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

Evelyn L. Armitage, 90

WARREN-- Evelyn L. (Allen) Armitage, 90, of Warren died on Friday, November 6, 2020 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.



She leaves her daughters, Alyce Wall and her husband Charles of Warren, Lisa Harrington and her husband Al of Warren, and Linda Robbins of Ware; her brother, Donald Garfield of

Jaffrey, NH, her sister-in-law, Barbara Sherman of Kernersville, NC, her four grandchildren, Crystal Armitage, Beth Parent, Jason Wall and his wife Anastasia Hall, and Mandy Robbins; and two great-grandchildren, Kaylee and Tyler. She was predeceased by her husband, Elwin E. Armitage in 1981, her son, Lance Corporal, Barry E. Armitage in 1973, her grandson, Barry Bennett in 2020 and her brother, Arnold Sherman in 2020. Evelyn was born in West Guilford, VT, daughter of the late Walter E. and Charlotte E. (Buffum) Allen.

Evelyn was a Physical Therapy Assistant at Belchertown State School for 28 years, before retiring in 1990.

for 28 years, before retiring in 1990.

She was a loving and devoted wife,

mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed crocheting, mastering her word search books, building puzzles and playing solitaire. You would most likely hear gospel or country playing in the background during a visit with her. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

She was a member of the former West Warren Methodist Church since 1972, then in 1996 transitioned to the George Whitefield United Methodist Church in West Brookfield when they merged. Her passion in ministry was singing in her church choir.

A Graveside Service for Evelyn was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 11:30AM in Pine Grove Cemetery in Warren. A calling hour was held prior to the service from 10 to 11AM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 E. Main Street in West Brookfield. In accordance with the current COVID-19 MA guidelines, masks must be worn while at the funeral home and in the cemetery and social distancing guidelines must be followed. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the George Whitefield United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 576, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Turkey dinner fundraiser planned at W. Brookfield church

WEST BROOKFIELD — The First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield, UCC, 36 N. Main St., W. Brookfield is hosting a To-Go hot turkey sandwich dinner on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Menu includes hot open-faced turkey sandwich, secret recipe stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce and choice of slice of homemade pie - apple or pumpkin. The dinners are \$10 each. The deadline for reservations is Friday, Dec. 4. Call Nancy at 413-267-3863. Payment at pickup. Pick-up will be from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Specify pie choice and time for pick-up with phone reservations.

LEGALS

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Notice is hereby given that on November 30 at 2:00PM at the LEICESTER TOWN HALL, Leicester Town Hall, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester, Massachusetts, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60§77B, I SHALL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, the following parcel of Land acquired by said Town by foreclosure of the tax title thereon:

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Deeds Book 38741 Page 371
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Registry: Worcester District Registry of

Registry of Deeds in Book 20297 Page324. The Town became the purchaser of the land as granted on January 20, 2006, recorded in Book 38247 Page 116. The terms and conditions listed below

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may or may not be in compliance with any applicable laws, policies or regulations.

4. This parcel is sold subject to any applicable septic/disposal system inspection/upgrade requirements as set forth in the Department of Environmental Protection's Title 3 310 CMR, Section 15.301(f).

5. Any error, misstatement or omission in the description of the property will not annul the sale, or be grounds for any abatement or compensation.

6. The following person(s) will not qualify to be a successful bidder: (1) the prior owner of the property and/ or his or her agent or straw; (2) any person or entity that was party to the foreclosure action of pertaining to the property; and (3) any person currently delinquent in paying his/her own property taxes and/or other taxes or charges owed to the Town of Leicester. 7. The successful buyer will be required to: (1) sign and file a disclosure statement pursuant to M.G.L. c7, §40J giving the names and addresses of all persons who will have a beneficial interest in the property with the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance; and (2) sign under the penalties of perjury an affidavit indicating that no one who would gain equity in the property has been convicted of a crime involving the willful and malicious setting of a fire, or of aiding, counseling or procuring the willful and malicious setting of a fire, or of a crime involving the fraudulent filing of a claim for fire insurance.

8. The balance of the contract sales price, pro forma taxes (to be calculated pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 §63A), and a processing fee of \$550.00 must be paid by certified funds within thirty (30) days of the auction. Failure to pay the remainder of the balance within thirty (30) days will result in the forfeiture of the deposit to the Town of Leicester and the sale will be made to the second highest bidder.

9. The Custodian reserves the right to reject any bid at the auction or any adjournment thereof which, in his or her opinion, does not approximate the fair market value of the property.

10. A deposit in the amount of \$5,000.00 is required to register to bid at the auction. The successful bidder's deposit will be held by the Town as a non-refundable deposit on the sale which shall be forfeited to the Town as liquidated damages in the event the high bidder fails to comply with the terms and conditions of th sale and/or is in default thereof.

November 13, 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

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Docket No. WO20P3064EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:

Margaret M Byszek **Date of Death: 01/07/2012**To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mary C Byszek of North Brookfield MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Mary C
Byszek of North Brookfield MA be
appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without
Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/01/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration isnot required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: October 29, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

November 13, 2020

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO20P3006EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Ralph John Freytag
Date of Death: 08/15/2020
To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Peter S. Askalis of N. Brookfield MA requesting that the Court enter a for-

mal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Peter S. Askalis** of **N. Brookfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representa-

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

Date: October 26, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

November 13, 2020

Proper storage extends the life of leftover seeds



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As you pack away the garden hose, tools and other supplies or transition to your winter garden, do not overlook those leftover seeds. Proper storage can extend their life so you will need to buy fewer seeds next season. With another shortage of garden seeds predicted for 2021 you will be glad you did.

Leave the seeds in their original packet whenever possible. It contains all the information you need to make planting easier and increase your success next season.

Place the seed packets in an airtight container such as a recycled jar or plastic storage container. If you have lots of seeds, consider organizing them as you pack them away for winter.

Arrange them alphabetically from A to Z using dividers for each letter of the alphabet or organize them by planting season. Group seeds to be started indoors together and those that go directly in the garden by the month they should be planted.

Seal the lid on the container and place in a cool, dark location. The refrigerator is perfect, providing consistently cool temperature that increases seed storage success.

The longevity of a seed not only depends on proper storage, but also varwith the type of seed.

Eggplant, muskmelon, and Brussels sprouts will last five years or more while onions and parsnips may only last a year. Give leftover flower seeds the same care. Heliotrope, verbena, sweet William, geraniums, and Shasta daisies typically last one or two years.

Impatiens, Geums and Titho nia (Mexican sunflower) usually maintain viability for two years while ageratum, alyssum, amaranth and varrow can last four years or more.

Take an inventory of your seeds as you pack them away in storage. Reference this list as you begin planning next year's garden. You will be able to see what seeds you already have and focus on those you

If you have extras or seeds you do not plan to use, consider sharing some with a friend. Most of us do not need to plant all 20, 30 or more seeds in a packet. Sharing and trading with friends or donating to schools, community gardens, master gardeners, or other groups that may lack the resources to buy their own seeds is a great way to make a difference. Everyone will save money while growing beautiful and productive gar-

Do not discard older seeds. They often outlast the average and continue to sprout at an acceptable level. You can test the seeds prior to planting. Just take ten seeds and wrap them in a damp paper towel. Then place in a plastic bag and wait to check for sprouting in a week or two. If all the seeds sprout, you can plant according to the packet. If only half sprout, you need to seed twice as thick.

And if you find some of your old seeds are no longer viable, use them to create seed art and



Photo Melinda Myers

Leave leftover seeds in their original packet whenever possible and store in an airtight container for next season.

other projects. It is a fun way to repurpose these seeds.

Be sure to add packing up leftover seeds to your fall to-do list. You will be glad you did when it is time to plan and plant next year's garden.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small

Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

12:32-1:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:27 a.m.: medical/general (High Street); 1:28 a.m.: parking violation (Temple Street), ticket issued; 1:54 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 1:58-3:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:57 a.m.: medical/ general (Temple Street); 8:06 a.m.: DPW call (Howe Village), fuse blown/utility pole; 10:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Joseph D. Trotta, 43, 40 Deer Run Road, Brookfield, warrant/2, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, arrest; 11:12 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 12:49 p.m.: school alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 1:28 p.m.: assault w/knife (Bixby Road), report taken; 2:21 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 2:56 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:56 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), erratic operator; 5:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Pine Acres), loose dog; 6:37 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 8:38-9:02 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:11 p.m.: 911call (Brooks Pond Road), accidental; 9:11 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:29 p.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), barking dog; 9:38-10:09 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops - 7).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:04-2:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:28 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:57 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:58 a.m.: fire alarm (Charlton Road), referred: 10:47 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:20 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:34 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. harassment; 11:45 a.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 11:45 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: missing person/Worcester; 11:48 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 12:37 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: harassment; 1:17 p.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), referred; 1:42 p.m.: juvenile matter (Woodside Drive), kids in traffic; 1:47 p.m.: residential alarm (Thompson Pond Road), services rendered; 3:09 p.m.:911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 3:17 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 4:33 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:40 p.m.: harassing calls (Mechanic Street), report taken; 4:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Charron Street), poss. stolen plate; 5:22 p.m.: domestic abuse/ restraining order violation (Mechanic Street), call fr. defendant; 5:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), welfare check; 6:12 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 7:39 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), cc found; 7:45 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), info taken; 7:56 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:07 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 8:09 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 8:39-8:44 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:26 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road), no contact; 9:55 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), bat in bathroom; 10:02 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:29 p.m.: suspicious mv (Sunset Lane), unwanted party; (Total daily mv stops - 10).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

12:22 a.m.: medical/general (Oakland Drive); 12:27-1:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:16 a.m.: medical/ general (South Spencer Road); 7:08 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:20 a.m.; accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 10:00 a.m.: accident (Clark Road), report taken; 10:43 a.m.: mv accident (Charlton Road),

report taken; 11:00 a.m.: accident (Northwest Road), report taken; 11:09 a.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 11:10 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:14 a.m.: mv lockout (East Charlton Road), assisted; 11:52 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 12:16 p.m.: fire alarm (Cherry Street), referred; 12:23 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 12:31 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:44 p.m.: fraud (McCormick Road), unemployment scam; 1:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), tree fell on mv; 2:37 p.m.: fraud (Bixby Road), unemployment scam; 2:40 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 4:02 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 4:21 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 5:12 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/4 (West Main Street), assisted; 6:54 p.m.: suspicious mv (Smithville Road), investigated; 7:27 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), re: icy conditions; 8:04 p.m.: officer waned (North Brookfield Road), rep. harassment; 9:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), poss. rabies exposure; 11:08 p.m.: accident (Main Street), hit/run; 11:48 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:52 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; (Total daily mv stops -1).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 12:02 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 12:06-2:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), loose dog; 10:26 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), fox ate chicken; 10:30 a.m.: DPW call (Wire Village Road), low-hanging wires; 10:31 a.m.; medical/general (Howe Village); 11:07 a.m.: accident (Northwest Road), report taken; 11:40 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 12:51 p.m.: medical/general (Cooney Road); 2:30 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; between 2:30-4:00 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 4:19 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), purse found; 4:54 p.m.: mv complaint (Ash Street), erratic operator; 5:22 p.m.: mv lockout (Maple Street), assisted; 6:31 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), gunshots heard; 6:32-6:35 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 8:19 p.m.: 911 call (Cherry Street), misdial; between 8:19-10:37 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 10:37 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), child w/phone; 10:52 p.m.: building checked,

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

secure; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

12:01-12:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; between 1:00-1:28 a.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 1:33 a.m.: animal complaint (School Street), dog found; 1:38 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 4:12 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 5:22 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:07 a.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 8:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), dog found; 8:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 9:19 a.m.: officer wanted (Shore Drive), neighbor issues; 10:46 a.m.: larceny (Pleasant Street), items stolen from yard; 11:46 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 12:48 p.m.: school alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 1:19 p.m.: juvenile matter (Meadow Road), kids/bikes in traffic; 1:43 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 4:03 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), injured fox; 4:57 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:12-8:29 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:32

p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-

up; 11:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total mv stops – 1).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:04 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:45 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 12:46-12:52 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 1:41-1:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:19 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 2:20-2:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:50 a.m.: parking violation (Elm Street), ticket issued; 7:53 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), package found; 8:14 a.m.: mv lockout (Prospect Street), assisted; 9:08 a.m.: mv complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), speeding; 9:55 a.m.: building checked, secure; 10:05 a.m.: parking violation (Ash Street), ticket issued; 10:29 a.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), spoken to; 11:05 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), key found; 11:07 a.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), TT backing in road; 11:58 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), neglected cat; 1:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Condon Drive), re: IRS letter; 3:00 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 3:05 p.m.: fraud (North Spencer Road), unemployment scam; 3:13 p.m.: identity theft (Cherry Street), cc opened in name; 3:26 p.m.: residential alarm (Clark Road), services rendered; 3:39 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 3:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 4:05 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/5 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:14 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator; 4:39 p.m.: parking complaint (Ash Street), spoken to; 4:49 p.m.: parking complaint (Ash Street), mv on sidewalk; 4:50 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:22 p.m.: residential alarm (Clark Road), services rendered; 6:26 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 6:43 p.m.: school alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 6:51 p.m.: accident (Route 49), mv vs deer; 7:03 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:20 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), Ronald T. Segarra, 33, 135 Wilkinson Street, Putnam, Conn., warrant, arrest; 8:41 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 10:20 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:15 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:29 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; (Total daily mv

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

12:35-12:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:28 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:40-1:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:50 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 1:51-1:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:57 a.m.: parking violations (South, Church streets), tickets issued; 2:01-2:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:02-2:04 a.m.: parking violations (Main, High streets, North Spencer Road), tickets issued; 2:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:17-2:22 a.m.: parking violations (Prospect, Cherry streets), tickets issued; 3:43 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 7:46 a.m.: medical/ general (Bixby Road); 8:36 a.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), Oxford PD bolo; 10:22 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), mailbox broken into; 10:28 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 10:45 a.m.: parking complaint (Bixby Road), neighbor issue; 10:56 a.m.: juvenile matter (Pleasant Street), kid/bike in street; 11:25 a.m.: fraud (Wilson Avenue), IRS scam call; 11:45 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: LTC renewal;

12:19 p.m.: residential alarm (Sunberg Road), accidental; 1:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), tenant issue; 1:41 p.m.: fraud (Hastings Road), unemployment scam; 2:29 p.m.: medical/general (North Brookfield Road); 3:21 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:26 p.m.: mv complaint (Mechanic Street), wrong-way driver; 3:52 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 4:04 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:20 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:35 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:41 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 6:25 p.m.: fraud (Woodside Drive), unemployment scam; 8:00-9:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:06 p.m.: parking violation (Cherry Street), ticket issued; 10:16 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (Mechanic Street), neighbor issues; 11:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Street), welfare check; (Total daily my stops -8).

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:14 a.m.: ambulance (Pitcairne Avenue), transported: 9:29 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:12 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 12:36 p.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), spoken to; 1:19 p.m.: fraud (Maighan's Way), report taken; 2:02 p.m.: accident (South Main Street), mv towed; 2:40 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:30 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:42 p.m.: fraud (Sunset Drive), report taken; 4:50 p.m.: summons service (Pleasant Street), served; 5:17 p.m.: investigation (Bellvista Road, Worcester), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, investigated; 5:46 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transport-

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

12:09 a.m.: suspicious my (Mannville Street), assisted; 12:58 a.m.: assist other agency (Mannville Street), services rendered; 3:05 a.m.: assist other agency (Sabina Circle), services rendered; 5:52 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Monterey Drive), services rendered; 10:23 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:24 a.m. disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 11:15 a.m.: disabled mv (Mulberry Street), gone on arrival; 1:18 p.m.: fraud (King Street Extension), report taken; 1:48 p.m.: fraud (High Street), report taken; 2:09 p.m.: mutual aid (Marble Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 2:18 p.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), report taken; 4:44 p.m.: b&e/past (Stafford Street), no action required; 11:36 p.m.: suspicious activity (Hemlock Street),

services rendered. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

1:17 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 2:24 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 5:05 p.m.: assist other PD (out of town, no destination specified on police log), message delivered; 6:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), services rendered; 7:01 p.m.: parking complaint (Pine Street), spoken to; 9:54 p.m.: residential alarm (Rawson Street), false alarm; 11:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street),

peace restored. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:10 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), services rendered; 12:20 p.m.: suspicious my (Pleasant Street), assisted; 1:15 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 1:29 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:46 a.m.: assist citi-

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zen (South Main Street); 2:06 p.m.: assist other PD (Walnut Street, Oxford), services rendered.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10:57 a.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), assisted; 11:06 a.m.: accident (River Street), Keith R. Parent, 30, 11 Eureka Street, #1, Worcester, straight warrant, arrest; 12:24 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:34 p.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), written warning; 3:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Stone Ridge Drive), report taken; 3:45 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), removed; 5:05 p.m.: accident (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/ suspended license, mv towed; 7:26 p.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:48 p.m.: suspicious mv (Washburn Square), services rendered.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 3:11 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 5:40 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 5:46 a.m.: ambulance (Charlton Street), transported; 9:02 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:53 a.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street),

assisted; 10:08 a.m.: debris in road (Soojians Drive), assisted; 11:06 a.m.: suspicious mv (Whittemore Street), no action required; 11:12 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 12:59 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 1:00 p.m.: accident (South Main Street), report taken; 6:00 p.m.: debris n road (Main Street), no action required; 6:22 p.m.: fraud (Chapel Street), report taken; 7:52 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ferncroft Road), services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:22 a.m.: assist other PD (Burncoat Lane), no action required; 8:47 a.m.: fraud (Henshaw Street), report taken; 9:57 a.m.: welfare check (Green Street). gone on arrival; 10:22 a.m.: suspicious activity (Charlton Street), unable to locate; 10:48 a.m.: fraud (Hyland Avenue), report taken; 2:26 p.m.: welfare check (Monterey Drive), report taken; 3:49 p.m.: assist citizen (Hyland Avenue), unable to locate; 6:12 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 8:14 p.m.: suspicious mv (Collier Avenue), report taken; 8:45 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, larcenv under \$1200, receiving stolen property/less than \$1200, investigated; 11:46 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), services rendered.

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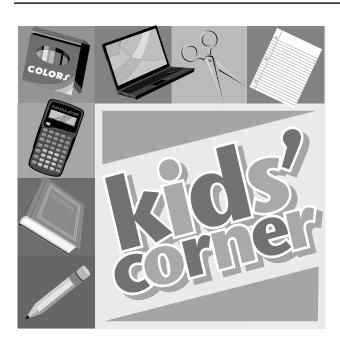
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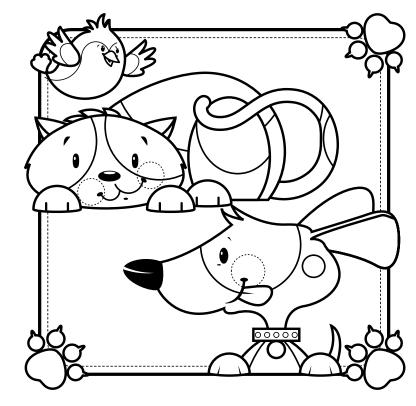


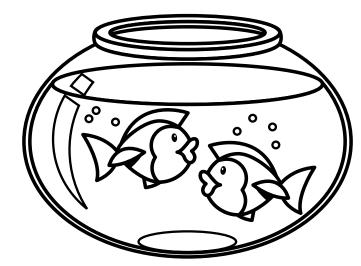
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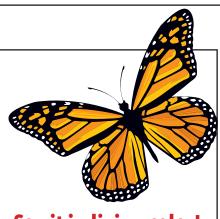
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