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Local organization steps up to assist deceased veteran's family



Donna Janerico and her partner, Luke Leszczynski, of Springfield, stand beside an Army jacket belonging to the late Shawn Michael Carver, Janerico's son. The family was recently assisted by Disabled American Veterans Chapter 59, of West Brookfield.

Photo Courtesy

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – A local organization has stepped up to assist the family of an Army veteran who passed away last month.

Shawn Michael Carver, 33, who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, passed away on July 16 after a lengthy struggle with mental illness resulting from his deployment. Following his death of a heart stroke in Las Vegas, Nev., Carver's family in western Massachusetts reached out to several veterans' organizations for help with properly honoring a hero at his wake and funeral.

After making countless calls, Carver's mother, Donna Janerico, heard back immediately from Roland Langlois, the Commander of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 59 based in West Brookfield. While other veterans' organizations ignored or declined Janerico's requests for assistance, Langlois and his team were honored to have the opportunity to celebrate a hero. In a matter of days, Langlois was able

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Local school districts provide masking guidance

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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REGION – After state officials decided to leave masking policies up to individual school districts for the fall of 2021, local education leaders are announcing what students can expect when they return to school.

Statewide, each school committee is voting on policies that will determine how to address the highly contagious Delta variant in the classroom this fall. With the significant rise in COVID-19 cases nationwide over the last month, many parents are concerned that the return of students to indoor settings could cause outbreaks if masks aren't mandated. The greatest concern for local school and health officials is unvaccinated students, staff members, and visitors, as unvaccinated individuals continue to represent the vast majority of hospitalizations across the country.

In many local school districts, superintendents have recommended that school committees approve masking guidance for 2021-22, rather than rigid policies.

"Masks are strongly recommended, but not required for students and staff," said Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Paul Haughey, whose recommendations will be put to a School Committee vote later this month. "I ask that parents/families please remain vigilant of the virus and remain aware of the fact that the Delta variant has made the need for the following points to be carefully weighed when it comes to masks in school."

Added Haughey, "While masking is strongly recommended, not required, it is up to each and every one of us working together to keep the virus out of our schools by following the safety, health, and wellness protocols as we did all of last year."

Superintendent Haughey's recommendations mirror those issued jointly by the state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Public Health. These include the following guidance:


Students in kindergarten through sixth grade are recommended to wear masks when indoors, except students who cannot do so due to medical conditions or behavioral needs. Masks are not necessary outdoors and may be removed while eating indoors.

Unvaccinated students in grades seven and above, as well as unvaccinated staff members and visitors, are recommended to wear masks indoors.

Current recommendations state that vaccinated students and staff members can safely remain unmasked indoors.

Any individual at higher risk

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"WOOSOX ROAD SHOW" DEBUTS IN LEICESTER

Photo Courtesy

With bright yellow mascot Smiley Ball taking the lead, a host of Worcester Red Sox personnel visited Leicester on Wednesday, July 28 at the town's Concert on the Commons in the club's first "WooSox Road Show." Providing autographs, photographs, peanuts, and Crackerjacks, the club and the WooSox Foundation brought the happiness and good will from Polar Park to one of Worcester's neighboring towns. Front office staff and foundation volunteers met fans, handed out gifts, and played catch with fans of all generations. The Road Show was a pilot of what the WooSox and the WooSox Foundation plan to do throughout Central Mass—and beyond. Fans who would like to have a road show in their town can send an email to info@woosoxfoundation.org.

Residents attend open house at Becker campus

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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LEICESTER – Residents attended an open house last week to learn more about the former Becker College campus, which the town has an opportunity to acquire.

The college, which closed at the end of this past academic year, features 19 buildings on 28 acres adjacent to the Town Common. When Becker College announced in the spring that it would close both its Leicester and Worcester campuses, Leicester officials immediately reached out to begin negotiations on the campus in their town.

On June 22, the Select Board voted to pursue the acquisition of the Becker campus. The board also voted to fund an agreement that would keep the campus off the market until the Board has time to assemble a financing plan and put it before voters.

Last week, on Aug. 10, several residents got their first look at the campus during an open house. Officials were thrilled by the attendance and interest in the campus.

"The open house at the former Becker campus was a great success. We had a big turnout, with many people visiting the campus for the first time," said Leicester Town Administrator David Genereux. "It offered residents an opportunity to get questions answered and to see the campus for themselves."

The open house also featured municipal vehicles, a crane, and a K-9 unit to entertain kids. Meanwhile, members of the Lions Club made sure that no one went away hungry. The goal of the event was to provide as much information as possible to residents, who will vote on the Becker acquisition during a Special Town Meeting set for Sept. 14 in the middle school gym.

The acquisition also requires holding a special election to approve the debt exclusion necessary to complete the purchase. This election will take place on Sept. 21 from noon-8 p.m. in the Leicester Town Hall gym.

The negotiated purchase price for all of Becker's holdings in Leicester is \$17,830,000. The property's assessed value is \$29,646,800; its insured value is more than \$50 million, officials said.

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New Senior Center Director seeks programming ideas

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – As newly appointed Senior Center Director April Caruso continues to settle into her position, she is eager to hear from local seniors on new ideas for programming.

Previously, the Senior Center's outreach coordinator for three years, Caruso enjoyed working alongside recently retired director Pamela Woodbury. Over the last year-plus, they worked hard to ensure that seniors still received services and avoided isolation during the height of the pandemic. Because of their efforts and availability after-hours, hundreds of local seniors were able to arrange for services; take part in remote events and socially distanced outdoor programs; get information on the COVID-19 vaccine; and even schedule vaccine appointments for themselves and family members.

"She is such a hard worker. She put her heart and soul into this place," Caruso said of Woodbury. "We all miss her very much. We worked great together."

As seniors continue to see the return of their favorite programs and activities at the center – including Bingo – Caruso hopes to add to an already strong lineup. She recently released a survey asking seniors about which programs they would like to see added.

"I'm looking forward to implementing new enrichment programs," said Caruso, who

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Local anglers brave the heat

Now that the nasty heat of this past week is behind us, fishing should get back to normal for some anglers, although many anglers did brave the heat and did very well, especially on the canal. Numerous 30- & 40-pound stripers were caught by anglers that braved the heat last week, and released the big fish, but they were still able to retain a striper that fell into the legal slot size.

Upstate New York fishing has been relatively slow on the lake, but is improving every day. The annual salmon run on the Salmon River is relatively quiet and the water is running a bit high, but it is expected to improve also in the coming weeks. Hundreds if not thousands of anglers make the trip to upstate New York annually to fish the yearly Salmon run on the famous Salmon River. For up-to-date information contact Fat Nancy's Tackle Shop in Pulaski for daily information. Check them out on their Web site at www.fatnancy.com.

If you are looking for some of the best largemouth bass fishing and small-mouth bass fishing in Massachusetts, you need to check out fishing at the Quabbin Reservoir! Both Gate 8 and Gate 43 rent out boats and motors for an extremely low rate, and are readily

available on weekdays, but weekends require an early morning trip to acquire a boat rental. They go fast. The scenery on the reservoir is great, which makes you feel like you are in Northern Maine. Sightings of eagles are reported daily.

This past week, this writer enjoyed a great meal of pan-fried fluke from a fish that I caught while fishing the Westport River with my brother Ken. It is hard to find good bait (squid) to fish for these prized eating fish. Last week at a local tackle shop, I purchased a small bottle of imitation squid strip, manufactured by "Fat Cow" out of long Island New York. They are not cheap by any means, but will hopefully do the trick, replacing real squid. The old brand that was around for a long time called "Uncle Josh" strips, has been out of business for a number of years, now but worked very well back in the day.

The soaring seafood prices at supermarkets and eating establishments has gone through the roof, with many restaurants taking clams off of their menu. Oysters, clams, Quahaugs and



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lobster prices continue to climb with no end in sight. The reason for the price increases are many including price gouging. Saltwater fish prices on Haddock, Cod, and bluefish are reasonable, but they too could become expensive. Many fish markets are buying their fish from foreign markets, which I try to stay away from for many reasons. Be sure to check the seafood origin before you buy. Beef prices are also extremely high.

Purchasing real squid from a market to do some fishing does not work very well because it is soft, and easy for fish to remove it from the hook, resulting in missed fish. It is a great squid for eating calamari, but not great for fishing. Squid from most bait shops is also soft and easy for fish to remove also. Using fluke skin for bait worked very well, but has been made illegal to use because of reports of anglers cutting up undersize fluke for bait. Hopefully, these new Jig strips I purchased this past week will work better. They are scented and should work. They also work on fresh water for bass, and

numerous other species of freshwater fish.

More reports of dead birds in the valley are not good. One local sportsman reported a dead red tail hawk in the Uxbridge area this week. The young eagle that was found dead, was examined by Mass. Fish & Wildlife and found it to have died from some type of poison. It could have ingested the poison from eating a dead animal that was legally or illegally poisoned. Reporting dead birds in your area should be made to MFW.

A youth pheasant hunt will be held for all hunter graduates ages 12-17 this year. The registration deadline was Aug. 17, but may allow for late registrations if the classes are not full. Space is limited, so register today. Call Mass. Fish & Wildlife at 508-389-6300 for more information and where the clubs are that are sponsoring the events. It is a great time for first time sportsmen to realize the great time in the outdoors they will have during the event. Trap shooting, firearms safety, and hunting pheasant over well-trained bird dogs, are just a few of the things the young shooter will enjoy.

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Beat the heat at the Haston Library

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – As we move toward the end of summer, Haston Free Public Library has plenty of fun ways to beat the late August heat.

On Aug. 28, the Friends of the Haston Free Public Library will host their annual book sale outside, in front of the library. If you have books in good condition that you would like to get rid of, please call the library at 508-867-0208.

This year, the book sale event will also feature a plant swap of houseplants and fall-planted perennials. If you plan

to thin out your garden and have extra plants available, please set them aside to bring on Aug. 28.

"The Friends of the Town House will also be sponsoring events that day, so come on out and support your local organizations," read a statement issued by the library.

Meanwhile, the Haston Library Book Group is reading "The Night Watchman" this month. Written by Louise Erdrich, the book is based on the extraordinary life of the author's grandfather, who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C.

The book group will discuss "The Night Watchman" on Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. in the library. The discussion will also be held via Zoom. Copies of the book are available in the library.

In other library news, officials thank guests who joined Laura Dusty on July 12 to learn how to make piñatas. Guests were able to come up with several unique – and relevant – ideas for various concepts.

"Participants had lots of ideas for piñata shapes, including the sun, a rocket, a cow, a heart, and even the

COVID-19 virus," the library statement read. "We learned how to cut cardboard and tape it into the desired shapes, to be decorated later. At first we were all a bit challenged to imagine how to get the cardboard to conform to our design visions, but Laura patiently helped us get the desired results."

Finally, the library announced that Gabrielle Holmes, formerly the Saturday library assistant, has been promoted to Assistant Librarian.

"She is already well-versed in the workings of this library, as she has volunteered and worked here since 2015," the library statement read.

For Holmes, it was a thrill to learn that she would be expanding her role with the library.

"I'm so very excited and honored to have been offered this position," Holmes said. "I have been coming to the Haston Library since I was a small child. The library gave me access to an endless amount of reading materials, which started my blooming love for reading."

To learn more about upcoming events at the library, or to access Zoom links, call the library at 508-867-0208.

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Advance planning brings holiday stress relief

SPENCER — Summer is in full swing, and the December holidays seem so far in the future that they are not even on the radar for most people. The time is growing short, however, for one holiday task, according to Arnold Arsenault of Christmas Decor by A. Arsenault and Sons, a member of the Christmas Décor Franchise Network.

“Making a design appointment with an outdoor holiday lighting specialist, and locking in an installation date, is something that interested property owners should do now, while there is still time available on their calendars, and yours,” says Arsenault. “It’s the simplest and best way to reduce stress when the holidays do roll around.”

Outdoor holiday lighting professionals who offer a “turnkey” approach to holiday decorating, like those at Christmas Decor by A. Arsenault and Sons, provide a stress-free holiday decorating experience by eliminating concerns about installation and electrical safety as well as handling the purchasing, planning and storing of decorations year over year.

“Once you make the decision to work with a holiday lighting specialist, you never need to deal with tangled strands of lights, lights that burn out in the middle of the holiday season, climbing ladders, overloading circuits, or finding

a place to store everything until next year,” says Arsenault. “Our services include design, installation, maintenance, removal, and storage of all decorations, leaving you more time with friends and family at the holidays.”

For those who are not certain that using a holiday decorating professional is the right approach for them, Arsenault urges them to consider the following. Lighting professionals have access to professional-grade bulbs, hangers, and décor items that are not sold in retail stores. Even more important, holiday lighting professionals have the physical ability, design skills, and knowledge of electrical limitations that the average property owner often does not have.

“Outdoor holiday lighting is a stressful task that it is easy and affordable to pass off to the professionals,” says Arsenault. “Think of it as a gift you give yourself.”

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“S.O.N.G.STOCK 2021” is a Family Friendly Music Festival to benefit orphaned children in the United States, as well as internationally. This event features live music all day by Secret Sage, The Otters, The Lisa Martin Band, Paul Sticca & AcousticA, and Peter J. Newland & RadioX.

Our goal is to benefit orphaned children by providing them with access to clean water, proper nourishment, educational and skill development opportunities, better healthcare, and special holiday joy. Since 1999, S.O.N.G. Inc. has provided care and support to orphaned children. S.O.N.G. is an all-volunteer 501 C-3 non-profit charitable organization and 100% of the proceeds

from this festival will go to benefit orphaned children.

Open Mic: We will be providing opportunities for individual singers/songwriters to come and perform their talents on stage during the day. There will be 10 minute time slots available. Time slots will be awarded to the first come first completed registrations. Prizes will be awarded to the top three performances, determined by a panel of judges. To register, please send a short video in an email to: info@supportingorphans.org

Other attractions at the Festival include great food by Hanna Devine's in Ware. Locally crafted wine from Brimfield Winery, as well as locally crafted beer. Fun family activities include a pie-eating contest, sack races, bounce house, face painting, and more! We also feature a Silent Auction with sports memorabilia, collectibles, original paintings, and other donated items! There will also be a

“Rooski Raffle” (like a penny raffle!)

Tickets for S.O.N.G.’s Annual Raffle featuring a chance to Win an all-expense-paid Trip for Two to Red Sox Spring Training in March of 2022 will be available!

Formerly “Socks For Siberia,” this all-volunteer organization has provided support to thousands of orphaned children to include proper nutrition, clothing, educational and vocational materials, athletic and recreational equipment, health and transitional seminars, respite care, therapeutic programs and equipment, and much more.

Event Tickets may be purchased directly from S.O.N.G., Inc. by emailing info@supportingorphans.org, or by calling 413-813-8100. Tickets are also available through eventbrite.com. Search in “Brimfield, MA” ... “songstock2021.” Please come and Be A Hero for Orphaned Children!

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Leicester selectmen seek volunteers for Cable Advisory Committee

LEICESTER – The Select Board is seeking volunteers to serve on the recently formed Cable Advisory Committee.

The purpose of the five-member committee is to provide advice and assistance in the negotiations for the town’s

next cable television license agreement.

Additionally, the committee will review the cable operator’s performance under the current license and determine the needs and interests of the community. Moreover, the committee will utilize the results of the ascertainment process in review of any cable operator’s proposal for a license agreement.

Interested candidates must submit a volunteer application. If you would like to submit an application, visit www.leicesterma.org.

Friday's Child



**Jayven
Age 14**

Hi! My name is Jayven and I like to play board games and football!

Jayven is an inquisitive boy of African-American and Hispanic descent. He loves board games and is always happy to play one, either with his friends or with an adult. Jayven also likes to be outside, and his favorite outdoor activity is playing football, which he is currently doing with Pop Warner Football. Jayven likes playing football so much that when he grows up, he would like to play for the NFL. Just in case he isn’t drafted, though, he is also considering careers as a detective or as a piano teacher. Jayven is currently doing well in school.

Legally freed for adoption, Jayven is looking for a loving and patient family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Jayven is very close with his younger brother and has expressed a desire to be a role model for him. An ideal family for Jayven will be open to helping him maintain this relationship.

Who Can Adopt?

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



PERSON of the WEEK

LEX VARNEY of East Brookfield, MA

Lex Varney is being recognized for donating his time and dedication, organizing a golf tournament on the 4th of July for the last 33 years. All proceeds from this tournament go to the North Brookfield and David Prouty High School sports programs. Each school has received over \$7,000 since its inception.

Thank you, Lex, for your unwavering support and commitment to the local sports teams.

— Submitted by Robert “Stein” Berthiaume and The Yahoo Golfers

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Breed: Shepherd/Mix
Gender: Male
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Age: 4 years, 4 mos.

Hi! I'm Finn, I am a graduate of Project Good Dog and even though it was a few years ago I still know all my stuff! (CHECK OUT MY VIDEO! On the shelter's website below.) I am a very loyal boy. I do prefer to be with adults. I like to talk and tell you how I'm feeling. So I'm always up for a good conversation. Hopefully we will have one soon.

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If you have a garden, you're likely growing health promoting plants that offer more than nutritional benefits. From flowers and herbs to vegetables and wild plants, nature provides a wide variety of natural healers that aid in everything from taming a tummy ache to fighting off a fever blister. Read on for some garden favorites that offer the bonus of being beneficial health aids.

Note: Information is offered for general interest only and should not be taken as health advice. Contact your physician before ingesting or applying any herbs or plants. ***

Marigolds a.k.a. Calendula, with their bright yellow and orange hues, are not only lovely in the garden, they are useful, with their unique properties offering a variety of benefits. The Marigold not only repels mosquitos and other pests from the garden, its anti inflammatory properties also aid in treating minor cuts and abrasions - and the flower may be antibacterial (it was used during the Civil War to draw out infection in wounds).

Marigolds are also used to soothe and heal such skin ailments as burns and acne. Here's a recipe for Marigold Balm from Old Schoolhouse magazine's Homestead Newsletter: You will need: 1/2 cup dried calendula petals (available in bulk at a health food store or from your garden), one ounce beeswax, 1/2 cup olive oil, a sterile tin to hold your finished project Place the petals and oil into an oven proof dish. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees. Place the oil and herbs into the oven, then turn it off and leave for three to four hours. Remove from oven to cool for an hour or so on the counter. Once cool, strain out the herbs with cheesecloth. Add the beeswax to the remaining oil and put back into the oven (or you can use a microwave for this part). Heat just until the beeswax is almost melted. Stir until it is completely melted and combined. Pour into your prepared tins and let sit 15-20 minutes until cool. Makes two tins of balm, about two ounces each. ***

Many backyard gardeners grow tomatoes, and the season's first ripe, red tomato on the vine is a summer pleasure worth waiting all year for! Whether they are in a vegetable plot, container garden, or upside down planter, tomatoes are not only delicious and nutritious, they also offer an array of health benefits. In

fact, it's been well publicized that tomatoes are rich in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant. But did you know the tomato is one of the top five food sources of vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin E, potassium and fiber? Tomatoes are also excellent sources of phytochemicals, polyphenols and carotenoids. And research shows tomatoes an aid in lowering blood pressure. According to an Israeli study, adding tomatoes to a diet can reduce systolic blood pressure by 10 points and diastolic pressure by four points. The secret weapon once again, is the tomato's high concentration of lycopene. The delicious dosage? About four whole tomatoes daily, which is easy during peak season. Off season, use chopped and canned garden tomatoes in chili, tomato sauces and soups to reach your daily dose. ***

The pansy is a common, easy to grow flower. With their colorful "faces" a plot of pansies add personality to a garden or window box, but the ancient, edible flower is also a valuable detoxifying and anti inflammatory agent. In addition, its been claimed the pansy is also helpful in treating eczema, asthma and allergies. Pansies grown without pesticides can be enjoyed in their natural state, simply washed and tossed in a salad or cold drink, or the flowers may be made into a healthful tincture or tea. To make a pansy

poultice for external skin application to treat eczema and impetigo, simply add two tablespoons of pansy petals to two cups boiling water. Allow to steep for about 20 minutes and cool. Soak clean cloth in mixture and apply to skin, ***

Growing garlic? The health virtues of garlic have been touted for generations. Here are a couple to try: *The book, "The Healing Power of Garlic," suggests garlic nose drops can kill the viruses that cause cold or flu. Here are the book's instructions on concocting the drops: Crush some garlic to obtain juice, and add ten parts water and mix well. Apply as you would regular nose drops.

*According to a home remedy published long ago, if you place a clove of garlic on each side of the mouth between the teeth and cheek, a cold will disappear within a day. It's worth a try! ***

Tea Tonics

Natural teas are used to treat many maladies. If you are growing these herbs, you already have the ingredients for some healthful healers!

*Fever Treatment Tea: Some Native American tribes treated a low grade fever with sage, as in this old time recipe. As a bonus, the dried peppermint supplies the tea with a soothing, cooling effect. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over two teaspoons dried, edible sage and one teaspoon dried

peppermint. Steep. Strain, and sweeten with honey if desired. Slowly sip up to three cups a day.

*Cold Sore Cure: Drinking sage tea can prevent and treat fever blisters and cold sores. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over edible sage leaves and a small piece of ginger root (or substitute ginger powder). Steep, cook and drink two to three cups of hot sage tea everyday to get rid of fever blisters.

* Shoo Flu: One of peppermint's claims to fame is that it can alleviate the chills and aid with symptoms of fever and the flu. Try drinking a cup or two of strong peppermint tea made from fresh leaves to relieve cold and flu complaints. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over four to six peppermint leaves. Allow to steep for 15 minutes, strain and serve.

* Sweet Slumber: Lemon Balm promotes sleep as it acts as a very mild sedative. It is also helpful in treating stress and nervous headaches. To make a fresh Lemon Balm tea: steep one teaspoon of fresh leaves in one cup of boiling water. Steep covered for ten minutes. Strain and enjoy. To combat cold sores, made tea with up to four tablespoons of the herb per cup of boiling water. Allow to cool, then apply with a cotton ball to cold sore several times a day.

CARUSO

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has worked with seniors in various capacities over the last 30 years. "The seniors love to be here, have fun, and interact. This is their center, and we want to know what they would like to see for social programming."

New programs could potentially include a coffee hour, new classes, outdoor activities, and educational programs like foreign languages. Caruso is also hoping to have a hip hop chair dance class presentation this fall.

Seniors also continue to attend current programs in strong numbers. Some of their favorites include line dancing, tai chi, exercise classes, chess, and crafts. With ample space on both the main floor and the second floor of their building, seniors are able to spread out and enjoy a variety of activities.

"This place is phenomenal. The seniors utilize every room we have," Caruso said. "We want to add more fun social programs throughout the year for our seniors."

Seniors are also resuming the memory café program, which takes place at the Senior Center

on the third Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Anyone with cognitive impairment can attend this program along with a caretaker.

The always popular Bingo program takes place at the center on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Away from work, Caruso enjoys spending time with her five kids, swimming, biking, and going for motorcycle rides. When Monday rolls back around each week, she always looks forward to reconnecting with seniors.

"I love the seniors. Working with them has always been my passion," she said.

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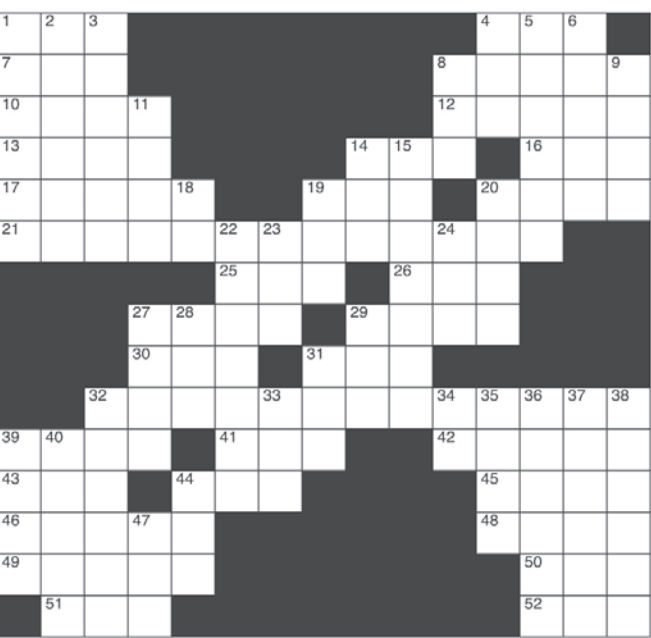
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between east and southeast
4. Sun up in New York
7. Japanese honorific
8. Czech name for Prague
10. Ochocinco's first name
12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
13. Scots word for "home"
14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
16. Monetary unit of Albania
17. Raise
19. Drain of resources
20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
21. Hikers use them
25. Retrospective analysis (military)
26. Tibetan form of chanting
27. Influential European statesman
29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
30. Monetary unit of Romania
31. Round green vegetable
32. Well acquainted with
39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
41. Basics
42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton
43. Snakelike fish
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Russian river
46. Long Balkans river
48. Ancient Greek coin
49. Senegal's capital
50. Unwell
51. Snout
52. Low bank or reef of coral

CLUES DOWN

1. Abstain from
2. Vast desert in North Africa
3. Cover the crown of a tooth
4. A major division of geological time
5. Urban center
6. Crook
8. Parts per billion (abbr.)
9. Questions
11. A pack of 52 playing cards
14. Recording of sound
15. Pithy saying
18. Atomic #22
19. Soviet Socialist Republic
20. Plant with ridged seedpods
22. Innate
23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
24. Soda receptacle
27. Spanish stew: __ podrida
28. Viet Cong offensive
29. Large body of water
31. Beginning military rank
32. Dissimilar
33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
34. Shows who you are
35. Chinese dynasty
36. Type of verse
37. African nation
38. Quite
39. Former Bucks star Michael
40. Showed again
44. Body part
47. Steal





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Leicester resident named to Dean's list at RPI

TROY, N.Y. — Ava P. Richard resident of Leicester, a freshman majoring in Biochemistry and Biophysics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), was named to the Dean's Honors List for obtaining a 4.0/4.0 during the Spring 2021 semester.



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Massasoit Art Guild to host 18th Annual Art Show & Sale

SPENCER — The Massasoit Art Guild Announces its 18th Annual Art Show & Sale to be held on Oct. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Spencer Town Hall. The Guild's yearly Art Show has always been a well attended Fall event for Spencer and surrounding towns where the art and photography of our local artists are available for viewing and purchase.

The Guild is excited to announce this years award winning judge, Charlotte Wharton. Ms. Wharton has participated in exhibits in Italy, France, Russia and all over the United States. Among her many achievements, she has won The

Oil Painters of America Award for Excellence in Painting. Her work and complete Bio can be seen on her website charlotte-whartonstudio.com

The Massasoit Art Guild exists to provide support, growth and encouragement to local artists at all levels and is always open to new members. The Guild offers a weekly Open Studio for artists to gather and paint together, as well as a Photographers group that meets monthly. The Guild strives to give members opportunities to show and sell their work in local venues around the area.

Deadline for registration is Sept. 25.

For complete details and show guidelines contact The Guild at massasoitartguild@gmail.com and or visit the website massasoitartguild.com for a membership and/or entry form for this year's show. *We will be following all CDC Covid Guidelines for our in person show *A virtual show is possible depending on the CDC recommendations at that time.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

University of Rhode Island graduates more than 4,000 students during 135th Commencement

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University's 135th Commencement. More than 3,700 undergraduate degrees and 680 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during nine individual ceremonies held over three days, May 21-23, 2021.

Erica Gilman of North Brookfield received a Master of Science in Human Development and Family Science.

Maya Rose Lombardi of East Brookfield received a Master of Oceanography.

Sean Daniel McCarthy of Rochdale received

a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Bachelor of Arts in Sports Media and Communication, Cum Laude.

Students who received the honor summa cum laude graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.7; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.50; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.3.

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This is an opportunity for artists, musicians, craftsman, actors - anyone with a special talent - to submit a YouTube video for sharing on the Friends of the Town House YouTube Channel and North Brookfield Local Cable Access. Please submit your video to nbth.friends@gmail.com. Be as professional as you can. Your video will be viewed and critiqued before it is accept-

ed for a public showing.

If you are chosen, we will give you the opportunity to describe your motivation and process in a brief interview that will accompany your video. Whether you work alone or as a member of a musical, dance or theater group you are encouraged to participate.

The historic North Brookfield Town House is slated to become a Regional Cultural Center. Presently, ROAR (Rural Opportunity through Arts and Restoration) programs are in progress. This grant will help to bring awareness to the many possibilities a cultural center will bring to our area and how creative individuals might participate in this adventure.

Local residents earn award from WGU

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — The following local residents have earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

* David Sanborn of Leicester has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University College of Information Technology.

* Philippe Joseph of Worcester has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University College of Business.

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Summer Concert Series continues with the Ed Sullivans



SPENCER — The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission's 2021 Summer Concert Series continues from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer, with The Ed Sullivans.

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Anyone with information on the Aug. 4 incident is asked to contact the Leicester Police Department at 508-892-7010.

Local golf results

Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club

Pit's Crew
First place: Roger Beland, Bruce Smebakken, Paul Culey, Den King
Second place: Rick Nolan, Phil Courchaine, Joe Condelle, Gene Befford
Third place: Kent Seith, Rick Wheeler, Ron Goulet, Fran Elliott

Still Harts League
First place (+9): Mike Cutler, Josh

Russell
Second place (+9): Marty Leach, Dave Woodward
Third place (+7): Chip Wetherall, Dan Befford
Most quota (+9): Mike Cutler

Kettle Brook Golf Club
Kettle One League Week 16
First place: Todd Wozniak, Bob Berthiaume, +5
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Worcester Academy announces Semester 2 Honor Roll and Headmaster's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its final Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for the 2020-2021 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Braden Clifford of Spencer, Grade 10, First Honors.

Lillian Reynolds of North Brookfield, Grade 12, Headmaster's List.

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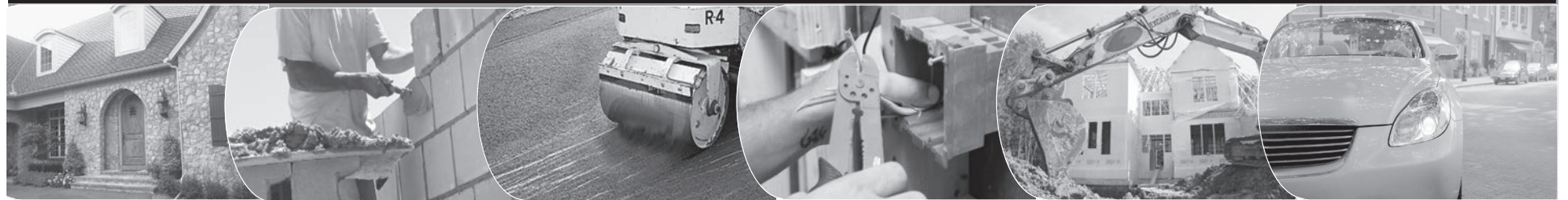
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“Is this
Heaven?”
“No. It’s Iowa.”

An incredible moment happened last Thursday, and baseball fans all across the country watched. The Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees met for an old fashioned game of ball in Dyersville, Iowa, where dreams really do come true.

The two teams, and thousands of fans came together, in a cornfield, at the Field of Dreams. The diamond was constructed right next to the original set of the 1989 film that gave the location its name.

The movie highlighted the magic and the history behind baseball. Inspired by the true story of disgraced White Sox player Shoeless Joe Jackson, who was infamously bribed, along with seven other teammates, to ‘throw’ the 1919 World Series, “Field of Dreams” offers his ghost the chance at redemption that he never had in life. We remember fondly the first time we watched the movie, reaching for a box of tissues when Kevin Costner’s character, Ray, asks his father’s ghost to “have a catch” that helps them both heal their troubled relationship as well.

During the broadcast of last week’s game, Costner, in the same blue jeans and white shirt he wore in the movie, appeared slowly, as he walked into sight from the cornfield, re-creating a scene from the movie. According to fans, it was magic, surreal. Anyone who has watched the film, would have driven to Iowa to watch the ‘baseball men’ play, if it was real. Thursday’s game was the closest they’ll ever get. There is no doubt that as fans watched the modern day ball players at work, thoughts of Archibald ‘Moonlight’ Graham, Shoeless Joe, Babe Ruth and others came to mind.

Costner addressed the fans as he made his way to towards the pitcher’s mound, stating “We’ve come to see the first place White Sox play the mighty Yankees in a field that was once corn. It’s perfect. We’ve kept our promise. Major League Baseball has kept its promise. The dream is still alive. There’s probably just one question to answer: ‘Is this heaven?’”

The players emerged, like the film’s ghosts, from the cornfield, leaving the fans in awe.

The game brought the sport back to the basics for just one night. What is simpler than a soda, a hot dog and some popcorn? How surreal to be able to sit close enough where the players can actually make out what the fans are yelling, or what they’re saying to raz the umpires.

The White Sox bested New York in a close match when Tim Anderson hit a walk off home run far off into Iowa’s country sky. The game was described as a time capsule from a different era. In a post game interview, Yankees Manager

Aaron Boone said, “That’s probably the greatest setting for a baseball game that I’ve ever been a part of. Kevin Costner standing out there in short center field, that’s probably a moment I’ll remember the rest of my life.”

Many fans agreed that being at the game was a dream come true, it didn’t matter who won.

There are talks that the game may come back to Iowa next year. But more importantly, America’s greatest past time, reminds us that in times of uncertainty, there will always be baseball. The famous quote below is from the film. It’s a powerful message of unity that is refreshing to read.

“People will come, Ray. They’ll come to Iowa for reasons they can’t even fathom. They’ll turn up your driveway not knowing for sure why they’re doing it. They’ll arrive at your door as innocent as children, longing for the past.

“Of course, we won’t mind if you look around,’ you’ll say, ‘It’s only \$20 per person.’

“They’ll pass over the money without even thinking about it: for it is money they have and peace they lack. And they’ll walk out to the bleachers; sit in shirtsleeves on a perfect afternoon. They’ll find they have reserved seats somewhere along one of the baselines, where they sat when they were children and cheered their heroes. And they’ll watch the game and it’ll be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick they’ll have to brush them away from their faces.

“People will come, Ray. The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game: it’s a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of all that once was good and that could be again. Oh...people will come Ray. People will most definitely come.”

And they did.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freedom of speech

To the Editor: Like most of you, I enjoy my freedom and the good fortune to be living in the best country on the planet! I also enjoy reading the New Leader’s Letters to the Editor, Viewpoint Opinion and Commentary. I can’t help but make a general comment in regard to some contributors’ submissions. I look forward to reading the opinions and commentary of the people that sur-

round me locally. Without naming any specific individual(s), I have one comment. We are surrounded by some real windbags! I’ll leave it to the intelligent readers to discern of whom I speak. Lastly Thank you to (all) who write in, and the New Leader for putting it out there. I always get a good laugh, and once in a while, I learn something.

MATT DEFOSSE
SPENCER

Time to stand up!

To the Editor: Until family and business obligations prevented me from continuing to serve on town boards in Spencer, I had devoted 15 years as an elected representative to the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee and the Spencer Board of Health.

It is interesting to read of the prominent role the school committees of the surrounding towns is playing, especially in the area of school curriculum issues.

I wish to encourage parents and tax-

payers who are rightfully concerned about these matters to not stay silent but, instead, to get involved. Attend these meetings, support those who speak on your behalf, and let the members of the board know how you feel.

The meeting of the North Brookfield School Committee on Monday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. would be a good place and time to start your involvement--these issues affect us all.

DAVID BEER
SPENCER

Have it your way

To the Editor: One of the major burger chains does an ad, “Have it Your Way” I find it appropriate to note that this is apparently the life philosophy of a large segment of the population. I wouldn’t deign to call them spoiled, but assuredly indulged. I am noticing that vaccinations and masking is finally being taken seriously. Whether it is the state vaccination lottery, the fact that covid-Delta variety is more actively transmitted, to all age groups, we fear school and business closings, or overwhelmed hospitals, I am encouraged at higher levels of responsible behavior.

I make an effort to read the views of the other letter writers, and know that Brother Blais often uses Bible references in his posts. While I do believe that, with enough diligence, there is likely some passage you may include, in support of any view, as a Christian, I sometimes wonder if we all worship the same Jesus. I seem to be overlooking the signs of the end of days, Instead, I see God with us, bring hope to our trials and tribulations. My faith finds joy in friends, family and fellowship, granting respect unbidden to all. whom

I meet It is theirs to lose. While I see many reasons for concern, I believe things are looking up.

In reading the words of Brother McRae, I have to take his position on “woke” athletes, most of whom devote untold hours in the development and perfecting of their skills, with a large grain of salt.

If you are a black athlete, perhaps it came to your notice that three black men were arrested and cuffed for walking in a vacant house, in the daytime. They were a real estate agent, his customer and his son. Sadly, you still can’t fix stupid, but it surprises me that Mr. McRae, who went to the Capital on Jan. 6 and is working on a recall at his local school system, doesn’t think that those First Amendment rights that make us stand out among nations should take time off, or that nations might use boycott of Olympics as political pawns. It is hard enough to be best in the world every four years without losing that chance when you peak, but have it your way.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Missed Saigon or Af-gone-istan

To the Editor: While jettisoning the burden of the Keystone Pipeline, dissolving the sanctions on China, and making sure America would, yet again, make the Paris Climate Accord appear significant, the Biden administration has hit a roadblock and cannot do anything about the Trump Era peace deal made with the Taliban.

After eviscerating just about every other policy President Trump put in place, Biden’s Kryptonite, the one thing that his record setting executive orders couldn’t conquer, has reared its ugly head. The former Vice President was quick to address the burgeoning situation in Afghanistan, interrupting his vacation and gracing us with his presence when he spoke to the nation promptly at 1 p.m.... nope, 3:45 p.m. ... try again... Well into the evening he finally traded in his footie pajamas for a suit and tie. He showed America, and the world, his compassion, resolve, and intestinal fortitude by claiming, “The buck stops here”; however, he then quickly passed the buck and blamed President Trump for the chaos unfolding overseas. So, which is it, Mr. Former VP? When you say that the buck stops here, that usually implies you are taking the blame for what happened. Remember when Obama swooped in and stole the buck from Hillary Clinton over Benghazi. Far be it from Mr. Mom Jeans to let a woman act more presidential.

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They’ll say, “It’s already been done; the competition is too fierce. They’ll tell you,

“you can’t have a career in that business; you have to know somebody; you have to be an insider,” others might be more mean-spirited, “You’re not talented enough, you’re not smart enough,

you’re not good looking enough.”

It takes great courage and faith to follow your dreams. If you listen to the negative voices, you’ll never find that courage and faith.

I’ve always dreamed big dreams and gone after goals that seemed impossible. It’s who I am; my father encouraged me to think big.

In that sense, it was easy for me to go after my dreams because I never had anyone in my own family tell me I shouldn’t or that I couldn’t. The nay-

Ranking your goals: A smart move

Like most people, you may have several financial goals. But can you reach them all?

It would be simple if you had great wealth. But you’ll likely need to rank your goals in terms of their importance to your life and then follow appropriate strategies to achieve them. By doing so, you may end up getting pretty close to covering each of your objectives, in one way or another.



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When prioritizing your goals, consider following this process:

Identify goals as “must have” or “nice to have.” Making sure you don’t outlive your resources is a must-have goal, so you need to be as certain as possible of achieving it. On the other hand, a nice-to-have goal might be something like buying a vacation home. If you don’t attain the money

needed for this goal, you do have room to compromise, perhaps by scaling down to a smaller home in a different area or just renting a place for a few weeks a year. Having this flexibility can provide a psychological benefit, too. Since this goal doesn’t have an either-or outcome, you won’t have to feel that you failed if you don’t get the big vacation home – instead, you can still enjoy the results of your investment efforts, even at a more modest scale.

Put “price tags” on your goals. You need to know what your goals will cost. Even if you can only make an estimate, it’s essential to have some figure in mind. As time goes by, you can always revise your projected costs. To arrive at these price tags, you may want to work with a financial professional who has the tools and technology to create hypothetical illustrations and scenarios.

Follow an appropriate strategy. The nature of your goals and their estimated cost will drive your investment strategy. So, for example, using the must-have goal mentioned above – the need to avoid outliving your money – you’ll want to balance your growth objectives with your comfort with risk, as well as maintain an appropriate withdrawal strategy when you’re retired. However, for a nice-to-have goal, such as your large vacation home, perhaps you don’t need the same urgency – consequently, with part of your portfolio, you might be able to take more risk in hopes of greater returns. And if you fall short, you can always go with Plan B – i.e., the smaller home or the rental experience. But if your «nice to have» is closer to a «must have» in this area as well, you might want to focus less on achieving greater returns and instead look at ways of adjusting your budget to save more.

Monitor your results. As you pursue your goals, whether must have or nice to have, you’ll want to check your results regularly. If you think you’re not making enough progress toward your desired goal, you may need to make adjustments. But don’t overreact to short-term swings in the financial markets or in the value of your portfolio, or take on an inappropriate amount of risk. When trying to reach your goals, you can alter your path, but it’s usually not a good idea to change directions altogether.

The decisions involved in identifying, prioritizing and achieving your goals can be somewhat involved. But by following a well-designed process, you can help yourself get to where you want to go.

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Don’t listen to the naysayers

sayers in my life came from outside the family.

As a high school athlete, I grew passionate about competitive swimming. I became enamored with the idea that I could be an Olympic swimmer! Some said I couldn’t do it. I paid them no attention.

I swam four hours a day and did a lot of cross-training. I got much faster. After graduating high school, four of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Carpe diem, Brookfield!

To the Editor:
“There is a tide in the affairs of men when, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune (victory).” We all, surely, can name the speaker: Brutus to Cassius in the Bard’s “Julius Caesar” (Act IV, Scene iii). Aren’t you glad your high school English teacher thought Shakespeare was worth the time, and not just another old DWEM (Dead White European Male)?
The point of the apothegm was, obviously, that there comes a time when action, when resolve, is called for. “Timing is everything” is simply another, less grandiose, way of saying the same thing: act now if you would prevail, or hesitate and lose all.
In the seven short months of an unbroken string of spectacular reverses and failures spawned by this probably illegitimate takeover of the federal and major state governments by a cabal of hard core Marxist/fascist radicals using--via ventriloquism--a sick and corrupt old man as their mouthpiece--like Charlie McCarthy on Edgar Bergen’s lap--serious, thinking Americans have been brought to the point of publicly asking: can we even survive this madness? Among the multiple catastrophes currently overwhelming the spirit and exhausting the endurance of the American people--sorry, I meant to say the real American people--we can mention, for example, the wide open southern border allowing untold masses of virus-infected interlopers with many serious criminals among them from countless places to be moved under cover of darkness deep into the interior of America and accountable to no one; the total humiliation of America in the debacle known as Afghanistan after 20 years, 2,500 deaths of brave young Americans and 20,000 grievously wounded of their comrades, not to mention a trillion dollars and military hardware flushed down the toilet (my mistake, there are no toilets in that 12th Century wasteland); the Carter-like inflation clearly beginning to roar out of control; the fascistic, Mussolini-emulating social control devices of mask mandates and inoculation passports; the utter crushing of free speech; banning, firing and jailing political opponents; and lockdowns, etc. all flowing from dictatorial decrees of power-mad, crooked, anti-Constitutional so-called public servants like governors, mayors, school boards, health commissions, etc., of Blue State America.
The greatest on-going threat to the survival of our magnificent republic, though, in my octogenarian’s opinion, is the ubiquitous take-over of the pub-

lic schools all across America by the, I’ll say it, communist revolutionaries of the two major teachers unions, the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers. Whether the average, workaday classroom teacher shares the anti-American, un-American, anti-white, anti-Christian, anti-free enterprise, pro-Marxist, pro-Third World failed economic and social policies of their lavishly compensated union leaders, I don’t know. But, apparently, it doesn’t matter if they do or don’t. When was the last time you read or heard of a teacher--anywhere--confronted by the racist lies and intellectual bullying of the Black Lives Matter and Critical Race Theory activists being foisted onto their school curriculum and classrooms, quitting in disgust? But, I know, that would require some character, some fortitude. Maybe that’s expecting just a little too much of a mere worker-bee who has rent to pay or mouths to feed, and can’t be concerned with questions regarding the truth of a thing. These teachers who can’t be bothered would ask you, “Didn’t Pontius Pilate say it best? ‘Truth? What is truth?!’”
The threat posed by communist teacher unions to the republic is, of all the current dangers, the gravest, I submit to you, because they who control the indoctrination--not education--and values formation of an entire generation of youth of any society, absolutely control the future. If you are gullible or naïve enough to think you can hand your greatest treasures--your kids--over to brainwashed ideological left-wing zealots (mostly young millennial idiot women) for six or more hours a day to be taught their country’s history is despicable, that their race is something to be ashamed of, that they enjoy undeserved privilege which they need to be willing to surrender, that they’re all going to die in a few short years from “climate change,” that your sex is certainly not immutable and established at birth, and on and on, then, prepare yourself for the disappointment and shock of your life. Kiss your healthy and happy kids and your hopes for their productive futures goodbye.
By some miracle sent from the ethereal regions, those remaining Americans still capable of logical and rational thinking, are waking up to the snapping, snarling, growling wolves at the cabin door in the guise of the “better” people, the educrat cognoscenti who will relieve you of the burden of raising your child to embrace and reflect your churlish, racist, classist values.
These prevaricating, progressive,

pedagogues have jumped the shark, though, methinks. Across America at school board/committee meetings, huge numbers of fed up parents are materializing to demand some accountability--some explanation--from these board members, administrators, and teachers for the garbage curriculum being forced upon the children and their parents--always at the expense of those taxpayers who foot the bill for the privilege of having teachers tell their students they--the bill payers--are the problem. It may be too little, too late, but thank God there are still enough Americans with the guts and brains to fight back...to try to save their kids, and, by extension, their country. Who ever thought a seat on a local school board might just become the most important elected position in the country?
In this area, the skirmishing has been most apparent in North Brookfield. Much has changed in the school community over the past few months, thanks largely to parents, mostly mothers, who have demanded accountability from the schools. Whether it’s the peremptory decision of the previously solid progressive school committee to drop--despite massive opposition from the clear majority of the residents--the school’s team name which had been part of the town’s tradition for 65 years; or a gushing embrace of the heavily politicized agenda of the Black Lives Matter movement; or the force-feeding of a racist, divisive, hateful, communist curriculum called Critical Race Theory (or whatever they choose to call it--it’s all the same); or an incredibly offensive and bizarre sex-ed program for children way too young to be subjected to it, a lot of parents and grandparents have had enough. They demand to see the curriculum, all of it; they want to know what’s in the library, who’s teaching, what kind of opposing opinion is allowed or solicited, etc. In other words, the resistance has come to a town near you. Hallelujah!
Though not a resident of North Brookfield, I am, nonetheless, devoutly interested in what is happening there, and in what the outcome will be. As North Brookfield goes, so may the rest of the small, conservative towns in this area, including my own. The awakened moms of their town may just prove to be the cavalry, at the last minute, rushing over the hill riding to the aid of the wagon train about to be overrun by the...Indians! How ironic is that?
The first meeting of their newly-reconfigured school committee will occur on Monday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at the school complex. My North Brookfield

friends, with whom I chat frequently, tell me they’re hoping for a large turnout of supporters to line the driveway to the school with flags, signs and vocal enthusiasm well before the start of the meeting, so as to demonstrate to the new committee and the town there is indeed a serious groundswell of support for returning sanity to the schools. If there is one quality desperately needed now that the battle has been joined, it is courage. They welcome fellow adherents of real education--not social justice horse-pucky--from wherever they can get them. As non-residents, we probably will not be allowed to speak or even attend the meeting, but we have a right to be there outside on public property which we pay for out of our state and federal tax dollars.
Consider, if you will, coming out to show these patriots in North Brookfield you appreciate and endorse their efforts. It is not an easy thing they do. And I specifically direct this challenge to the parents and grandparents of those 55 home schooled students (as my kids were), as well as those whose children attend parochial, Christian, or private schools, or who are school-chained out of the town. Do you not understand this is your battle as well? If we lose this fight, we lose it all--your kids included. Bring them out to observe what street-level, grassroots democracy looks like. If you would like to see your taxes used more wisely, even if you have no other connection to the schools whatsoever...come out and take a stand. “Carpe diem” means “Seize the day.” Let’s hope and pray that if the day can be seized on Aug. 23, many subsequent days will be seized as well, leading, ultimately, to victory. The tide, my friends, is rising quickly; grab it before flood turns to ebb. It’ll be too late then.
If our beautiful America, the last great hope for those who would be free, is to be saved, it won’t be because of our now-woke military might, but by the sacrificial and courageous efforts of people like those resistance fighters in these little towns. But, there is an eerie similarity in New England history to their current resistance efforts, and I know you understand it. It’s déjà vu all over again! America--1770’s and America--2020’s. The bell is tolling, the drum beat is rolling. Awaken! You are being summoned to the fray. Join the fight!

JOHN McRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

Tips for drying flowers

Enjoy and share the beauty of your flower garden all year long. Pick and dry a few flowers to use in flower arrangements, craft projects or as gifts for friends and family.
Pick the flowers when they are at peak bloom and blossoms are dry. Cut flowers for drying mid-day when they contain less moisture to reduce the dry time.
Use a bypass pruner or garden scissors to cut the stems above a set of healthy leaves. Remove the foliage and gather them into small bundles. Secure the stems with rubber bands that contract as the stems shrink and continue holding them tight. Use a spring-loaded clothespin to hang the bundles from a hanger, clothes line or nail. Allow the flowers to dry in a warm, dark, dust-free location.
Flat-faced flowers like daisies tend to close a bit when dried upside down. Try laying them face down on a flat surface. Simply cut off the stem and place the flowers face down on newspaper in



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a warm, dry location. Once dried, you can glue them in place or use florist wire to create stems for arranging.
And don’t forget to pick a few seedpods from perennials and ornamental grasses. These have dried, for the most part, on the plants and make great additions to your dried flower arrangements and projects.
Consider taking a trip to your local florist or craft store for more ideas and materials for drying delicate flowers. Silica sand works well for delicate blossoms like iris as well as roses, mums and more. Simply fill the bottom inch of a container with silica sand. Remove all but an inch of the flower stem. Place the flower, stem side up or on its side, on the surface of the silica sand. Gently pour silica sand over the flowers until completely covered. Follow label directions. Most flowers dried this way maintain their beauty when dried in silica sand. Just use a small paint brush to gently remove any remaining sand.

Photo Melinda Myers
Lavender dries relatively quickly and retains the best color when dried in a low humidity, dark location.
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Test flowers for dryness before putting them in an arrangement or storing for future use. Carefully rub a piece of the flower between your fingers. If it feels dry, it is ready to use. If it still feels moist, continue letting them dry.
Store extra dried flowers in a location with low humidity and away from direct sunlight. Consider loosely wrapping with newspaper or kraft paper to prevent crushing and place in a box until needed.
Whichever drying method you choose, the result is the same – year-round enjoyment of your garden’s beauty.

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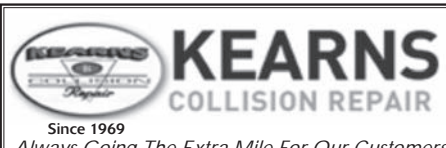


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Tips for making the switch from public to private school

Parents have many different reasons for sending their children to private schools. Switching from public schools to private schools can require a significant emotional and social adjustment on the part of students and their families.

Transitioning to private school also may require adjusting to an entirely new educational philosophy and curriculum. These tips can help make the transition from public school to private school go smoothly.

Class size
Class size plays a significant role when parents decide to send their children to private school. According to Noodle, an online education search and rating resource, public school classes may include 20 students or more, with some even as large as 34 students at full capacity. Private schools tend to have much smaller class sizes and a smaller teacher-to-student ratio. This can translate into more individualized atten-

tion for each student. It also may mean heightened scrutiny, which is something students may quickly discover and not be accustomed to from their public school days.

Students who thrive with more frequent teacher feedback may like the change to private school. Others who prefer not being in the spotlight may need more time to adjust.

Take a tour and get involved
Familiarizing oneself with the school can make the first day of school that much easier. Most schools will offer tours for prospective new families; otherwise, parents can reach out to the administration to schedule private walk-throughs. Some private schools also pair up potential new students with current student ambassadors to provide a students' perspective, which can be very helpful.
Families also can attend school-sanctioned functions, volunteer for parent-teacher association

committees or encourage students join sports teams or extracurricular clubs early on to help with making friends.


Be open to change
Many private schools do not have to conform to state- or province-sanctioned curriculums. This can come as a shock to students who were working on a certain math or language arts program at their previous schools. Other changes to expect may be uniforms, religious-based foundations and classes, and less leniency when rules are broken. Some schools also may be male-only or female-only. These issues can be discussed before the first day of school.
Keeping an open mind and getting the support of parents can help students navigate the transition from public to private school.




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my closest friends and I swam from Macinac Island to Chicago in Lake Michigan, a 375-mile journey. We did it as a relay, and we made it in fifteen days.
Out of that experience, I met the fastest swimmer in the world at the time. His name was Tom Jager. Tom was amazing. He coached me through a few workouts, and I even raced him a couple of times. He was way faster than me. There was no comparison. I knew I just had to work harder if I wanted to be as fast as him.
I was determined. I barely made it onto a division one swim team. By my junior year, I was much faster than in high school, but I was also one of the slowest swimmers on the team, nowhere near the Olympic level. I was crushed as I realized I didn't have what

it took to make it to the Olympics.
That experience created an even stronger desire inside of me to accomplish my dreams. If I'd have listened to the naysayers, I wouldn't have learned the lessons that I needed to take with me to the next phase of my life.
I turned my attention towards a different dream, one that I had since childhood. It wasn't long till I had a few big successes in my belt. It's an up and down industry, and I've had many tell me through the years that I should give it up, forget about my past successes and hang up the towel.
What I've discovered is that if you keep going and don't give up, doors will open that can lead you on a path of accomplishing your dreams in unusual ways.
Your destiny isn't up to the naysayers; it's up to you. It doesn't matter what they think about you; it does matter what

you think about yourself.
Abraham Lincoln had many successes in his life; he also had many failures. He failed in business, was defeated for the state legislature, lost for Illinois speaker twice, didn't get the nomination for Congress, finally won a congressional seat but lost renomination, was rejected for land officer, defeated for the U.S. Senate, defeated for the nomination for Vice President, and then again was defeated for U.S. Senate.
I'm sure many negative voices were telling him to give up and quit through the years.
Instead, he was finally elected president of the United States. He became one of the most important presidents in United States history. He held the country together and helped win a war that resulted in the end of slavery.
What would've happened if Abe Lincoln listened to the naysayers?

LEGALS

(SEAL)

TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS THE SUPERIOR COURT Worcester Superior Court 225 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01608-1203 Docket No: 2185CV294 ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Judith A. Maloney and Robert Maloney VS. Unknown Defendants

WHEREAS a Complaint was filed in our Superior Court
Wherein it is seeking to: Establish title to an area of land located to the Southeast of Chickering Road, between the roadway to Stiles Reservoir to Adverse Possession.
We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on or within such **9/20/21** further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.
Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.
It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is **ORDERED** that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day in the:
Date Issued 07/26/2021
Clerk of Courts/Assit. Clerk Laurie Jurgiel
August 8, 2021
August 13, 2021
August 29, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, September 7 at the Brookfield Town Hall located at 6 Central Street.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request from Walter Bernier to add an above ground swimming pool on his property located at 72 Long Hill Road. This requires a variance as per Section 7) Dimensional Requirements, sub-section C) Dimensional Regulation Table, of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Brookfield. The lot is non-conforming and is located in the Rural Residential District.
Timothy Simon – ZBA Chairman
August 13, 2021
August 20, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO21P2614EA Estate of: Georgianna P Branscombe Date Of Death: 6/23/21 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Donna L Muscente of Leicester MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Donna L Muscente of Leicester MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
August 20, 2021

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. WO21P2139EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: David Harris Date of Death: 03/27/2021
To all interested persons:
David Harris of Worcester MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **David Harris of Worcester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/31/2021**.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 03, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
August 20, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division

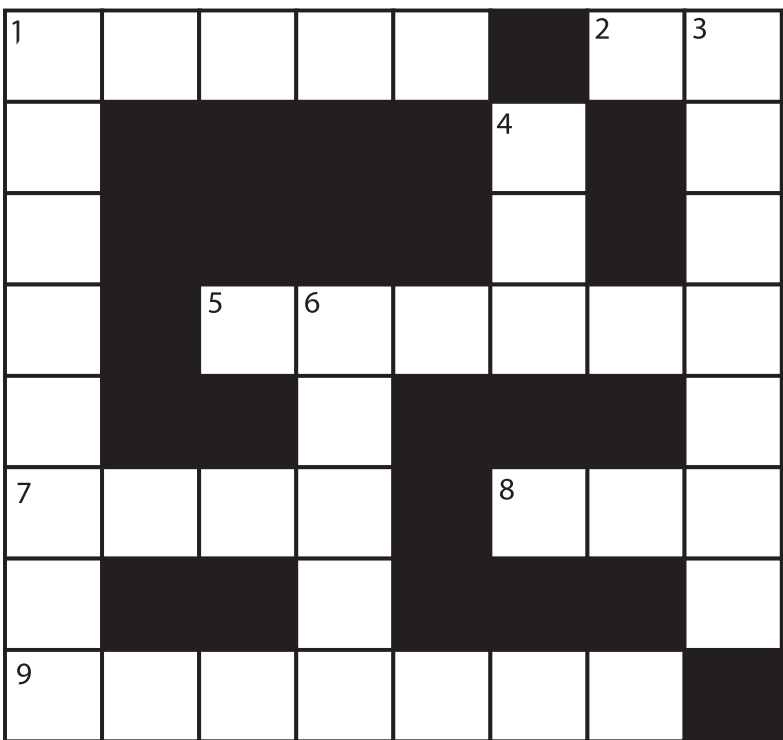
Docket No. WO21P2625EA Estate of: Frederick J. Zulkiewicz Date Of Death: June 14, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lee Ann Lovett of East Brookfield MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Lee Ann Lovett of East Brookfield MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
August 20, 2020

Notice of Public Hearing for a Special Meeting Planning Board
The Spencer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, or remotely on the following item(s) starting at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Zoning Amendments: Zoning Bylaw Section 4.8.9 Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations
Interested Parties may review the proposed changes at the Office of Development & Inspection Services and Town Clerk's office in the Memorial Town Hall during regular business hours.
August 20, 2021
August 27, 2021



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Place to eat
- 2. Type of computer
- 5. Teachers write on these
- 7. Refers to two or more of things
- 8. Witness
- 9. Study of the physical and natural world

DOWN

- 1. Those who give lessons
- 3. Courses in school
- 4. Belonging to more than one
- 6. Yellow, brown or red color

Answers: Across 1. Table 2. PC 3. Classes 4. Our 5. Boards 6. Ochre 7. Each 8. See Down 9. Science

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WHILE MOST SCHOOLS BREAK IN THE SUMMER FOR A FEW MONTHS TO MARK THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, OTHERS HAVE CLASSES YEAR-ROUND.



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ANSWER: SCHOOL BUS

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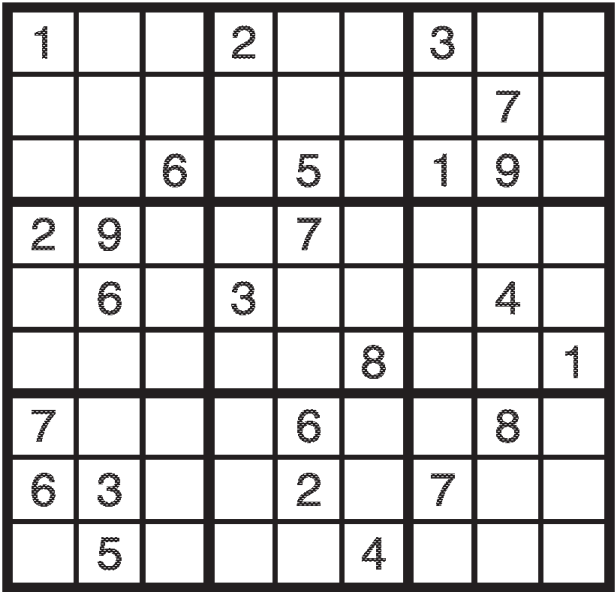
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to vision. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = H)

- A. 11 8 5 25 4
Clue: Ability to see
- B. 2 25 26 2 16 12 6
Clue: Thorough examination
- C. 4 26 23 9 11
Clue: Eye secretion
- D. 17 21 8 7 16
Clue: Close eyelids

Answers: A. sight B. checkup C. tears D. blink

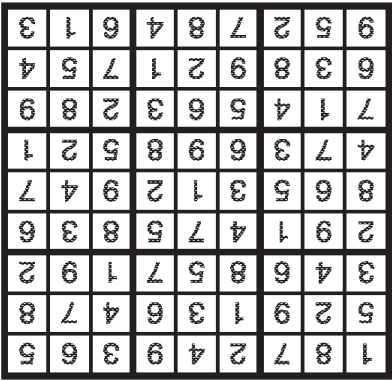
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ANSWER:

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OBITUARIES

Alice M. Gilman, 76

Warren - Alice M. (Mallon) Gilman, 76, of Warren, died on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus.



She leaves her son, Donald J. Gilman of Warren; two stepsons, Dwayne R. Gilman and his wife Francesca of Peabody and Martin E. Gilman and his wife Amy of East Brookfield, along with three grandchildren, Timothy Gilman, Aidan Gilman, and Wyatt Gilman. She also leaves her sister, Elaine Emery. She was predeceased by her husband Donald in 2000, her two brothers, Robert and David Mallon, and her two sisters, Frances A. Bedford and Claire M. McQuaid. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late John and Adela (Lemieux) Mallon.

Alice began working at Warren Pumps at the age of 17. She held a variety of positions while there. She

retired after 53 years of dedicated service with the company.

Alice enjoyed playing Mahjong and going out to dinner with her friends. She also enjoyed going to the casino as well as playing the lottery and talking with the girls at All Town. She adored her neices, nephews, great-neices and great-nephews.

She was a long-time member of St. Joseph's Parish in North Brookfield, and later, St. Paul's Church in Warren.

A Funeral Service for Alice was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 10:30am in Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St, in West Brookfield. A calling hour was held from 9:30 to 10:30am on the same day, prior to the service. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be given to St. Joseph's Renovation Fund, 28 Mt. Pleasant Street North Brookfield, MA.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Beverly A. Griffin, 85

LEICESTER- Beverly A. (Whittaker) Griffin, 85, of 536 Pleasant St., died, Saturday, August 14 at Tufts Medical Center in Boston after an illness.



She leaves her husband of 67 years, William T. Griffin, Sr., three sons; William T. Griffin, Jr. and his wife Diane of New Braintree, Michael C. Griffin and his wife Pamela of Spencer, Dennis P. Griffin and his fiancé Esther Tziachris of Leicester, a sister, Susan Gilchrist of Uxbridge, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Pamela J. Griffin in 1974 a son, Stephen L. Griffin in 1978, and a brother Lee Whittaker, three sisters Elizabeth McGovern, Barbara Chase, and Judith Clay.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Leaver & Emma (Freeman) Whittaker.

Mrs. Griffin worked as a wait-

ress for 32 years at the White House Restaurant in Worcester, retiring in 1985.

She was a graduate of South High School in Worcester. She was a member of St. Jude's Church in Leicester, the Past President and member of the Leicester Women's Club, Leicester Garden Club and played golf in the women's league at Hillcrest Country Club, Leicester. She enjoyed bowling at Colonial in Worcester, and the Leicester Senior bowling League at Bayberry Bowling in Spencer.

The Funeral will be held Thursday, August 19 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester, with a Mass at 10 A.M. in St. Aloysius-St. Jude Church, 491 Pleasant St., Leicester. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Leicester. Calling hours are Wednesday from 4-7 P.M. in the Funeral Home. Donations may be made in Beverly's memory to Deja New, 100 South Main St., Leicester, MA 01524.

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Stephen B. Cassavant, 65

SPENCER- Stephen B. Cassavant, 65, of Spencer, died Thursday, Aug. 12 at his home with his wife by his side after a long and courageous battle with cancer.



He leaves his wife of 40 years, Marylou N. (Nykiel) Cassavant, his son Jordan S. Cassavant of Spencer and his daughter Julia N. O'Brien and her husband James of Auburn, his grandsons; Emil & Blaise O'Brien. Born in Worcester, he was the son of Andrew and Florence (MacDonald) Cassavant and later graduated from David Prouty High School Class of 1974. He also leaves his brothers; Andrew Cassavant, Jr. and his wife Rose, and John Cassavant, sisters Elaine Potvin and Leona Lacroix all of Spencer, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers Ernest and Edmond Cassavant and sister-in-law Theresa Cassavant.

From the moment Steve walked into the salon looking for a haircut all those years ago they've been together, their love as strong today as it ever was. He was always up for an adventure, the quality that Marylou loved most about him. They loved spending time with their many friends, enjoying countless good times over the years. They truly enjoyed their time together and created a loving and caring home for their children and grandchildren. The most important thing to Steve was spending time with his family. Summer trips to the Cape, camping all over New England, backyard campouts, bon fires, fireworks, hiking, there wasn't much that Steve did not do to make good times for his family and friends.

Steve worked at CRC Line, Inc. in

Spencer and Worcester for over 25 years, but his favorite job was caring for his grandsons several days a week. Emil and Blaise loved spending time with their Papa, exploring in the yard, helping in the garden, baking in the kitchen, riding on the tractor, learning how to skate, or watching the race, they adored their Papa and will miss him terribly.

In addition to working at CRC, Steve was passionate about landscaping, gardening and stonework. He owned and operated New England Recycle Granite with his daughter and also installed stone and tile for many years. Steve would spend hours on the tractor at his property and was always busy with a house project. There was not much that he could not do around the house, and his skills will be dearly missed in that area! Watching the sunset at their gorgeous property in Spencer was a daily ritual that will never be the same, but he'll be with us every time.

If you did not already know, you would never have guessed that he had cancer as he was never one to complain. He worked straight through too many treatments to count and never used his condition as an excuse for anything. These last 8 months he showed his toughness and love for his family by going through experimental treatment, with the hope that we'd just get a little more time with him. But the time we did have together we will all cherish forever.

Memorial calling hours will be held on Friday, August 20th from 4-7PM. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, LLS – New England, PO BOX 22471, New York, NY 10087-2471. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Michael J. Dorr, 63

LEICESTER/SACRAMENTO, CA.: Michael J. Dorr, 63, formerly of Leicester, died Thursday, July 22nd in Sacramento.

He leaves his mother, Nancy L. (Luoma) Dorr of Charlton, three sisters; Sandra M. Wilson and her husband James of Leicester, Karen A. Car and her husband Richard of Weare, NH, Laurie E. Peltier and her husband Thomas of Leicester, and 6 nieces and 2 nephews as well as several aunts and an uncle and more than 20 cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Matthew J. Dorr (2008). Michael was born in Worcester, son of the late

Arthur J. Dorr (2005). He graduated from Leicester High School and served in the United States Air Force.

Private funeral services and burial were held in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Leicester Special Olympics School Day Games PO Box 222 Leicester, MA 01524, checks made to LSOSDG. The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements.

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CARVER

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to arrange the purchases of several military items for Carver's services, including pins, stripes, medals, and a combat action badge he earned. Most of the items were funded through donations received by Chapter 59 of the DAV, while some items were personally purchased by Langlois.

"I want to let people know who we are and what we do to take care of our veterans," Langlois told the New Leader.

For Janerico, who had to pay \$4,500 just to transport her son home from Las Vegas – in addition to funeral expenses – it meant a lot to receive support from the DAV.

"The only person who called back was Roland," said Janerico, who lives in Springfield. "He took money from his own pocket, made purchases, and brought it to me."

Shawn Michael Carver grew up an only child in Malden. He studied HVAC and graduated from Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School in 2005, then moved with his family to Springfield.

Carver served as a generator and equipment mechanic. He was stationed at both Fort Drum, N.Y., and the Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii. He served two separate tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan, where he saw action in the defense of Camp Nathan Smith.

In the years since his discharge from the Army in 2013, Carver faced extensive challenges with mental illness as a result of his experiences while deployed. He was admitted to multiple VA medical centers for treatment, including Northampton, Brockton, and Bedford, but his family said he never received the level of professional care he needed. Even prior to his discharge, his mother said he did not receive adequate services for his mental health struggles.

"I have been advocating for him since before his discharge," Janerico said. "[Following his discharge], he was dropped off in the middle of Honolulu with no money. He suffered from PTSD. He was unable to care for himself."

At the time of Carver's death – eight years after his discharge – he was homeless in Las Vegas, wearing a hooded jacket in 115-degree heat.

For a family that has searched unavailingly for support over the last eight-plus years, it was a relief to receive strong assistance from DAV Chapter 59.

"I am so grateful for everything that was done," Janerico said. "So many organizations say they will help, but they don't follow through. This organization has done things I thought were impossible."

Langlois and his team said it doesn't matter to them when or where a veteran served. They are eager to honor and support all veterans and their families.

"I don't care who you belong to [in terms of veterans' organizations or affiliations]," Langlois said. "A veteran is a veteran, and we want to help."

Langlois, a Vietnam veteran, was saddened to learn of the struggles faced by Carver, who loved to play chess and spend time in Boston. He also enjoyed all genres of music and possessed strong talents for writing lyrics, drawing, and creating music with his friends.

If you would like to support the DAV's mission to assist veterans and their families, contact 617-727-2974 or visit www.davma.org.

OPEN HOUSE

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The property includes a new turf field; a campus center; a veterinary health clinic; a gymnasium; the historic May House; several dormitories and other residences; and the Swan Library. Additionally, the college's kitchen, gym equipment, and veterinary equipment are included in the sale, as well as the IT network and equipment.

Selectmen decided that a debt exclusion of \$19.9 million for the acquisition of the property will be requested. The reason for the difference in the requested exclusion amount and the purchase price is to provide the ability to fund anticipated acquisition and maintenance costs, officials said. The added funding would also pay for architectural, engineering, survey, and feasibility studies to determine how best to use the campus going forward. Funding is also required for repairs and improvements to the property as needed, as well as the purchase of additional vehicles and equipment for building and grounds maintenance.

If the acquisition is approved, the Board anticipates a 20-year borrowing, with a forecast tax rate impact of \$1.12 per thousand dollars valuation. That translates into an annual \$290.75 on the average home, based on an assessed valuation of \$259,606.

For town officials, the purchasing opportunity represents a once-in-a-lifetime chance to bring sweeping improvements to the town center. The campus and buildings could be utilized in multiple ways, officials said, offering significant added space for activities while increasing the vibrancy of Leicester's cultural hub.

"This is a major investment

that with the return of full-time in-person classes, regular athletic competitions, and other extracurricular events, far more guests will be entering school buildings in 2021-22 than last year. Officials urge everyone to take responsibility for helping to keep schools safe.

School officials recognize

for the town," Genereux said of the opportunity to acquire the campus. "We owe it to our residents to provide the information necessary so that they can make an informed decision."

Officials are particularly excited about the opportunities the Becker campus provides for the schools and students.

"I personally think this is a great opportunity for the schools and for the town. This has the ability to transform Leicester in many ways," said Selectman Allen Phillips in a previous interview. "This price quoted from Becker is very reasonable. This town may never get another chance like this again."

There are several other suitors interested in acquiring various portions of the Becker campus. If the town does not purchase the property, it would likely be broken up and sold to multiple buyers. These could include for-profit sporting groups, private businesses, and specialized housing organizations.

Leicester officials are also stressing the importance of preserving the historical integrity of the property, especially the May House, which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad. If the property is acquired by another buyer, there is no guarantee that historical preservation would be prioritized.

Another open house is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 5-7 p.m. If you have questions about the campus, visit the town Web site, www.leicesterma.org, and click the "Becker" tab on the main page.

Residents with additional questions may contact the Town Administrator's office at 508-892-7077, or send an email to genereuxd@leicesterma.org.

To that end, the state DESE and DPH are asking that all eligible members of school communities get vaccinated. Those who choose not to be vaccinated are urged to wear masks while indoors on school property.

To learn more about state recommendations heading into the new school year, visit www.mass.gov.

MASKING

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for severe disease from COVID-19, or with a household member who is at high risk, is encouraged to mask regardless of vaccination status.

Any child or family who prefers to mask at school should be supported in this decision.

Additionally, by federal public health order, all students and staff members are current-

ly required to wear masks on school buses. Also, everyone in school health offices must be masked.

In Leicester, Superintendent Marilyn Tencza and her team are finalizing recommendations with specialists before releasing them to the public.

"I am going to be meeting with the nursing staff and the Health Agent in the town to discuss the guidance," Superintendent Tencza told the New Leader. "We are waiting for the DPH to

provide us with new protocols on tracing, quarantining, and isolation so we can put all information out to families at one time."

Meanwhile, the Quaboag Regional School Committee was expected to discuss mask recommendations at its Aug. 16 meeting.

Despite the strong opposition to masks expressed by many local students and parents, school officials were largely pleased with the results of safety and sanitation measures taken in school buildings last year. These included masking, social distancing, and frequent deep cleaning measures to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and school community members.

"As a result of everyone's due diligence and efforts last year, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, through a collaborative effort with local public health officials, was able to mitigate the virus and had only 38 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 in our schools amongst students and staff," Haughey added.

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Cruising for Charity series keeps rolling on

SPENCER – The Cruising for Charity series keeps rolling along on Wednesday nights next to Klem’s, with classic vehicle owners arriving weekly to show off their passions while raising money. Last Wednesday, Aug. 11, residents braved the heat wave to attend the event.

Each show lasts from 5 p.m. to sun-down. Trophies are awarded each week. The program will run until Aug. 25. All classic vehicles are welcome. All donations go to the Masonic Children’s Charity.

Photos Kevin Flanders



Vehicles are on display throughout the evening.



Classic vehicles are available for viewing.



This replica of a 1927 Ford was built by Jerry Pelletier, of Worcester



Bill Gregoire owns this 1951 Ford F7, nicknamed the “Big Job.”



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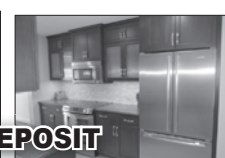
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

12:00 a.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), loose cows; 1:16-1:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:48 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 2:05-2:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:23 a.m.: suspicious persons (North Brookfield Road), investigated; men w/rifles; 4:40 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Webster PD bolo; 7:19 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 9:49 a.m.: lost/found (Mechanic Street), found wallet in collection box; 10:52 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 12:00 p.m.: fire alarm (Casey Street), referred; 12:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Chickering Road), loose dog; 12:27 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 12:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Condon Drive), loose sheep; 1:12 p.m.: school alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 2:12 p.m.: fraud (Main Street), IRS scam call; 2:49 p.m.: animal complaint (Cooney Road), dead porcupine; 3:34 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 4:00 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/10 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:01 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:09 p.m.: burglary (Lake Street), report taken; 4:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), poss. restraining order violation; 5:11 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (North Street), services rendered; 6:56 p.m.: RV complaint (Valley Street), re: dirt bike; 7:31 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), poss. road rage; 7:35 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:50 p.m.: elderly matter (McCormick Road), services rendered; 8:55 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 9:40 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

12:59 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:05 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Webster PD bolo; 1:14-1:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:26 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:46 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Howe Village); 7:54 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), welfare check; 7:56 a.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road), fox living in doghouse;

8:50 a.m.: fire alarm (Donnelly Road), referred; 9:07 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), purse stolen; 9:07 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), death threats; 11:31 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 11:38 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 12:34 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 12:39 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 12:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), re: mailbox vandalism; 2:06 p.m.: 911 call (Oakland Drive), misdial; 2:19 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), investigated; 3:16 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), poss. restraining order violation; 3:51 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), driver on phone; 4:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), poss. illegal dumping; 4:30 p.m.: burglary (Lake Street), investigated; 4:37 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 4:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), c/o being blackmailed; 6:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Dufault Road), domestic issue; 7:20 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 7:29 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:22 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 11:53 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); (Total daily mv stops – 2).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

3:28 a.m.: mv complaint (Barclay Road), erratic operator; 6:17 a.m.: juvenile matter (Smithville Road), investigated at fairgrounds; 6:39 a.m.: fraud (Lincoln Street), re: fraudulent website; 7:32 a.m.: commercial alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 8:42 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:35 a.m.: 911 call (Ashview Drive), hang-up; 9:45 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 10:11 a.m.: disabled mv (East Charlton Road), assisted/school bus; 10:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), family issues; 12:53 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 1:33 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 2:13 p.m.: 911 call (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 3:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Sampson Street), investigated; 5:06 p.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), loose cows; 7:43 p.m.: Abandoned 911 call (Nottingham Circle), accidental; 8:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Wilson

Avenue), loose dog; 8:32 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Earley Street), investigated; 9:04 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 9:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), missing dog; 9:29 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), dog bite; 9:38 p.m.: intelligence/criminal (Howe Village), info taken; 9:49 p.m.: suspicious persons (North Brookfield Road), investigated; 10:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), missing dog; 10:21 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:40 p.m.: medical/general (Adams Street); 11:32 p.m.: disturbance (Wilson Avenue), noise complaint; 11:43 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

12:07 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. dog taken fr. Worcester; 12:41-12:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:52 a.m.: animal complaint (Shore Drive), barking dogs; 1:23 a.m.: disturbance (Temple Street), fight; 2:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Deer Run Road), dog bite; 6:31 p.m.: juvenile matter (Cherry Street), 16 y.o. runaway/male; 6:38 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 7:45 a.m.: officer wanted (Lamoreaux Lane), spoken to; 8:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Norcross Road), spoken to; 9:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), loose dog; 9:41 a.m.: accident (Old Farm Road), camper struck/rep. taken; 10:25 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:42 a.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), beach closed/algae; 11:18 a.m.: residential alarm (Lakeshore Drive), services rendered; 12:21 p.m.: mutual aid (Rustic Lane), message delivered; 1:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: call from ex-gf; 1:56 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Wilson Avenue), neighbor issue; 3:22 p.m.: 911 call (Meadow Road), hang-up; 3:27 p.m.: mutual aid (Valley Street), elderly person missing/Leicester; 3:55 p.m.: 911 call (Lake Avenue), hang-up; 4:14 p.m.: 911 call (Richland Avenue), services rendered; 4:15 p.m.: citizen complaint (Adams Street), spoken to; 4:16 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 4:20 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic opera-

tor; 4:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), welfare check; 4:46 p.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 5:00 p.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 5:20 p.m.: 911 call (Bay Path Road), accidental; 5:58 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 7:09 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street), lift assist; 7:25 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 7:39 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street), lift assist; 9:07 p.m.: fraud (Bond Street), PD fundraising scam; 9:21 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Kingsbury Road); 9:21 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), tapping brakes; 10:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), drunk driver; 11:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), harassing texts fr. neighbor; (Total daily mv stop – 1).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

12:43-2:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:23 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street), Onix Jonnel Aviles, 20, 35 Constitution Avenue, Worcester, OUI liquor, unlicensed operation, number plate violation, alcohol in mv, no inspection sticker, arrest; 7:17 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 7:45 a.m.: accident (Maple Street), report taken; 8:16 a.m.: 911 call (Emmett Street), hang-up; 11:04 a.m.: 911 call (Hastings Road), open line; 11:07 a.m.: lost/found (Maple Street), keys found; 11:14 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:30 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), lost wallet; 12:25 p.m.: mutual aid (Gauthier Road), ATV riders failed to stop for police officer; 1:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadowbrook Road), issues w/landscaper; 1:43 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), noise complaint; 1:48 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), misdial; 2:20 p.m.: 911 call (McCormick Road), hang-up; 2:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dog in parked mv; 3:33 p.m.: residential alarm (Donnelly Cross Road), services rendered; 3:59 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 6:05 p.m.: RV complaint (Deer Run Road), ATV on streets; 6:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), mother/daughter issues; 7:05 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), MSP bolo/domestic a&b; 7:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Route 49), loose sheep; 8:19

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p.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), family issue; 9:04 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 9:28 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 9:29 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Smithville Road); 10:12 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:22 p.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), re: multiple thefts; 11:48 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 7).

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

12:06-12:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:09 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 12:30 p.m.: building checked, secure; 1:01-2:05 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:17 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), property lockout; 9:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Sherry Lane), bat in house; 9:22 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 9:59 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: former employee; 10:12 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), agitated fm; 10:24 a.m.: fraud (Donnelly Cross Road), Walmart app hacked/unauth. order; 10:29 a.m.: identity theft (Chickering Road), job app scam; 10:31 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (Maple Street); 12:15 p.m.: restraining order service (Pleasant Street); 1:13 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), loose dog; 1:21 p.m.: animal complaint (Thompson Pond Road), loose dog/may be sick; 2:15 p.m.: mutual aid (Route 49), MSP/fem running on highway; 3:03 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:15 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 3:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), coyote in area; 4:44 p.m.: lost/found (Emmett Street), found driver's license; 4:47 p.m.: multiple LTC issued(6), West Main Street, assisted; 7:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), welfare check; 8:06 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), re: intoxicate fem.; 10:20 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Thompson Pond Road); 9:15 p.m.: mv repossessed (Adams Street), info taken; 11:13 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; (Total daily mv stops – 3).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

12:36-1:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:12 a.m.: 911 call (Craig Street), accidental; 8:41 a.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 9:33 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:40 a.m.: disturbance (Bay Path Road), daughter OOC; 10:25 a.m.: fraud (Crestview Drive), scam phone calls; 10:56 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 12:20 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 12:29 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 1:58 p.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), assisted; 2:17 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), restraining order inquiry; 2:34 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 2:59 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:16 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:21 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Salem Street), open line; 4:21 p.m.: suspicious persons (South Spencer Road), investigated; 4:44 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Ash Street); 5:18 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (McCormick Road), no contact; 5:48 p.m.: 911 call (Lakeshore Drive), ambulance call/then canceled; 6:22 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:26 p.m.: fraud (Valley Street), poss. blackmail; 7:27 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 8:06 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 8:28 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 8:45 p.m.: abandoned call (Bacon Hill Road), accidental; 8:58 p.m.: disturbance (Ash Street), agitated male; 9:17 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 9:18 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Village), investigated; 9:45 p.m.: suspicious persons (Charlton Road), spoken to; 9:48 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 7).

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Leicester Police**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5**

12:48 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 5:17 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:34 a.m.: fraud (Main Street), report taken; 10:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:23

p.m.: investigation (Memorial School Drive), services rendered; 1:13 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), assisted; 2:13 p.m.: assist citizen (Hankey Street); 4:07 p.m.: welfare check (Hemlock Street), report taken; 5:05 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Brookside Drive), unable to serve; 5:32 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (Rawson Street), verbal warning; 6:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:18 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:54 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), no action required; 7:51 p.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street), citation issued; 8:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:45 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 8:49 p.m.: disturbance (Bottomly Avenue), unable to locate; 9:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 9:08 p.m.: suspicious mv (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 9:28 p.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), verbal warning; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

12:23 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), investigated; 12:39 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:48 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:39 a.m.: suspicious mv (Town Beach Road), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, mv towed; 11:42 a.m.: welfare check (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 12:20 p.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), report taken; 1:29 p.m.: fraud (Willow Hill Road), report taken; 3:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:24 p.m.: fraud (Reservoir Street), report taken; 4:37 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 5:33 p.m.: investigation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 7:42 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pine Ridge Drive), spoken to; 8:49 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 9:21 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:44 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street),

written warning; 9:46 p.m.: welfare check (Young Street), transported; 11:30 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), report taken; 11:56 p.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), no action required.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

12:15 a.m.: welfare check (Winslow Avenue), unfounded; 1:00 a.m.: assist other PD (Ackley Drive), no action required; 4:40 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 5:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street) written warning; 7:55 p.m.: disturbance (King Street), unfounded; 8:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:58 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howard Terrace), gone on arrival; 10:04 p.m.: family problem (Pine Ridge Drive), report taken.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

1:08 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 9:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:21 p.m.: disturbance (White Birch Street), peace restored; 1:36 p.m.: disturbance (Park Lane), spoken to; 8:40 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 11:21 p.m.: disturbance (Reservoir Street), no action required; 11:53 p.m.: mv stop (Sargent Street), verbal warning.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

2:28 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 3:03 a.m.: disturbance (Moose Hill Road), unable to locate; 9:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:49 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 10:56 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 2:50 p.m.: fraud (Green Street), report taken; 3:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Washburn Square), report taken; 6:04 p.m.: harassment (Henshaw Street), assisted; 10:17 p.m.: welfare check

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(Pleasant Street), no action required; 10:31 p.m.: welfare check (Hankey Street), no action required; 10:51 p.m.: residential alarm (Carleton Road), false alarm.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

9:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:53 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 11:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:23 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 12:24 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), spoken to;

12:28 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 12:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:02 p.m.: investigation (Hankey Street), services rendered; 5:01 p.m.: assist citizen (Rawson Street); 6:54 p.m.: assist citizen (Wasilla Drive), report taken; 3:33 p.m.: restraining order service (Fairview Drive), unable to serve; 9:28 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 10:04 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:30 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:35 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

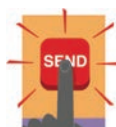
12:51 a.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), advised civil action; 3:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), writ-

ten warning; 3:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Joseph Daigle, 39, 155 Ingleside Avenue, Worcester, op w/suspended license, failure to wear seat belt, arrest; 8:18 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 8:49 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), no service; 8:56 p.m.: larceny (Pine Street), report taken; 9:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Hyland Avenue), services rendered; 9:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed.

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