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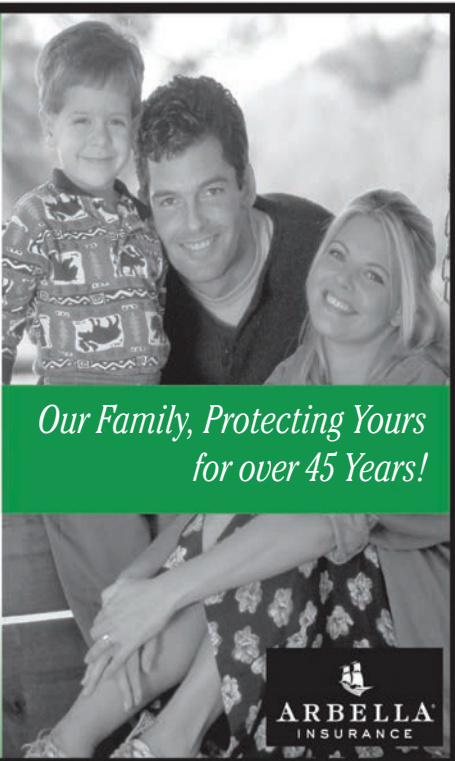
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# 2020 fair canceled

BROOKFIELD — After much consideration, we have made the decision to cancel the 42nd Apple Country Fair, which was originally scheduled for Oct. 10.

Due to the CoVid19 Pandemic, we decided everyone's health and safety are too important to risk.

Even though this year's fair is canceled, you can still buy raffle tickets for the quilt for just \$5! Buy your quilt raffle tickets online at [www.applecountryfair.com](http://www.applecountryfair.com). If you are uncomfortable buying tickets



online, you can see any of the Brookfield Community Club board members to purchase tickets as well. You can also call Lois O'Leary

at the Brookfield Town Hall to make an appointment to stop in and see her - (508) 867-2930, ext. 24.

Drawing will be held live on the Apple Country Fair Facebook page, Oct. 10 at 4 p.m.

Please make sure to follow us on Facebook at [applecountryfair](https://www.facebook.com/applecountryfair) to keep up-to-date on any notices and activities during the coming year.

We look forward to having you join us for next year's Fair on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 on the Brookfield Common.

## Spencer seeking full-time firefighter

SPENCER – The town is seeking applicants for a full-time firefighter position. The candidate chosen for the position will work under the direction of the

Fire Chief. The position involves several duties, including emergency responses at fires, rescue scenes, and medical incidents; general support duties; maintenance operations; and office tasks.

Requirements for the position include a high school diploma or equivalent, Firefighter I/II certification from the Massachusetts State Fire Academy or equivalent institution, and three years of experience in firefighting.

The position also has a residency requirement (candidates shall not reside farther than 15 miles from the town border). The starting hourly rate is \$23.46, with a 42-hour average work-week.

Additional job details and applications are available at the fire station (11 West Main St., Spencer, MA 01562). Materials can be obtained on Monday through Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can also visit [www.spencer-ma.gov](http://www.spencer-ma.gov) and access the fire department Web page for materials.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and three professional references to the Spencer Fire Department, Chief of Department, 11 West Main St., Spencer, MA 01562, or email your materials to [rparsons@spencerma.gov](mailto:rparsons@spencerma.gov).

A review of applications will begin on Oct. 4 and continue until the position is filled.

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# North Brookfield Savings Bank promotes Cheryl Orne to Deposit Operations Manager

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** — North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the recent promotion of Cheryl Orne to Deposit Operations Manager of the Bank's Operations Department.

"We are happy to have Cheryl grow with North Brookfield Savings Bank with this well-deserved promotion," said North Brookfield Savings Bank Senior Vice President Patty Ostrout. "Her ongoing dedication to providing our customers with the best service and digital banking options, along with her extensive banking knowledge, and her support of her coworkers, make her the perfect fit for this position managing the operations department. We know she will continue to contribute to the overall success of the Bank."

Cheryl Orne, of North Brookfield, will be responsible for overseeing the day to day functions of the Operations Department and managing the Operations team. She will be responsible for the continued smooth operation of the deposit and electronic banking services to ensure ease-of-use and complete customer satisfaction. This includes valuable and vital services such as NBSB's Online Banking, Mobile Banking app and ATM/Debit card services, among others. She will use research and innovation to keep North Brookfield Savings Bank at the forefront of digital technology, allowing customers access to competitive digital financial services. Orne will work closely with the Senior Vice President of Retail Banking and retail staff to create efficiencies between the departments.

Orne most recently served North Brookfield Savings Bank Branch Operations Manager where she was responsible for managing internal reporting tools, managing the Bank's

supply warehousing system, maintaining, updating and implementing procedures & forms, providing training for retail staff, among other duties.

Orne is a seasoned banker with more than 16 years of professional community banking experience within multiple departments and positions. She takes great pride in working for a local, community bank that focuses on the importance of customer care and community support.

"I am very happy for this recognition and look forward to utilizing my previous experience working in both back-end operations and front-facing retail banking support to provide our customers with the very best banking experience," said Deposit Operations Manager Cheryl Orne. "I am committed to keeping North Brookfield Savings Bank competitive, to give our customers access to the latest cutting edge digital banking services and features."

If you want to reach Cheryl Orne to discuss North Brookfield Savings



Cheryl Orne

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## Haston Library "wows" patrons with new offerings

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – The Haston Free Public Library staff is wowing patrons with its latest effort to showcase new items.

On Sept. 5, the library officially launched the "Wowbrary" program, which offers guests free email alerts highlighting new items. The alerts feature information on the latest bestsellers, movies, audio books, children's titles, cookbooks, travel guides, health books, and other items of interest.

Staff members were excited to unveil the program, and they hope patrons take advantage of it. Even though guests aren't currently able to enjoy the full range of library programs during the pandemic, the new platform will help keep everyone in the loop.

"You will be amazed when you see in one place just how many great new titles we purchase each week, which you can reserve and borrow at no cost," read a statement released by the library. "We cover all age groups and many diverse interests. The new Wowbrary alerts are extremely convenient and, by connecting to the C/W MARS Evergreen online catalog, quickly show what's new – all from the convenience of your home, work, or school computer."

The Wowbrary system allows residents to immediately place a hold on any titles of interest. Staff members have been impressed by the efficiency and comprehensiveness of the system. It has been particularly helpful for parents seeking materials for their kids.

"It only takes a mouse click to see the newest arrivals appropriate for your child or teen," said Children's Librarian Rosemary Mackenzie. "Teachers can quickly spot new resources for their classes."

Wowbrary alerts are free and do not require a library card. However, if you wish to place a hold on an item, you will need your library card number to do so.

The Wowbrary platform was created to make public libraries more accessible to users. The program is supported by grants, donations, sponsorships, book sale commissions, and volunteers.

In other library news, the book group's next selection is "Empires of the Word:

A Language History of the World", authored by Nicholas Ostler. Copies of the book will be made available by Sept. 28, and a Zoom discussion will likely be held on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

If you would like to join the book group, send an email to Bob LaFlamme at ralaflamme@gmail.com. You can also call the library at 508-867-0208 for more information.

The library is also celebrating Dee Matthews, a volunteer at Wendemuth Meadow who has recently published a book of poetry titled "Wendemuth Meadow Haiku." The book is organized by season and is dedicated to fellow volunteer, Harrison Achilles.

Meanwhile, the library is spotlighting the volunteer work of Helen Foyle. She began her library career by serving as a trustee, then worked as the assistant librarian for 25 years.

"We are thrilled to have her back here, adding her skills and expertise as a library volunteer," read a library

statement. "Whenever the director has questions about past library practice or

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## Friday's Child



Khamari  
Age 12

**Hi! My name is Khamari and when I grow up, I want to be a video game designer, music beat maker, and doctor!**

Khamari is an extremely creative young boy of African American descent. Khamari enjoys expressing himself by creating his own music, board games, and videos! He thrives when he receives one-on-one attention from caring adults, but is also able to play independently. He loves to stay busy and is up for engaging in a wide range of activities. He is also very curious and loves to talk and ask questions.

Legally freed for adoption, Khamari would benefit being part of an energetic and loving family of

any constellation, with or without older children in the home. A family for Khamari would be engaging, nurturing, and able to continue the beneficial services he has in place for him.

### Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

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

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

## PERSON of the WEEK

Sandra Tebo from Spencer

My mom is the kindest person I have ever known. She raised four kids on her own with my oldest sister being special needs. We were very poor despite my mom working double shifts at Quabong Nursing Home and doing odd jobs for other people. She worked endlessly but still made sure that we did something special on the weekend such as going to Howe Park or the Quabbin. I had medical problems when I was young and would be in the hospital sometimes for weeks at a time but my mom came every day and stayed as long as she could, forfeiting that days sleep before going back into work third shift. Once we all were in high school my mom met my stepfather John. She went to work at Memorial Hospital and loved working there. We all thought that my Mom wouldn't work that much anymore but she not only worked her full time job at Memorial she also would go to people that lived in the community who needed help with an elderly or sick family member and take care of them and I swear she fell in love with every single person she cared for. She was usually the one that they would ask for when their time was near. My mom and stepdad also took in other special needs people to live with them. They were all very special and always were considered family. Their longest special person was Roger. He lived with my parents for almost 20 years, he was the oldest down syndrome person in our country. He passed away last month. It was an extremely sad time for our entire family but my mom in particular was and still is devastated. At the beginning of this pandemic instead of staying home as she should have my mom was out bringing people food and supplies that she paid for or took out of her own cabinet. My mom has never put herself before anyone and would never say no to a family that needed her help with a loved one but could not afford it. I am so proud of my mom because I know she truly makes people's lives a little easier when they need it the most. She is honestly an angel on earth.

— Submitted by Tammy Dupre

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The purpose of the flushing is to remove sediment buildup in the mains. The flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles dislodged during the flushing. This discoloration might stain your laundry, especially white materials.

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



# Local dog nominated for National Adoption Story Challenge



EAST BROOKFIELD — The local adoption story of a deaf American bulldog mix is getting national recognition in the Clear the Shelters Adoption Story Challenge. Second Chance Animal Services is asking for the public's vote for Quincy, a special-needs two-year-old who was saved from euthanasia earlier this year. Quincy was brought to one of Second Chance because he was hard to handle because he was so easily startled and euthanasia was being considered. Second Chance veterinary hospitals will never euthanize a pet unless they are suffering and according to the contest story, Second Chance veterinarians took one look at his goofy smile and happy wiggles and could not euthanize him.

He quickly became a shelter favorite. The adoption center staff worked with

him daily, teaching him commands like “sit” using sign language. He spent five months at the Second Chance Adoption Center in East Brookfield until he found just the right owner who could help him conquer his challenges.

Due to COVID, adoptions (for special needs pets) became few and far between, and because of Quincy's special needs, we feared we might never find his perfect home. Weeks dragged into months, and while people seemed interested in him at first glance, once they learned he was deaf and required special care, they turned away.

Finally, on Aug. 27, that special adopter came to visit. He took one look at Quincy and knew this was the dog for him. A previous dog owner, he had enough experience with animals for us to feel comfortable sending Quincy

home, and he was willing to adjust his lifestyle to meet Quincy's needs. Now Quincy is living in a brand-new condo and living the high life traveling with his new owner. Quincy's new owner reports Quincy is thriving and making many new friends at the dog park he visits each morning.

The Clear the Shelter Adoption Story Challenge continues through September 30th with a grand prize of \$10,000 in cash and \$2,500 in supplies for the winning shelter. Every day, the public can show Quincy some love by casting their vote at [www.shelterchallenge.com](http://www.shelterchallenge.com). Quincy can be found directly at <https://www.shelterchallenge.com/shelterchallenge/Contest/Match/36352?ContestantID=121111>.



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As the harvest season wanes and the leaves begin to fall, it becomes apparent the backyard garden, so alive and abundant in recent weeks, is soon to retire for a long winter's nap. While bountiful garden rewards may be behind us, garden chores are not. There is still much to keep a New England gardener busy during

the autumn season. From planting to pruning, efforts now will be celebrated next year. It is the anticipation of these future crops that sustains weary gardeners through the roster of fall chores.

**OCTOBER**  
October Stats: Average temperature (Worcester, MA): 58.3; Possibility of Sunshine: 58%; Precipitation: 4.7”.

October is the month to:

- Plant spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, crocuses and daffodils.

## Fall Lawn and Garden Care

- Prune roses to prepare or winter. Cut non-blooming roses back half way.
- Rake leaves from lawn; add to compost pile.
- Make sure evergreens have a good deep watering before the ground freezes. They should receive at least an inch of water a week, preferably more.
- If you test your soil and add any needed amendments now, the soil will be ready for planting in spring.
- Cut back and mulch fall chrysanthemums after blooming.
- Christmas cactus should rest in a cool, dim room with little water. Bring it back out November 15 for holiday bloom.
- Protect pumpkins from frost.
- As leaves begin to fall, remove them long before snow arrives. They not only shade the grass during late fall, but become wet and mat down to smother the grass over winter.
- Raked leaves make an excellent mulch on the bare, winter garden. They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil.
- Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake off dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snow mold disease.

**Other Fall Garden Chores**  
**Stowing the Stash:** Proper storage of your bountiful harvest will ensure your family the fruits of your labor throughout the New England winter. Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple. Today, the temperature can be achieved via a little creativity. Whether you are growing your own root vegetables or are buying in bulk from a local farm or

farmers market, proper storage is imperative to its flavor and quality. Here's the run-down on proper temps to keep your harvest safe and flavorful: Potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, cabbage and celery should be kept in a humid atmosphere at about 35-40 degrees. Squash and pumpkins should be stored in a dry area at 40-60 degrees. Onions and dry beans should be kept at 33 degrees in a dry area.

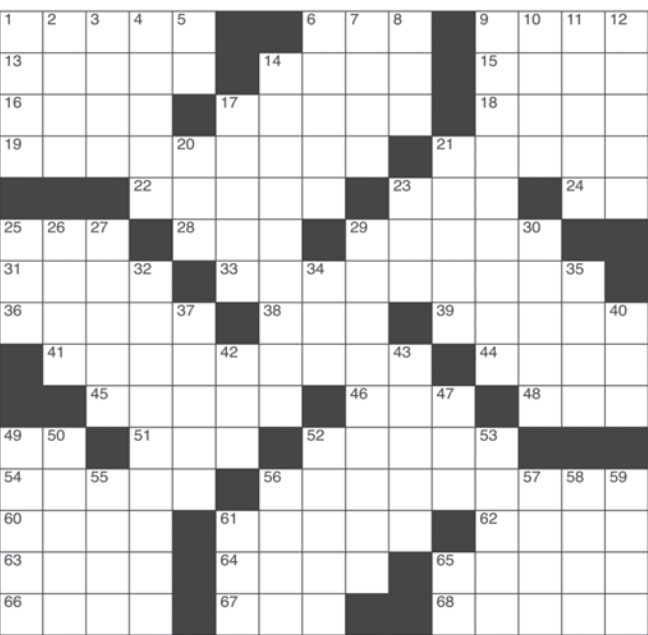
Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple; today some improvising is in order: Those with unheated basements report success creating a substitute root cellar by partitioning off one corner, installing insulation and a heavy, solid door. Keep in mind the temperature inside the root cellar will be coolest near the floor, so place roots there atop an old door or boards. Or create a root box by filling a large, sturdy cardboard box with a few inches of sawdust or sand. Place a layer of roots such as carrots, leaving two inches along the sides. Cover lightly with sawdust and alternate layers, adding a final three inches of sawdust on top. Store in a cool basement or in the cellar bulkhead area. Roots can touch each other in storage, just don't pack them in tightly, as some moist air must be able to circulate.

den They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil. Or add them to the compost pile. Some run over the leaves with a rotary mower, shredding them into fine pieces. Unless too thick, or adding to an existing thatch problem, this may work for your lawn. Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases, often sometime in October. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake off dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snowmold disease. ties.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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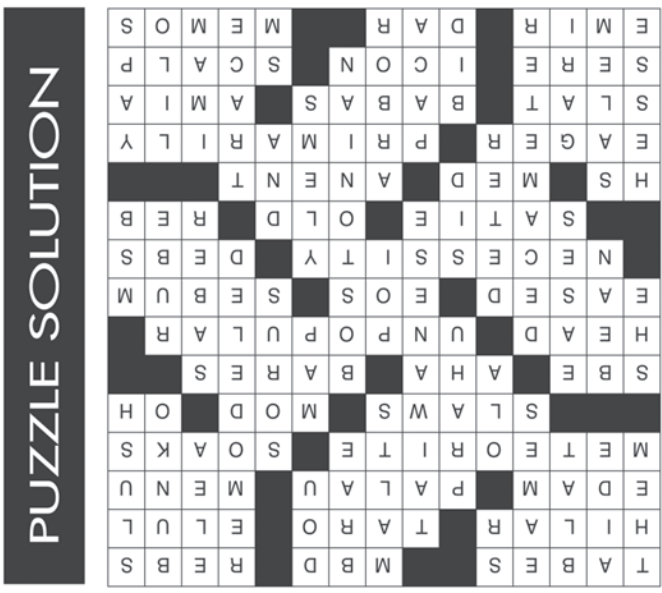


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- 28. Satisfaction
- 29. Holds nothing back
- 31. Top of the body
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- 36. Did slowly
- 38. Greek goddess of the dawn
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- 41. Vital to existence
- 44. Aristocratic young women
- 45. Erik \_\_, composer
- 46. Not young
- 48. Jewish term for “Sir”
- 49. Secondary school
- 51. \_\_ student: learns to heal
- 52. Regarding
- 54. Highly excited
- 56. Mainly
- 60. Thin, narrow piece of wood
- 61. Cakes
- 62. Biomedical nonprofit
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. One who is symbolic of something
- 65. Body part
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- 68. Notes

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- 6. Necessary for certain beverages
- 7. Hillside
- 8. Dutch painter Gerrit \_\_
- 9. Gave a new look
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. Confidence trick
- 12. Type of fund
- 14. From an Asian island
- 17. Malay boat
- 20. Western Australia indigenous people
- 21. Cluster on underside of fern frond
- 23. You need it to get somewhere
- 25. The woman
- 26. It may be green
- 27. Makes less severe
- 29. One from Beantown
- 30. Cavalry sword
- 32. Metric linear unit
- 34. Hawaiian dish
- 35. Yokel
- 37. Dissuade
- 40. Mutual savings bank
- 42. \_\_ Caesar, comedian
- 43. Primordial matters
- 47. We all have it
- 49. Hermann \_\_, author of “Siddhartha”
- 50. Historic MA coastal city
- 52. Shady garden alcove
- 53. Small amount
- 55. Horse-drawn cart
- 56. Nocturnal rodent
- 57. Spiritual leader
- 58. Air mattress
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I embraced her, coaxed her back onto her pillow and said, “We are home.”

She sprung back up, looked around the dark room and responded, “I don’t think so. I’m going home.”

It scared me. I tossed and turned the rest of the night, worried that we made a mistake. A few hours later, she was enthusiastically brushing her teeth and mumbling through the toothpaste that she loves our new place.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Change can be difficult to accept and tough on us all. We have the choice, like Don Quixote, to foolishly charge at Windmills in protest, or to embrace the now and optimistically look forward and build a happy future. We choose the optimism of a new day

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

W E D N E S D A Y ,  
SEPTEMBER 9

12:39-1:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Gauthier Road), train struck object on tracks; 1:12-3:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:03 a.m.: lost/found (Wilson Street), bike found; 9:15 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 9:26 a.m.: animal complaint (Thompson Pond Road), dead possum in road; 12:16 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), issue w/ex-tenant; 12:20 p.m.: fraud (Brooks Pond Road), scam call; 12:48 p.m.: suspicious mv (Borkum Road), spoken to; 1:33 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 1:42 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 2:03 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:05 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 4:01 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Oxford PD bolo; 4:33 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street), lift assist; 4:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Clark Road), found dog; 5:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Wilson Avenue), assist ACO; 5:41 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator; 7:46 p.m.: mv lockout (Grove Street), assisted; 7:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 8:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:15 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), juveniles/investigated; 9:31 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:36 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), assist w/drunk female; 11:44 p.m.: accident (Main Street), Shaunan M. Troy, 22, 23 Pearl Street, Spencer, failure to stop for police, marked lanes violation, reckless operation, speeding, arrest; (Total daily mv stop – 22).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1:27-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:59 a.m.: mv repossessed (Pearl Street), info taken; 2:00-2:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:19 a.m.: suspicious persons (Elm Street), spoken to; 2:35-2:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:03 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), rem. debris from road; 3:13 a.m.: fire alarm (Chickering Road), services rendered; 3:50 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:11 a.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 9:08 a.m.: fraud (Cottage Street), charity scam; 9:52 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 12:02 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), SS scam call; 12:36 p.m.: fraud (High Street), SS scam call; 1:09 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:15 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:37 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), failure to stop; 2:08 p.m.: 911 call (Woodland Lane), hang-up; 2:30 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 2:56 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:11 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), found dog; 3:16 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), family issue; 4:48 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 5:17 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 5:59 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/5 (West Main Street), assisted; 6:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 6:35 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 7:59 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:09 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), hit/run; 8:12-8:27 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:43 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 9:26 p.m.: juvenile matter (Grove Street), family issue; 10:14 p.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 10:19 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator; 10:38 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), TT unit stuck; (Total daily mv stops – 16).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11  
12:10-2:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:23 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 9:27 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Conn. State PD bolo; 10:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), back door open; 10:23 a.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), welfare check; 11:05 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:22 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 12:42 p.m.: animal complaint

(West Main Street), dead dog; 1:21 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:33 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 1:45 p.m.: vandalism (Ash Street), memorial damaged; 2:36 p.m.: suspicious persons (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 3:14 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 3:35 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost debit card; 6:04 p.m.: juvenile matter (Northwest Road), assisted; 6:05 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Warren PD bolo; 6:33 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 6:40 p.m.: fraud (Temple Street), IRS scam call; 7:18 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 7:55 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Greenville Street), gunshots heard; 8:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Gauthier Road), mvs by train tracks; 8:30-8:38 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:04 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Wall Street), gunshots heard; 10:29 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 11:31 p.m.: medical/general (Wm. Casey Road); 11:59 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 28).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:20-1:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:00 a.m.: suspicious mv (Roys Drive), 2:11-2:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:14 a.m.: officer wanted (Donnelly Cross Road), gunshots heard; 9:23 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 9:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), unsafe driver at crosswalk; 11:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Temple Street), theft from mv; 12:14 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken; 12:21 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:27 p.m.: mv complaint (Meadow Road), speeding; 12:58 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), bear in area; 1:39 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), excessively slow speed; 2:06 p.m.: commercial alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 2:21 p.m.: harassing phone calls (East Charlton Road), threat/demanded money; 3:03 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), crosswalk lights malfunctioning; 4:25 p.m.: RV complaint (Park Street), hazardous boat operation; 4:57 p.m.: vandalism (Hastings Road), mailbox damaged; 5:14 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), verbal altercation; 6:59 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), poss. shoplifting; 8:38-9:14 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:48 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 9:58-10:15 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:15 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), family issue; 10:48 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Greenville Street), neighbor igniting fireworks; 11:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Roys Drive), re: fire pit; (Total daily mv stops – 18).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

12:25-1:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:52 a.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 2:13 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 7:06 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 7:11 a.m.: medical/general (Nottingham Circle); 9:56 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), left card in ATM; 10:16 a.m.: harassing phone call (East Charlton Road), threatening email; 10:34 a.m.: accident (East Charlton Road), report taken; 10:53 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:54 a.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), open line; 11:41 a.m.: medical/general (Ethier Drive); 1:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), family issue; 1:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Nottingham Circle), investigated; 4:36 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), found kitten; 5:51 p.m.: lost/found (Deer Run Road), found mv plate; 5:58 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 6:26 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), info taken; 8:06-8:26 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:29 p.m.: 911 all (Sherry Lane), accidental; 9:32 p.m.: disturbance (Roys Drive), neighbors w/ fireworks; 9:51 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 19).

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
12:40 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), unruly female; 1:03 a.m.: suspicious persons (Valley Street), investigated; 1:19-2:21 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:48 a.m.:

medical/general (Smithville Road); 7:13 a.m.: larceny (Maple Street), sneakers stolen; 8:35 a.m.: commercial fire (Pleasant Street), referred; 8:44 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:30 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:22 a.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 10:54 a.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), disconnected; 11:46 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (Maple Street); 11:47 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 1:05 p.m.: medical/general (Cooney Road); 1:09 p.m.: 911 call (Ash Street), misdial; 1:17 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 2:46 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 3:39 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), aggressive motorist; 4:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 4:29 p.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), skateboarding in traffic; 4:48p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:02 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:20 p.m.: suspicious persons (Smithville Road), info taken; 5:43 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:01 p.m.: DPW call (Thompson Pond Road), low-hanging branch; 7:02 p.m.: suspicious persons (Treadwell Drive), investigated; 8:33 p.m.: vandalism (Mechanic Street), garage window smashed; 8:53 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:09 p.m.: suspicious mv (Thompson Pond Road), investigated; 9:39 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 9:57 p.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), drunk female; 10:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), unresponsive male; 11:00 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:07 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:16 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; (Total daily mv stops – 13).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
12:30-12:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:35 a.m.: medical/general (Old Farm Road); 12:56-1:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:18 a.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street), lift assist; 8:51 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 10:38 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 11:16 a.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; 12:29 p.m.: DPW call (Meadow Road), re: power outage; 12:49 p.m.: RV complaint (Sunset Lane), quads in street; 1:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 2:08 p.m.: fraud (Wilson Avenue), scam call; 2:10 p.m.: fraud (Greenville Street), SS scam; 2:53 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lloyd Dyer Drive), kids w/phone; 3:01 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wall Street), investigated; 3:07 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 3:12 p.m.: citizen complaint (McCormick Road), school bus hindered by construction; 3:26 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:38 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 4:09 p.m.: medical/general (Emmett Street); 5:53 p.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), info taken; 6:32 p.m.: vandalism (North Street), mvs keyed; 7:07 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), info given; 9:23 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 9:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:01 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 10:38-10:40 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:07 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; (Total daily mv stops – 13).

## Leicester Police

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

12:42 a.m.: disturbance (Towtaid Street), peace restored; 6:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 7:56 a.m.: investigation (Laflash Lane), services rendered; 9:40 a.m.: fraud (Clark Street), report taken; 10:25 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 10:34 a.m.: investigation (Washburn Square), services rendered; 11:16 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 11:37 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken;

11:59 a.m.: neighbor dispute (Warren Avenue), assisted; 12:19 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:01 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 9:06 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 11:43 p.m.: welfare check (Lake Avenue), unable to locate

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11  
1:53 a.m.: residential alarm (Mannville Street), false alarm; 7:19 a.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), gone on arrival; 7:55 a.m.: investigation (Laflash Lane), services rendered; 9:33 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 11:45 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to; 12:59 p.m.: ambulance (Ingram Road), transported; 1:53 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 5:29 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), no action required; 5:54 p.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), gone on arrival; 6:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 6:54 p.m.: lockout (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 7:23 p.m.: disturbance (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 7:58 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:16 p.m.: abandoned 911call (Mannville Street), unable to locate; 8:49 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:08 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 9:20 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 9:50 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), spoken to.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

1:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), no action required; 10:19 a.m.: investigation (Laflash Lane), services rendered; 11:41 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 4:19 p.m.: welfare check (Mannville Street),

services rendered; 4:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 7:10 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:40 p.m.: assist other agency (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 9:10 p.m.: family problem (Trenton Street), report taken.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1:46 a.m.: mv b&e (Pleasant Street), report taken; 1:57 p.m.: accident (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, use of mv w/out authority, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, report taken; 4:31 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:27 a.m.: mv b&e (Holcomb Road), report taken; 9:43 a.m.: investigation (McNeil Highway), services rendered; 12:10 p.m.: accident (River Street), mv towed; 2:45 p.m.: RV complaint (Charlton Street), investigated; 2:58 p.m.: keep the peace (Stafford Street), assisted; 3:53 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:19 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Locust Street), spoken to; 8:28 p.m.: assault & battery (Pine Street), report taken; 9:02 p.m.: investigation (Main Street, Worcester), services rendered.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:15 a.m.: welfare check (Siani Road), no action required; 12:03 p.m.: larceny (Rawson Street), report taken; 1:20 p.m.: investigation (Chandler Street, Worcester), services rendered; 2:34 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 2:58 p.m.: investigation (Rawson Street), services rendered; 5:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 5:29 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), services rendered; 5:32 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:52 p.m.: threats (Reservoir Street), report

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## CVS

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permitted only with a special permit from the Zoning Board.”

Kiritsy's letter also addressed concerns related to increased traffic.

Meanwhile, a number of residents and business owners have spoken in favor of the project. They point to several benefits offered by the new CVS, including improved accessibility over the current

rented CVS site at 133 Main St., increased tax revenue for the town, added jobs, and convenience for elderly shoppers.

“It's not like CVS is planning to go into the countryside and put up a building. They want to add a building to an area that already has commercial traffic in the center of town,” said Amy Perro, whose mother, Phyllis Ekleberry, owns one of the properties on the proposed development site.

The majority of the proposed site is no stranger to an array of businesses. Ekleberry once rented her building to about ten businesses, and her family strongly supports the CVS proposal. They maintain that their focus isn't on maximizing profit but instead finding the best situation for the community.

“As a realtor, I would be able to sell the property for the same amount of money [offered by CVS] as a ten-unit property, but I believe in CVS's vision for this,” Perro said. “We want them to stay in town, and this is the only location that makes sense. CVS does not want to rent anymore. They want a separate building, and if this is turned down, we would most likely lose CVS.”

Town officials elected to wait for the ZBA public hearing process

before commenting publicly on residents' concerns. Perro and other supporters of the project believe traffic and aesthetic concerns have been exaggerated.

“There will be a little more traffic, but it's not going to be exponentially bigger. CVS will also use all low-voltage lights, and the building will have a neighborhood feel,” Perro said. “When you're talking about the center of a town, you have to expect growth, future building, and change. The town has to move forward. Of all the commercial businesses we could sell to, this would be the most neighborhood-friendly.”

The former diner building in the proposed development zone would be sold separately with an emphasis on historical preservation, Perro said.

## WATER

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ect will be paid back through the town's Water Enterprise Fund. The entire town will not be responsible for paying back debt, officials said, only residents who use the water.

The Water Enterprise Fund is a user-based system that was recently implemented in town.

Meanwhile, officials are recognizing East Brookfield Water Department Superintendent Joseph Kenney for his hard work in familiarizing residents with the project.

“We want to thank the town for their support of this project, and we also thank the Water Superintendent and the Water Quality Committee. They did an outstanding job of educating residents,” Boulay added.

Selectmen and Water Department officials alike are looking forward to improving the aging water main infrastructure. The replacement project will significantly improve several critical areas.

“The water main is very old and undersized, and this

project will help with water quality and the rating for fire flow. Right now, our fire flow is pretty poor,” Kenney said in a previous interview.

Fire flow is the amount of water available for fire protection purposes. The flow output of the new infrastructure will be greatly improved, officials said, and the project will also provide several other efficiency and environmental upgrades.

Construction is expected to begin by next summer or fall. Repaving work on Route 9 will take place after the project's completion, likely between 2022-23.

At the informational hearings, residents reviewed a presentation from Tighe and Bond, an engineering company hired to assist with the town's water infrastructure improvements.

The public meetings also covered East Brookfield's Water Meter Replacement Program, which is now in full swing. The town's water rates were addressed as well.

For more information about the project, visit [www.eastbrookfieldma.us](http://www.eastbrookfieldma.us).

## REFUGE

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## POLICE

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taken; 8:30 p.m.: accident (Main Street), no action required; 8:45 p.m.: welfare check (Bond Street), services rendered; 9:18 p.m.: investigation (Tobin Road), services rendered.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:56 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 8:46 a.m.: suspi-

cious mv (Pleasant Street), message delivered; 8:48 a.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), services rendered; 9:46 a.m.: threats (Main Street), assisted; 11:47 p.m.: investigation (Park Avenue, Worcester), services rendered; 1:15 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), no action required; 3:56 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive); 4:35 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 5:09 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 8:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street),

verbal warning; 9:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), no action required.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 10:13 a.m.: investigation (Park Avenue, Worcester), services rendered; 11:20 a.m.: suspicious mv (Wesley Drive), no action required; 11:58 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no action required; 12:40 p.m.: investigation (Mill

Street), services rendered; 3:13 p.m.: erratic operator (Washburn Street), unable to locate; 4:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 5:53 p.m.: harassment (Main Street), report taken; 7:54 p.m.: investigation (Breezy Green Road), services rendered; 7:58 p.m.: investigation (Utica Street), services rendered; 8:17 p.m.: investigation (Breezy Green Road), services rendered.



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The passing of  
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The world lost a champion for justice last week with the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. A role model for both men and women, Ginsburg passed away at the age of 87. Ginsburg was active up until the last two weeks of her life, even performing a wedding ceremony.

She became the second female justice to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, and the first Jewish woman. Her path to the highest court in the nation was not an easy one being cast off because she was a woman. Despite the push-back, Ginsburg had a list of firsts under her belt, including being the first tenured female professor at Columbia University. She was also the first female member of the Harvard Law Review. Ginsburg was one of nine females out of 500 attending Harvard Law School. At one point, the law dean asked each of the women to justify taking places at the school that could be filled by men.

Serving as the Director of the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union during the 1970s, Ginsburg fought to make legal the right for women to sign a mortgage without a man, the right to have a bank account without a male co-signer, the right to have a job without being discriminated based on gender and the right for women to be pregnant, have children and work at the same time. It was around this time she met her husband Martin Ginsburg, a tax lawyer who she helped through school, while he battled cancer. Together they had two children.

After graduation from Columbia, Ginsburg applied to work for 12 firms; however, she was denied based on her sex. Eventually, she was offered a clerkship at the U.S. District Court with Judge Edmund G. Palmieri. According to Ginsburg, she was declined other positions due to men feeling uncomfortable with her in chambers.

Ginsburg became a professor of law at Rutgers in 1963 just after studying the Swedish legal system.

In 1980, she was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In 1993, she was named to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton. During her Senate confirmation hearings, she refused to answer any questions that would reveal her personal opinions, and would not comment on hypothetical cases. She did so to “maintain [her] open-mindedness and integrity as a jurist.”

Her list of achievements can fill a book and her life story is exceptional. Outside the steps of the Supreme Court, thousands have paid respects by leaving flowers, candles and messages that read “Rest in power” and “we can because she did.”

A black drape was hung over the entrance of the Supreme Court building on Saturday, a tradition that dates back to 1873 after the passing of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase. Ginsburg’s chair and the front of the bench where she sat was also draped with a black cloth. Both will remain for 30 days.

LETTERS

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pro-Life vs. abortion, part 2

To the Editor:

Now we enter the new covenant of the Bible when God, Jesus is preparing to be born enter this world. [Luke 1: 41-44] God is a pure spirit and in order for us to be able to see God. God came into this world incarnate, born in the flesh of His Son Jesus, Jesus in Hebrew is Yeshua, means Savior, deliver, rescuer. God came to show us and teach us about Himself through Jesus and was born incarnate in Mary.

Incarnate, to be made flesh, transforming Himself from spirit [pure spirit, deity] too human flesh, human form.

Unless you believe in God, His Word, the Bible none of this will be acceptable to you, however, it is stall a fact.

The fetus [infant] is a gift from God and very much alive and waiting for the opportunity to be born into this world and become a citizen.

This fetus is a creation, gift of God, and, abortion is telling God you are not interested. Do not be deceived there is a consequence for abortion and a blessing when we receive this unborn child into this world and offer this child to God asking God to bless this child’s life.

To the Editor:

The corrupt COVID 19(84) kryptonite hysteria is going to end!  
People will get back to work and kids will get back to school!  
The millennial orchestrated riots and looting will evaporate!  
Law and order will triumph!  
Jobs are going to flourish and the economy is going to soar!  
The dismantling of “Indoctrination

To the Editor:

I want to thank everybody that wrote into the New Leader this past week, especially Linette Powell and Allan Johannesen. It is nice to be personally commended for my efforts and to know that my letters are read and appreciated. It is also nice to see a succinct letter calling out White Nationalists and Supremacists for what they are. I think it’s important to use strong language, call these people out, and not to use kid gloves or pussy-foot around the issue. What I fear is that the Trumpers won’t actually change at all, they will simply “own” the language and we will soon see “Proud Racist” t-shirts, “White Nationalist” stuff, and eventually calls for re-segregation and the repeal of various Civil Rights Acts. Remember

To the Editor:

As the Microsoft deal fell through it looked like TikTok and WeChat were to be banned in the U.S. as of this past Sunday. At first I thought, “here we go...” and that it would turn into an unlikely election issue causing 18-25 year-olds to vote in numbers never seen in history. One would think that draft-aged Americans would be concerned about who the Commander-in-Chief, but we know that is not the case. If the Commander-in-Chief were to ban an immensely popular social media and video sharing app, that could create some real civic engagement!

Trump’s advisors sliced and diced the situation pretty masterfully. WeChat was to be completely banned on Sept. 21 because it only serves a Chinese speaking population so not only do most Americans not care, Republicans seem to get bonus points for making life more difficult for Chinese people even if they are also Americans. For TikTok, they were to ban new downloads of the app on Sept. 21 but allow it to operate on U.S.

God knows this child and has plans for the child. [Jeremiah 1: 5] [Ephesians 1: 4, 11] the choice is yours.

God has a special plan, purpose for each child born and we are blessed when we submit to God and give life. Galatians 1: 5, & Ephesians 2: 10, & Colossians 1: 16] [Hebrew 4: 12] “and” consequence when we reject and choose to abort [murder] the choice is yours.

Those of you who do not believe in pro life I am suggesting you take what I am sharing with you very serious. God is the creator and God has chosen us the man [husband] and the woman [wife] to bring life into this world [Genesis 1: 26 – 28] God is introducing Himself as the Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit, God is the triune God. God did not create us just for our pleasure, God created us that we may live and acknowledge, praise and worship Him. God sent His Son Jesus into this world to die for all of us so that all of us would live for God, praising and worshipping Him, God. God did not create us robots, God gave us the gift of choice, free will so that we could

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education” will commence!  
Freedom & liberty will be triumphant!  
American exceptionalism and greatness will prevail!  
Massachusetts electoral votes will be awarded to Trump!  
President Trump will serve four more years!

JENNIFER GAUCHER  
SPENCER

when after being called a “basket of deplorables” they transitioned into proud deplorables? Keep it up, though! Make them own it!

It is nice to see the editorial page filling up and I like reading both those opinions I agree with and those that I disagree with. Reading the things our local conservatives write about me, the other authors they disagree with, and Donald Trump really makes a better case than I ever could why their political ideology and philosophy is simply unacceptable in a civilized society. As I have said several times – don’t judge anybody by what I or anyone else says about them...judge them by their own words.

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Commander in Chief. We were basically told, ‘There is nothing to see here. Go about your business.’ From April 12, 2009 to April 10, 2010 in the United States alone, there were an estimated 60 million cases, over a quarter of a million hospitalizations, and almost 13,000 deaths from the “Swine Flu.” It wasn’t until there were over 1000 deaths for Obama to call for a national emergency, six months after it was called a public health emergency. Juxtapose that with President Trump shutting down travel from Covid-19 Ground Zero and European countries weeks ahead of any other nation and declaring it a national emergency after only one person succumbed to the virus. Biden

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networks until Nov. 12, nine days after the election, which is...Genius! Young people don’t pay attention to the news or politics and wouldn’t get involved until the app actually stops working, scheduled for after the election... Trump’s Sinophobic base will get the red meat they’re looking for before the election and since they don’t use TikTok they won’t be aware it was still working.

As absurd as it is for the government to be picking winners and losers like that, as absurd as it is for the U.S. which pushed a free and open internet as a matter of foreign affairs, it gets better... Just two days after announcing that this deal fell through, swooping in is a new deal that is accepted by President Trump. This time it is a joint-venture between Oracle, Walmart, and ByteDance to create a U.S. corporation for U.S. customers and most users outside of China with four of the five board members being U.S. Citizens. It isn’t clear why the Microsoft deal fell through if this

Financial moves  
for widows  
and widowers



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If you’ve recently become a widow or widower, you’re obviously dealing with an enormous emotional burden, and coping with your grief can seem like a full-time struggle. Unfortunately, the business of life must go on – and the financial moves you make at this time can have a big impact on your life.

So, as you attend to your affairs, consider the following suggestions:

Don’t make hasty decisions. Even though you will need to make some moves in the near future, don’t feel rushed into decisions that may prove to be ill-advised. For example, don’t immediately sell your home or liquidate all your stocks.

Consult with your estate planning professional. If you and your spouse created an estate plan involving a will, living trust or other documents, you’ll want to consult with your estate planning professional to determine what steps should be taken to implement these arrangements.

Address life insurance issues. If your spouse had a life insurance policy, you’ll want to contact your insurance agent for help in navigating the paperwork necessary to receive the death benefit. Of course, some financial advisors also sell life insurance within the context of your overall financial strategy, so, if this is your situation, you’ll want to speak with your advisor about how to handle the insurance proceeds.

Apply for Social Security benefits. If you are 60 or older, you may be entitled to Social Security survivor benefits, along with a one-time death benefit. Contact your local Social Security office to stop the benefits your spouse received and apply for the new ones for yourself.

Change the name on financial accounts. If you and your spouse had jointly held accounts with “right of survivorship,” the assets will typically pass automatically to you, the surviving spouse. However, for legal purposes, it’s still a good idea to retitle these assets in your name. This usually only requires filling out some simple documents, which are available from your financial institutions – bank, credit union, investment firm, etc. But you also may need to change the beneficiary designations on accounts held only in your name, such as your 401(k). These designations are powerful and can even supersede instructions in your will or living trust.

Go over bills and debts. Review all your bills, automatic payments and outstanding loans. If they are in your spouse’s name, or in both your names, contact the merchant or financial services provider to change all correspondence and account information to your name only. For any outstanding accounts in your spouse’s name, you may need to notify the business that all payments will be handled by your spouse’s estate, if you choose to go that route. You may need to provide these businesses with the contact information of your estate planning professional.

Plan for your future. Once you’ve handled the immediate financial needs described above, you’ll want to think about your own future. This means you may have to update your estate plans and insurance policies. You’ll also want to consult with your financial advisor to see what changes, if any, you might need to make to your investment portfolio.

Only time can ease the pain of losing a spouse. But by taking care of the mundane matters of daily living, you can at least alleviate the feelings of being overwhelmed – and that, in itself, has value.

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customs, Helen has the answer.”  
Foyle has lived in North Brookfield for 48 years, and raised her family here.  
Finally, library officials remind residents that September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Haston Public Library joins the American Library Association to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.  
For more information about library services, call 508-867-0208.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Presidents who walked the talk, and one who mouthwashes

To the Editor:  
History talks. Numbers do too.  
During the administration of one of our greatest Republican Presidents- Eisenhower- the graduated personal income tax rate for incomes over \$4 million was over 90 percent. At this rate both the US economy and family incomes grew strongly. Observers say that Eisenhower taxed the rich (who benefitted most from this growth) to invest in America's future.  
In contrast, Trump has cut taxes. However, evidence indicates that his cut has mainly benefitted the wealthy and large corporations. Even worse, these tax cuts will negatively affect our children's future. (Eisenhower's investment of taxes paid for themselves by

Illegitimate court

To the Editor:  
On Feb. 16, 2016, during President Obama's term, a vacancy occurred on the Supreme Court due to the unexpected death of Justice Antonin Scalia. On Nov. 6, 2012, we held an election to determine who would be president during 2016, and the winner was Barack Obama. On March 16, 2016, President Obama nominated Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court and Mitch McConnell, the Senate Majority (Republican) Leader vowed not to consider any nominee the duly elected president put forward, instead rolling the dice for a 2016 Republican Presidential win. Donald Trump won in 2016. In 2017, President Trump nominated Neil Gorsuch to the vacant seat and he was confirmed. This seat was stolen from the voters of 2012 who decided who

Leicester Town Meeting - warning and recommendation

To the Editor:  
Leicester is having a Town Meeting this Saturday morning to vote on plans to build a new school. The state is willing to provide \$42 million towards that goal. More details are at https://leicester.projects.nv5.com/ or https://tinyurl.com/LeicesterVote.  
The Town of Leicester has made valiant efforts to make the meeting safe during this Covid-19 pandemic, including extra distanced and plotted chairs, open loading dock doors, fans, filtered air exchanger, volunteers sanitizing the microphones for the public speaking, mandatory masking, and contact tracing. However, my wife and I will still not attend the meeting due to concerns about Covid-19. I think other senior citizens should avoid the meeting as well. If Town Meeting votes "Yes" we will get our chance to vote on this at the

Supply and demand

To the Editor:  
The reason Donald Trump was elected was that he was a businessman, not a career politician. He understands the economic principals of "Supply and Demand." He and his advisers have analyzed the cause of the poverty and problems in the large cities. They found there are far too many people for the supply of jobs. To increase wages and opportunity to these residents you need to reduce the available supply of cheap labor. This will increase competition, increase wages, and raise the standard of living. This is simple supply and demand economics.  
So where did this increase in cheap labor come from? Well when you have open borders and provide free assistance to illegal aliens, it's pretty easy

Trump on healthcare

To the Editor:  
The words to a song by Harry Belafonte: "If living were a thing that money could buy, You know the rich would live And the poor would die."  
But this is exactly what happens. If you are poor you are much more likely to live where the air quality is bad, next to airports, trash incinerators, chemical plants. Poor people have a higher instances of asthma and their neighborhoods are "food deserts" with no supermarkets with healthy food options available. You're also more likely not to have health insurance and that means you can't afford to get the healthcare you need.  
I recently got a bill from my healthcare provider for a test that cost \$1,812. I called my insurance company they said "No, that's the street price" (meaning if I had no insurance I would pay \$1,812). But the actual bill paid by the insurance company was \$266, and my copay was \$20. If you have no insurance your bill is almost seven times more than the insurance company pays. This is only one example.  
The first thing President Obama did when he got into office was fight for healthcare for all. So many compromises were made that we ended with the ACA (Affordable Care Act or Obamacare), not the ideal system, but the bottom line is that 20 million more people had insurance, and the coverage that everyone got was improved because the insurance company could not deny a claim based on a preexist-

means of economic growth).  
Today, the maximum graduated income tax rate is 38 percent, or less than half what it was in Eisenhower's Presidency. With "Ike," the massive infrastructure development actually happened.  
With President Trump talk of infrastructure amounts to no more than promise and mouthwash.  
Moreover, non-partisan specialists say, with evidence, that his tax cuts will not come close to paying for themselves. Rather we and our children will have to pay off the debt, with interest added.  
Eisenhauer invested (so does China).

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would be in a position to fill any vacancies that were to occur in 2016. The court is illegitimate.  
There were many excuses put forth in 2016 about why the seat should be left open and why President Obama's nominee shouldn't receive a hearing never mind a vote. It was said that Scalia's passing was too close to the election at nine months. It was said that once the primary process starts the courts should be frozen. It was said that the American people should get a voice and that the winner of the upcoming presidential election should fill the seat. It was said that since Scalia was such a conservative icon his death should not cause a shift in ideological power on the court without at

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November election.  
Having previously been a member of the Leicester Board of Health for 10 years and having earned an MPH in Epi (Master of Public Health in Epidemiology), I think I know what I am talking about. There have been recent reports that the virus can spread in very tiny droplets the size of aerosols, which are produced even when a person breathes. If this is true, even six feet apart might not be enough distance during an indoor meeting with up to 800 people attending.  
Younger folks wearing a very good mask that covers both mouth and nose tied top and bottom should be OK. But senior citizens should stay away. My wife and I would have voted Yes to funding the school. We believe that both the

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to know the sources of the problem. For the last 3 years Donald Trump has been trying to build the wall to solve this issue. He knows that this will then increase competition for the labor in the inner cities. This provides more money and opportunity for the people living there. They can then prosper and move into the middle class. Instead of help from the Democrats, all he gets is obstruction and calls of racism.  
The Democrats see "Supply and Demand" not as a business model, but as a political tool. Their primary intent is to "supply" the inner cities with hordes of illegal immigrants and then "demand" social justice in the form of free social programs. This

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ing condition, and there were rules for minimum coverage that could not be denied. This was a lifesaver for many

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The First Amendment is alive and well in our area

To the Editor:  
James Madison was, as we all know, the "Father of the Constitution" and, more specifically, the chief architect of the First Amendment of that glorious document which guarantees to all Americans -regardless of their station in life-the five freedoms of expression all too often taken for-granted by many of us: the right to worship (or not); to speak; to publish; to assemble (peaceably!), and to petition the government for redress of grievances.  
There was a time in our history when the typical eighth-grade student anywhere in the country could easily rattle off those five fundamental protections of that always-amazing amendment, but now, regrettably, and thanks to the less-

Voting Democratic

To the Editor:  
I Am Woman  
Helen Reddy  
I am woman, hear me roar  
In numbers too big to ignore  
And I know too much  
to go back an' pretend  
'cause I've heard it all before  
And I've been down there on the floor  
No one's ever gonna keep me down again"  
Trump said "Over the next four years, America's president will choose hundreds of federal judges and, in all likelihood, one, two, three and even four Supreme Court justices." Sadly, because of the tragedy of Ruth Bader Ginsberg's passing, Trump isn't wrong. There is a so much riding on this election, including hundreds of life-

Humpty Trumpty

To the Editor:  
Humpty Trumpty sat on his wall. Even his Putin puppet strings could not prevent his great Trumpty fall....right into his adoring unmasked crowded supporters....standing with open arms at de-base of da-Trumpty wall.  
They picked him up and dusted him off, proceeding to hug their chosen one then off in a flash to Washington he flew.  
Nary two weeks passed when Humpty Trumpty fell again! This time to the deadly Covis 19. Never to be heard from again. The end....no wait...  
VP Pence de-dence, bequeathed

Endorsements

To the Editor:  
Some magazines routinely endorse a candidate for president and some don't. The Atlantic is a literary and cultural commentary magazine that was founded in 1857 aimed at the elite and intelligentsia of America. The original topics that The Atlantic published on was on the topic of the abolition of slavery, education, and contemporary political affairs TheAtlantic.com today represents and unbroken chain and is a news magazine aimed at the "elite" as you may call us. The Atlantic has endorsed a candidate for president only three times in its history - Abraham Lincoln in 1860, Lyndon Johnson in 1964, and Hillary Clinton in 2016.  
In 1860, they made it clear that there was only one candidate who wanted to abolish slavery. In 1964, they made it clear that it was a rebuke of Barry Goldwater and warned about stumbling down the road taken by South Africa. Barry Goldwater wanted to let states determine their own civil rights and attracted the allegiance of George Wallace and the KKK. In 1964 they denounced Barry Goldwater for calling the press "radical" and they distrusted his factionalism and judgment. In 2016, The Atlantic endorsed Hillary Clinton for the same reason they endorsed LBJ

than-stellar accomplishments of public school education, one could search high and low to find even a high school senior who could explain what any of it means, or, for that matter, what is in the Bill of Rights, or, even more sadly, why the Constitution of the United States is such a timeless jewel of a document regarding the freedoms of " We, The People."  
I think Mr. Madison would be exceedingly pleased were he able to come back and ride around this area and witness the citizenry, twenty-three or so decades after his illustrious gift to his American progeny, out on the streets exercising their constitutionally guaranteed rights to legally assemble for the purpose of

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because of judicial

time appointments to federal courts, and at least one looming appointment to the Supreme Court. The nomination and confirmation of RBG'S Supreme Court replacement could prove decisive on a whole range of crucial issues, including reproductive freedom, voting rights, partisan gerrymandering, Citizens United, gun control, access to affordable and quality healthcare, immigration policy, LGBTQ+ rights, and so much more. Trump has a list of 20 new names that he has added to his Supreme Court shortlist including extremely conservative GOP senators Ted Cruz and Tom Cotton, and some of the most extreme lower-court judges, like James Ho, defender of police brutality, and Kyle Duncan, known for his

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Trumpty's red ties, in a moment of such grief, chose the strongest and longest of one. Never to be heard from again. The end...no wait...  
Off in the bucolic havens of Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields await the writers with their views to the Spencer New Leader. Their fingers poised over their key-board, ready to start a new chapter...is it about preserving Democracy and Freedom for All or is about preserving it only for some...

CAROL RIZZO  
SPENCER

in 1964 - Donald Trump was simply unacceptable. The article was titled "Against Donald Trump." They called Donald Trump "the most ostentatiously unqualified major-party candidate in the 227-year history of the American Presidency." In the next few weeks, we should expect The Atlantic to go on record for a fourth time in history.  
Scientific American is the oldest continuously published magazine in the United States, at 175 years. Scientific American has had contributions from many famous scientists including Albert Einstein and is seen as a preeminent scientific magazine for consumption by the general population. The first time in its history they commented on presidential politics was in 2016 when they attacked Donald Trump for "anti-science" attitudes and rhetoric. For the first time since 1845, Scientific American has endorsed a candidate for President - Joe Biden. They cited Trump's rejection of scientific evidence especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The magazine's editors said, "Scientific American has never endorsed a presidential candidate in its 175-year history. This year we are compelled to do so. We do not do this lightly."

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George H.W. Bush appointed two justices in his single presidential term. Bill Clinton appointed two justices in his two presidential terms. George W. Bush appointed two justices in his two presidential terms. Barack Obama appointed two justices in his two presidential terms... Donald Trump has already appointed two justices and with Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s passing we are looking at a third. Trump had the opportunity to replace a staunch conservative with another, a swing vote with a partisan hack, and now he gets to replace a liberal icon and shift the court to the right for a generation. At first glance this looks like extreme luck on Trump’s part... But of course, there is more to the story...

Remember when Antonin Scalia died in February 2016, nine months before the election? Remember when the duly elected president, Barack Obama, nominated a replacement and the Senate refused to hold hearings or a vote for nearly 1 year and instead kept the seat open for the next president...because the people should decide? Never in history had a SCOTUS seat been left open for “the next president.” In 227 years of our Constitution, this had never been done, our nation had confirmed SCOTUS justices in the last year of a presidency 10 times before, it clearly wasn’t the intent of the founders to “hold” a seat for the next president, and the gamble paid off. For Mitch McConnell, it was a no-lose gamble – his constituents don’t care if he shreds the constitution in an effort to cheat-to-win, and had Hillary been elected he was no worse off. Then the Russians got involved, Trump asked for more interference publicly, Russia back-channeled more interference, Trump won by technicality, and the SCOTUS seat was stolen creating a new precedent.

Since Donald Trump replaced the SCOTUS justice that died 9 months before his election, surely we will hold Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s seat open for at least until after the election, right?

If nine months was too soon before an election to replace a justice, surely 45 days is too soon...

Already, Mitch McConnell, Lindsey Graham, Tom Cotton, most of the Republican Senators, and Donald Trump have vowed to replace RBG without delay. We are witnessing the biggest monument to hypocrisy in American history. A seat was stolen and the very next cycle, the administration that was the recipient of the stolen seat, will ignore the rule they created 4 years ago. It is clearly not a rule at all, it is clearly, “I will take/steal what I can get with no appearance of fairness required”. Joe Biden’s betting odds on Predictit.org are 58 percent compared to Trump’s 45 percent and fivethirtyeight.com gives Biden a 77 percent chance of winning. Senatorial races are tightening also – betting odds and mathematical models put the chances of a Democratic majority in the Senate at 57 percent. Compare that to 2016 where a change of party was in the 10-20 percent likelihood range.

Wouldn’t it be fair, especially since this administration filled a vacancy from the last administration, to hold this seat for the winner of the upcoming election? I think we all know that won’t happen... I really can’t wait to hear the justifications.

Mr. Robillard wrote the only letter truly worth responding to this week with its Sinophobia... The Chinese government is certainly Godless, but it seems to me that the prohibition of establishing a religion in the United States constitution makes our government a Godless one too, unless you agree with politicians who run on basically an anti-American platform to establish Christianity in some sort of official way. The U.S. differs from China in that in the U.S. we guaranty the right for the free exercise of religion - meaning your private life and private organizations whereas China prohibits or severely restricts these private organizations. “Free exercise of religion” does not mean conferring any official capacity or including any religion in government – the government is for all of us and if you think it is your right

to inject your religion into my government you are sorely mistaken.

You really believe that the Chinese government genetically engineered COVID-19 in a lab to cull their elderly and frail with a secondary goal of interfering with the U.S. presidential election? Why then, did China control it so much better than the U.S.? The U.S. has had 75 times more infections than China and 42 times the deaths. On a per-capita basis it is even worse – 317 times more infections and 177 times the deaths in the U.S. China has a dull roar of 100 new cases per day or so while the U.S. boasts 50,000. If China’s goal was to cull its frail and elderly they not only failed, they put forth a gargantuan effort to fail. They locked cities down in ways we can’t imagine in the U.S. they tanked their own economy, on purpose, to control the virus and ironically, they are bouncing back better than the U.S. did since we never actually controlled it. The evidence is crystal clear – the Chinese #1 priority was controlling the virus, not killing old people.

As for interfering with the U.S., I will concede that is a distinct possibility. The United States is culturally incompatible with controlling infectious disease. I said that many months ago and my predictions have played out. The Chinese government certainly could have released a virus on purpose with the full knowledge that they could contain it and that the U.S. government would be unable to. I used to think that bio-warfare made no sense because it would kill both sides. Understanding American culture as I do, understanding Chinese culture, and understanding the morbidity and the mortality of COVID-19 as I do, I have to concede – a deadly respiratory virus is a great way to bring America to its knees. There’s no evidence to back up this wild claim, there is evidence that this is a naturally occurring zoonotic virus that took the Chinese by surprise, but it could be a giant ruse.

The U.S. is still #1 with 6,767,634 cases and 199,299 deaths from COVID-19. We have India nipping closely at our heels, though at 5.4 million and 87,000 deaths. The U.S. is really going to have to step

up our game, and India is going to have to find a way to control the spread of disease through their slums in order for us to maintain our crown. India is averaging 100,000 new cases per day and we only are averaging 50,000. At this rate, we will lose our #1 crown within a month! I think India will end up taking the cake, but don’t count America out yet! India may have 3x the population but with the power of our conservatives, we might be able to keep our crown...

I just read an awesome new story from Indonesia... They have a national mask mandate to control COVID-19 and in 1 jurisdiction in East Java the judge has started sentencing people who refuse to wear masks to dig graves for COVID-19 victims and in Indonesia they dig graves by hand. We really ought to do that here. On the topic of masks, somewhat interestingly it looks like the Southern Hemisphere almost skipped their flu season and the only explanation is the masks and social distancing squashed all viruses...what do you know...

Here in the U.S., we have begun to see our fall inflection point. New cases rose 17 percent and our test positivity rate went up 10 percent last week. This is only going to get worse.

Since last week 5,565 people have died of COVID-19 and 274,890 NEW cases have been confirmed in the United States. If we had managed this like Canada our deaths would have been 94 percent lower – they only had 42 deaths last week. Australia had 39 deaths last week, or 91 percent lower than the U.S. on a per capita basis. I know, I know... Canada and Australia are closer allies with China so maybe they’re in on the ruse too in the elaborate global scheme to make Trump look bad. They figured they would allow a deadly virus to be created, then released, then listened to experts to control it because they knew Trump wouldn’t...

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immediately excoriated the President calling him xenophobic, Pelosi was urging people to visit China Town, Mayor Bill de Blasio encouraged New Yorkers to attend the theaters and continue to eat at restaurants. How quickly they all changed their tune... Well, except for Pelosi who, despite the shutdown order in San Francisco, visited her favorite salon and got herself a Blowout. In the infamous video you can clearly see her walking through the salon, unmasked! The horror! The horror! After Nancy was called out about it she quickly took responsibility by accusing the owner of setting her up. Mrs. Pelosi, the only setup was when you had your assistant call your hair dresser and set up the appointment! Couple that with her quarantine stash of \$13/pint of gourmet ice cream safely chilled in her \$24,000 freezer, Marie Antoinette would be beaming with pride! Now, these same

liberals accuse the President of downplaying Covid-19.

OK, liberals, since downplaying things to avert a national panic was, in your (un)humble opinion, the wrong course of action, what should President Trump have done? Give us all the greasy little details and hope for everyone to act in a calm and rational manner? Need I remind you that people were beating each other senseless over toilet paper? Heck, I still can’t get any Scott’s from BJ’s Wholesale Club.

Actions speak louder than words, and the President’s actions resonate far beyond the hollow promises from these empty-suited career politicians. Four years ago, I had my doubts about how could a business mogul and Reality Game Show Host possibly be a good President. During the Republican fight to the top spot, my guy was Ted Cruz. I still believe he would have made a fine President, but I don’t think he could have even come close to what President Trump has done for us. Trump hasn’t been a good president... He has been

a GREAT president! Yes, I will now be accused of carrying Mr. Trumps water, a mindless idiot Trumper who can’t possibly see the forest from the trees. To those of you who would say that, my reply to you is, “Thanks.” Four years ago, you most likely voted for a woman who couldn’t stay vertical and needed constant medical monitoring. A woman with a history of hiding her husband’s infidelities while claiming to champion Women’s Rights. A woman who claimed to come under sniper fire and had to run across the tarmac, but the news video of the incident shows a completely different story. Benghazi, anyone? Now you are ready to pull the lever (Google that one, kids) for a guy who may, or may not know where or even who he is. In just the past few days he has laid down one gaff after the other. According to ‘Uncle Joe,’ 200 million people have died from Covid... a few days later that number miraculously came down to 200 thousand. Then he claimed (which may have been during the same interview) only 200 people...

And you were worried about President Trump having the ‘Nuclear Football?’

I realize that what I write will most likely not change your mind, just like what the Imaginary Intellectuals write will not alter mine. I will gladly attend Trump Stand Outs / Back the Blue rallies to enjoy my First Amendment rights of Free Speech and to Peaceful Assembly. If someone finds that foolish, well we are all the foremost expert of our own opinions.

Friday, Sept. 25, in Sturbridge at the corner of Routes 20 and 148, come on down and make a fool out of yourself by yelling and screaming like a hysterical maniac, or... you can stand with us and hold a flag or a sign and have a great time showing support for the men and women in blue, and for the President who helped Make America Great, again!

MATHEW HERHOLZ  
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**Introduction to the Sheep: A New ‘Farm’ Shearing**

BY JAKOB LANNE, BROOKFIELD, MA

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We live on a ‘farm’. I use the word farm lightly, as this is more like an all-inclusive animal resort. We have chickens that don’t lay eggs, rabbits we don’t eat or sell, horses we don’t ride, and sheep who produce wool we don’t use. And we have the cat. He is King. We also have two dogs who are by FAR the most useful.

Our property is 46 acres with the majority being woods. Our house is set close to a somewhat quiet country road (I say somewhat because of the truckers who drive down at 70mph).

We currently have many adult rabbits, (accidental – more on that later), 10 sheep (intentional), 2 dogs, 2 horses, 30-ish chickens, 2 guinea pigs, and 1 cat (All hail the King!).

In this series, I hope to share some of the best stories from 13 years of maintaining an animal resort.

Follow me at <https://talesofafarm.home.blog/>

The past 4 years we have shorn our flock of Shetland sheep ourselves. It was horrible. Not wanting to hire someone to do it, we spent two full weekends per year in the blazing sun, getting eaten alive by bugs, to shear 10 sheep. Our record was 40 minutes for ONE sheep, but most took us 2+ hours. When we were done, the sheep looked like they were shorn by a kindergarten class with safety scissors. As we were inexperienced, and the sheep were squirming, the wool came off in little bits. The largest piece was only about the size of a basketball.

This year we snapped. Sick of shearing the sheep ourselves, we searched around and found a local-ish farmer who could shear our 10 sheep for only \$125. Perfect! We arranged for him to come over on May 2nd. Perfect. The sheep needed to be dry for him to shear them, but it was going to rain the night before. Not perfect.

The only way we could keep the sheep dry enough would be to lock them in their barn. They always have access to the barn, but we never lock them

in. In the days leading up to the shearing we watched the weather, desperately hoping the forecast would change. No luck.

We had two choices. Either we could cancel the shearing, or we could lock the sheep in the barn until shearing time. After much debate, we decided on the latter. If we canceled, the earliest the shearer could come would be in late June, and we certainly didn’t want to shear the sheep ourselves or wait that long into the summer.

In preparation for locking in the sheep, we made a large screen door we could screw on over the doorway (our old door was beat to pieces by our ram). We also reinforced the door-frame with some 2 x 4’s in case the sheep tried to bust out.

Finally it was time to get the sheep in the barn. It didn’t go well from the start. We thought that maybe we could lure the sheep into the barn with some grain, but that didn’t end up working. The sheep could sense what we were trying to do, and they refused to come.

On to plan B; chase the sheep in. If you have ever tried to herd sheep into a dark, scary barn, then you will know how difficult this is. For almost an hour we chased the sheep

around and around the paddock, trying to herd them into the barn. We got two sheep in! One escaped. We got another one in! One escaped. It was pure insanity. Even with four people, progress was slow. Herding sheep is like herding large wooly cats; they refuse to go where you want them to. Even our sweetest sheep wouldn’t come near us. We resorted to grabbing one, shoving it in, and blocking the doorway.

Finally, after over an hour of ‘herding’, we were able to get all of the sheep in the barn. Quickly we screwed our screen door in place, not wanting to risk an escape.

The sheep were MAAAAD! All night you could hear them baaing and whacking at the door. Thankfully, the door held and none were able to escape.

At last the shearer arrived. Remembering the night before, we kept the sheep in the barn, eliminating another round of ‘chase the sheep’. We had the shearer set up inside the barn, to make catching the sheep easy; all we had to do was reach out and grab one, as they had nowhere to run. As each sheep was shorn we would let it out of the barn to make some room.

The guy was good. Really

good. We had expected at least 10 minutes per sheep, minimum. He did them in four. In awe, we watched as he effortlessly sheared the sheep right down to the skin. The sheep got only a few nicks, and the wool came off in one huge fleece. It was perfect in every way.

All in all, between the set up, shearing, and tear down, it took the shearer less than ONE HOUR to nicely shear all 10 sheep. Best \$125 we ever spent. But, that’s just our opinion. So, we asked some of the sheep to comment on and rate their experience.

“I feel like a wet chicken. 3/10”  
-Zeus the Ram

“Never again! Humans bring nothing good! Except grain... and hay... and water... but besides that nothing good! I’m glad I taught my daughters to stay away from them! 1/10”  
-Athena the Eldest Ewe

“It wasn’t all that bad. The guy’s hat tasted nice. I’m a little cold without my wool, but I don’t see why Gramma Athena is making such a fuss. 7/10”  
-Arya the Youngest Ewe

“It’s kinda nice not having 30 pounds of wool. I feel... lighter. 9/10”



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## Rooster Mania

BY JAKOB LAMNE, BROOKFIELD, MA

The Tale of Rorin Psycho-Chicken

Back in the spring of 2016 one of our hens hatched a single chick. For the first couple of weeks she took good care of it, but after a little while the poor little thing was abandoned. The chick was too small to live outside by itself, so we brought it inside and took care of it. The chick was adorable. It was white with tiny little black and grey speckles on its tail. We loved it. That chick got its own private cage, a nice heat lamp, and plenty of cuddles. It lived like a king.

About four weeks into caring for it we determined the chick was a rooster. It was fairly obvious - the crowing kind of gave it away. We named him Rorin, after a fierce warrior in a book series.

For about two months we cared for Rorin inside, until the weather finally was warm enough outside for him to join the flock. However, by then he had begun to view us as his mothers. Whenever we let Rorin outside he would follow us around wherever we went, just like a little dog. We tried many times to place him in with our flock, but every time he was chased away by the much larger chickens.

After a few more weeks of taking care of Rorin inside we reached a breaking point. His cage was starting to stink and his constant crowing was driving us insane. By then he was HUGE, like twice the size of our largest hen huge. He was, and still is, the largest chicken we have ever seen.

One day we tried again to put Rorin out with our flock, expecting them to drive him away again. Nope. The older chickens tried to chase him off, but instead he chased THEM away. He pursued every single one of the chickens that picked on him. Rorin followed some of them for hours, not giving them a break until they submitted to his might. He didn't try to hurt them, only treat them the way he had been treated. After a few days of chasing he was the undisputed top rooster. He got the highest perch, and none of the other roosters dared to pick a fight with him.

After almost four years, Rorin is still the largest and fiercest of all our roosters. He was never beaten in a fight... except for one time...

Supreme Leader Smoke, Son of Rorin, and Heir to the Throne of Chicken-dor

Last spring a competitor to Rorin was hatched. His name was Smoke. He was the exact opposite color of Rorin. While Rorin is white with dark speckles, Smoke is dark gray with light speckles. We suspect he is the son of Rorin based on his size and body shape.

Right away we could tell that Smoke was going to be HUGE. As a chick he was already almost the size of our bantam hens, and he soon surpassed them. For a while Smoke was willing to live under Rorin's rule, but it did not take long before he wanted to be the lead rooster.

Smoke was big, but he knew he could never beat the much larger Rorin in a fight. So, he came up with a plan. He recruited about four of the

smaller, weaker roosters to his side. The weaker roosters were sick of being Rorin's subjects and they wanted a change in leadership.

One summer day the roosters attacked. Rorin didn't know what hit him. One second he was peacefully pecking at the ground, the next he was getting mauled by five roosters.

Led by Smoke, the roosters were able to force Rorin into corner. They left him alive, but only barely.

When we found Rorin he was a mess. His feathers were covered in blood (his own and the other roosters') and he couldn't even stand up. Not wanting him to die, we gave him his own crate to heal up in.

It only took a few weeks for Rorin to heal. After what had happened the last time he was with Smoke, we were hesitant to put him back in the coop. But, we didn't want him to live in the crate forever, so we let him back in. As soon as Rorin's legs touched the ground he ran towards Smoke and started beating him into the same corner. It turns out Smoke, despite his massive size, is actually a wimp! He soon submitted to Rorin's rule, saving himself from a massive beating. The other small roosters didn't give Rorin any trouble as he made his way back to the highest perch.

Smoke and Rorin are now at a fragile peace. Rorin is the obvious lead rooster, but Smoke still yearns to be in charge. Smoke has to be careful though. Rorin is a master at the art of revenge.

## Autumn In New England

BY RICHARD M. TRAUSCHKE

Here in Massachusetts, Fall is in the air. Trees are losing their leaves, color is just everywhere.

The air is very crisp; and your breath you can see. The leaves rustle under foot, stiff with frost you see.

Geese are flying overhead; honking on their way; off to find a warmer climate, to return again in May.

Soon the colors all will fade; and be replaced with white. bears will soon find slumber, and a long winters night.

As the days grow shorter; with each passing day; here in New England, winter's on its way.

So bundle up, it's autumn; pull your scarf tighter still. You can't delay winter's coming, so protect yourself from the chill.

A warm coat to keep you warm; and of course a hat for your head. And, at night don't forget to put, another dog on the bed!

## Summer's Life

BY CHRISTOPHER REILLEY, CHERRY VALLEY, MA

So here we are at the birth of summer, we see her, bright eyed and sparkling.

And the next thing we know, she is a toddler in a bright yellow sun suit, blond hair spilling over her shoulders blue eyes as spicy as can be. She looks at you, and you know that she knows all eyes are upon her, while finches dart and play in her hair, she is perfumed in honeysuckle, her smile lights up the sky.

Soon she is a girl, questioning and bright, impossibly precious to all, because we know this cannot last. Thunder rumbles like a house being moved as the sky purples, and the air, once soft, turns electric. Before our very eyes, she is a teen, a goddess of rain and renewal, to wash us clean of waste and ambition.

The air is so thick with summer I feel the sun has buttered me like a muffin.

And now she is a woman, potential realized, become what she was meant to become all along. She is the moment, the now, the day that arrives just before tomorrow, whether it brings storms, or harvests.

And soon, sooner than we would like, she fades, and robins worry. The sun reminds herself to set the alarm for half past spring, and she sets her mind to rest, easing herself to sleep, so that we might prepare, and know, and wonder, "What did I forget?"

Only the air is still.

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## A leaf collection

BY EMILY JANES OF NORTH BROOKFIELD

Red leaf, orange leaf, yellow leaf...Leslie was in her back yard making a collection of fall leaves that had floated off the tree's branches. The orange was her favorite.

Leslie looked up at the bright blue sky. She wiggled her nose. She smelt wood burning. It was the perfect fall day.

Leslie collected the fallen leaves in her arms. She crunched through the leaves that had already fallen and disintegrated

Inside, the aroma of sweet apple pie filled the air.

Leslie dumped her leaves on her bed. She sorted the colors and piled them in the sunshine from the window.

"Smells good Mom" Leslie entered the kitchen.

"It's about cool, would you like a slice?" Mom asked. Leslie nodded.

Together the two of them chatted over hot apple pie and a dollop of whipped cream.

Leslie sighed happily. She felt so blessed. She gazed out the window. More leaves were falling.

Mom and Leslie finished their treat.

They decided to start a fire in the fireplace. They stacked the logs and lit it with a match.

There was that smell of wood burning again, only this time they were warm inside.

Mom and Leslie were mes-

merized by the dancing flames.

Their cheeks turned warm. Leslie smiled to herself. It was an epic day.

## One Little Hand

BY JENNIFER CARLSON,

I was driving today behind an SUV

when I saw a little hand waving out the window squarely in front of me.

"Where would this little hand go?" I thought. What will its fingers touch and see?

No doubt this little hand, unforeseen by some, was now a personal quiet mystery.

Would they shake the hands of famous people...like maybe a president or two?

Would they wave into crowds, big and small...like our famous Patriots' players do?

Or like Brady would they wave goodbye? Left or right no one knows.

One can only imagine how far this little hands' future goes!

Will this hand see danger, or Coronavirus...or (hopefully) nothing dangerous at all?

Will their fingers touch the sand this summer...or leaves in the crispness of this coming fall?

Will they stay inside New England like us or adventure to somewhere far away?

Will they call or text someone on the phone (no doubt) eventually...or open a peanut butter jar later today?

Will they hold the hand of their own child someday, one or maybe even three...

Will they stay in the country then or now...or run away to the city?

Maybe their hand will see just as much as mine...the mountains, the sky...the sea...

Or maybe even more...this is for sure...this little hand's future is unseen, innocent and free.

## Reunion

BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER

After years of friendship, and, more recently, months of separation, we are finally having a much needed reunion.

The virus has taken lives, sickened many, with schools and businesses suffering losses, too, yet our love has survived this pandemic. And because of this, we have so much to be grateful for. Our health, our eternal bond, to name a couple. COVID can and does kill, but it also strengthens. We are alive, despite the imminent danger,

we are reunited.

We care deeply for one another, and we will forge on, God willing, in this new way of life - together.

## ALWAYS

BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER

I am at a loss for words as I listen to your heartache. You have much to emotionally digest. And although I have no words of wisdom, I am here for you. My heart reaches out to your hand, holding you tightly in my grasp. I am able to listen through your fears. I will hug you over the phone, and I will never abandon you in your time of need. You are there, but I am here, Always - I am here.

## Changed

We're calling for You Lord, in the middle of the night.

Life has changed for everyone, it's time to do what's right.

We're lost and we don't know exactly what to do,

Desperate for some answers we're crying out to you,

You love the ones who love you, You love the one's who don't.

Each one has a chance to choose You, some will - but some just won't.

Time is of the essence, it's beginning to unwind.

We don't want to be lost here, it's You we need to find.

A kind & loving Father is who You really are.

Are you near to us, dear Lord, or are you very far?

No longer standing up, we are now down on our knees.

Have mercy on us, forgive us, it's You we want to please.

We've sinned against You, but we want a fresh, new start.

We say 'Jesus is our Lord, please come into our heart.'

I chose the title for this poem, for two reasons. One, life has changed for everyone since the Corona Virus outbreak. And two, when we choose to invite Jesus into our lives, we are changed forever. SJ Sheperd

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Oracle deal could be approved other than the fact that Oracle Executive Chairman Larry Ellison is a major donor and fund raiser for Trump... Now ByteDance (Chinese owner of TikTok), Oracle, Walmart, and Trump are on board and all they need is the Chinese government to sign on...  
Over the weekend at campaign stops Trump touted this new deal, explaining

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acknowledge God from our hearts, proclaiming and praising. Robots cannot do that they are programed. {Matthew 22: 37-39}  
Whether or not you choose to believe and acknowledge God in the Bible it is still a fact [Ephesians 2:10] and the other fact I want to warn you of “is” Jesus is coming back and this time it is not to die for us it is to judge some of us for our disobedience [Matthew 24: 27-37] and to reward each person for their obedience [Matthew16: 27] The choice [gift of free will] is our responsibility, Choose wisely.  
If you want to be blessed, live by Gods moral and dietary laws!  
ROLAND BLAIS  
BROOKFIELD

that Oracle would have “full access” to TikTok’s source code and updates to review for national security concerns. Trump also announced that the TikTok deal would include a \$5 billion “donation” to “teach people the ‘real history of the U.S.’” and this would satisfy his previous demand that the U.S. Government receive a cut of the deal, because without his executive orders banning the app the deal wouldn’t have happened. He said that the \$5 billion fund will “educate people about the real history of this country, not the fake history.” He then went on a rant about “the liberal indoctrination of America’s youth” he attacked the 1619 project which is a series of essays put out by the New York Times explaining the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans. He then said that the new U.S. based TikTok would control the money in the education fund and decide how it’s invested.  
Now this is super-weird... A sale forced because of perceived national security threats is ordered, and then a deal from Microsoft is rejected for not assuaging national security threats enough. Microsoft is an American company with a strong consumer cloud infrastructure and very capable of taking it on except for the fact that Bill Gates and other Microsoft leaders have been critical of Trump, his politics, his leadership, management of the COVID crisis, etc... So they’re clearly in cahoots with the Chinese... He approves a deal with a company led by a crony of his... He

demands the U.S. Government receive a cut of the money despite there being no mechanism for this and it being counter to U.S. law if we were foreign leaving domestic ‘key money’ demands legally ambiguous... Then he demands the money go into a fund for pro-American nationalistic propaganda where it funds the teaching of America’s glories while ignoring its sins.  
But wait, it gets weirder! ByteDance, the current owner of TikTok, within hours of Trump’s announcement says that it was unaware of the \$5 billion education fund, never agreed to that, and first learned of it from President Trump’s Twitter feed. Neither TikTok nor Oracle’s statements the day before made any mention of such a fund. Maybe it is part of a big joke to make Trump look bad, or perhaps Trump just made it up because it sounded good (to him)...  
But wait, it still gets weirder! ByteDance said (after Trump announced the source code would be transferring to Oracle) that it will not transfer its Artificial Intelligence algorithm and technology to Oracle – this was simply a deal to operate ByteDance’s technology in the United States.  
This is so dangerous for U.S. companies. Most major internet companies are based in the U.S., serve the global marketplace, and represent a major export. Throwing a temper tantrum over the 1 major platform that isn’t based in the U.S. threatens to fracture the internet and cause foreign countries to block our

internet companies or demand ransom to operate just like Trump just did. This will ultimately harm the U.S. economy and harm technology development in general as the world reinvents the wheel many times over. It will harm human interconnectedness if every country has its own set internet tools.  
Some say that TikTok is a national security threat – if that is the case every country in the world is severely threatened by the U.S. since our tech companies operate nearly everywhere. Some say that the TikTok issue is Trump’s attempt to make sure that the U.S. controls the space economically which seems daft because this fight is likely to fracture the internet which only harms the U.S. companies in the global economy.  
We shouldn’t forget that President Trump didn’t care about TikTok until American teenagers used the platform to embarrass him in Tulsa, OK back in June. The obvious conclusion is that his little ego got bruised and his hatred of China added up to a showdown and then he used the power of the presidency to force a fire sale from China and make sure the beneficiary was his crony. Then add a little embellishing to make it sound like his demand for a cut was won, take a dig at black history, and lie about the intellectual property the U.S. got out of it.  
This is sad, really.

RICHARD TAYLOR  
SPENCER

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# OBITUARIES

## Louise E. (Harding) Crawford, 92



**N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D** - Louise E. (Harding) Crawford, 92, died on September 15, 2020 at the Notre Dame Long Term Center in Worcester.

Her husband of 48 years George A. Crawford predeceased her in 2000. Louise leaves behind a daughter Joyce (Crawford) Monahan and her husband Michael of

Swampscott; her beloved grandson Sean Monahan and his wife Ana Mitra; her great granddaughters Maia and Cecily of Salem; a sister Gloria Tobin and her husband Richard of Auburn and her nieces Joanne Dorman of West Brookfield, Maureen Caramiello of North Brookfield, Nadine Harding and Sandra Fritze of Spencer. She was also predeceased by a brother Edward Harding of Spencer.

Louise was born in North Brookfield to the late Edward and Anna (Wespalis) Harding and lived there until moving to Notre Dame in 2016. She graduated from North Brookfield High School and the Saint Vincent Hospital school

of nursing. Nursing was Louise's life's work and she loved being an R.N. She was employed by the former Mary Lane hospital in Ware for 44 years. During her employment she worked as a staff nurse, an operating room nurse and at her retirement was the Emergency Room nurse manager. After her retirement she volunteered at Mary Lane. She was a member of the Mary Lane Hospital Auxiliary, North Brookfield Historical Society, Saint Vincent alumni association and a member of St. Joseph's church. Louise loved to oil paint and quilt and spent many hours enjoying these hobbies with friends.

The family would like to thank the dedicated staff of the Notre Dame Health Care system. The kind and loving care Louise received was wonderful. We appreciate all of your help during Mom's illness.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, funeral services will be private for the family at St. Joseph's church in North Brookfield. Burial will follow in Walnut Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Second Chance Animal Shelter Po Box 136 East Brookfield MA. 01515. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield.

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Trump "disinvests" (so does Venezuela).

We may better remember another high ranked Republican President Ronald Reagan, for his anti-Russian Communism (including Trump best-buddy KGB agent Putin) and his famous "Tear Down the Wall" speech.

However, as the beyond brilliant Cass Sunstein reminds us, Reagan's Executive Order 12291 "Federal Regulation," if quietly, also has had a great impact on our country.

Reagan's Order basically says that the US government shall only approve regulations where the benefits to the country and its' people outweigh costs. So if a regulations, to reduce unhealthy air pollution levels or prevent automobile deaths benefits us much more than it costs, the regulation should be approved. If it doesn't (now or in the future), it should not be approved or abolished.

For legislation, including taxes,

the US General Accounting Office and others make similar "Cost-Benefit" analyses. From Reagan to HW Bush to Clinton to W Bush to Obama, our Presidents generally followed the Reagan Order that "benefits should exceed the costs" approach. In many areas it made our government more effective and efficient.

Not President Trump.

According to Sunstein, Trump promised to get rid of "sludge", that is regulations etc. that cost more than their benefits. Instead he gutted regulations that improve the economy, save lives etc.

It turns out that what Trump wants really wants is to halt regulations that he thinks will hurt big corporations or those who own or run them.

One example Sunstein gives is air pollution which has "spiked" under Trump. Such pollution directly kills and also increases the Covid-19 infections and deaths. (Another example: worker safety)

President Reagan's cost - benefit analysis process is in money and

economics. So it gives results in dollars.

Sunstein uses it to compare a year's net benefits of three Presidents.

W Bush for 2007: Total Benefits of Regulation \$40 billion; Total Costs \$14 billion;

Net Benefits \$26 billion.

Obama 2015: Total Benefits \$28 billion; Total Costs \$7 billion;

Net Benefits \$21 billion.

Trump 2018: Total Benefits up to \$600 million; Costs up \$300 million; Net Benefits about \$300 million.

To conclude, the benefits for us and America of regulations in the three years surveyed was, on average, was 75 times higher in the Bush-Obama years than the Trump year.

Previous presidents, Republican and Democrat, cared about us, our country, our children, and our communities.

Trump doesn't. He provides mouthwash "talk," but not the "walk."

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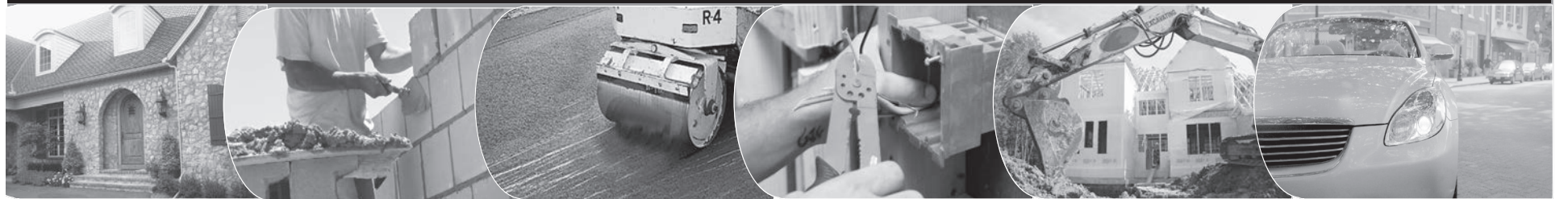
attacks on LGBTQ+ people, women, and immigrants.

I want our Congress to hold off on filling RBG'S seat until our next President and Congress are sworn in. I want the honorable Joe Biden and his ethical administrative advisors to make that nomination for the Supreme Court. If Republicans maintain a majority hold on the Senate and Oval Office, we could end up with a massive conservative Supreme Court majority and important cases on women's issues, civil rights issues and health care issues could be affected for decades, eroding all of the progress this country has made in those areas.

Women are 51 percent of our country's population and majority of volunteers, donors, and voters, and yet, we still do not have anywhere near equality in legislative, judicial, economic, or political power. I believe voting for Democrats, up and down the ticket, can change that. And I also believe that the integrity and independence of our Judicial Branch and the survival of our democracy may depend on Democrats winning this election.

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attempting to influence the outcome of an election. I think he might say, “That’s exactly what we had in mind: free men and women expressing their opinions without fear whether the rich and powerful like it or not.”

One of the youngest members of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, but surely one of the most brilliant, the Princeton grad, would, I suspect, smile with approval to see, first-hand, a street in some town lined on both sides with hand-waving sign-holders; happy-indeed, laughing-faces; a colorful profusion of Trump banners and various historic, old American flags; and, clearly, a pervasive spirit of excited enthusiasm.

He would, I think, be even more impressed by our standouts when he would consider that we, the activists on the streets, live in a currently neo-Marxist state where people like us are routinely demonized, disrespected, and discriminated against by the “better” people, the anointed ones. I think Brother Madison would admire our unwillingness to accept what our ruling class elites have in mind for us: our utter destruction as free and autonomous people who tip our cap or tug at our forelock to no one, least of all to power-mad, extremists who have no God but themselves.

But what, I wonder, would the world-class genius think of our opposition, that pathetic little band of comfortable liberals residing in virtually all-white, safe, congenial rural, small towns where life

is good and where they can live as far removed as possible from the problems caused by their votes for liberals and their crackpot, ruinous and failed ideas?

He might ask, “Who is this Biden, and why are they supporting him?” We would answer, “He’s a totally corrupt two-bit politician who’s been in government and on both sides of nearly every question for half-a-century, and who now appears to be well underway into a descent into senility unable to answer any questions other than softball ones without reading a prepared answer from a teleprompter. There is no enthusiasm for his candidacy whatsoever, and everyone knows he will never be the actual president whether he would be elected or not. The thugs and communists in his party are simply using him like a marionette—as they use all vulnerable people—to achieve their monstrous goals.

“Well, then, why are they out here holding his signs?” Very simple, sir, their hatred for his adversary, our great and wonderful President Trump, is so completely unhinged, so irrational, so inexplicable they would RUN to the polls to vote for Old Harry himself if that’s what it took to say goodbye to our man with the orange hair, despite his many undeniable accomplishments for our country. And they say we are the haters!

“I see. Very strange, indeed. But, why do some of these people driving by extend their middle finger towards you, and shout the most disgusting of vile suggestions in your direction?” Again, very simple. These folks—especially what we call millennials, or, now, the Generation Z kids—are exceedingly ignorant of anything even resembling true education,

and have been indoctrinated for years to believe their country sucks (sorry, I’d have to explain that), and that they should grovel and beg forgiveness for their skin color, their “privilege,” and whatever religion to which they may have ever been exposed. They know nothing of value, appreciate none of the blessings of life in this free country, and have never drawn a hard breath in their unproductive lives. It’s pretty sad, actually, sir.

I would close out my visit with the great man by reassuring him that all is not yet lost. Even in this Godforsaken liberal paradise, there are still masses of average citizens—men and women; from all races; old or young; physically well or not so; from comfortable circumstances or not; well-educated or ninth-grade dropouts; veterans or those who respect their service; non-believers or Godly people, it doesn’t matter—who love America and are willing to come out on blazingly hot summer days and hold a flag for their man, the one and only person left, we believe, who can stop the country (your fantastic creation) from finally going over the cliff into the valley of death, some collectivist hell where life wouldn’t be worthy the living.

We can’t help but feel sorry for our antagonists who stand out, on occasion, near where we have staked out our position. It can’t but demoralize them to know that we receive almost non-stop horn-blowing approval from the passing traffic, while their support, if any, is inaudible. Without exception, those in work trucks, tractor-trailers, pickups, and on motorcycles—real people—are vociferously supportive of us, while the Biden-groupies (the Democrat friends

of the working man...not!) never hears from them. We love and flaunt our flags, while they seem ashamed of Old Glory and won’t show it. They are a grim and humorless lot, who, when not glowering at us, don’t appear to be enjoying their time on the street and seem to be there out of some sense of class or socialist duty, while our people—old or young—obviously love every minute of the experience. We know, at this point, the chances of our man taking the state are about the same as the local club-pro beating Tiger Woods in a match at the links, but we were all weaned on David and Goliath, and, as our hearts are pure, hope springs eternal.

We stand out for strategic reasons: potential Trump voters who may feel they are alone in their affection for the beleaguered President, are, after seeing large numbers of happy warriors on the street for Trump, very likely to be encouraged and more motivated to get involved in the business of saving the country for themselves and their families. But, if we go down, we go down fighting.

If you’re around, Mr. Madison, come by and say hello and have a great experience with us this Friday, 25 September, in Sturbridge, at the intersection of Routes 148 and 20. We have a lot of fun, and always invite any of our fellow patriots to come on out to share the good times. I’ll be holding the Betsy Ross Flag (presented to Congress 14 June 1777), maybe you knew her! It’s because of you we can be there without being driven off by the King’s men. Thanks ever so much! Long live the Republic!

JOHN MCRAE  
EAST BROOKFIELD

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least an election.

As it stands now, President Trump has filled that seat by appointing Neil Gorsuch which was vacant for 11 months during President Obama’s term, or 23 percent of a presidential term. That seat was held open by Mitch McConnell by refusing even an up or down vote on Merrick Garland. President Trump also filled the seat vacated by Justice Kennedy’s retirement.

Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away on Sept. 18, setting up for a similar situation to 2016. President Trump and Majority Leader McConnell now intend to fill the seat vacant due to Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s death only 45 days before the upcoming election and do not intend to roll that seat into the next presidential term.

All the arguments used by the Republicans in 2016 should clearly apply to the current court vacancy and the proximity to the election is significantly closer. We are 45 days from an election, not nine months. We are not in the primary process; we are in the throes of a general election. If a seat should be held open in 2016 to wait for the American people to speak with their votes then clearly the same courtesy should be made for 2020. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a liberal icon and allowing the current administration to replace her would cause a massive shift in ideological power so if that was a concern in 2016 it is clearly equivalent in 2020.

Many people have been citing 2016

quotes from Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and other Democratic leaders as evidence that they have flip-flopped in their opinion on who should fill vacancies. We should all be deep enough to understand that the conditions on the ground changed when a vacancy was successfully rolled from Obama’s term and into Trump’s. Their minds have obviously been changed now. It is as if you were against stealing but one day your patio furniture was missing and was clearly in your neighbor’s yard at which point it is justifiable to take it back.

We all know that the current administration and the Republican majority in the Senate care not about the precedence they themselves made up in the immediate previous term. We all know they will confirm their selection in this term. Their motives in 2016 are the same as they are in 2020 – doing what they can get away with in the pursuit of power. In 2016, holding the seat open was a gamble with no downside, either they would be net-neutral with a Hillary Clinton presidency or they would successfully steal the seat. In 2020, the calculus is different because they hold the Presidency and the Senate so in the exact same circumstance, they will fill the seat. I had hoped in 2016 that the voters would put the republic over party and rebuke such a naked power grab at the peril of our republic and any sense of fairness, but I was disappointed. I expect to be disappointed again 2020 when there is no electoral penalty for reversing themselves inside of one presidential term because the balance of power shifted

The danger is beyond the ideological shift that will be caused by allowing President Trump to fill more vacancies than occurred in his presidency. This paints the Democratic politicians into a corner where they either have to “play dirty” themselves or hand the Republic over to the GOP as a prize for breaking it and neither course of action is good.

We have set ourselves up for a dangerous tit-for-tat where absurd and outlandish things will be done to retaliate for past actions by the opposing party. If the Democrats win the presidency and the senate, what is to stop them from expanding the Supreme Court to say 13 members to counteract a generational conservative majority that was illegitimately installed? Would they be wrong to take such action? When Republicans regain power will they expand the court to 17 members? In 50 years will we have a 51 member court? Is this tit-for-tat good for America?

Our constitutional system gives more power to lower population states and this rural bias is currently beneficial to the GOP. It isn’t hard to imagine the Democrats, if they had the House, Senate, and Presidency, taking issue with the fact that 4,275,043 U.S. Citizens and Nationals living on sovereign U.S. territory receive no congressional representation whatsoever. It is easy to see the Democrats, in retaliation for having influence stolen from them, admitting Puerto Rico and the permanent population of D.C. as states to bring four more senators and six more electoral votes into their column. At that point it begs the question why Guam, USVI, Northern

Mariana Islands, and American Samoa don’t have full representation.

At some point in the future of course, the GOP will regain power. Will they accept this new map of America? Will they try splitting the Dakotas into more even smaller states to regain power in the Senate?

The enduring power of the American Republic has been due to a gentleman’s agreement of sorts not to break the system for short term gains. Our longevity as a form of government has been due to the concept that the system itself was more important than any particular election, any particular bill, or any particular court appointment. We seem to be on an inevitable tit-for-tat dismembering of our form of government and that is a game that will cause us all to lose.

The only true solution here is for President Trump to withhold making a nomination for the Supreme Court and tell the American people that whoever wins the November election will nominate a successor. He can then make his case to the American people why that person should be him. After that, we can all shake hands again and agree that America is more important than any party, seat, bill, or election.

I’m not hopeful.

EDITH MILLER  
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and I’m left wondering why others would choose differently.

Nothing in this world remains the same. As the saying goes, nothing in life is as consistent as change. Fighting change is like cursing the wind. There is nothing you can do to stop it. Instead, why not unfurl your sail and see where the wind might take you?

What have I learned through this process?

Life is an adventure and not a place. Let go and enjoy the ride.

A home is where you love others in your heart and where you lay your head at night.

Home is not an outer building but a place within you.

A home is your current place of residence, where you plan and launch your next adventure.

A home is a state of mind and not a location. Arlene and I, after three nights, feel comfortable at home.

How can we feel at home after only seventy-two hours? The answer is simple. We made the decision to love this new place and we declared it as home. As I’ve said hundreds of times in this column, happiness is a choice. We could choose to be sad, angry or any negative emotion ... or we can choose to be happy at our new home and optimistic about our future. We, of course, chose the latter and are open to and enthusiastic about the adventures to come.

So, now we begin a new chapter of our lives together. Three weeks from now, my daughter and her family will be relocating back into this area. Soon this place will be filled with laughter and the voices of Caleb and Noah. We could not be more thrilled with the prospects of our future.

We feel optimistic, happy, and blessed. It is a choice we have made to feel this way.

What choices will you make this day about your life? Whatever they are, make sure one of your choices is to be happy in the present and optimistic about your future.

Those are always our choices. Will you join us?

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## RAVINA

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Cherry Valley sewer and water situation and the school building issues should be addressed. This is our one chance in the next 20 years or more to get \$42 million from the state to help with the school issue. It would be foolish to turn that down.

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is the goal of open borders and a universal income. They call them “sanctuary cities.” They are not about individual freedoms and empowerment. They are about economic enslavement and a subjugated populace. They intend to keep the minority population poor and uneducated in the inner cities. Money that was formerly going to help inner city minorities has been diverted to the new illegal alien population. If you were a minority citizen on housing waiting list, you are now bumped down the list as these illegals take the available housing. They then blame the shortfall on Trump and start demanding social reform. By providing false hope in so called social programs, they can keep them as a political voting base. The native minority neighbor-

hoods are overwhelmed by the new influx. They have to compete in jobs with the new immigrants who will work for half of what they were getting before. Universal mail in voting with no verification is an obvious effort by the Democrats to have illegal non-citizens participate in our elections. Guess which side they are on. The Democratic leaders and movers like George Soros, Jeff Bezos, Nancy Pelosi, and Maxim Waters meanwhile are living it high on the hog. They now their wealth and influence can only be maintained by keeping the cities in this state. The Democrats offer no solutions to build and empower Americans. Their story is the same one Joe Biden has been selling for the last 45 years. Keep them down so they have political power. Donald Trump is about empowerment and freedom. He sees in you and all American cit-

izens the capability to be the best you can be if given the opportunity. He knows for them to move up the economic ladder they need to have the pride and skills obtained thru school and work. That is called empowerment. Rioting, looting, and destruction of their own neighborhoods will solve nothing except strengthen the Progressive Democratic Base. Actually, it will make it worse as good jobs and companies leave. We need to remake the political system so it works to build America and its citizens. It’s time we got our own house in order before inviting others to come in illegally. It’s hard work changing 60 years of the political establishment and requires a hard fighter to do it. To make real change, we need four more years of Trump.

MARK ROBILLARD  
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people. The first thing Mr. Trump did when he took office was to approve a massive tax cut for the wealthiest people and corporations (the tax scam and notice Trump doesn’t talk much about the great tax bill anymore because it was only great for millionaires). Let’s get back to healthcare. Mr. Trump in 2016 promised a “terrific,” “phenomenal” and “fantastic” new health care plan to replace the Affordable Care Act. We are still waiting 3 and a half years later. Yes, Obamacare needs to be replaced. It was an improvement for 20 million people but it’s still a mess and we need to build on it. Healthcare

was the number one topic at all the Democratic debates. Healthcare touches all of us. Even if you are a very healthy person, at some point you or a family member will need healthcare. Without any insurance you will pay the “street price,” and it may bankrupt you. In a country that spends roughly twice as much as other advanced countries for mediocre results, it is possible to restructure the system to give people more for less. Most doctors want a single payer system because a doctor will pay, on average, \$90,000 a year just in hiring billing staff to wade through all the insurance plan rules. They support a single payer system because its simpler and cheaper. If you don’t believe me check out Physicians for National

Healthcare Plan (PNHP.org) whose membership numbers 20,000 strong. This is not socialized medicine, not government owned, but a single payer system. I invite you to watch the movie: <https://fixithealthcare.com/watch-the-movie/>. During a town hall Mr. Trump was asked about his healthcare plan, and as usual he said it’s coming soon, and will be great. He should have a plan now, because his administration is currently fighting before the Supreme Court to get rid of Obamacare (the ACA). If that happens millions of people will lose their healthcare coverage in a pandemic, and using a word Mr. Trump likes, that’s just sad.

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ROSENBERG

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We have seen six months of erratic behavior, erratic statements, and some completely crazy statements out of Donald Trump with regards to the pandemic. Just this week Trump contradicted himself and other members of his administration on the topic of vaccine timing. It now seems as though Dept. of HHS officials are sending emails to terrorize the scientists at the CDC. The CDC was created for situations such as this and they have been strangely mute, now we understand why. It now seems as though we are not just rotten at the pinnacle of the administration, there are semi-competent brutes in the middle of the administration. The American people trust Biden by a margin of 2:1 over Trump on the topic of pandemic management. The Trump administration is trying to push out a vaccine, any vaccine to try and take that back no matter the risks or consequences. The problem though is that for any vaccine to be effective there must be public trust and that is being eroded. Right now only 51 percent of Americans say they’ll take the vaccine, far below the 90-plus-percent we see in other vaccines, and the reason nobody wants it is lack of trust. A vaccine is of no value unless it is effective and taken by 80 percent of the population. The bigger problem is Trump cares not how effective any vaccination effort is, he only cares how he is viewed by the

American people on Nov. 3. There are longer term consequences to this fight that stretch far beyond whenever Trump leaves the White House. Science has always had politics, but until now it was free of partisan politics. The American people used to view the NIH and CDC as non-political public health institutions. No more. It is a pattern – I can’t think of a single public institution which has been strengthened, embellished, or enhanced by this administration. Everything this administration has touched has lost public confidence. This is a disaster which will live longer than this presidency. In a sharp turn towards North Korea, it looks like Trump wants to push more “patriotic education” and railed against any effort to teach more about Black American History. Trump is correct in that critical race theory is finding its ways into schools and curriculums, framing history as a power struggle between groups. Of course, there are pockets of hyper-American cynicism in Academia. It seems that Trump wants a counter-indoctrination and a counter-ideology. Trump seems to want to turn the Dept. of Education into a Propaganda Ministry. We should all want school curriculums to have a strong civics education and to teach a balanced history where we talk about America’s sins as well as its glories.

DAVID ROSENBERG  
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COLLECTIBLES  
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WAYNE TUISKULA

In previous columns, I have discussed options for buying antiques and collectibles during the

COVID-19 pandemic. I have also written about online auctions during these times. This column will offer a comprehensive look at options for selling estate personal property during the pandemic. The shelter in place orders at the beginning of the pandemic put live auctions, estate appraisals and estate sales on hold. There were many people who waited for the regulations to be loosened so they could sell their estate

personal property. We received very few calls during the spring, but now we have been fielding more calls than ever. If you are an estate personal representative, methods of selling estate personal property have changed since the pandemic. Although things have changed, there are still many options available for sellers. Some companies are still running estate (tag) sales. The Massachusetts

August 7th updated gatherings order states “indoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet, but should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed, indoor space.” Sellers cannot hold estate sales with 40 people in a house now. Estate sale company proprietors need to carefully monitor the number of people who enter and leave the home and have people waiting outside stay socially distanced.

To avoid the large crowds associated with traditional estate sales, many companies are using other options. They may be holding private sales where buyers are invited to attend one at a time and make their purchases. Some companies are offering items online with a set price. Other estate sale companies have begun auctioning items online. Some auctioneers have moved their operations

outdoors. The updated gathering order provides for a “maximum of 50 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. Outdoor gatherings in unenclosed spaces are not subject to capacity limitations.” Auction houses like ours are strictly running online auctions. Auctions may take place at the estate, where we typically offer a preview prior to the end of bidding. Winning bidders may pick up their

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# Selling estate contents during the pandemic

## LEGALS

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**  
At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the hearing will be conducted remotely to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 and will be broadcast live on Spencer Cable Access channels and at SCATV.org on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:  
**Special Permit– Applicant: Brandy Linde; Owner: Linda Hart/ Dr. Mark Ledoux, Location: 144 Charlton Road, Spencer Assessor’s Map R18-11. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under Section 4.3.13 (pet grooming establishments) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to open a Dog Grooming Salon. The property is located within the rural residential zoning district.**  
September 25, 2020  
October 2, 2020

**A.C. 92A  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
20E0053PP  
Worcester, ss.  
Probate Court**

To Patricia Darrah of Spencer in the County of Worcester, Harold A. May of Brewster in the County of Barnstable, Oren May Jr. of Lake Panasoffkee, David Eaton, Eric Eaton both of Kissimmee in the State of Florida, Christina Dorsey of Mount Airy in State of Maryland, Nicholas Chiodioni of Temecula in the State of California, William Chiodioni, of Suffolk in the State of Virginia and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Mark S. Foss, Trustee of Brookfield Woods Realty Trust of Worcester in the County of Worcester representing that he hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Brookfield in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows: Petitioner owns as co-tenant an undivided share of the following described land (referred to in this petition as the “land”) in Brookfield (name of city or town in which the land is located) which petitioner wishes to own separately: That certain parcel being known as 24 Maple Street, Assessor’s Map 6C, Lot48, containing approximately

8.73 acres, more or less. See deed at Book 61578, Page 101 for a more complete description setting forth that he desires that – all – the aforementioned described part – of said land may be sold in private sale for not less than \$125,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which th Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the twenty-second day of October 2020, the return date of this citation. Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of August 2020.  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
September 11, 2020  
September 18, 2020  
September 25, 2020

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**Variance – Applicant/Owner: Warren and Roberta Monette; Location: Bond Street, Spencer Assessor’s Map R35-32. The applicant is requesting a Variance under Section 4.8.2 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw for frontage. The property is located within the rural residential zoning district.**  
September 25, 2020  
October 2, 2020

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

**Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. WO19P3897EA  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
Estate of:  
Brian A O’Connell  
Date of Death: 10/18/2019**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:  
**Mary E Eichholz of Leicester MA and Eleanor M Menard of Leicester MA** requesting that court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent’s real estate at a private sale.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/06/2020** . 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.  
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 10, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
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September 25, 2020

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
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Worcester, MA 01608  
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Docket No. WO20C0273CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO  
CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:  
Melissa Jean Mars-Turner  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult**

has been filed by **Melissa Jean Mars-Turner of Brookfield MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Melissa Jean Turner**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/03/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**  
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: September 09, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
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**Special Permit (Renewal) – Applicant/ Owner: Bond Construction Corp. Location: Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor’s Map R09-1 & R09-2. The applicant is looking to renew their Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.**  
**Special Permit (Renewal) - Applicant/Owner: Leo Aucoin. Location: 89 Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer Assessor’s Map R02-2-1. The applicant is looking to renew his Special Permit under Sections 4.2 (H.1) and 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.**  
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# Hunting season in the air



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The recent cool weather has made a big change in my two dogs, Molly and Twig. They can sense the change in weather, and know that hunting season is just around the corner. My yellow Lab, Twig, is my main hunting dog, but my beagle Molly tags along, and often finds a bird or rabbit to chase. Man's best friend and hunting companion will make the hunt a lot more enjoyable. If you are fortunate enough to belong to a Rod & Gun Club that has a pheasant hunting program, the season should start in a couple of weeks. The state upland bird hunting season starts on Oct. 17.

Ruffed Grouse populations have taken a hard hit over the past 20 years or so. Most local bird hunters would not shoot a grouse if they encountered one while hunting, as they have high hopes that every bird

could make the difference in a substantial rebound in their populations in the coming years. Loss of adequate habitat is one of the main reasons for the loss of this fast flying game bird. Upland bird hunting has only two species of birds for hunting locally, which include woodcock and Pheasant, not counting the grouse. The woodcock populations are also on the decline due to loss habitat.

If it was not for the state stocking pheasant annually, bird hunting as we know it would be basically gone. Areas North & West of the valley still get to enjoy grouse hunting, but these areas are also seeing a large decline in their population. Numerous bird hunters have suggested closing grouse hunting in some zones in Mass. in hopes of bringing back a healthy population of birds. Hopefully, Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife will take the recommendation under advisement.

Duck hunting opens in Massachusetts on Oct. 13, in the Central District, with a daily bag limit of six ducks. The Wood Duck and Mallards make up most hunter's daily bag limits with a few black ducks making a slight come back in their

populations. This year, MFW has set aside a special season for duck hunting statewide for veterans and the military. Oct. 3 and Jan. 30 are the two days which are well earned by those that have sacrificed so much for their country.

Goose hunting picked up last week after farmers started cutting their corn. One pair of hunters bagged 15 birds in couple hours of hunting. These are geese that are defined as nuisance birds, that keep their residence near all year long, often fowling golf courses, beaches, etc.!

With all of the Hurricanes and weather activity on our doorstep, it has been hard for boaters to get in a little fishing. High surf and rough seas are not fun to fish in. Hopefully, the tropics will calm down soon, but there seems to be no letup in sight, and we are only in the first half of the hurricane season. The canal started to heat up last week with a lot of big fish. Tons of bait fish were observed in the area. At least fishing from shore can still provide some good fishing on the saltwater.

Freshwater bass fishing continues to provide anglers with



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This week's picture shows young Derek Tetreault with a five-pound large-mouth bass caught at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week.

some great fish, as this week's picture shows.

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## ANTIQUES

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items the weekend after the end of the online bidding. We also gather higher valued items from multiple estates and offer them in a multi-estate antiques and collectibles auction. Many other auctioneers are selling strictly online too.

Which one of these methods is best for you? It depends. Auctions have been the preferred method for selling valuable items for hundreds of years. Estate sales have also become a popular way to sell estate contents and with companies adjusting to meet the challenges that have arisen with COVID-19. Sometimes a combination is best. We auction items like estate jewelry, coin collections, sterling silver, antique artwork and better collectibles online. We then may sell other items privately or in an online auction at the home. Auctions have been in existence since 500 B.C. The pandem-

ic may have slowed them up for a few months, but it certainly won't shut them down.

I will be appraising items virtually for the Townsend Historical Society's "Virtually Vintage: A Live, Online Antique Appraisal Event" on Oct. 10. You can buy tickets to get your items appraised on their website: [townsendhistoricalsociety.org](http://townsendhistoricalsociety.org). You can either send photos of your items or bring them in person to Townsend on the day of the event. We are still accepting quality consignments for our Oct. 29 multi-estate online auction.

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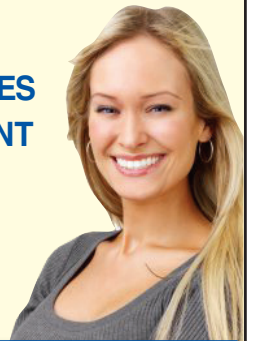
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My names is Mikaela Victor. I have been part of the Stonebridge Press team since November 2015. Growing up on a small farm in quiet East Brookfield, I'm happy to be working close to home.

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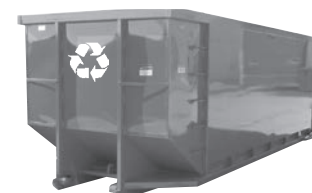


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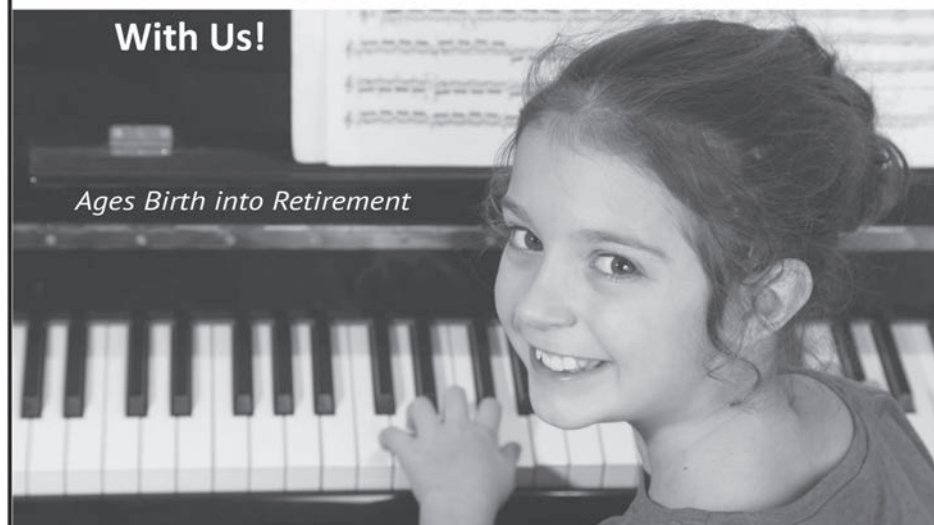


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### Salads

Caesar		6.49
Garden Salad	Side 3.49	6.49
Antipasto Salad		9.49
Greek Salad		9.49
Tuna Salad		9.49
Ham Salad		9.49
Turkey Salad		9.49
Chicken Salad		9.49
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### Pizza or Calzone

	Small 8 Slices	Large 10 Slices
Cheese	7.00	11.50
Add a Topping	1.00	1.50
Extra Cheese	2.00	3.00
Kids Pizza	One Size	3.49

All Calzones served with our marinara sauce on the side

### Toppings

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fresh Sliced Red Onion</li> <li>Fresh Sliced Green Bell Pepper</li> <li>Fresh Sliced Mushroom</li> <li>Chopped Garlic</li> <li>Tomato Slices</li> <li>Black Olive Slices</li> <li>Broccoli Florets</li> <li>Spinach</li> <li>Pineapple Chunks</li> <li>Feta Cheese</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breaded Eggplant</li> <li>Seasoned Hamburg</li> <li>Sausage</li> <li>Sliced Ham</li> <li>Bacon</li> <li>Sliced Meatball</li> <li>Cooked Salami</li> <li>Genoa Salami</li> <li>Jalapeno Slices</li> <li>Banana Peppers</li> </ul>
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### Party Pizza

FULL SHEET 18 X 26 = 24 SQUARE SLICES	
<small>REQUIRES AT LEAST 1 HOUR NOTICE</small>	
Cheese	22.95
Each Additional Topping	3.00
Extra Cheese	5.00

Seafood Salad	9.49
Crispy Chicken Breast Salad	9.49
Grilled Chicken	9.49
Grilled Chicken Caesar	9.49
Chicken Stir Fry	9.49
Steak Tips	10.99
Buffalo Chicken Salad (Grilled or Crispy)	9.49
<b>Fish</b>	
Haddock & Chips or Onion Rings	9.99
Haddock	7.99
Haddock & Curly Fries	9.99
Cole Slaw or Tartar Sauce	1.00

### Pasta

ALL PASTAS CAME WITH GARLIC BREAD & BAKED WITH CHEESE ON TOP

### Spaghetti or Penne

Marinara Sauce	8.49
Meatballs or Sausage	9.49

### Lasagna

Marinara Sauce & Cheese	9.49
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### Stuffed Shells

Marinara Sauce & Cheese	9.49
Meatball	10.49
Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo	10.29

Buffalo Chicken Mac & Cheese	9.49
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Mac & Cheese	8.99
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American Chop Suey	8.49
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### Subs & Wraps

Cold Subs	9"	12" Or Wrap
Veggie	6.49	7.49
Roast Beef	7.49	8.49
Italian	7.49	8.49
Ham	6.99	7.99
Tuna	6.99	7.99
BLT	6.99	7.99
Turkey	6.99	7.99
Turkey & Bacon	7.49	8.49
Seafood Salad	6.99	7.99
Crispy Chicken Breast	6.99	7.99
Chicken Salad Sub	6.99	7.99
Uncle Sam's Sub	8.49	9.49

### Parm Subs

Meatball	6.99	7.99
Eggplant	6.99	7.99
Chicken Parmesan	6.99	7.99
Sausage	6.99	7.99

### From The Grill

Steak & Cheese	7.99	8.99
Super Steak	8.49	9.49
Grilled Chicken	6.99	7.99
Chicken Stir Fry	6.99	7.99
Buffalo Chicken	6.99	7.99
BBQ Chicken	6.99	7.99
Cheeseburger	6.99	7.99
Pastrami	7.99	8.99
Chicken Caesar	6.99	7.99
Steak Tip Sub		10.99

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### Appetizers

French Fries	sm. 3.79 • lg. 4.79
Tater Tots	sm 3.99 • lg. 6.99
Curly Fries	sm. 3.79 • lg. 4.79
Skin Fries	7.29
Potato Skins	7.99
Combo Platter	9.99
Onion Rings	sm. 3.79 • lg. 4.79
Mozzarella Sticks	6 - 5.79 • 12 - 8.79
Chicken Wings	6 - 6.99 • 12 - 10.99
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Chicken Tenders	
6 - 8.29 • 10 - 12.29 • 20 - 22.29 • 30 - 33.99	
4 Chicken Tenders w/French Fries	8.29
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Chilli Cheese Bites	8 - 5.79 • 16 - 8.79
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Garlic Cheeze Toast	3.99
Cheezee Bread Sticks	6.99 • 10.99
Quesadillas	8.29
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### Dessert

Brownie/Blondie	2.49	Baklava	3.99
Fried Dough Balls	8 - 3.99 • 16 - 5.99		

### Beverages

2 Liter Bottle	2.99	All 20 Oz. Bottled Drinks	2.19
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### Party Platters

Salads	1/2 Pan	Full Pan
Garden or Caesar Salad	14.99	34.49
<b>Pasta</b>		
Spaghetti or Penne	19.99	49.99
Lasagna	24.99	69.99
Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo	24.99	75.99

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w/ ham, bacon, or sausage links.....\$7.25  
w/ house made corned beef hash .....\$10.50  
Side: Home fries or hash browns.....\$1.75  
Side: House made corned beef hash.....\$6.50

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Buttermilk pancakes (2).....\$5.95  
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.....\$10.95  
Meat Lovers: Bacon, sausage & ham.....\$10.95

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Garden: Tomatoes, cukes & red onion.....\$4.95  
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Ham, American cheese,  
let & tom .....\$8.50  
Grilled bologna  
w/ American cheese .....\$8.50  
Roast beef  
let & tom, American cheese.....\$9.50  
Pastrami, Swiss cheese.....\$9.50  
Grilled chicken breast,  
let & tom, mayo.....\$9.50  
Chicken salad, let & tom .....\$8.50  
Tuna salad, let & tom .....\$8.50  
Italian hard salami, capicola, pepperoni, provolone  
cheese, red onion, let & tom w/ house Italian dress-  
ing.....\$10.50

## LUNCH COMBOS 11:30-2:00

*(includes chips & can of soda or bottled water & tax)*

Honey BBQ burger,  
Swiss cheese, bacon on roll.....\$9.50  
2 Coney Island grilled hot dogs.....\$6.00  
Cheeseburger on roll .....\$8.50  
Double cheeseburger  
w/ bacon on roll .....\$11.50  
Ball park sausage  
w/ peppers & onions.....\$10.00

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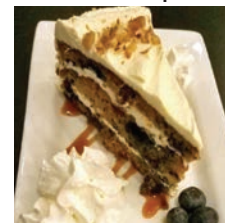
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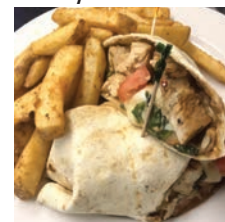
Fried Clam Plate



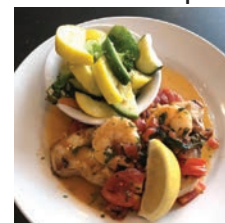
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