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Winter storm leaves thousands in the dark

REGION – A powerful winter storm overspread the region last weekend, causing several accidents and widespread power outages.

At the height of the Dec. 5 storm, nearly 50,000 customers statewide were without power, with multiple communities picking up over a foot of snow. The speed limit was reduced on the Mass. Pike, which saw several accidents.

Photo Courtesy

Accidents were reported throughout the area during last weekend's snowstorm, including this wreck in Charlton.

Surface streets were equally treacherous, with accidents reported in Charlton, Leicester, and Spencer. Police in those communities also received multiple reports of downed power lines.

In Sturbridge, Route 148 was closed in the area of Warren Road due to fallen trees and power lines. Meanwhile, the Warren Fire Department helped provide assistance during multiple accident responses on the Mass Pike.

The storm also caused several local events to be postponed. The fifth annual Stuff the Bus campaign, which had been

Please Read **STORM**, page **A10**

Central Massachusetts see surge in COVID cases

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – With COVID-19 conditions rapidly worsening statewide, central Mass. officials continue their scramble to convince residents to follow health protocols.

Last week, multiple communities throughout the region were listed in the state's "red zone" for COVID-19 transmission. Positive cases have soared over the last two weeks, both locally and across the state.

North Brookfield (27 posi-

tive cases over the last 14 days); Spencer (63); Leicester (63); Charlton (102); Sturbridge (40); and Southbridge (157) have all seen alarming spikes in new cases.

With winter approaching and the holiday season in full swing, officials fear those numbers will continue to rise.

"As COVID infections are on the rise throughout the region, I want to remind the public just how important following the CDC guidelines are to staying safe and reducing transmission," said Spencer

Town Administrator Thomas Gregory. "All persons over the age of five must wear a face covering whenever in public – indoors and outdoors. The Governor's stay-at-home advisory advises all residents to stay home from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. While this is not a requirement, residents are strongly encouraged to comply."

Additionally, indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to ten people, including family household members. Outdoor gatherings are

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Local business partners with WorcShop

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – SMGraves Associates (SMG) recently announced a partnership with The WorcShop, the largest makerspace facility on the eastern seaboard.

Located at 11 Hankey St. in Rochdale (the former Worcester Tool and Stamp Company building), The WorcShop is a multifaceted facility that integrates instruction, technology, and entrepreneurship. Offering classes in metal fabrication, machining, textiles, and blacksmithing, among others, the facility is a one-stop shop for an array of career advancement and educational opportunities.

The WorcShop also provides its members with daily access to a variety of workspaces and industrial equipment, including 3-D printers and automotive repair devices. The facility's 24-hour availability allows residents, business owners, and hobbyists to pursue their passions on their own schedules.

Now, with the SMG partnership, The WorcShop will augment its lineup with the signature instructional offerings of SMG.

"We saw an opportunity to expand into a bigger marketplace. I am absolutely pleased we are able to continue the important work of our leadership incubator program and our Business Triage Program for existing small business," said SMG founder Scott Graves.

After seeing initial success with developing unique business incubator programming for central Massachusetts, Graves knew that SMG needed to pivot quickly and adapt to the challenging climate of



Photo Courtesy

Local entrepreneur Scott Graves recently announced a major partnership for his business.

COVID-19. He feels the partnership with The WorcShop will do just that.

"Bringing together the resources of The WorcShop and SMG into a full-service makerspace and industrial business incubator will allow us to serve the creative class community of artisans, entrepreneurs, and economic development professionals for decades to come," Graves said. "Leicester and its surrounding communities deserve the kind of robust, environmentally conscious economic development that we will provide."

Several key components are being implemented as a result of the partnership. These include the formation of a nonprofit foundation dedicated to raising funds that will subsidize education programs for participants and incubator candidates.

Also, immediate incubation of three new businesses will take place as part of SMG's Leadership Candidate Program. Moreover, several new classes and seminars will be launched to assist area residents and the busi-

Please Read **WORCSHOP**, page **A12**

YOUTH MISSION TRIP CONTINUES TO GIVE BACK



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Each year for the past 23 years, teens and chaperones from the First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield have traveled to our nation's capital to serve the underprivileged, low-income population of Washington, D.C. through their participation in their annual youth mission trip. Due to the pandemic, the trip was unable to occur this past summer. Word was recently received that there was a serious need for personal items for the clients of SOME (So Others Might Eat), a kitchen the group frequented over the years (www.some.org). The chaperones and teens put together 100 hand-wrapped shoeboxes. Each box contains a pair of new pair of underwear, a facemask, a scarf, gloves, socks, and 8 hygiene items. Bryan Griffing and his son, Matt will be driving to Washington next week to deliver the boxes. Pictured are Bryan Griffing, Wally Hall, Matthew Griffing, Madison Bonneau, Pam Griffing and Dee Blanton.

DA's office assists in combating opioid crisis

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – The Worcester County District Attorney's Office will use federal grant funding to assist police departments in combating the opioid crisis.

The federal Department of Justice recently awarded the Worcester County District Attorney's Office a \$1.2 million grant to help facilitate outreach and recovery efforts. District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr.,

will team up with local police departments to support several grant-funded programs.

Among other projects, the federal grant monies will fund recovery coaches who will respond with police personnel and offer services after an overdose. These critical measures can help start victims down the path to treatment and recovery, police said, rather than allow them to be cycled back through the same destructive process.

Police in all 60 of Worcester County's cities and towns began using the Critical Incident Management System (CIMS) earlier this year to track overdose incidents. The goal of the system isn't to track data for the purpose of arresting people, but rather to maximize assistance opportunities, police said.

Law enforcement officials discovered at the start of the opioid crisis that it is impossible to solve the problem simply

through the criminal justice system. A broader support system of counselors, clinicians, recovery groups, and family advocates is necessary, officials said.

Federal and state grant funding will continue to pave the way to recovery for many desperate residents and families.

"We're glad to have been awarded this grant so we can help support our police partners in their response to the opioid epidemic," District

Attorney Early said. "When we implemented CIMS, our goal was to respond to every overdose incident and help people get access to services. This grant will ensure that overdose victims in every community receive help getting into treatment and on the path to recovery."

While many area police departments already have overdose follow-up protocols

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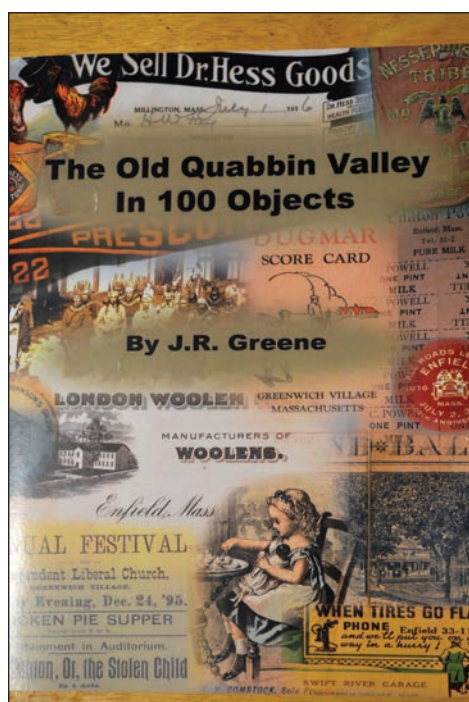


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Author J.R. Greene's latest book provides readers with a pictorial view into the past.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – In his first book in six years, author-historian J.R. Greene uses a unique style of presentation to help bring history to life.

Titled "The Old Quabbin Valley In 100 Objects," the book features photo-

graphs and detailed descriptions of several local historical items. From images of old business receipts and advertising cards, to signage and church programs, the book provides a fascinating glimpse of the region in the early twentieth century.

While countless aspects of society have dramatically changed over the years, Greene's latest book demonstrates the small-town solidarity that has always thrived in this region. Most of the images feature the four towns that were disincorporated in the late thirties to allow for the construction of Quabbin Reservoir.

For Greene, every project requires extensive research and planning – but this book presented several additional obstacles. When COVID-19 began to rapidly spread back in March, Greene knew there wouldn't be much time left to get his research done at local libraries.

"I had started the research for this in 2018, and when I heard that libraries were going to be shut down, I went to two of them on the last day they were open to get bits of information I needed," Greene recalled. "Since I could not carry on many of my daily activities due to the shutdown, writing the book kept me busy, and formatting the pictures took up a lot of time during the summer months."

Every aspect of the book was meticulously planned; even the front and back covers feature a montage of historical images. Moreover, the arrangement of

interior sections by town allows for readers to easily navigate information and images.

"Most of the items illustrated in the book are from my own collection, and many have come my way from being a collectibles dealer since 1972," Greene told the New Leader.

There is something for all readers to enjoy in Greene's latest book, especially local history lovers. Though the pace of life was much slower a century ago, residents still had plenty of fun in their close-knit communities.

"In spite of having no television or internet, the items show that people entertained themselves with movie showings, church suppers, club activities, and picnics," Greene said. "Some of the prices in the store advertisements may shock the reader over a century later, along with the variety of goods carried in small-town general stores."

The author of 21 other books, Greene enjoys examining all aspects of the region's history. He has authored four books on Massachusetts railroads, plus another three books exploring the presidency of Calvin Coolidge.

Additionally, Greene has produced a Quabbin history calendar for nearly four decades. He has been a collectibles dealer since the early seventies.

For more information on Greene's works, contact a local bookseller. The author's books and calendars are currently being sold at Family Pharmacy in Barre; Farmer's Co-op in Hardwick; Brookfield Orchards in North

Brookfield; Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn in Spencer; and Plantation Country Store in West Brookfield.

You may also write the author directly at 26 Bearsden Rd., Athol, MA, 01331-3402. Greene is also seeking to purchase memorabilia from the lost villages, including photographs, postcards, scrapbooks, and other items celebrating local history.

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— Submitted by Joel Hart, Leicester, MA

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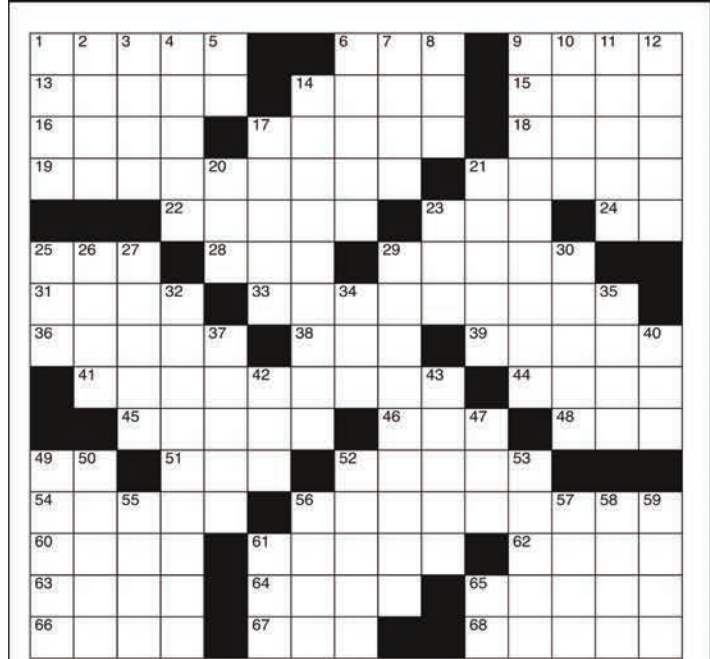
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Skateboarders love them
 - 6. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
 - 9. Former Ohio State great Michael
 - 13. Not dirty
 - 14. Earth goddess (Greek myth.)
 - 15. A Spanish river
 - 16. Pig meat (French)
 - 17. Famed astronomer
 - 18. Floating ice
 - 19. Broadcast
 - 21. Aquatic mammals
 - 22. Some are bath
 - 23. Hip hop trio
 - 24. NY Giants' #56
 - 25. Small European viper
 - 28. Neither
 - 29. Multiple Tony-winner Rivera
 - 31. Loud noise
 - 33. Second year high schooler
 - 36. "___ in comparison"
 - 38. Golf score
 - 39. Raise
 - 41. Pastas
 - 44. Easily manageable
 - 45. Fathered
 - 46. Pouch
 - 48. Institute legal proceedings against
 - 49. News organization
 - 51. Unruly group of people
 - 52. Fasten or secure
 - 54. Sheets of glass
 - 56. Doubled
 - 60. Foolish person
 - 61. Rooney and Kate are two
 - 62. Small, rich sponge cake
 - 63. Advice or counsel
 - 64. Large wading bird
 - 65. Famed British physicist
 - 66. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
 - 67. Field force unit
 - 68. Lying face downward

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Proof of purchase (abbr.)
 - 2. Soap ingredient
 - 3. Blackbird
 - 4. Single steps
 - 5. Tin
 - 6. Books have lots of them
 - 7. Made of fermented honey and water
 - 8. You can get it in a bed
 - 9. Room for communal meals
 - 10. Early Syrian kingdom
 - 11. Provokes dry amusement
 - 12. Use with "thou"
 - 14. Mollusk
 - 17. Grain storage units
 - 20. Not a car, not a truck
 - 21. Ooze
 - 23. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
 - 25. Tennis pros group
 - 26. Something that's not what it's purported to be
 - 27. E. Indian trees
 - 29. Beloved December holiday
 - 30. Regions
 - 32. Metric unit of length
 - 34. Peter's last name
 - 35. Beige
 - 37. 18-year period in astronomy
 - 40. Where golfers begin
 - 42. Basketball stat (abbr.)
 - 43. Frocks
 - 47. Soda comes in it
 - 49. On approval
 - 50. Trims by cutting
 - 52. Small finch
 - 53. Language Bura-___
 - 55. Nothing
 - 56. Imbecile (British)
 - 57. Tropical Asian plant
 - 58. Abba __, Israeli politician
 - 59. Small freshwater fish
 - 61. Indicates position
 - 65. Data processing



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Legislators offer help in securing unemployment benefits

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – As residents continue to grapple with an overwhelmed unemployment assistance system, local legislators are working hard to help with navigation.

Area state representatives and senators have seen a recent increase in calls and emails from residents who haven't received an unemployment check in months. Others have gotten notices from the Mass. Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) demanding repayment of monies previously approved during the pandemic.

Even in normal times, local officials receive a steady flow of calls related to unemployment issues. But since September, an influx of desperate residents have called with complaints that their benefits were either suspended or retracted as part of a DUA crackdown on fraudulent claims.

"They have had a big issue with fraud," said State Rep. Peter Durant, of Spencer. "Several people have had their identities stolen, and the DUA had to take precautions to investigate.

Of course, that hurts a lot of the people with legitimate claims."

Comprehensive DUA investigations of fraud have led to a significant backlog of unemployment claims that need to be processed. Additionally, many residents' claims have had missing information or errors, which caused DUA adjudicators to flag them as potentially fraudulent. These residents will need to resubmit their claims with the proper documentation in order to receive benefits.

Moreover, confusion has surrounded the difference between "pandemic unemployment assistance" and general unemployment benefits. Thousands of residents have erroneously filed under the wrong category, officials said. To be eligible for pandemic unemployment assistance, residents must demonstrate that they lost their jobs as a direct result of the COVID-19 crisis.

Meanwhile, scammers continue to flood the system in search of ways to take advantage of the confusion.

"There have been a considerable number of fraudulent applications to unemployment, which has resulted in a delay due to increased scrutiny of

all applicants," said Sen. Anne Gobi, of Spencer. "I receive a number of requests daily from people who are having trouble opening a claim or getting their funds from an already open and approved case."

Many of the fraudulent claims are the result of autonomous software programs. During the weekend of Nov. 14-15, approximately 31,000 unemployment claims were filed statewide, officials said. DUA staffers will need to pore over every claim to ensure its legitimacy, as well as the thousands of claims that were submitted in the ensuing weeks.

Over the last several months, local officials have helped serve as intermediaries between desperate residents and overwhelmed DUA officials. With Christmas and the winter season fast approaching, many residents can't wait much longer for their claims to be processed. Some families are already struggling to figure out how they'll provide food and heat their homes this winter.

Area leaders continue to work long hours to help secure relief as quickly as possible.

"We have some good contacts at the

DUA, and we have helped advocate and get things moved along for people," Durant said. "The entire process can be very confusing for people. It's especially difficult when a person's business closed and there is no one to verify that an employee worked there."

Officials and residents alike are eager for the distribution of vaccines over the next several months. This will allow residents to feel safe about restarting their businesses, interviewing for new jobs, or moving on to the next chapters in their careers.

"Once these vaccines get rolled out, we will start getting more people back to work," Durant said.

For now, residents are urged to have all of their documents organized when filing claims or appealing DUA repayment orders. It is important to save all communications from employers related to COVID-19 layoffs or closures.

Local legislators are also assisting residents who have been scammed or had their identities stolen.

"Anyone who is the victim of a fraudulent claim – please let me know so we can notify unemployment," Gobi said.

New playground completed in Brookfield

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – At a time when local residents are struggling to find uplifting news, Brookfield officials delivered just that with their recent completion of a new playground.

Thanks to the hard work of several volunteers and town departments, the new playground at Lewis Field was finished last month. Although there hasn't been much for residents to get excited about in 2020, news of the playground's completion inspired hope for residents and officials alike.

"In a time when many do not agree on everything, Lewis Field is becoming a shining example of what's possible when we pull together," said Selectman Clarence Snyder.

Approximately 70 percent of the funding for the new play-

ground came from a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Several other towns also received funding for open space and park improvements.

"Open spaces are a significant asset to our state, providing recreational opportunities to residents across the Commonwealth while also helping to build resiliency to the impacts of climate change," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "Our administration is proud to fund these important efforts that will create new parks, support the agricultural community, and conserve critical natural resources."

The remaining funds for the Lewis Field playground project were provided through a combi-

nation of sources, including an existing Open Space account, a grant from the Jeppson Fund of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, a grant from the Community Club of Brookfield, and a private donation from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jay, of Brookfield.

The town's Recreation Committee played an instrumental role in the playground project. Members of the Highway Department were also heavily involved in the effort.

A grand opening for the playground will be held in the spring of 2021.

Several other projects have recently taken place at the park, including basketball court upgrades and the installation of a new flagpole donated by the Spence family. Additional projects are sched-

uled to further improve the park experience for guests of all ages.

"We are happy to announce that Brookfield has received a second PARC grant for phase two of the Lewis Field project, which will build a 1.1-mile walking trail around the perimeter of the park," said Cathy LaRocca, who served as the grant writer for the projects.

Construction of the walking trail is expected to begin in July 2021.

Meanwhile, the state continues to place an emphasis on preserving open space and expanding outdoor recreation opportunities. The Baker-Polito Administration recently announced more than \$8.7 million in grant awards to towns and land trusts to support the acquisition and conservation of

over 676 acres of land throughout the Commonwealth. The grants, awarded through four separate grant programs, will fund 46 projects in 35 communities.

"The ongoing pandemic has made clearer than ever the significant benefits outdoor spaces offer Massachusetts residents, including physical and mental health benefits," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "These grants allow us to partner with municipalities and land trusts across the Commonwealth to support important local projects."

If you have an interest in volunteer projects in Brookfield, let the Select Board's office know. Officials are always on the lookout for residents who want to get involved.



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EDITORIAL

The struggle against Old Man Winter

The first big nor'easter of the season has come and gone, leaving us with anywhere from three to nine inches of snow (or more in some cases), depending on where you live. As with most things, we like to think about how our ancestors handled certain situations. It was during a snowy drive last winter that we became more grateful for studded snow tires and heat, after thinking about how those before us dealt with travel during snowstorms.

During the winter of 1717, a storm dumped four feet of snow, creating snowdrifts of up to 25 feet. Passing through the snow covered roads was too much for a postman who traded his horse for a pair of snowshoes. Objects similar to skis were attached to carriages as a means of winter transportation.

Streets had to be passable for wood and food deliveries. When the roads were not passable townspeople would gather together in large groups and dig out a path. The snow was placed into the back of a horse-drawn cart by gangs of men and driven to the closest river to be dumped. Salt was also used on streets, but many people complained because it ruined their shoes and clothes.

Fast forward to 1840, when the first snow plow patent came to be. It wasn't until 1862 that the first snowplow was put into use. The plow was attached to a cart and pulled by a team of horses. Soon after, many cities began to use the horse-drawn snowplow.

Typically the use of the horse-drawn plow was only used to clear main streets, leaving side streets and sidewalks snowed in by large piles often blocking entrances to businesses. Many business owners actually brought lawsuits against the plowing companies as a result because their customers could not gain access to the storefronts.

The solution to that conundrum, was the hiring of snow shovelers to accompany the plow. The blizzard of 1888, however, was too much for the "modernized" plow, leaving many people trapped inside their homes. This emergency was the catalyst cities needed to begin coming up with a better plan for snow removal. One idea was to stay on top of the storm as it started, instead of waiting for it to end. Different men driving the plows were assigned to certain neighborhoods as well.

The invention of the automobile brought with it a crutch and a new possibility as far as snow removal went. The crutch being that an entirely new method needed to be engineered and put into use. In New York in 1913, a dump truck could be seen on city streets. Seven years later the first snow loader, came on to the scene. It had a big scoop with a conveyor belt. The snow would go into the scoop via the belt, then dumped into the back of the truck. From there, off to the river it went.

It wasn't until 1959 when the weather was able to be predicted more accurately, allowing towns and cities to better prepare for any incoming storms.

Reading old diaries of our New England ancestors gives the perfect window as to what it was like to experience a bitter cold winter, prior to modern practices.

As literary critic Van Wyck Brooks wrote in "The Flowering of New England, 1815-1865," "All praise to winter, then, was Henry's feeling. Let others have their sultry luxuries. How full of creative genius was the air in which these snow-crystals were generated. He could hardly have marveled more if real stars had fallen and lodged on his coat. What a world to live in, where myriads of these little discs, so beautiful to the most prying eye, were whirled down on every traveler's coat, on the restless squirrel's fur and on the far-stretching fields and forests, the wooded dells and mountain-tops,--these glorious spangles, the sweepings of heaven's floor."



VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We as a nation

To the Editor:
We, as individuals and a nation, need to praise and call upon God.

God's Word is very clear, explicit; "if" my [Gods] people who are called by my [Gods] name. The people God is calling upon are the people who profess to be believers, Christians, will humble themselves and pray and seek my [God's] face, turn from their wicked ways. What God is warning us, many of us; we are not living in obedience to God. We need to come out of our comfort zone and stand for God's Word, God's moral law, "then" God will hear from heaven and forgive and heal us, this land, country, nation from this pestilent corona virus and those murdering, destructive paid rioters. [2 Chronicle 7: 14]

Come on, people, we have a respon-

Detached from reality

To the Editor:

It is time for Americans of all stripes to put country over party. It is time to end the conspiracy theories stemming from President Trump insisting that he won the election, and that it was riddled with fraud. We are now hearing a number of Republicans call the President out. It is long past time for all of them, in concert, to affirm that Joe Biden won the election, and that they intend on running a candidate in 2024 who will retake the White House and stop entertaining this damaging rhetoric.

What we are seeing right now is not just damaging, it is dangerous. America has been the envy of the world. It's been an example of a free and open democracy where every voice is heard and to have elected leaders who are quite the opposite - corrupt and in opposition to democracy is damaging and it will be a while before we can understand this in retrospect.

Seventy-seven percent of Republican voters believe that the election has been stolen. These are the same people who don't believe in manmade climate change, don't believe that masks help mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic, and probably think the world is flat as well. There is a section of the country that has become detached from reality and under Trump paranoia and seemingly a spell.

We are now seeing this movement in "alternative facts" take on a life of its own. We have seen Newsmax's viewership go up 20 times since the election, driven largely from the fact that Fox News called it for Biden.

The biggest problem with paranoid

Let the people decide

To the Editor:

How many people remember when Justice Joseph Scalia died five years ago, and the sitting president nominated Merrick Garland to fill that vacancy? Although it was 11 months before the next election, the Republican refrain was the universal - "Let the people decide." They all presented that as the only fair way to decide something as important as a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court, and many went on record that that would be their position, should a vacancy occur during the year before any presidential election.

President Trump committed acts sufficient to get impeached the beginning of this year. The Republican dominated senate justified calling no witnesses and summarily dismissing the charges, using that old saw "an election year, let the people decide".

There were enough irregularities in the 2016 election, to prompt several investigations into election tampering. The Mueller investigation noted 125 contacts between Russians and the Trump campaign, as being 125 more than any prior campaign, but made no further inquiry. The national security agencies certified that there certainly had been election tampering from Russia. Their investigation caught General Flynn, Trump's National Security Advisor, lying about many things, including Russian contacts. He was pardoned by Trump this week, reversing the peoples decision.

As a direct result of concerns for people tampering with our democracy, the house passed an election security bill. Moscow Mitch McConnell, being on record as not taking up any bill the president would not sign, left it lying on his desk, with hundreds of other bills that the peoples house passed. That includes the newest Covid rescue package passed in May.

Passage of that Election Security bill would have been too much contrast to the president stating, if he wins, the election is secure, but not if he loses. This clarifies why he has fired

sibility to humble our self and do what God is warning us and need to be doing, standing before God in repentance and living according to God's Word, God's will, God's moral laws and God will forgive us and heal this land, country, nation. The choice is ours. We must do our part and God will do for us what we cannot, forgive and reconcile us to Himself, remove the corona virus and establish peace in our states, country and nation. [2 Chronicle 7: 14] [Psalm 67]

As always, the choice is ours. Do you want to be blessed? Submit and live by God's moral laws, and, if you want an added blessing live by God's dietary law.

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Consider these year-end financial moves



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We're nearing the end of 2020 - and for many of us, it will be a relief to turn the calendar page on this challenging year. However, we've still got a few weeks left, which means you have time to make some year-end financial moves that may work in your favor.

Here are a few suggestions:

Add to your IRA. For the 2020 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,000 to your traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You actually have until April 15, 2021, to contribute to your IRA for 2020, but the sooner you put the money in, the quicker it can go to work for you. Plus, if you have to pay taxes in April, you'll be less likely to contribute to your IRA then.

Make an extra 401(k) payment. If it's allowed by your employer, put in a little extra to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. And if your salary goes up next year, increase your regular contributions.

See your tax advisor. It's possible that you could improve your tax situation by making some investment-related moves. For example, if you sold some investments whose value has increased, you could incur capital gains taxes. To offset these gains, you could sell other investments that have lost value, assuming these investments are no longer essential to your financial strategy. Your tax advisor can evaluate this type of move, along with others, to determine those that may be appropriate for your situation.

Review your investment mix. As you consider your portfolio, think about the events of these past 12 months and how you responded to them. When COVID-19 hit early in the year, and the financial markets plunged, did you find yourself worrying constantly about the losses you were taking, even though they were just on "paper" at that point? Did you even sell investments to "cut your losses" without waiting for a market recovery? If so, you might want to consult with a financial professional to determine if your investment mix is still appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance, or if you need to make some changes.

Evaluate your need for retirement plan withdrawals. If you are 72 or older, you must start taking withdrawals - technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs - from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Typically, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. However, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act suspended, or waived, all RMDs due in 2020. If you're in this age group, but you don't need the money, you can let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.

Think about the future. Are you saving enough for your children's college education? Are you still on track toward the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned? Or have your retirement plans changed as a result of the pandemic? All of these issues can affect your investment strategies, so you'll want to think carefully about what decisions you may need to make.

Looking back - and ahead - can help you make the moves to end 2020 on a positive note and start 2021 on the right foot.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A bear of a man

To the Editor:
By now, you must have read the story of one Kaleb Benham, of Grass Valley, Calif., who is not a guy to trifle with when it comes to messing with his dog. Hearing a commotion outside, Mr. Benham looked out from a second story window to see an enormous bear slouching away and dragging the man's "best friend" — his rescue pit bull, "Buddy" — whose head was clamped firmly in Bruno's mouth. Not one to dither, Benham raced down the stairs and across the yard and went into full-on combat mode when he tackled the 350 pound beast, grabbed him by the throat and commenced to punch the dog napper about the eyes and nose. Eventually, the dog was released while the full fury of the outraged bear was then turned on Buddy's protector.

I know there are 350-pound football players who commit mayhem on smaller running backs and quarterbacks, but they don't have claws three inches long which can rip your face off in one swipe, or teeth that can chomp your arm to the bone in one angry bite. I also know Daniel Boone supposedly "killed him a bar" as a boy, but "Big Turtle" also had a serious knife to make the odds a little more even. But, this Benham, engaging ursinus horribilis (or, maybe nigra ursina) with only his bare fists, on behalf of his canine adoptee, gives new meaning to the term "having the heart of a lion." I did mention the bruin topped out at three hundred and fifty pounds, did I not?! Both Buddy and Benham were seriously sliced up and bitten, with the dog very nearly dying from the attack, but all Mr. Benham had to say was, "Buddy's my baby; I'd do anything for my baby, wouldn't you?" Ladies and gentlemen, I present for your inspection...a man!

On the evening of the day when I had read—with incredulity—of the man-punches-out-bear story, I settled in to watch the Trump Rally in Valdosta, Ga. where, as happens at all his events no matter where they are held, tens of thousands of true Americans had come to show their love of and support for their embattled warrior President, Donald Trump.

For two hours, the President spoke to the assembled crowd of Georgians, as well as to those watching at home across America. You know he loves these events, as, unlike his life in D.C. surrounded as he is with false friends and snakes, he's in the company, for a change, of people who he knows love him, who trust him, and who, I'm certain, see him as the only hope they have left for saving the country they love and the freedoms they cherish. They don't see him as a Republican, or a conservative, or a rich man, or a celebrity, but, rather, as one of them—despite the vast differences between him and them in wealth or worldly experience—one who returns the affection and respect which he knows they feel for him.

As I watched this incredibly strong, energetic, vibrant man continue his speech, I thought, "Well, I don't know that he's fought a bear, but, for four long, torturous years he's battled snakes, wolves, vultures, and jackals—all in anthropomorphic form, and virtually by himself." I marvel that such a man can exist in this disgustingly effeminized culture which has enveloped us. Here is a genuinely masculine man (how they hate that term, masculine) they cannot defeat no matter how hard they have tried, all of them: the absolutely traitorous Democrats with their lapdog allies in the fake-news mainstream press; the useless, linguist-spined cowards in the Grand Old Party such as the appallingly craven girly-men like Mitt Romney and Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Nebraska; the totalitarian censors of social media; and, the hopelessly politicized judges—at all levels—who have extra judiciously attempted to thwart his initiatives at every turn. As I watched, I thought, "My God, what a man!"

Nothing they have tried has worked: Russian collusion; Ukraine; Stormy

Daniels; a phony impeachment; lies upon lies; heartbreaking setbacks with a monotonous regularity; attacks on his wife and children; cruel mockery and slander—every single day for four years, yet, like a pugilist, he's still on his feet.

He's Rocky Marciano, Yankee Stadium, 1954 in the eighth round against Ezzard Charles for the Heavyweight Championship of the World, having been beaten up the entire fight, swallowing blood from a pouring cut on the nose and blinded by blood in his eyes, exhausted, thrashed, but not giving up. Then? Boom! Out of nowhere comes a powerful shot to the jaw, the "Cincinnati Cobra" goes down, and the Rock is still the King!

Such is the stuff of which Trump is made. Nothing can defeat him, unlike almost any other person—male or female, any color, any religion, any class—I have ever heard of. No president, including Abraham Lincoln, has had to endure the incessant lèse majesté-style attacks on his honor, character, and policy successes as has President Trump. Yet, there he is standing like that rock which guards the Straits of Gibraltar: solid and immovable. Some day, other great men will say, as Patton did of Erwin Rommel at Kasserine Pass, No. Africa, 1943: "Trump! I read your book, you magnificent bastard!!!"

Now, having failed in their maniacal—and demonic—quest to destroy this one brave man, the Deep State may have just found the only way to achieve their illicit ends: a rigged, fraudulent election on such a massive scale it is impossible to fathom its vastness. To believe this President, with all his accomplishments for the American people, with his inroads into the black and Hispanic voting blocs, with unprecedented voter enthusiasm across the country, should lose to a sick and corrupt old ward-heeler politician who never even campaigned and his bitter, unlikeable, cackling, America-hating running mate...is to believe Santa Claus is down with the Covid.

Any other man would have folded by now. Can you even imagine a Romney, a Jeb Bush, a Charlie Baker, a Sasse, or any other Republican squish taking for one day what this man has had to suffer every day for four years? They would have all rolled over, shown their yellow bellies, and begged for mercy and forgiveness. But, he loves this country and its people—they don't.

My only hope, at this point, is that there are at least five justices of the Supreme Court who understand that if this theft is allowed to go on unchallenged, the country is gone, the Constitution is dead, we become a one-party dictatorial state, and 244 years of blood, sweat, and tears goes for naught. It was all a waste.

The only answer is a re-do election in the problematic states under the watchful eyes of armed federal agents to see that every vote cast is a legal one. When it's over, we, the American side, will accept the results, unlike the others, the un-Americans, who, if they lose, will riot, loot, and burn like the spoiled children they have consistently demonstrated themselves to be.

Seventy-five million Americans love this man despite every conceivable propagandistic effort of the establishment to make us partake of their Trump Derangement Syndrome. We have our champion, nothing is going to change that; he is sui generis ("One of a kind"). Jack Nicklaus already has the title of "The Golden Bear," but you, Mr. President, are our "Orange Bear" with all the strength and fighting spirit of that noble animal of the forest. You demonstrate your manly courage every day of your life by fighting for us against impossible odds, and we thank you for it. If there is such a thing as a "bear of a man," it is you, sir. God bless you and the incomparable, gracious, beautiful and equally brave Melania.

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worse.
The people have decided. Do some fact checking and stop the perpetuation of blatant lies. Because our constitution allows lies and fools to speak, like abortion, it isn't required.

KEN KIMBALL
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Wow. Just wow.

To the Editor:
The editorial section of the Spencer New Leader just never ceases to amaze me.

More than one author last week seemed to grasp the scope of death caused by the COVID-19 disaster and in the worst case scenario killing millions of Americans, but then pivoted to, "I totally understand why people don't care" and "but so many people would be left..." It was explained to us that a large portion of the country feels that their right to work in an industry that spreads this disease without pause is greater than the millions that could be killed (even though our government shoveled money at them so they could keep their bills paid). It was explained to us that the crisis isn't real until everybody knows somebody who died of this.

An interesting take from the "party of life..." I guess they only care about the life between conception and birth, then after that, it is a Darwinist survival of the fittest. They want Christian theology taught in school to the exclusion of Darwinism and science, but they want the rules of the animal kingdom to decide who lives and dies. We must save the accidental unwanted pregnancies, but a 50-year-old diabetic with a wife and two kids deserves to be culled — he

did "let himself go," after all...

As for knowing somebody that died of COVID — keep in mind you don't know that many people. In North Dakota, one of the worst places in the entire world for this disease, one out of every 800 people in that state have died of COVID and it is still raging. Twenty-five percent of all North Dakotans know somebody who died of this. Their hospitals are overflowing into facilities run by the National Guard. They are allowing COVID-positive but asymptomatic nurses and doctors to continue working in the COVID wards because they literally can't staff them. They even elected a guy who campaigned against masks, got COVID, and died of it before the election rather than his Democratic challenger. Yet, 75 percent of that state doesn't personally know a person who died of it. We don't make policy and decisions based on the past, we make them based on the future. Imagine if North Dakota took this seriously in September before their death toll exploded 10x?

True, we are on the precipice of a vaccine. Trump gets credit for approving the spending of future Americans' money and approving the blowing up of the national debt to shovel money at pharmaceutical com-
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Free choice: To just exist, or live a full life

To the Editor:
It seems to me with the Covid scare, there seems to be a fundamental choice every person needs to decide. Do you want to just exist, or do you want to live a life to the fullest?

Let's be clear. You already have been making these choices for years. That's what freedom is. You can either stay in your house and never venture out or you chose to go outside and take your chances with life. Every day, when you drive your car, you take a chance. One foot over the center line and you're in a head on crash. To socialize with people, you are exposed to whatever they may have. The benefits, for most people, far outweigh the risks. That's why we make a choice to take those risks.

Then there are those that take higher risks by choice every day. They practice unsafe sex and get another virus such as HIV. There are those that shoot

up and share needles with the same potential. There are those that have an unhealthy eating habits and don't exercise. They take the risk of diabetes and high blood pressure. Others smoke cigarettes and develop breathing issues. All these affect the general health of the population. Should the government force them to change their habits or face fines?

So now we have a virus that, for 99 percent of the population, will have no more effect than the symptoms of a cold. Now the government feels they can take away all our rights to live a full life, and instead, they want you to just exist inside watching four walls. All under the auspices of protecting you from yourself.

The news sources are controlled by global elitists trying to push their liberal agenda. The most effective way
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he did, here is a quick refresher. The guy who famously said that people under investigation, should not run, who has 5 kids by three wives, all of whom he cheated on, and has told well over 20,000 documented lies, did not get wall payment from Mexico, does not have any better cheaper healthcare plans, wasted 2million dollars and two years investigating Hillary, not only did not reduce the deficit, but borrowed 2 trillion on our dime and gave 83 percent of it to millionaires including himself, has not released any taxes ever, has not reduced nuclear or terror threats and could not have botched the pandemic

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panies. The deficit was a record and 3x worse than Obama's worst year – but I give credit where credit is due – we needed it and he didn't veto it. Where I blame Trump is the fact that U.S. intelligence agencies warned Trump of the virus outbreak in China and he ignored it for weeks. It took 18 days for HHS Secretary Alex Azar to even get a meeting with Trump about the virus and the president interrupted him to ask about when flavored vaping product sales would resume. Later in January the administration was holding meetings about it, but Trump wasn't taking it seriously. In late January he was recorded indicating he know how serious it was but instead preferred to "downplay" it. He later banned flights from China while doing nothing about those who flew into Canada and drove it, nothing to quarantine returning Americans, and nothing about the burgeoning crisis in Europe which had much more travel to and from the United States.

Genetic studies prove conclusively that a mutation with an epicenter in Europe made the virus more contagious and the vast majority of the US was infected by this European variant. Trump was so late in taking it seriously, then made it worse with rash action that causes a bum rush of Americans home, that it seeded the virus in the United States. The United States has the worst outbreak in the world. The worst. We have 4 percent of the world's population and 22 percent of the cases and 18 percent of the deaths. This is inexcusable for the largest economy in the world with the most resources to throw at managing this crisis. This is a failure of leadership. This is a failure of government. This is a failure of Donald J. Trump... But yeah, he authorized deficit spending to warp speed a vaccine.

In a shout out to Mr. Herholz – I condemn all violence and destruction, full stop. I support free and fair elections to chart our path forward and in 2020, 9.5 percent more votes, or 7,062,342 votes, were cast for Joe Biden. In fact, seven out of the last eight presidential elections had more votes for Democrats. Where I disagree and won't entertain you is that "Antifa" is even a thing, is organized

in any way, has any sort of leadership, etc. Antifa is no more an organized arm of the Democratic party than the Proud Boys represent the Republican party. BLM is a decentralized political and social movement advocating for non-violent civil disobedience in protest against police brutality and all racially motivated violence and discrimination against black people. But back on point, I condemn and disavow any violence perpetrated by individuals regardless of how you choose to label them.

Violence is a tool used by those out of power, in the minority, and without a voice. I am extremely concerned about the Trumpers because the loss at the presidential was decisive, yet 77 percent of you don't believe it. One of the truths we must face is that the GOP has turned into an authoritarian party and is starting to espouse the old right-wing line that democracy is tyranny and authoritarian government is freedom.

President Trump recently called Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp to pressure him to call a special legislative session to convince them to overturn Biden's win in the state. Trump has also pressured Kemp to issue executive orders overriding their Secretary of State which isn't legal even if Kemp wanted to. We've never had a political movement in my lifetime in this country so hostile to democracy and rule of law.

I invite Mr. McRae to tell us all about the benefits of McCarthyism of the 1950's. We're calling President Obama "Black Jesus" now? I think it is quite the condemnation of Trump that he was able to inspire the greatest turnout in a presidential election in history, only to lose by a substantial margin. President Obama is popular and beloved, but President Trump is despised to a much greater magnitude. While you call elite colleges and universities a "lost cause" I'm sure you're aware that the "lost cause" is an American pseudo-historical, negationist ideology that advocates the belief that the Confederate States' cause in the Civil War was a just and heroic one. Trumpism seems to be settling into the "lost cause" pseudo-virtue.

We are in the biggest political crisis since 1861? Should we expect a United States military or government facility to be bombarded by a revolutionary militia similar to Fort Sumter? "Who

knows what comes next?" I know I'm dense, but this sounds like calls for violence.

As for economic metrics – we are in the middle of our COVID economic crisis, not the end. This is the deepest economic crisis since the Civil War and unemployment is ticking back up again. November was the best month for stocks since 1987, true, and guess what was in the news? Trump was handed an eviction notice signed by 81 million-plus Americans. Gas is \$2 – because demand has collapsed due to the coronavirus crisis. Wouldn't we all rather have \$3 gas, low unemployment, and a growing GDP?

Despite the election being behind us, COVID-19 has gotten worse. In the U.S. new daily cases have increased 17.5 percent in just the last week. New daily deaths have increased 47.5 percent in the past week. Hospitalizations are up 10.2 percent. In Rhode Island, they have opened two National Guard field hospitals to patients. In Massachusetts, we opened the DCU Center for hospital overflow and a new facility is being assembled in Lowell. Just this past week, 1.3 million new COVID infections and 15,000 new COVID deaths in this country. We have had a total of 281,347 deaths and accelerating. Both are accelerating. The hospitals are literally overflowing. In Massachusetts, the COVID ICU admissions have increased 150 percent in a month.

It seems that we are willing to let the hospitals overrun and send patients to field hospitals in convention centers. We seem willing to put up with an unimaginable death toll. I guess the next wicket is when the ICU's overrun. One month ago, Massachusetts had 47 percent ICU space available. Today, we only have 38 percent. Considering that Massachusetts hospital admissions are increasing 36.7 percent week-over-week... Will we have only 32 percent ICU capacity remaining next week? Twenty-three percent remaining the following week? At this rate we will literally have zero ICU beds by Christmas.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD

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in place, the latest grant funding will allow recovery coaches to work on a regional basis and assist police departments that may not have the budget to employ coaches on a full-time basis.

"This is the piece of the puzzle that has been missing," said Spencer Police Chief David Darrin. "I have trained nearly sixty percent of our officers and dispatchers in crisis intervention techniques. We also have CIMS thanks to DA Early to track overdose incidents. The final piece is the outreach, and thanks to this new grant the puzzle will be complete."

The three-year federal grant, which will begin administering funds in early 2021, was awarded through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP). Local police officials are thrilled to have additional tools in their arsenal to help combat the opioid crisis.

"When the grant is in full swing, we will have access to recovery coaches who we can link up with individuals that need assistance," said Leicester Police Chief Ken Antanavica.

The LPD currently has a sergeant responsible for monitoring all overdose incidents and entering them into the CIMS database. The sergeant also monitors and orders Narcan as needed.

Chief Antanavica said his officers are looking forward to working with the recovery coaches as another layer of community assistance.

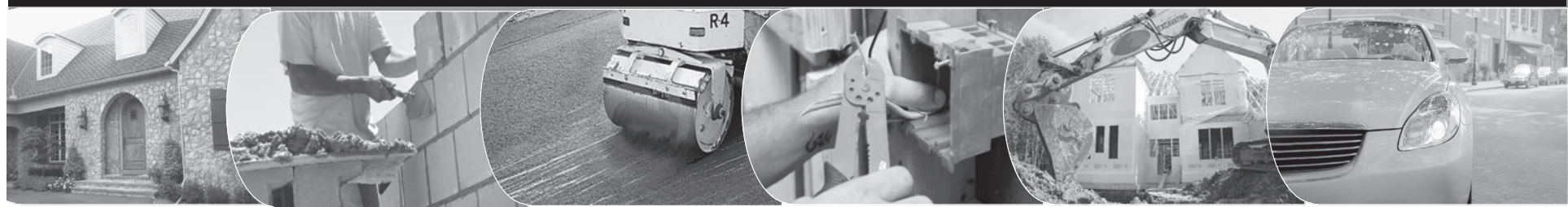
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slated for Dec. 5 in three towns, had to be postponed to Saturday, Dec. 12.

Run each year by AA Transportation, the Stuff the Bus program enables the community to donate toys for local youngsters. On Dec. 12, AA Transportation will bring buses to Spencer, North Brookfield, and Leicester. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., AA employees at each site will collect new, unwrapped toys.

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to do this is through fear. They know that a scared populace will be easier to force their agenda on. If you do not obey their requirements, then you will be subjected to public shaming and recrimination. They tailor their news and information to fit their narrative. Do you notice that they never show the deaths by age group? That's because if they did, you would see the true facts. Eighty percent of the deaths are in people of the age 60 and above with most between 70 and 80. If you don't believe me, go to the CDC site and look at the facts. Only 5 percent of the deaths are from people under the age of 50. Out of 300,000 annual deaths, that comes out to only 1,500 people. That is a pretty small number. More of the young die of other causes, such as car crashes and drug overdoses.

They also harp on testing and infection rates. What they don't tell you is what percentage have already got it and recovered. The reason is, there is no way to measure this. There is no test. So, the testing does nothing except give the Democrat politicians a reason to take your civil liberties. They take yours with stern conviction all the while continuing to enjoy their own freedoms with parties and lavish trips. Politicians and celebrities are the new ruling class in their socialist systems. We are the proletariat. The unwashed, uneducated masses that must be controlled.

I myself am 59 years old. Both my parents died at around 72 years of age. If I live to be that age, it means I have 13 years to go. Not a long time. I'll be damned if I am going to spend half of that time locked down living life like a hermit. I plan on spending whatever time I have left experiencing life to the fullest. I am sure most of the people in their 70's and 80's who are not in a nursing home or assisted living feel the same. They know that the natural ends of their lives are near. They know that nobody lives forever. But most want to experience the few years they have left feeling life at its fullest. That means interacting with people, feeling their presence, and sharing the experience. After all, that's what keeps them living.

I am also sick and tired of hearing the cackle of those that run around acting like "chicken little" and crying the "sky is falling." One such writer to the section who has the Covid hysteria is little Har-Yarok. He envisions himself as a Professor Emeritus of The Internet. To me, he seems to be more like the "Comic Book Guy" from the Simpsons. A bloated windbag who fancies himself smarter than everyone else. He fills his weekly column with numbers and figures he fished from the cesspool called the internet. He has no idea of the authenticity or accuracy of these numbers. He should realize that when you go fishing in a cesspool, the only thing you catch is turds. In fact, he shows symptoms of Covid with his lack of taste and brain fog. His go to

response with those he cannot refute is to call them a bigot or racist.

I have many close friends who have the contracted the Covid. All have recovered from it in about two weeks. Most of the symptoms were the lost sense of taste, a mild sore throat, and fatigue for about a week. Many of us have probably contracted it and had symptoms that were like what we experience every day. Aches, pains, stuffy nose, and tired feelings. These are not a big deal if you take care of yourself. If you haven't or you have conditions your born with, then weigh your risks and take the appropriate precautions as you see fit. There's a choice we all need to make in these times. Do you want to fly like an eagle with the wind beneath your wings and soar majestically through life, or would you rather spend your days hiding in a hovel like a scared little mouse, living in fear of every shadow?

This country was built by the risk takers. They emigrated here on creaky wooden boats. They endured harsh winters and hostile peoples. They fought for independence with a high risk of failure. They explored dangerous frontiers and fought many hard fights to get where we are. I chose to stand with them and soar like an eagle. Just like our forefathers before us, you need to take risks to get the rewards. Life, liberty, and freedom are the rewards.

MARK ROBILLARD
SPENCER

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limited to 25 people.

Officials urge residents to adhere to protocols at private residences. State leaders have blamed several outbreaks on large private gatherings without masks or social distancing.

"Face coverings are also strongly encouraged in a private residence when non-household members are present," Gregory added. "Spencer has now been categorized by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a high-risk community. Now that winter is here - and with the holidays approaching - please follow the guidelines that are in place."

Leicester officials are offering similar insistences. The town has spent much of the

last two months in the state's red zone, leading to the cancellation of trick-or-treating and several other events.

"The Leicester Board of Health and the Town Administration are working closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and regional health officials in response to COVID-19," read a statement released by town officials. "The Leicester Board of Health guides the town response to COVID-19, implementing the recommendations of both the MDPH and the CDC as appropriate, as well as working with the public schools."

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OBITUARIES

Mary E. Boulay, 92

SPENCER- Mary E. (Kaliunas) Boulay, 92, of Spencer died peacefully Monday, Nov. 30 at the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton.



Her husband of 67 years, Robert E. Boulay, died in 2018. She leaves her daughters Cathy Hebert and her husband Dwight of Gloucester and Carol Crozier and her husband Steven of Spencer; her grandchildren, Michael and his wife Katie, Cristy and her husband Shawn, Kevin and his wife Renata, and Jason and his wife Audrey; her great-grandchildren, Thomas, Mae, Jackson, Henry, Nathaniel and Alexander; and several nieces and nephews. Born and raised in Worcester, she was the daughter of Alexander and Yadviga (Lapinauskas) Kaliunas. She is predeceased by her sisters, Elizabeth Pavolis, Frances West, Helen Miller, Josephine Widun, and her half-sister, Anna Damstrom.

Mary graduated from David Hale Fanning Girls Trade School in Worcester and began her career as a hairdresser at R.G. Shakour in Worcester. Later on, she worked for many years as a retail sales associate at the former Eddy's Clothing Store on Park Avenue in Worcester before retiring. She was also a volunteer at the Fallon Health Clinic for many years and was a member of Mary, Queen of

the Rosary Parish.

Mary loved the time she spent with her family and especially enjoyed making holiday gatherings and cookouts special.

She enjoyed gardening and was known for her beautiful gardens. She took great pride in her flowers and arrangements which she entered into the Labor Day Spencer Fair over many years and she was awarded many ribbons for her entries. Mary also enjoyed her leisure time working with all types of crafts. She and her husband enjoyed their time traveling and the winters they spent in Florida. Mary made many friends everywhere she went and cherished every friendship.

Mary's family would like to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the caregivers on the 4th Floor Skilled Nursing Unit at the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton. Her family considered the caregivers to be her second family and are grateful for their excellent professional care and the heartfelt compassion they gave to Mary for many years.

Private funeral services were held in the J. Henri Morin Funeral Home in Spencer with burial in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

Memorial donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Spencer Rescue Squad, Inc., 6 Bixby Rd., Spencer, 01562.

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Susan J. Condon

Susan J. Condon passed away December 1, 2020 surrounded by her loving family, after an injury at home and hospitalization since November 1.



Born May 23, 1944 to Ann Davis and Clinton Rinehart in Hollywood, Florida Susan grew up in Framingham and Natick, Mass., and lived many years in Foxboro. Susan is survived by her husband, Pastor John R. Condon, son Christopher J. Condon, daughters Rachel S. Condon and Jennifer A. Condon.

Educated in Framingham Schools, Susan attended University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and was graduated from Katherine Gibbs School and Barbizon Modeling School, both in Boston. She was for 25 years the Administrative Assistant for the President of Framingham Union Hospital, and held other administrative

positions for Accenture Consulting and Bain Capital, both in Boston. Susan was a member of Brookfield Congregational Church in Brookfield MA, serving as visitor-friend.

Susan had great love for and personal attachments to the dog-members of the family, personal-training, golfing and spending time at the cottage in mid-coast Maine. She was gifted in music, cooking, modeling, and a ministry of kindness to others.

Private family gathering (because of COVID19 restrictions) will be held at Roberts Funeral Home in Foxboro. A church service (observing COVID19 protocols) takes place at Sharon Congregational Church, Sharon, MA, Monday December 14 at 1:00 p.m. Donations in loving memory may be made to St. Anne's Hospital, 795 Middle Street, Fall River, MA 02721 or to the American Lighthouse Foundation, P.O. Box 565, Rockland, ME 04841. To send an on line condolence please visit the funeral home web site at www.robertsandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Walter "Wally" Johnson, Sr., 82

Walter "Wally" Johnson, Sr., 82, died at his winter home in Fort Lonesome, FL, Sunday, November 22, 2020.



Walter was born in Worcester, MA the son of the late Warren Johnson and Edna (May) Johnson Bird.

After serving his Country in the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1959, he met and married the love of his life, Shirley (Fritze) Johnson. Walter and Shirley settled into country life in Spencer to raise their family where he took great pride in serving his community. They celebrated 61

years of marriage this past September.

Walter leaves behind his beloved wife Shirley, a daughter Kim Monette and her husband Richard, Jeri Lynn Mahaney and her husband John, his son Walter Johnson and his wife Michelle, and his youngest daughter Tanya Bressette and her husband Brian and his faithful dog, Abbey. Walter had seven grandchildren, Eric, Jason, Alyssa, Amanda, Katrina, John Jr., Melissa and Walter III "TJ" and four great grandchildren, Dylan, Ella, Gabriel and Oaklynn. His brothers Ronald Johnson and Robert Johnson, his sisters Margaret Krukowski and Bonnie Greenwood. He was predeceased by his brothers Warren Johnson, Michael Bird and his

sister Eleanor Truitt.

Walter worked for Thermo Engineering in Worcester, MA for 37 years. He served the Town of Spencer as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as the Board of Directors of the Spencer Rescue Squad. He was most proud, however, to be a member of the Spencer Fire Department for 37 years and the town's first full time Fire Chief from 1992 until his retirement in 2002.

It was during Walter's time in the Airforce that he had the honor to sing a solo performance of "The National Anthem" for President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He was the creator, along with Shirley, and with the help of numerous volunteers, of the Spencer Fire Department Spookwalk. This well-loved annual haunted event raised money for the Fire Department and other town organizations.

Walter was an honorable, kind man who was well-liked and respected by all who knew him. He had a great sense of humor and loved a good prank. He was one of the hardest working men we have ever known and was always willing to help anyone out. He enjoyed trips to the casino with Shirley, gardening, creating cement animals and birdbaths, playing cards, mowing lawns at his retirement park in Florida, drawing funny cartoons, and family gatherings.

A celebration of Walter's life will be held at a future date. Memorial Donations may be made to the Spencer Fire Department, 11 West Main Street, Spencer MA 01562

Toys for kids donations

Donations as of 12/2/2020

Michael & Lynda Hafner	\$300
Paul & Christine Cournoyer	\$50
William & Annette Welch	\$100
Atty Andrea Gordon	\$50
Laurie Phelan	\$25
RWB Technical Services	\$40
Dorothy & Pamela Keyes	\$20
Gifted Hands Home Decor & Gifts	\$50
Employees of Leveille Architectural Millwork	\$1,000
Leveille Family	\$1,500
Joseph Zalieckas	\$50
Audettes Towing & Recovery	\$500

Monetary Donations may be sent to: Spencer Toys for Kids, P.O. Box 186, Spencer, MA 01562. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at: Spencer Fire Dept,

Spencer Post Office, Cornerstone Bank (Spencer office), ERA Key Realty Services (415B Main St). If you would like to sponsor a child please contact Katie at katrinah@erakey.com or

call/text 508-419-3659 OR Donna at donnaflannery@erakey.com or call 508-885-6336. If you are in need of assistance, applications can be picked up at: Spencer Post Office, Mary Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry or ERA Key Realty Services (outside mailbox). You can see updates on Facebook at Spencer Toys for Kids.



WORCSHOP

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ness community.

The WorcShop leadership team is equally encouraged by the opportunities created by the partnership.

"I'm very excited to work with our local and state government to create an advanced manufacturing facility that is ecologically sound, sustainable, and available to the community at large," said Randal Meraki, the founder and

executive director of The WorcShop. "Coupled with SMG's resources, The WorcShop is the catalyst for local entrepreneurs to become industry leaders in the new innovation economy. The next best things will be invented and manufactured right here at home."

In direct response to the critical needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic, SMG recently developed its unique Business Triage Program. Offerings will include individualized mentorship delivered by experienced professionals; town hall-style group discussions

and remote learning; individualized follow-up assessments; marketing and technical assistance delivered in a timely fashion; and education services offered in finance, business planning, marketing, legal, entrepreneurship, leadership, publishing, and copyrights.

The Business Triage Program also features an interface with SMG's

Leadership Candidate Program for clients who need to transition into a new enterprise.

For thousands of central Massachusetts residents who lost their jobs or small businesses during the pandemic, the new year is the perfect time to take steps toward the next chapter. This can include resurrecting an existing business, or learning the skills necessary to enter a different arena.

"The Business Triage Program, coupled with the Worc-It Business Labs, offers current and would-be business owners' effective strategies for pivoting during the global health crisis, and for educating themselves on opportunities to come long after the pandemic is over," said Graves, a David Prouty High School graduate.

The current SMG class roster includes the following offerings: Accounting for Entrepreneurs;

Business Law Overview; Preparing for financing/lending 101; Designing a Marketing Plan; Concepts in Design; Project Management; and Preparation for Investment, among others.

For residents who feel more comfortable operating at home during the pandemic, SMG offers extensive guidance and programming virtually.

"We currently engage clients through Zoom, Google meetings, Microsoft meetings, and file sharing services, including Dropbox and Google Drive," Graves added. "Since the global health crisis began, we've been converting all education services to video or live online meetings. Our use of technology has made us resilient and completely capable of offering services seamlessly, regardless of outside phenomenon."

Looking ahead, SMG and The WorcShop are also committed to increasing environmental protection efforts. They intend to build a no-waste community that processes, recycles, or repurposes all trash and waste products onsite by 2025.

To learn more about opportunities available in the upcoming year, visit www.smgravesassociates.com. You can also check out www.TheWorcShop.com.

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO15P2001PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
In the matter of:
Erica L Kresco
Of: West Brookfield, MA
Protected Person/Disabled Person/
Respondent**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **Fifth** account(s) of Cheryl A Edwards of West Brookfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance. **You have the right to object to the account(s).** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date

of 12/22/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s) Additionally within 30 days after said return day (or within such time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court. You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to

ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 20, 2020
Stephanie K Fattman
Register of Probate
December 11, 2020

Attention Spencer Residents
A public hearing with the Sewer Commissioners will be held to discuss septage & tight tank fees Tuesday, December 29, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m. Broadcast live from McCourt Social Hall
By Spencer Cable Access
Remote meeting only
December 11, 2020
December 18, 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. WO20C0328CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Caitlin Jane Murray**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Caitlin Jane Murray of West Brookfield MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Jack Clyde Harold Murray**

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 12/15/2020. 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: November 09, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
December 11, 2020

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

12:43-12:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:55 a.m.: animal complaint (High Street), barking dog; 12:57-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:39 a.m.: lost/found (Charlton Road), carry-on found; 6:41 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 7:30 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 8:14 a.m.: fraud (Main Street), unemployment scam; 10:12 a.m.: lost/found (Meadow Road), lost bag/items; 11:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), pkg. del. to wrong address; 12:30 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road), no contact; 1:44 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), speeding; 2:14 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), kids/bikes in roadway; 2:33 pm.: restraining order service (Holmes Street); 2:37 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Holmes Street), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 3:35 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 3:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 3:47 p.m.: disturbance (Pond Street), neighbor harassing dog; 4:16 p.m.: vandalism (West Main Street), mv keyed; 4:32 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/5 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:40 p.m.: assault (Valley Street), req. ambulance; 4:54 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:18 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), domestic dispute; 6:36 p.m.: suspicious persons (Water Street), distraught female; 7:08 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator; 7:31 p.m.: medical/general (Wm. Casey Road); 8:03 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 8:13 p.m.: harassment (Mechanic Street), harassing phone calls; 8:57 p.m.: accident (Main Street), hit/run, report taken; 9:25 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:09 p.m.: odor of gas (Prospect Street), issue w/stove; (Total daily mv stops - 7).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12:03-12:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:16 a.m.: disturbance (Prospect Street), noise complaint; 12:25-2:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:17 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 7:25 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 11:36 a.m.: lost/found (Chestnut Street), found cellphone; 3:26 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 4:55 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 6:55 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:57 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 10:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), welfare check; (Total daily mv stops - 3).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

1:14-1:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:23 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic, Cherry streets), tickets issued; 1:36-2:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:46 a.m.: medical/general (Treadwell Drive); 8:14 a.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 9:33 a.m.: residential alarm (Ash Street), referred; 10:44 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:46 a.m.: animal complaint (Fairview Drive), poss. rabies exposure; 11:18 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 11:47 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 11:52 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:13 p.m.: mv lockout (Chestnut Street), assisted; 12:37 p.m.: disturbance (Ash Street), co-parent issues; 1:50 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 2:26 p.m.: suspicious persons (Maple Street), investigated; 3:39 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 3:42 p.m.: parking violation (Maple Street), ticket issued; 3:51 p.m.: larceny (Chestnut Street), money stolen; 3:52 p.m.: medical/general (Norcross Road); LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:11 p.m.: 911 call (Thompson Pond Road), misdial; 5:49 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 5:59 p.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), speeding/erratic operator; 6:33 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist;

6:59 p.m.: suspicious persons (East Charlton Road), investigated; 8:50 p.m.: medical/general (Point Eastalee Drive); 9:09 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:15 p.m.: accident (Chestnut Street), report taken; 9:31 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Cross Road); 10:05 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 10:14 p.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 11:28 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 11:34-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops - 7).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:05 a.m.: parking violation (May Street), ticket issued; 12:09-12:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:16 a.m.: suspicious mv (Meadow Road), investigated; 12:24 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 12:29-12:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:51 a.m.: parking violation (Pearl Street), ticket issued; 12:53-1:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:20 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 7:17 a.m.: residential alarm (Clark Road), services rendered; 8:05 a.m.: medical/general (Williams Drive); 8:20 a.m.: medical/general (Crown Street); 9:03 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 9:13 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 9:46 a.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 10:03 a.m.: officer wanted (Water Street), problem w/alarm; 11:50 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), employee problem; 1:02 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 2:21 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 2:28 p.m.: fraud (Duggan Street), unauth. withdrawal from acct.; 2:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Whittemore Court), rabid raccoon; 2:45 p.m.: medical/general (Old Farm Road); 3:44 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 4:00 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:49 p.m.: mutual aid (Route 49), assist state police; 6:52 p.m.: disabled mv (Howe Road), assisted; 7:33 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 8:23 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 9:00 p.m.: parking violation (South Street), no plate/ticket issued; 10:36 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops - 10).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

12:11 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:15-12:22 a.m.: parking violations (Pearl, Church streets), tickets issued; 12:26-12:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:48 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 12:49-1:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:34 a.m.: parking violation (Cherry Street), ticket issued; 1:38-3:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:10 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Rutland PD bolo; 3:51 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 7:11 a.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 10:59 a.m.: medical/general (Duggan Street); 11:05 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 11:28 a.m.: 911 call (Debbie Drive), misdial; 11:38 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 2:33 p.m.: vandalism (Prospect Street), window broken; 3:42 p.m.: mv lockout (Pearl Street), assisted; 4:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), info taken; 4:32 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no emergency; 4:46 p.m.: suspicious persons (Greenville Street), investigated; 5:07 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; between 5:07-5:12 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 6:09 p.m.: larceny (Kitteridge Road), mv stolen; 6:30 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost wallet; 7:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), raccoon in apt.; 8:51-9:37 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:57 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 11:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), denied access to property; 11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops - 11).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

12:14 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 12:18-12:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:34 a.m.: parking violation (South Street), ticket issued; 12:37-12:38 a.m.:

buildings checked, secure; 12:46 a.m.: parking violation (Cottage Street), ticket issued; 12:48-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:32 a.m.: suspicious mv (Clark Street), investigated; 5:44 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:12 a.m.: suspicious persons (South Spencer Road), investigated; 6:36 a.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 9:06 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), storm preparedness/Nat'l Grid; 9:57 a.m.: fraud (Fairview Drive), unemployment scam; 10:07 a.m.: medical/overdose (North Spencer Road); 10:30 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 11:45 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 2:09 p.m.: mv lockout (Norcross Road), assisted; 2:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), loose chickens/rooster; 3:14 p.m.: DPW call (Route 49), standing water; 3:21 p.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 3:44 p.m.: medical/general (Elm Street); 4:01 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 5:21 p.m.: medical/general (Sampson Street); 6:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), decoration fell behind heater; 6:32 p.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), power out; 6:37 p.m.: medical/general (Lloyd Dyer Drive); 7:14 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 7:48 p.m.: medical/general (Ledge Avenue); 7:58 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/6 (West Main Street), assisted; 8:30 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:16 p.m.: harassment (West Main Street), harassing phone calls; (Total daily mv stops - 1).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:27-1:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:54 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 1:54-2:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:31 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 6:52 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), silent call; 7:48 a.m.: suspicious persons (Chestnut Street), neighbor issue; 10:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Street), loose dog; 10:13 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:14 a.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), hot tub stolen; 10:39 a.m.: DPW call (Jolicoeur Avenue), wire down; 10:51 a.m.: fraud (Paxton Road), unemployment scam; 10:52 a.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 10:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), leased property not returned; 11:26 a.m.: fire (Cottage Street), referred; 12:01 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), dog left out in cold; 12:06 p.m.: disturbance (High Street), tenant/landlord issue; 12:22 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 12:39 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 1:30 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), accidental; 2:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Donnelly Cross Road), issue w/business; 2:58 p.m.: FID issued (West Main Street), assisted; 2:59 p.m.: fraud (Wall Street), SS scam; 3:08 p.m.: mv repossessed (Westland Drive), info taken; 3:51 p.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 4:10 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 4:21 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 4:27 p.m.: suspicious mv (Meadow Road), investigated; 4:36 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 4:49 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:16 p.m.: mv repossessed (Muzzy Street), info taken; 5:20 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 5:35 p.m.: fraud (Wilson Avenue), unemployment scam; 5:53 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:01 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:02 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), info taken; 6:29 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 6:53 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 8:42 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Greenville Street), child w/phone; 9:45 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), accounts opened w/out authorization; 10:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), spoken to; 11:50-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:57 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; (Total daily mv stops - 3).

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Leicester Police

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

1:04 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:44 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 9:41 a.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), message delivered; 5:13 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10:19 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 1:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 2:51 p.m.: assist other PD (Oxford Street North, Auburn), services rendered; 2:51 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:54 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), services rendered; 10:55 p.m.: welfare check (Sabina Circle), spoken to.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Parker Street), services rendered; 1:06 p.m.: keep the peace (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 4:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (Washburn Street), gone on arrival; 5:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:13 p.m.: suspicious activity (Washburn Street), services rendered; 9:38 p.m.: suspicious activity (Paxton Street), services rendered.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:38 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:53 a.m.: restraining order service (Pine Street), unable to serve; 10:58 a.m.: restraining order service (Pleasant Street), unable to serve; 11:17 a.m.: suspicious mv (Pine Street), gone on arrival; 12:14 p.m.: property found (Main Street), report taken; 3:00 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 6:49 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 8:21 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:11 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), report taken; 8:43 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), report taken.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

12:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:05 a.m.: animal complaint (Rawson Street), unfounded; 7:39 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 7:58 a.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 10:25 a.m.: fraud (Sanfred Road), report taken; 10:42 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), unable to locate; 1:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Waite Street), spoken to; 1:53 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 2:54 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Road), transported; 8:11 a.m.: family problem (Stafford Street), spoken to; 8:43 p.m.: family problem (Mannville Street), spoken to; 9:28 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 9:32 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), peace restored; 9:47 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 11:50 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, speeding, criminal application issued.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwin Street), unfounded; 2:02 p.m.: family problem (West Street), assisted; 2:36 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:05 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:52 p.m.: welfare check (Meadow Lane), assisted; 5:38 p.m.: ambulance (Allen Street, Worcester), transported; 5:45 p.m.: ambulance (Clark Street), transported; 6:34 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:09 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, speeding, summons served; 11:37 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 11:52 a.m.: welfare check (Hunton Memorial Highway), services rendered; 2:17 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), unfounded; 3:19 p.m.: fraud (Logan Street), report taken; 4:22 p.m.: investigation (Logan Street), services rendered; 6:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 7:46 p.m.: threats (Main Street), spoken to; 8:07 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to.

Baker administration pushes awareness of COVID precautions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION - With mask fatigue and other frustrations continuing to build statewide, the Baker-Polito Administration is scrambling to find creative outreach options.

Last week, Gov. Charlie Baker announced a new public awareness effort encouraging residents to continue heeding health guidance. Dubbed "Get Back Mass," the campaign highlights the importance of wearing a mask, practicing good hygiene, keeping a safe distance, and avoiding large gatherings.

"The campaign features residents from across the Commonwealth who, in their own words, draw the connection between taking precautions and getting back to the activities, people, and experiences they enjoy," read a statement

released by Baker. "The campaign underscores the importance of taking precautions so the Commonwealth can slow the spread of the virus and keep our communities safe."

The multilingual campaign will run on several platforms this winter, including television and digital ads. The Get Back Mass program will also utilize social media messages, and informational posters will be displayed in several public locations.

The program will run through at least February, officials said. Depending on COVID-19 conditions toward the end of the winter, the campaign could be expanded to March and beyond.

The Get Back Mass campaign is the latest in a series of public awareness efforts the Governor has launched to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The state has seen sharp increases in new

cases and hospitalizations over the last month. State leaders blame the surge mostly on large private gatherings and complacency with health measures, as well as travelers returning to the state without adhering to quarantine regulations.

Looking ahead, officials are particularly concerned about a steeper spike emerging from Thanksgiving travel and gatherings.

In addition to the Get Back Mass campaign, the Baker-Polito Administration made several other COVID-19 announcements last week. These include an award of \$650,000 in grant funding to community-based and faith-based organizations to help reduce the spread of the virus.

"The COVID-19 Community Grant Program supports nonprofit, community-based, and faith-based organizations

in raising awareness of COVID best practices," the Governor's statement read.

Twenty organizations statewide will receive grant awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Awardees will engage in peer leadership activities, advanced COVID-19 health communications, educational programs, and community outreach efforts, among others.

Also, the Governor announced last week the expansion of the Abbott BinaxNOW testing program to include Massachusetts long-term care facilities. This will increase COVID-19 testing availability throughout the winter for some of the state's most vulnerable residents.

For more information on statewide efforts to combat COVID-19, visit www.mass.gov.

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OXFORD - 115 CHARLTON ROAD
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