



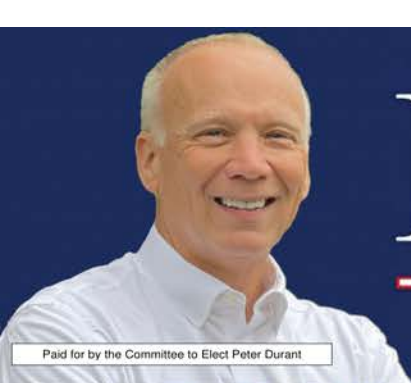
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Leicester Middle School pays tribute to first responders on 25th anniversary of 9/11



Many Leicester first responders attended to be honored on the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

LEICESTER — Leicester Middle School welcomed first responders from the Leicester Police, EMS, and Fire Departments to school on Friday, Sept. 11. The LMS Symphonic Band, made up of seventh- and eighth-grade students, performed its 4th annual 9/11 Remembrance Concert.

Spencer selectmen appoint interim Treasurer/Collector

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Spencer’s Board of Selectmen named Jane Snellman as their new interim treasurer/collector during a meeting on Sept. 8. Snellman succeeds Rebecca Forand, who left for the same position in Sutton.

Snellman was chosen from a four-candidate pool that selectmen had interviewed earlier in the month. The board immediately narrowed the pool down to Snellman and Lisa Mills as they top two picks. The other two candidates were Travis Courtney and Gregory Rosum. The struggle came when deciding between Snellman and Mills, who several members admitted created a difficult choice as both were well qualified picks for the job.

Selectman Normal Lerendre said he appreciated that Mills was local which he saw an an asset.

“Lisa is right here from town and from what I can see she should have plenty of experience,” he said.

On the contrary, Board Chair Gary Woodbury, who participated in the meeting via call-in, felt that Snellman’s experience, most recently as treasurer/collector in Millville, gave her the edge.

“I’d pick experience and who could hit the ground running because we don’t have a lot of time and there’s not a lot of overlap which is why I had Jane ahead – We need to look at who can hit the ground running,” said Woodbury.

Selectmen eventually decided to choose experience giving Snellman the job as interim treasurer/collector pending background checks and drug testing.

That “interim” label is an important one because the future of the position will be decided next year in the annual town election. Currently the treasurer/collector is an elected position, but a proposed change from elected to appointed is expected to be included on the election ballot in May.

Town Administrator Jeff Bridge noted that depending on the results of the election, the board could assess Snellman’s performance at that time to determine if they want to remove the interim tag. How the position is filled long-term will depend on the will of the voters next year.

“In the event it does change, it becomes a town administrator appointment. So, in the event that the person is doing the job with your concurrence, because it’s a department head, the board can concur to keep the person and then eliminate an interim type of operation. If the person is doing poorly between now and then I think the board should revisit the appointee. If it doesn’t change, if the person is a town resident they can just run for it. So, I think that’s kind of where we are,” Bridge explained.



Leicester Police Chief Antanavica gives a few words of encouragement to the LMS Symphonic Band.

the Beautiful,” “Chester,” “America (My Country ‘Tis of Thee),” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

Following the music and student speakers, including seventh grade trombonist Noah Loosemore, seventh grade flute player Sadie Bosco, seventh grade clarinetist Kayden Beamenderfer, and eighth grade percussionist Adryanna Townsend, “Taps” was performed on trumpet by eighth grader Mackenzie Beaulac.

One extra special moment toward the end of the ceremony is one students, staff, and first responders will not forget.

Seventh grade trumpet player Guilana Escobar says, “I will never forget this moment when a bald eagle flew over us while playing. It was such an unforgettable moment.”

Seventh grade percussionist Julian Wooden stated, “It was cool because it was like the eagle knew and was honoring (9/11).”

Being a musician often comes with the responsibility of performing at meaningful events and serving the community.

“To perform at the Remembrance Concert for the LMS community and Leicester First Responders made me feel responsible



Leicester First Responders, the Leicester Middle School Symphonic Band, and school leaders gather to commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

and a leader of the school,” said seventh grade clarinetist Autumn Schimke.

Seventh grade percussionist Hunter Nguyen added, “It means I am part of a bigger team.”

Seventh grade flute player Sadie Bosco noted, “It felt like an honor to play for the first responders of the community, and it lets them know how much of an impact they make.”

Leicester Middle School would like to send special thanks to Chief Kenneth

Antanavica and the Leicester Police Department, as well as interim Chief Matthew Tebo and the Leicester Fire Department/EMS.

A statement from the Leicester EMS read, “As first responders, we reflect upon the tragedy that struck 25 years ago. We give thanks to those countless first responders who fought alongside each other to bring others to safety, and we mourn the loss of all who lost their lives that day.”

Elisabeth and Darrell Hyder named North Brookfield Town House September Artists of the Month

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Elisabeth and Darrell Hyder have been together sixty years, fifty-five of them at their home, studio,



and printing shop in North Brookfield, collaborating on their colorful cottage industry.

Darrell was versed in the letterpress printing process having worked with letterpress printers in Vermont and Switzerland.

Letterpress is a centuries-old technique that creates a unique look and texture to prints that cannot be replicated by other printing methods. The process begins when letters or designs are created on a printing

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One last ride for Ron



FINAL TARENTINO RIDE SET FOR SEPT. 20

LEICESTER — Ten years after the line-of-duty death of Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr., the community will gather once more for the 11th and final Ron’s “I’m Kind of a Big Deal” Ride on Sunday, Sept. 20.

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Leicester adds limits to Denny Place following Dale Street traffic concerns

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — The Leicester Select Board gave their blessing to a proposed change in the Dale Street area of town responding to a petition that sought to change the road to one-way.

While the final decision did not include the initial request for a change to a one-way street, it does limit when traffic can utilize Denny Place from Mill Street, a major connecting point that draws traffic to Dale Street.

While the Select Board did not agree with changing the road to a one-way, they did take the concerns of residents to heart and wanted police to examine alternative options that could alleviate some of the traffic concerns in the area. Lieutenant Matthew Brady of the Leicester Police Department explained that they examined traffic patterns and other data to get a better idea of the issues plaguing that road.

“We did discover that there certainly is an influx of traffic

going through that neighborhood during the week, Monday through Friday, primarily between 2 and 6 p.m.,” said Brady. “Speeding wasn’t determined to be egregious based on the data we were able to collect. Obviously, there are several factors that play into that and residents are reporting speed issues, but we did see in the data that the speeding is correlating with the amount of traffic in the neighborhood.”

While police examined several options, the final solution was

simply to limit traffic during that very timeslot where traffic was at its worst. The Select Board approved a proposal to prohibit the left turn onto Denny Place from Mill Street from 2 through 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, which effectively turns Denny Place into a one way at its junction with Mill Street for a limited amount of time during the day rather than making Dale Street a permanent one-way street. This will prevent traffic from utilizing Dale Street from that side during

the recorded busiest traffic time in the early to late afternoon.

“We feel this will cut down the number of cars cutting through the neighborhood by hundreds per week which will correspondently cut down on the speeding quite a bit,” Brady said. “We did reach out to the citizens that originally brought the petition forth and, to my knowledge, it’s a unanimous agreement.”

New signage is expected to be erected to inform commuters of the new limitations.

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Richard Sugden Library offers support group for widows

SPENCER — The Richard Sugden Library invites widows to an informal conversational group.

“Every ending has a beginning.” “He’s in a better place.” We’ve heard it all. But, we have experienced a loss that was unique, equal to no other. We’ve also experienced love like no other. The Widows Group (WG) intends to build a community of love, support, patience, and understanding.

Please join us Wednesdays (the first and third of each month) beginning Sept. 2 from 1 - 2 p.m. Lifting hearts, one-at-a-time. September get-togethers will be Sept. 2 and 16 at the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer.

A Haunted Story Swap will be held at the Richard Sugden Library on Sept. 10 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Share your eerie experience. We’re

gathering a record of otherworldly experiences that have occurred in Spencer and want to hear from you! Our main goal is to collect cemetery-based accounts, but other stories will also be noted afterwards. Please join us for this exchange of tales of trepidation and haunted happenings! Sponsor: Spencer Historical Commission and hosted by Prof. Garret D. Langlois, Ph.D.

Grow Happiness with Wendy O’Leary at the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer. Adult Happiness Clubkicks off Sept. 17 from 1-2 p.m. Monthly schedule: Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 13, and June 17. The in-person group will have an optional activity following the session from 2-2:30 p.m. Sign up with Wendy O’Leary at woleary25@gmail.com. Sponsor: Friends of the

Library.

Traditional Folk Music in the 21st Century will be held at the Richard Sugden Library on Thursday, Sept. 17 from 6 – 7 p.m. Music is an essential part of connection. Derek Piotr, folklorist, performer, and composer shares his Fieldwork Archive, featuring more than 2,000 recordings of “non-singers” poems, hymns & songs. Sponsor: Friends of the Library.

Sound Healing experience at the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer. Immerse yourself in therapeutic sounds that calm the mind, heal the body, and uplift the spirit. Adults are invited to join us as Allison, from Friendly Ass Farm, leads this time of relaxation. Join us on Sept. 23 from 6-7 p.m. Tune into wellness. Vibrate with Harmony. Sponsor: Friends of the Library.

WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Spencer

The Spencer Police Department reported the following arrests from Aug. 26 to Sept. 9.

Jared Joseph Pike, age 30, of Spencer was arrested on Aug. 26 in connection with multiple warrants.

Aaron P. Caruso, age 29, of Spencer was arrested on Aug. 27 in connection with a warrant.

Pamela M. Donovan, age 61, of Spencer was arrested on Aug. 28 for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle and Operating a Motor Vehicle after revocation of license as HTO.

Richard P. Suprenant, age 57, of Spencer was arrested on Sept. 3 for Possession of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense).

Jessica L. Snyder, age 31, of Spencer was arrested on Sept. 3 for multiple counts drug possession.

Leicester

The Leicester Police Department reported the following arrests from Aug. 27 to Sept. 9.

Luis Edgardo Alvarado Santiago, age 51, of Southbridge was arrested on Aug. 27 for Operating a Motor Vehicle after suspension of license for OUI and operating a vehicle with No Inspection Sticker.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Aug. 28 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and driving at a rate of speed greater than was reason-

able and proper.

Ryan Daniel Fitzpatrick, age 29, of Oxford was arrested on Aug. 30 for Operating Under the Influence (Liquor), Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Authority.

Jose Rivera, age 44, of Worcester was arrested on Sept. 4 for Shoplifting By Asportation (third offense) and Conspiracy.

Jennifer Wilson, age 50, of Worcester was arrested on Sept. 4 for Shoplifting By Asportation, Larceny Under \$1,200, Conspiracy, and Possession of a Class B Drug.

Timtohy B. Donoghue, age 43, of Millbury was arrested on Sept. 5 for Trespassing, Unlawful Possession of Fireworks, Possession of Explosives Components, and a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Sept. 6 for Attempted Breaking & Entering with Intent to Commit a Felony and Threatening to Commit a Crime.

CLUES ACROSS

1. A place for worship

7. Referee declaration

10. Torso

12. Used to introduce something

13. Healing method

14. Takes to the sea

15. Make law

16. French coastal city

17. Hawaiian dish

18. Young of domestic cattle

19. Women’s undergarments

21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)

22. One after another

27. It’s a hot topic these days

28. Folk band frontman
33. They precede C

34. Heavenly

36. Fiddler crabs

37. Major Hindu deity

38. Hebrew given name

39. Cost per mile

40. ___ Romeo, car

41. Rural municipality in Manitoba

44. Narratives

45. “A tragedy had ___ him”

48. Iranian city

49. Praises publicly

50. Founding Father Franklin

51. Herbal tea

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass

2. “Tears in Heaven” singer Clapton

3. Part of a sailing vessel

4. Part of (abbr.)

5. Polynesian garland of flowers

6. Keyboard key

7. One who steals

8. Large oven

9. Former CIA

10. Idea

11. Solomon Islands capital

12. Afrikaans

14. Remove thatch

17. Television network

18. Jalen Brunson is one

20. Title of respect

23. Flowering trees

24. Occurring in a tube
25. Exists

26. Woman (French)

29. Expression of doubt

30. NHL legend Bobby

31. Accomplished

32. Makes slightly wet

35. National Assn. of Manufacturers

36. Not sated

38. Poe’s middle name

40. Swiss river

41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music

42. “Shane” actor Ladd

43. Popular whodunit board game

44. Bar bill

45. Ballplayer’s tool

46. Indicates near

47. Feet per second

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\$410,000, 24 Cherry St, Kowal Theresa L Est, and Toomey, Marcia, to Flynn, Cody Roy.

WARREN

None

WEST BROOKFIELD

None

Save the date for Leicester’s Harvest Fair this Saturday!

LEICESTER — The twenty-sixth annual Leicester Harvest Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. The Leicester Harvest Fair is a true community celebration, bringing together local artists, organizations and families for this annual fall event. Mark your calendar and join the festivities on the Leicester Common, in the Town Hall and adjacent buildings! Admission and parking are Free!

Fair activities on and around the Town Common will entertain Fair-goers of all ages. Traditional folk music performances throughout the day at the bandstand will feature Yankee Notions, The Doolin’ Lads, and Slo-Grass.

Food booths will offer a tasty selection of lunch choices, beverages and sweets.

Local crafters will sell their wares – get a headstart on your holiday gift shopping while supporting local talent!

Skilled artisans will demonstrate traditional historic crafts including basket-making, broom-making, pottery, leatherwork, dress-making, quilting, woodcarving and cider pressing.

The Leicester Fire Auxiliary will host a Pie-eating Contest. To participate and show off your eating skills, sign up before noon on the morning of the Fair to enter the Contest at 1:30 p.m.

The Leicester High School CTE students will host booths, the Tri-M school band will perform, and there will be games and activities for children, including The Balloon Lady, sand art, and face-painting.

There will be a tour of historic buildings at noon, and the Swan Tavern will be open to visitors.

Gardeners can learn about Worm Composting, and Master Gardeners will offer garden advice and free soil tests. Gather a soil sample in advance and bring it to the Fair for pH analysis and recommendations. Instructions for collecting a soil sample can be found at the Town Hall, Public Library, Senior Center, and by clicking “gather your soil sample” at <https://massmastergardeners.org/educational-resources/soil-testing>.

Garden and craft exhibit entries welcome
The Harvest Fair committee welcomes

exhibit entries from adults and youth of Leicester and the surrounding towns to enrich the Fair and display local handiwork. You can enter your garden vegetables and flowers, and eggs laid by your backyard hens. Cooks can bring canned and baked goods. Artists and craftspeople can display photography and fiber arts including quilting, sewing, knitting and crocheting, spinning and weaving, rug hooking, embroidery and tatting works. Adults 21 and older can enter home-brewed beer, wine, cider/perry or mead. More information with class lists, exhibit entry rules and helpful hints for a skilled display can be found in Premium brochures available at the Leicester Town Hall, Senior Center, Public Library and at local businesses, and on the Leicester Harvest Fair Facebook page. Exhibitors should bring their entries to the Town Hall on Friday, September 18, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Ribbons will be awarded to the best three entries in each class. The exhibit display will be open to the public on Saturday from 10:00 to 1:30. Exhibitors of vegetables, flowers, baked or canned goods may choose to donate their entries to a silent auction held from 2:45 to 3:15, with proceeds helping to

defray Fair expenses.

Don’t miss this annual community gathering!

Funding assistance for this event is provided through grants from the Leicester Cultural Council, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, by the Leicester Savings Bank Fund, part of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, Country Bank and Cornerstone Bank.

New Braintree prepares to mark 275th anniversary with Olde Home Day celebration

NEW BRAINTREE — A cherished autumn celebration will take place on Saturday, Oct. 3, as New Braintree hosts its 275th anniversary celebration, Olde Home Day. Designed to highlight the town’s unique heritage and vibrant character, the daylong festival features a jam-packed schedule of activities for all ages.

The festivities kick off at 1 p.m. with a traditional town parade, leading into a diverse afternoon lineup along the town grounds. Highlights include line dancing demonstrations led by J.P. Ellory—with plenty of audience participation—alongside performances by the Next Step dance group and a wandering clown to entertain younger guests. Families can also explore a “Touch a Truck” exhibit, traditional children’s lawn

games, children’s obstacle course, as well as a children’s scooter/bicycle obstacle course. You can take a chance with the New Braintree Fire Association’s Duck Race as they travel the “river” down Utley Road. A bustling Farmers Market will be on the grounds showcasing local growers and artisans.

Food and drink offerings will highlight local favorites. Attendees can visit the Beer & Wine tent featuring selections from Lost Towns Brewing & Agronomy, or grab lunch from local food trucks Savage Wraps, and Off the Hook as well as some sweet treats from local bakers Music and classic festival competitions anchor the afternoon. The band Over the Hump takes the stage from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., coinciding with the popular pie-eating contest for children and adults. Local bakers are also invited

to enter their homemade creations into the Apple Pie Making Contest to compete for town honors. Bring your pies to the New Braintree Town Hall from 2 – 3 p.m. Judging will begin at 3:30 p.m. Check the New Braintree Web site at www.newbraintreema.us for the contest rules.

As evening approaches, the energy picks up with a performance by Disco Lemonade from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., culminating in a spectacular evening bonfire.

Organizers are encouraging community members to get involved to help make the event a success. For volunteer opportunities, contest entry forms, or general information, contact event organizers at newbraintree275@gmail.com or call (413) 537-4813.

Spencer Exchange Club to present 18 Under 18 Youth Leadership awards

SPENCER — For the sixth consecutive year, the Exchange Club of Spencer will in November announce the recipients of their 18 Under 18 awards to those under the age of 18 who reside in the towns Spencer or East Brookfield. The Exchange Club membership has annually been made aware of young men and women whose impact on their communities may have gone unnoticed. They are not necessarily the highest academic achievers, star athlete or the most popular among their peers. They are those unassuming young adults who demonstrate attributes of leadership, passion, a caring and supportive nature, selflessness and citizenship. They are making a difference to others and their communities.

The Exchange Club has acknowledged and awarded nearly 100 young adults with the 18 Under 18 award over the past five years who were nominated by their teachers, employers, school counselors or others who felt they made a difference in their communities. Award recipients were recognized with citations and presented with monetary awards. This year’s award ceremony will be held during a Worcester Railers game at the DCU Center in Worcester on Sunday, Nov. 22.

The Exchange Club membership is purposefully invested in the present and future of the Spencer and East Brookfield communities. They wish to highlight the innate talents that our youth exhibit unselfishly every day in what sometimes seems like the simplest of actions of caring and the ability to relate to others. They believe that curiosity, analytical thinking, dependability and a strong work ethic make the greatest difference where we all live, work and play. The club’s vision of the future is that these young men and women will carry on the Exchange’s mission of “Unity for Service.”

Application and nomination forms may be accessed on the Facebook pages of the Spencer Exchange Club, Spencer Bulletin Board or at www.spencerexchangeclub.org. Sponsorship forms may also be accessed at those locations.

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The final ride, but not the end of a legacy

For 11 years, the sound of motorcycles gathering in Leicester has meant something more than the beginning of a ride. It has been the sound of remembrance.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, riders and residents will gather for the final Ron’s “I’m Kind of a Big Deal” Ride, marking 10 years since the line-of-duty death of Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. For Leicester, that remembrance has always been particularly personal.

Before Tarentino wore an Auburn Police Department uniform, he spent seven years serving Leicester. His death on May 22, 2016, while conducting a traffic stop in Auburn was therefore not a tragedy belonging to another community. Leicester had lost one of its own, a police officer whose service and relationships had connected him deeply to the town.

What happened afterward says a great deal about the communities he left behind. Grief became action. Remembrance became service.

Ron’s Ride grew into an annual tradition drawing hundreds of motorcycles and supporters while raising money to help others. The Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. Charitable Fund, established in 2018, extended that purpose beyond a single event, supporting families experiencing illness, tragedy and financial hardship, as well as scholarships, veterans programs, food pantries and services for children and families. That may ultimately be the most meaningful tribute of all.

Memorials are important. Ceremonies are important. Taking time each year to remember someone who died in service to others is important. But there is something especially powerful about attaching a person’s name to acts of generosity.

A scholarship awarded to a young person has an impact. Assistance given to a struggling family has an impact. Support provided to a food pantry or veterans program reaches people who may never have met Tarentino, yet still experience something good because his community decided his memory should continue to do good work.

The final ride offers an opportunity to recognize everyone who has sustained that effort. It includes the organizers who have handled the countless details required to stage the event year after year. It includes the riders who returned each September, the businesses and individuals who donated prizes and money, and the residents who stood along the route to wave as the motorcycles passed. It also includes people who may never have climbed onto a motorcycle but understood what the ride represented.

There will inevitably be some sadness when the motorcycles leave Leicester Elementary School for the final time. Traditions become familiar landmarks in the life of a community, and after 11 rides, it will be strange when September comes around without another Ron’s Ride on the calendar. But ending an event does not mean ending its purpose.

In some ways, the measure of a memorial tradition is whether the values behind it can outlast the tradition itself.

The organizers hope this final ride can surpass \$20,000 in fundraising, making its last year its strongest. That would be a fitting conclusion. More important, however, is what happens after the motorcycles are parked and the final raffle ticket is drawn. The charitable fund will continue. So can the spirit that created it.

Ten years after Tarentino’s death, Leicester and Auburn have ensured that his name remains associated not solely with the terrible circumstances of May 22, 2016, but with kindness, generosity, service and neighbors helping neighbors.

On Sept. 20, the motorcycles will make their final ride. The legacy they have carried does not have to stop with them.

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OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Travelling beyond global warming and on to global disaster

To the Editor:

We don’t really need anyone to tell us about global warming. We can see its effects around us and on TV and social media. The signs include choking algae on local ponds, more and more hot days, smoke from wildfires, and disasters like the recent snow glacier collapse in Nepal which killed thousands. Here in the USA, the number of people where global warming contributed to their deaths rose to about 9,000.

Before the Trump administrations, hope existed that we could limit global warming to less than 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

Now that hope is gone. A new scientific report says that it is now impossible to stop Global Warming below 2.7. Instead, we, our children and our children’s children will — as temperatures keep on rising — badly suffer.

This will happen because of instead of switching to clean natural energy such as wind solar power etc. the USA and other countries have mainly continued to use carbon dioxide releasing fossil fuels into the atmosphere. This creates more and more global warming.

Scientists say that almost nothing we can do now will prevent our planet from getting warmer and warmer for decades, even centuries. Also, some things like rising seas will never return to lower levels.

This did not have to happen. However the fossil fuel billionaires and industry has had a strong influence on what fuels we use.

In step with this, the two Trump administrations have continued to push more use of fossil fuels, despite the disaster they continue to make worse.

These Trump actions include;

Pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement to limit fossil fuel use

Cancelling 300 nor more projects to expand clean affordable energy projects

With our tax money, assisting old outdated dirty energy fossil fuel plants in operation

Promoting the development of very carbon dirty Venezuelan oil

Paying companies, again with our tax money, billions of dollars, to stop construction of wind and solar power projects

Burying solar and wind projects in administrative delays so that the can neither be built or operated and cancelling tax credits and grants, and

Just now the Trump administration will announce plans to stop limiting the planet warming pollution that coal and gas power plants “pump into the air” which the few richer and the rest of less healthy or worse

Much, much has been lost, but we as citizens and voters and those who can influence and push back to stop even greater harm from global warming. One way you can do this is to support by membership or contributions like The Environmental Defense Fund or the Nature Conservancy.

Also we can support New Hampshire’s Chris Pappas the moderate Democrat Running for the US Senate.

And finally, a tip of the hat to the other democracy stalwart, the other “KK.”

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

Communism

To the Editor:

I realize that to many of the current population, that at 77, I am older than dirt to them. When I showed my young grandson the oldest house in town, circa 1753, he asked me how old I was when they built it. Being somewhat unfamiliar with current school curriculums, my education included an overview of the types of forms of government. I won’t expound on our capitalist democratic republic, or democracy in general, at this time. Fascism is essentially a totalitarian format, where businesses are run by the state, and a hierarchy run it.

Communism, in its design, is neighbors electing a neighborhood leader, the elect a community leader, then a town, then a state, and so on, until they end up with a congress, larger or smaller than ours. They then “select” a core of leaders, that operates much like our current executive branch, with oversight of everything. Because all are in the collective, they are assigned community tasks for maintenance, and are “tested” schedule. We amazed a young guide talking about are varied careers. Her parents are musicians, which was her passion to do, but her linguistic aptitude made her a guide-forever, because there is no second career. We arrived as soon as allowed post SARS. Because they were just reopening and everyone is on the payroll, each couple got their own guide, in each city.

In theory, it is a town meeting. In reality, like anyone can be president, anyone there can be. Do not bet the farm, here or there.

People my age, or older, may recall the McCarthy blacklists, or when FDR came up with a crazy idea called Social Security. Other communist/socialist plans included unemployment insurance, minimum wage, 40-hour work week, unions and child labor laws. You are now being fed the same claim for affordable child care (because nobody can get by on one job or worker) SNAP benefits so that we do not starve Americans as Musk/DOGE elimination of US AID is doing elsewhere. Eliminating tax credits and subsidies for people of moderate means, while giving those who need help the least, more.

Overwhelming us with the most ludicrous and outrageous behavior, to make sure the actual clarity that he is a pedophile, do not get proven. Telling us the war is over, while sill expending billions in munitions, and leaving 50,000 troops deployed. Pretending to have authority to remodel the D.C. landscape and sell land in national parks.

How will those of us who know right from wrong get justice?

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Debt exclusion is an investment that will dividends for our children and grandchildren

To the Editor:

We have been hearing the Town of Leicester asking for a debt exclusion for the Leicester School Department, and my first reaction was absolutely not. Then we watched several informational meetings, and we must admit we were surprised to see the transparency of the costs and the details of the proposed expansion of School programs.

Our grandson, Gavin Bayer, has been a good student, but not great until the CTE programs started, and his mom says that because Gavin wants to participate in the trades training, Gavin has applied himself with regards to his academics. We now feel very strongly that as opposed to another money grab by government, this debt exclusion is an investment that will pay dividends to our town and our children and grandchildren. We are definitely voting yes on Oct. 27, and again on the ballot on Nov. 3.

Sincerely,

RICHARD E. RAM
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Don’t lose track of financial accounts



For years, people save and invest in 401(k) plans, IRAs, and other financial accounts. They wouldn’t lose track of this money, would they?

You might be surprised. About one in seven people has unclaimed cash or property, totaling billions of dollars, according to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators.

People lose track of their money for a variety of reasons: They change jobs and forget about their retirement accounts; they move and leave no forwarding address; they change names and don’t notify former employers; or their employers go out of business or merge with another company.

Whatever the reason, losing tabs on accounts that could be worth thousands of dollars is never a good thing. What can you do to avoid suffering this type of loss?

Here are a few suggestions:

Maintain good records. Keep records of all your financial, investment and retirement accounts — and let a family member know where these records are kept.

Keep a manageable number of financial accounts. The fewer bank and brokerage accounts that you have, the easier it will be to keep track of everything. You might even want to consolidate accounts when possible.

Report your change of address. Whenever you move, contact your financial services providers and any former employers with whom you may have retirement accounts.

Report name changes. If you change your name, notify new and old 401(k) plan administrators, banks, brokerages, and any other institution connected to your money.

Manage retirement accounts when you change jobs. If you leave your job, you might be able to leave your 401(k) behind with your old employer. But if you do, keep track of it. On the other hand, you could roll your old plan into your new employer’s plan or into an IRA.

Inform your financial professional about all your accounts. If you work with a financial professional, they can help you track your accounts, so inform them of all past and present IRAs and 401(k)s or similar employer-sponsored plans.

So far, we’ve looked at ways you can prevent losing track of financial accounts. But can you do anything if you suspect you’ve already left some money behind?

If you think you’ve lost tabs on an IRA, you can check old tax returns and bank statements to help you track your contributions and find the name of the financial provider that held your account. If it’s a 401(k), you can contact your old employer’s plan administrator.

You can get some help from other sources, too. The Department of Labor recently launched a retirement savings lost-and-found database (lostandfound.dol.gov) that can help you find pension or 401(k) plans connected to your Social Security number. For a stray IRA, you can check unclaimed.org, the Web site of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. And for various other sources of money — including uncashed checks from corporations and financial institutions, inactive brokerage accounts, and unclaimed safe deposit boxes — you can check MissingMoney.com, the unclaimed property website of the National Association of State Treasurers.

These sites offer no guarantees of finding your lost or missing accounts or other sources of money, so you still may have to do your own sleuthing. But as the old saying goes, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” — which, in this case, means you’ll help yourself greatly by tracking your accounts from beginning to end.

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Somebody is stealing the daylight

LANTERNS
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By CHARLES

It happens every September, and every September, I somehow manage to be surprised by it. I look out the window sometime after supper and think, "Why is it getting dark?" As though there has been some sort of mistake. As though I should call somebody.

For most of the summer, daylight spoils us. You can finish supper, look around the house, decide you ought to do something useful and still have enough daylight left to avoid doing it for another hour.

There is time to mow a little grass, putter around outside, talk to a neighbor or stand in the driveway staring at something that needs fixing while making absolutely no progress toward fixing it. Then September arrives.

At first, nothing seems particularly alarming. The afternoons can still be warm. The trees are mostly green. Nobody has put the snow shovel by the back door yet, unless that person is either extremely organized or knows something the rest of us don't. But the daylight is quietly packing its bags.

One evening you are outside at 7:30 without giving it a thought. A couple of weeks later, you glance at the clock at 7, and the windows have turned into mirrors. That is when you know summer has begun slipping away.

My wife handles this transition better than I do. She accepts that seasons change because she is a rational adult. I behave as though daylight is something we purchased and therefore ought to receive in the quantity promised.

"It's dark already," I'll announce.

"Yes," she'll say.

"It wasn't dark this early last week."

"I know."

"Seems awfully early."

This conversation has taken place every September for roughly 30 years.

Marriage is partly about love, partly about companionship and partly about listening patiently while another human being reports the same seasonal phenomenon three decades in a row. There is something about these September evenings that changes the rhythm of a small town.

In July, evening stretches. People are still outside. Lawnmowers are running. Somebody is washing a car. Kids are squeezing another half-hour out of the day. A neighbor wanders over and a five-minute conversation becomes 25 because nobody is particularly concerned about the clock.

September puts everybody on notice. The shadows stretch across the yard earlier. Porch lights appear. Cars traveling down Main Street have their headlights on before supper has had much time to settle.

You start measuring outdoor jobs differently. In June, you might think, "I'll get to that after supper." In September, "after supper" is no longer a time. It is a threat. You also discover how many things are harder to find in the dark.

I recently went outside to retrieve something I had left in the yard. I knew precisely where it was. At least I knew precisely where it had been when there was daylight. I spent several minutes wandering around before admitting defeat and going back for a flashlight. The object had not moved. Apparently, my ability to locate stationary objects disappears shortly after sunset.

There is a melancholy side to all of this, of course. Summer always seems as though it ought to last longer. We spend months waiting for warm evenings, open windows, cookouts, gardens and those long stretches of daylight when 8 o'clock somehow feels like the middle of the afternoon. Then suddenly, the sun starts keeping bankers' hours.

But I've reached an age where I appreciate September more than I once did. There is something comforting about lights coming on in houses a little earlier.

Drive through one of our towns around dusk and you see lamps glowing through kitchen windows. Porch lights flicker on. Restaurants and little businesses look warmer against the darkening street. The world seems to draw inward a bit.

Soon enough, there will be leaves to rake, furnaces to consider and the annual mystery of discovering what happened to the gloves you distinctly remember putting somewhere sensible last spring. I'm in no hurry for any of that. For now, though, I'm trying to appreciate these September evenings for what they are. They are the hinge between seasons. Summer has not entirely left us, and autumn has not entirely arrived. There is still warmth in the afternoon, but evening carries a warning. Use the daylight while you've got it.

Take the walk. Finish the yard work. Sit outside for another few minutes. And when you look up one evening and discover that darkness has arrived much earlier than expected, don't bother announcing it to your spouse.

Trust me. They already know.

Ware Comedy Show returns to Workshop13

WARE — Workshop13 is excited to announce the return of Ware Comedy Show, a Colorblindguy comedy event. This 21+ show takes place at 13 Church St., Ware, on Saturday, Sept. 26. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$20 thanks to the support of the Ware Cultural Council and can be purchased in advance at www.workshop13.org. Comedy fans can expect a night filled with original material, quick wit, and memorable performances.

Returning as host is Boston Comedy Festival winner Dan Boulger. Dan headlined last year's Ware Comedy Show and left audiences thoroughly impressed with his relaxed delivery, sharp observations, and polished stage presence. His ability to make comedy look effortless is a testament to his skill and experience.

Headlining this year's show is Jake Silberman, a nationally touring comedian whose sharp wit, unique perspective, and exceptional crowd work have made him a favorite with audiences across the country. Jake's ability to find humor in

everyday life and connect with a crowd ensures a performance that is both intelligent and hilarious.

The opening acts are equally impressive. Avery Quinn has headlined venues throughout New England and regularly performs at the Comix stage at Mohegan Sun. His animated style and commanding presence immediately capture an audience's attention. Joining him is Hilary Price, known for her offbeat sense of humor, originality, and relatable storytelling. Her thoughtful, clever material consistently earns big laughs while giving audiences something to think about.

Together, these performers create a lineup loaded with talent, originality, and the creative material that defines great stand-up comedy.

About Workshop13

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Friends of the Leicester Public Library announce Fall Book Sale

LEICESTER — "If you are doing fall cleaning, the Friends of the Leicester Library would appreciate donations of unwanted books, board games, puzzles, DVD's, and CD's for our Fall Book Sale." Charissa Berube, Friends of the Leicester Library Chair, says.

The Friends group holds a Book Sale every Fall and every spring.

"The Book Sales are huge events, and we're able to provide opportunities to purchase all sorts of books for all age groups at truly discounted prices," Berube explains. "It's a terrific event that helps the library as well as people who come looking for books and the many other items we sell, and our Friends group truly enjoys helping through the events."

The Fall Book Sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the Book Sale are used to pur-

chase arts and craft supplies for children's and adult programs and to sponsor special educational presentations and programs.

"The monies raised are truly important and helpful, as we're able to offer popular programs that the library would not be able to afford otherwise," Berube continues.

All the items that are sold at the Book Sale are contributed by area residents.

"We count on the kindness of people who might be looking to clear out unwanted items and help the library in the process," Berube states.

Please bring the items you would like to contribute to the inside of the library any day and time it is open. Please, no encyclopedias or medical textbooks.

Bring your unwanted items to the Library over the next few weeks, then come to the Book Sale and find some great prices on books, games, and other items that you will use and enjoy!

Open poetry reading series coming to Merriam-Gilbert Library

WEST BROOKFIELD — Local poets, readers and lovers of the written word will have a new opportunity to share their favorites when the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library hosts "One Poem," an open poetry reading series beginning in September.

The program is designed to provide a welcoming venue for writers to share their own poetry while introducing participants to the work of other published poets.

For each original poem a participant reads, organizers ask that the reader complement it with a poem by an established, published writer. Selections can range widely, from Shakespeare and Anne Bradstreet to Charles Bukowski, William Butler Yeats, Rumi, Adrienne Rich and contemporary poets.

Participants do not need to be poets themselves. Those without original work are welcome to read favorite poems by published writers, while community members who would rather listen are equally encouraged to attend.

Readings will take place in round-robin fash-

ion, with participants sharing no more than two poems during each turn. The number of opportunities each person has to read will depend upon attendance. Organizers ask participants to avoid particularly lengthy selections so everyone has an opportunity to take part.

The series is intended to foster a creative community of writers and readers while exposing participants to poets and styles they might not otherwise encounter.

"One Poem" will run from September through May, generally on the third Thursday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. Some dates may be adjusted because of holidays.

Programs will be held in the upstairs meeting room at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library on Main Street in West Brookfield. The meeting room is accessible by elevator.

The series is open to the Central Massachusetts community.

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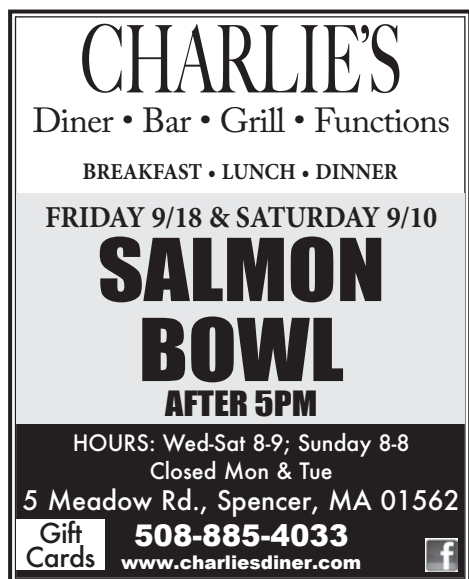
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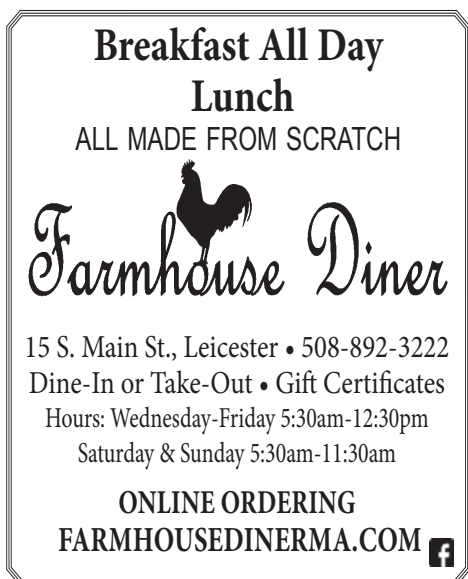
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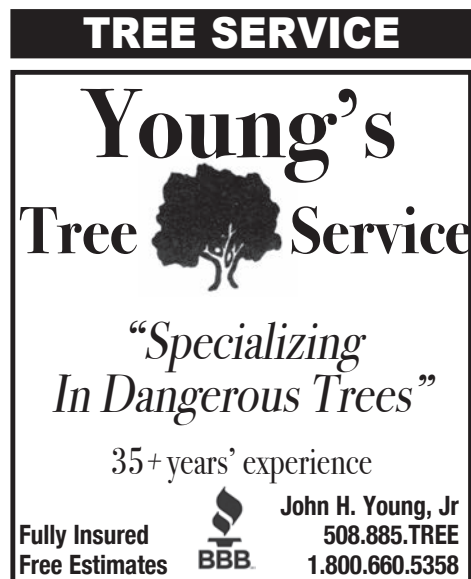


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plate, which can be made of wood, linoleum, or metal. The image is then inked, a sheet of paper is placed on the plate, and pressure is applied, transferring the ink to the paper and leaving an impression behind. This process is repeated for each color and image, resulting in a beautiful, one-of-a-kind print. Letterpress

prints are characterized by their tactile quality with the ink sinking into the paper, giving the print a unique feel and texture. But according to the Hyders, their family printing business got under way thanks to Darrell’s getting fired from a publishing job. Relying on his earlier printing experience he decided to go on his own just as the technology was changing and equipment

became available at bargain prices. That, added to his own little collection of devices, formed the basis of a livelihood in specialty work for museums, libraries, businesses, and many individuals. Elisabeth’s hand skills and design sense nicely complemented Darrell’s typographic work and the Sun Hill Press was created. New England customers such as Old Sturbridge Village, the

Boston Athenaeum, the Boston Public Library, and the American Antiquarian Society, plus a few clients from New York, kept the couple increasingly occupied during its first thirty years.

As desktop publishing and digital printing became more dominant, the Hyders began to wonder if the old lead-type and relief printing processes would be wanted. But in the 1990s they made the happy association with John Cook and Carol Mackin of Orange Art in nearby Woodstock, Connecticut, the purveyors of imported papers and specialty items. The couple encouraged Elisabeth and Darrell to come up with designs they would eventually distribute nationally under the Brookfield Paperworks name.

Elisabeth’s patterns were printed in many colors on large and small letterpresses and made into notecards, writing paper, boxes, and sheets. Lots of people “got it,” as John Cook liked to say, and enthusiasm for their products kept the printer couple going until five years ago.

Since none of their four children chose to carry on the Sun Hill Press, downsizing began in 2018, with equipment going to hobbyists and a few intrepid souls who carry on the traditional methods. Darrell has quit printing, although he still has a press and some printing type for his own small projects.

But Elisabeth continues to be active in her studio working by hand with traditional paste papers. When asked what she enjoys most about her work, she says no specific part, but the whole process, from making her papers, sometimes with new color combinations or patterns; then thinking up possible new forms of cards, or folded forms hanging from a string, even little paper Christmas trees. When making boxes or paper pad covers, Elisabeth puts a lot of thought into the variety and combinations of colors. Lately, she has been making collages with floral arrangements as well as the occasional whimsical or surprise variant. She enjoys all the aspects of a project, concentrating on each step, until her idea becomes a

reality. She finds creating a new design much more rewarding than making large quantities of one item to fill a commission. The only member of the original group that started the Back Roads Studio Tour in 1994, Elisabeth will once again take part in the Tour this October 3rd and 4th and hopes to continue as long as the group keeps going.

Elisabeth’s Art can be found year-round at Worcester Art and Frame 10 East Main St West Brookfield MA 508-867-8604.

The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House would like to thank Elisabeth and Darrell Hyder for helping us put a spotlight on the arts as our “Artists of the Month for September.”

The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on restoring, preserving, and sustaining the Town House as a cultural center of North Brookfield. Every month this organization recognizes a featured artist in their community.

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Tarentino served seven years with the Leicester Police Department before joining the Auburn Police Department in 2014. He was killed in the line of duty on May 22, 2016, at age 42 while conducting a traffic stop in Auburn.

The motorcycle ride was created following his death and has since become a community tradition, drawing hundreds of riders and supporters each year while raising money for the Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. Charitable Fund.

Past rides have raised upwards of \$17,000. For the final ride, the committee’s goal is to surpass \$20,000 and make 2026 the event’s strongest fundraising year yet.

This year’s fundraising will include a large lineup of raffle prizes, along with the drawing for a 2026 Harley-Davidson Road Glide.

The final ride will begin

at Leicester Elementary School, 170 Paxton St., Leicester. Registration will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m., with motorcycles departing at 11 a.m.

Community members do not have to be riders to take part in the day. The public is invited to come to Leicester Elementary School that morning to see the motorcycles gather and watch the final ride depart.

Organizers are also encouraging residents along the route to come outside, wave and show their support as the motorcycles pass through.

Later in the ride, participants will make the traditional stop at Tarentino’s gravesite, which has remained a meaningful part of Ron’s Ride each year.

The ride will conclude at Chester P. Tuttle Post 279, 88 Bancroft St., Auburn, where the public is invited to join the after-party beginning after 1 p.m.

Admission is \$25 per person and includes a BBQ

luncheon, raffles and live music by Disco Lemonade.

Proceeds benefit the Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. Charitable Fund, established in 2018 to continue Tarentino’s legacy of kindness, generosity and service to others.

The organization supports families facing serious illness, tragedy and financial hardship, along with scholarships, veterans programs, food pantries, youth and family services and other community needs.

The 2026 event marks both the 10-year remembrance of Tarentino’s death and the final year of Ron’s Ride.

The scheduled rain date is Sunday, Sept. 27. Organizers ask attendees to follow Ron’s Ride social media pages for weather-related updates or schedule changes.

While the motorcycle ride is coming to an end, the charitable work created in Tarentino’s memory will continue.

Leicester Public Library hosting annual Craft Swap

LEICESTER — If you are interested in most any kind of craft, it’s worth your while to stop in at the annual Craft Swap at the Leicester Public Library, 1136 Main St. in Leicester, on Oct. 1, 2, and 3 during regular library hours!

“Our Craft Swaps have been very popular events!” Library Director Suzanne Finstad Hall exclaims. “Every time we hold the Craft Swap, the response has been awesome, with many area crafters and people interested in starting a particular craft coming to the library and finding materials they can use or bringing items they no longer need to give to neighbors who share their interests.”

“You don’t need to have anything to swap,” Hall explains. “Anyone is welcome to come and browse through all the items we’ll have and pick out items needed to work on whatever you may be working on or try something new.”

No donation is required to participate. Every year attendees will find a wide variety of items, including paint, pencils, markers, brushes, art paper, sewing fabric, ribbon, yarn, felt, buttons, beads, jewelry making supplies, craft tools, kits, books, and more!

If you have items to swap / contribute to the Craft Swap, please bring them to the library anytime the library is open prior to the Swap or that day.

“We are fortunate to have a large number of people engaged in a variety of crafts, which means there are really a lot of items here to be found!” Hall continues.

Contact the Leicester Library if you have any questions.

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Elaine Vallee of Spencer, MA
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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Depart. Of Developmental Services of Worcester, MA in the above captioned matter requestig that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **10/06/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file

a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date:Septmber 01, 2026
September 18, 2025

Brookfield Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
Pursuant to MGL c. 131, §40, the Wetlands Protection Act, the Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a **Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by **Steven Mandella for building retaining walls to mitigate soil erosion at 20 Pine Lane, Brookfield, MA**. Portions of the proposed work lie within wetland resource areas or buffer zone. The hearing will be held in the **Banquet Hall of the Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA on Wednesday, September 30, 5:30 PM** or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The filing is available for public review in the Town Clerk’s office during

business hours.
September 18, 2026
Town of Brookfield
6 Central Street
Brookfield, MA. 01506
The Town of Brookfield, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for Brookfield Public Water System Operations. The work includes but is not limited to the daily operations, maintenance, sampling, report preparation, repair services and oversight of the Brookfield Public Water System from October 15, 2026, through October 14, 2027 as required by Department of Environmental Protection. Two optional one-year contract extensions will be considered by the Town.
Sealed Bids for the **Brookfield Public Water System Operations, Brookfield, MA** project will be received until **11AM on October 1, 2026** at Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA 01506. No bids will be accepted after this date/time.
Bid documents will be made available beginning **September 8, 2026**. By emailing rebecca@roughleymc.com. A site visit will take place on **September 21, 2026 @ 11AM** at the Brookfield Town Hall.
The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informality contained therein, and to award the contract as decided to be in the best interest of the Town of Brookfield. All proposals for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B as amended.
The Town of Brookfield fully complies

with federal, state, and local laws and directives governing equal opportunity, affirmative action and nondiscrimination in all Town activities and actively solicits bids/proposals from MBE/WBE businesses in accordance with Town policy.
September 11, 2026
September 18, 2026
In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, the North Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on October 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest St, No. Brookfield for an NOI filing and associated activities at 39 East Brookfield Road, No. Brookfield, MA. Any person interested in this matter is invited to attend the hearing.
September 18, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, the North Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on September 22nd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 215 No. Main St., No. Brookfield for an NOI filing and associated activities on 91 & 107 Oakham Road, North Brookfield.
Any person interested in this matter is invited to attend the hearing.
September 18, 2026

East Brookfield library seeks vendors for annual craft fair

EAST BROOKFIELD — Local artisans and craftspeople will have an opportunity to showcase their work this fall when the East Brookfield Public Library hosts its Annual Craft Fair.

The fair will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will feature handcrafted items.

Library organizers are emphasizing that participating vendors must offer items that are genuinely handmade. Products must be completely handcrafted rather than commercially produced items that have been modified with a small number of handmade additions.

Prospective vendors will be required to have their work reviewed before participating in the fair. Those interested may email photographs of their handcrafted items to cmacmaster@cwmar.org. Artisans may also bring one or two samples of their work to the East Brookfield Public Library for review.

The review process is intended to ensure that the annual event remains focused specifically on handcrafted goods and the work of participating artisans.

The Annual Craft Fair will take place Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Brookfield Public Library.

Anyone interested in participating as a vendor should submit photographs by email or visit the library with samples of their work for consideration.

Ecumenical service to be held on West Brookfield Common

WEST BROOKFIELD — The First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield, UCC, and the George Whitefield United Methodist Church will hold an ecumenical Sunday morning worship service on the West Brookfield town common on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. The public is warmly invited to attend. Extra chairs will be available but bringing your own is encouraged. Instead of a collection, it is asked that items for the Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry be brought for donation.

In case of rain, the service will be inside the church at 36 N. Main St.

Please call the Congregational Church for more information at 508-867-7078.

Annual Family Fall Fest open to all!

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The First Congregational Church of North Brookfield will be holding its annual Family Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 3 from noon to 2:30 p.m., with activities for all members of your family.

The many activities include free hamburgers/cheeseburgers, chips, lemonade, and apple cider (hot and cold) for all. There will be a silent auction and cake/pie sale. A bouncy house, cotton candy machine, popcorn and games galore for the whole family, including the infamous {or famous} tug of war between the adults and the children. Other activities include horse rides, corn hole, Zumba with Melanie, and the North Brookfield Fire Department Fire Prevention team.

Come have fun with us! This event is free to all who attend! Call the church office with any questions at 508-867-8428.

East Brookfield seeks public input for Open Space and Recreation Plan update

EAST BROOKFIELD — The Town of East Brookfield, with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), is updating its 2006 Open Space and Recreation Plan and is seeking input from residents.

Community members are encouraged to participate in a survey to share their thoughts on open space, recreational opportunities, and priorities for the future. Public feedback will help guide the development of the updated plan, which is required to maintain the Town's eligibility for State grant funding for conservation and recreation projects.

Residents can complete the survey online at <https://tinyurl.com/yv7b23fy>. Hard copies are also available at Town Hall, the East Brookfield Public Library, and the Senior Center.

The Town encourages all residents to take part and help shape the future of East Brookfield's parks, recreation resources, and open spaces.

Girl Scout Troop welcomes new members

SPENCER — Girls entering grades Kindergarten and 1 in the fall are invited to join Troop 65501. The troop meets in Spencer every other Sunday, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Girl membership registration fee is \$111, and is active until September 30, 2027. Financial Assistance is available.

Girl Scouts is the premier organization for girls to learn about leadership, financial literacy, life skills, the outdoors, community service, science and technology. Girl Scout programming is customizable for all types of learners! Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary.

You can register for a spot in the troop at <https://go.gscwm.org/troop65501>. Questions? E-mail info@gscwm.org or call 508-365-0115.

About Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts
Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves nearly 6,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the strong support of over 2,500 adult volunteers in 186 towns and cities in central and western Massachusetts. The Girl Scout program allows girls to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together while building their personal leadership qualities. GSCWM supports girls by giving them extraordinary opportunities to explore, experience, and learn about their world and helps girls recognize that they are vital members of their communities.

Visit MA Master Gardeners at Leicester's Harvest Fair

LEICESTER — The 26th Annual Leicester Harvest Fair will be held Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Leicester Town Common and adjacent buildings. It's free and open to the public. Come check out the exhibits and fair entries. Visit local crafters and artisans. Enjoy the food and music at this family friendly event.

MA Master Gardeners will be there to answer your gardening questions and to offer free soil pH testing. Bring in a half cup of soil from the areas you want tested. Soil can be collected from top to six-inch depth in several spots for each location and mixed together. It can be put in a Ziploc bag or other container. The Master Gardener table will be in the town hall. See you there!



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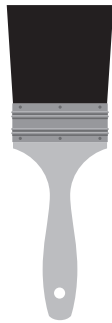
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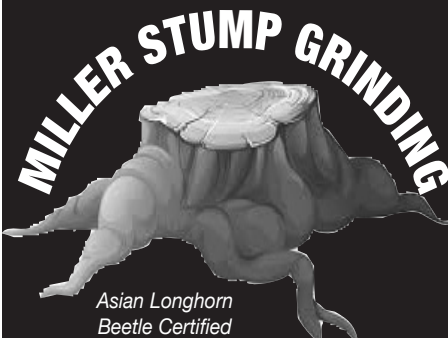
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Day of Play Family Festival returns to Elm Park Sept. 19

WORCESTER — More than 60 hands-on activities, live music, arts, science, sports and other family attractions will fill Elm Park when Edward Street hosts its 15th annual Day of Play Family Festival on Saturday, Sept. 19.

The free festival will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering children and families opportunities to explore seven themed areas devoted to active play, creative arts, construction, health and wellness, mindfulness, reading and STEM activities.

“It is a privilege for Edward Street to host this event for the 15th year,” said Kim Davenport, CEO

of Edward Street. “We look forward to welcoming the children and families of Central Massachusetts once again to share in the joy of play.”

Edward Street founded the Day of Play Family Festival in 2010 as a way to bring families and community organizations together through play-based learning. Volunteers and partner organizations provide the activities offered throughout the festival.

This year’s attractions will range from an obstacle course and soccer skills clinic to opportunities to explore magnets, meet animals and climb aboard a

Worcester Fire Department firetruck.

The Discovery Museum will offer activities involving magnets and other scientific exploration, while Animal Adventures will give children an opportunity to encounter animals up close. The Worcester Art Museum will invite participants to design an animal kite.

Other activities will include Stomp Rockets, the “Granny Pants” game and a dance demonstration led by Jo Ann Warren Dance Studio.

A full schedule of live entertainment is also planned throughout the day.

Performers will include Crocodile River Music, SUN Lion Dancers, Chuck & Mud (and Buds), Painted Bird, Cory Scott, also known as The Pied Piper, and the Quinsigamond Community College Music Ensemble.

Organizers said community volunteers play an important role in making the annual event possible, along with numerous organizations and businesses that provide financial and in-kind support.

Presenting sponsors include Edward Street, the City of Worcester Department of Early Education and Care

and Worcester Family Partnership.

The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation, Spectrum and TJX are sponsoring play areas, while activity sponsors include Fidelity Bank, Fontaine Brothers Foundation, Guild of St. Agnes, Webster Five Savings Bank and Wegmans.

Additional community organizations and businesses are participating as Play Ambassadors and Play Friends.

Edward Street is a private nonprofit organization focused on improving the quality and impact of early education and care

and strengthening families throughout Central Massachusetts.

Worcester Family Partnership, which is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, works with families with children from birth through school age and provides free playgroups, child screenings and other family support programs.

The rain date for the Day of Play Family Festival is Sunday, Sept. 20.

For a complete schedule of performances and activities, visit worcesterdayof-play.org.

THE ECOTARIUM WILL HOST A LIVE CONTACT WITH AN ASTRONAUT ABOARD THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION USING HAM RADIO

WORCESTER — The EcoTarium Museum of Science and Nature has been selected to host a live contact with an astronaut

aboard the International Space Station (ISS) through ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) this October.

In collaboration with the Central Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association (CMARA) and North High School, hundreds of students will be invited to attend the event and related education programs. Ten students will have the rare opportunity to speak directly with an astronaut in orbit.

“What a thrill to be able to place a call to outer space using radio waves,” said EcoTarium President and CEO Noreen Johnson Smith. “For more than 125 years, scientists have been using radio waves to communicate, and now we are measuring radio wave

emissions to discover distant objects in the universe. Calling the astronauts over HAM radio is an exciting lesson on the power of electromagnetic waves.”

The EcoTarium’s contact with ARISS is scheduled for the week of Oct. 12-17.

NASA will confirm the exact date and time in late September or early October, depending on ISS orbital passes. Recent changes to ISS crew operations may affect the availability of participating astronauts, and the contact schedule remains subject to adjustment. An educator toolkit with classroom-ready resources is available, and the EcoTarium will host several interactive programs leading up to the ARISS contact.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, the EcoTarium will host a public celebration, Communicating Across the Cosmos, featuring special programs about HAM radio and how we use different waves across the electromagnetic spectrum. The EcoTarium will show a full replay of the cosmic conversation with astronauts aboard the ISS – if the contact doesn’t take place live on the day-of the event!

“Space science and wireless communications technology are foundational to our high-tech future,” said Fred Kemmerer, ARISS technical mentor and American Radio Relay League (ARRL) New England Division Director. “An ARISS contact gives young people hands-on

exposure to these technologies and often sparks a lifelong interest in high-tech communications and related career paths.”

This initiative advances the EcoTarium’s mission of igniting curiosity and inspiring a passion for science and nature. The Museum offers year-round astronomy programming for visitors of all ages, including the new NASA-funded permanent exhibit “Lift Off! Space Explorers,” full-dome shows in the Alden Planetarium, a newly renovated observatory, and a monthly Astrophysics Speaker Series.

George Gumbrell, a CMARA board member and parent, emphasized the long-term impact of early exposure to amateur radio.

“If you’re interested in

science and engineering,” he said, “amateur radio provides a foundation for lifelong exploration.”

Gumbrell’s son Connor, now in high school, was introduced to amateur radio at age 5 and has since spoken directly with an astronaut aboard the ISS.

“The exposure to amateur radio and hands-on problem-solving showed me what was possible,” Connor said. “It’s why I plan to pursue electrical engineering after high school.”

For more information about the ARISS contact, visit ecotarium.org/iss.

For more information about the Communicating Across the Cosmos event, visit ecotarium.org/event/communicating-across-the-cosmos.

BHS Class of 1986 seeks community’s help locating classmates for 40th reunion

REGION — As the Bartlett High School Class of 1986 prepares to celebrate its 40th reunion on Sept. 26, organizers are asking the community for assistance in locating classmates who have not yet been reached through social media or via text.

To make the process simple, the reunion committee has created a short contact-information form and is encouraging residents, friends, and former classmates to help spread the word. If you know someone on the “missing classmates” list, organizers ask that you text them the link to the form so they can update their information.

Contact Info Form: <https://tinyurl.com/BHS1986-40Years>

If it’s easier, you may also complete the form on a classmate’s behalf—so long as you have their current contact details. Organizers emphasize that any help tracking them down is truly appreciated, as personal connections often

succeed where digital outreach falls short.

A list of classmates the committee is hoping to locate appears below. With the community’s support, they hope every member of the Class of ’86 will have the opportunity to join this milestone celebration.

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Bay Path Continuing Education’s fall catalog available

CHARLTON — We are excited to announce that the Fall 2026 catalog is now available at www.baypath.net/bpce. There is something for everyone, featuring offerings in trades exam preparations, continuing education, professional development, health & wellness, art, food & entertaining, financial wellness, and much more.

Here are some of the new classes available:

- Basket Weaving
- Breadmaking and more
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- Japanese Ikebana Flower Design
- Professional Writing
- Tai Chi and more

Additionally, we have returning favorites including:

- Line Dancing
- Ballroom Dancing
- Stained Glass Making
- Bob Ross Art Classes
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- Classes for Two People to Take Together

Registration Opens on July 20 – Make sure to sign up early for the classes that catch your interest so you don’t miss this opportunity! You can reach us at www.baypath.net/bpce or call 508-248-5971, ext. 1715. Bay Path has been providing engaging adult continuing education classes for the past 30 years, conveniently located at 57 Old Muggett Hill Rd., Charlton.

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Webster - 3 Oakwood Dr



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Webster Lake Waterfront - 86 Bates Point Rd

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Webster ~ 33 Slater Street



Open House Saturday 11:30-1

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Webster - 24 Cooper Rd

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Webster Lake Waterfront

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Saint Joseph School begins new year with learning, tradition, and celebration

WEBSTER — Saint Joseph School in Webster welcomed students back for the 2026–2027 school year following several days of preparation, professional development, and community-building among faculty and staff.

Before students arrived, teachers participated in professional development designed to strengthen instruction and support the academic, social, and emotional needs of students. Sessions focused on mathematics instruction, effective classroom management, supporting students with ADHD and executive-functioning challenges, and using technology to enhance learning and maintain safe digital classrooms. Faculty and staff also reviewed school procedures and prepared to introduce the school’s new student formation policy, Living the Three Rs: Student Formation, Conduct, and Accountability.

The opening of school followed a staggered schedule, allowing students in different grade levels to begin on separate days. This provided

younger students and those new to Saint Joseph School with additional time to become comfortable with their teachers, classmates, classrooms, and daily routines. It also helped faculty and staff provide more individualized attention as students transitioned into the new school year.

Adding to the excitement, students were greeted during morning drop-off by JoJo the Eagle, Saint Joseph School’s beloved mascot. JoJo welcomed students with waves, high-fives, and plenty of school spirit, helping to ease first-day nervousness and bring smiles to students and families.

Once all grade levels had returned, the school community gathered for its annual back-to-school assembly. Students and staff reviewed important expectations for the year, including the school’s guiding principles of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. The assembly also provided an opportunity to recognize students demonstrating pride in their school and readiness for the year ahead.

One of the most meaningful moments of the assembly was the celebration of the Grade 8 students and their “Last First Day” at Saint Joseph School. Each eighth grader was presented with a strand of red beads to mark the beginning of this important final chapter in their elementary and middle school journey.

Saint Joseph School begins the new year as a growing and vibrant community. The opening days reflected the school’s commitment to academic excellence, Catholic identity, school spirit, and the formation of students through its Three Rs: Religion, Respect, and Responsibility.

From professional learning and carefully planned transition days to cheerful greetings from JoJo and



Courtesy
Grade 1 student Zuzanna Bialik poses for a picture with JoJo the Eagle on the first day of school at Saint Joseph School.

a treasured Grade 8 tradition, the beginning of the 2026–2027 school year set a positive and memorable tone for the months ahead.

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Massasoit Art Guild to hold 23rd annual Art Show and Sale

SPENCER — The Massasoit Art Guild will showcase the work of area artists when its 23rd annual Art Show and Sale returns to Spencer Town Hall in October.

The show will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Spencer Town Hall, 157 Main St. Admission is open to the public.

In addition to giving visitors an opportunity to view original artwork, the event will feature works available for purchase, including original pieces, fine art prints and cards.

A public reception and awards ceremony will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. Cash prizes will be presented in each category.

This year’s special challenge category is “Fantasy,” with organizers specifying that entries in the category must be family friendly.

Massasoit Art Guild members interested in participating may submit up to three pieces of original artwork. The entry fee is \$8 per piece, and the deadline to submit entries is Sunday, Sept. 27.

Artwork entered in the show should be dropped off at Spencer Town Hall on Friday, Oct. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Following the conclusion of the show, artwork may be picked up Sunday, Oct. 11, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

The event will also include a raffle table, with donations encouraged. Raffle winners will be announced Sunday afternoon.

The guild’s 2025 Best in Show honor went to artist Doug Caves for his oil painting “Intersection No. 1.”

Complete show guidelines, registration information and other details are available at the Massasoit Art Guild’s website. Questions may also be directed to massasoitartguild@gmail.com.

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