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Storms leave thousands in the dark



Photo Courtesy

During last week's thunderstorms, a tree collapsed over Clark Street in Leicester.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

REGION - When a line of severe thunderstorms swept across the area last week, speeding along at more than 50 miles per hour, there wasn't much time for residents to prepare.

With wind gusts exceeding 45 mph, the Oct. 7 storm left nearly 140,000 customers in the dark statewide. Leicester was especially hard hit, with multiple downed trees causing damage to power lines and property. A massive tree on Clark Street collapsed over the road and brought down power lines, requiring the road to be closed for the rest of the night.

At the height of the storm, the Leicester

Police Department was inundated with emergency calls. The next day, Oct. 8, Police Chief Ken Antanavica reported that nine streets in town were still closed as cleanup and power restoration work continued.

"The Highway Department cannot touch any of the trees that are on wires until the electric company arrives to check the power status," Chief Antanavica said.

Thousands of customers in Spencer. Brookfield, and East Brookfield were also in the dark last Wednesday night.

No serious storm-related injuries were reported in central Massachusetts, but a golf pro was killed by a fallen branch at a country club in the western part of the

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Leicester added to list of high-risk communities

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER - State officials announced last week that Leicester and several other central Massachusetts communities have been elevated to highrisk for COVID-19.

Town officials met with health leaders to discuss Leicester's "red zone" designation on the state map. This highest risk category indicates that a town has recorded more than eight daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents over the last two weeks.

Leicester has seen 15 new cases reported in the last two weeks. The daily average incidence rate per 100,000 residents has risen to 8.9, with 1.78 percent of tests coming back positive in the last 14 days.

Leicester joined Worcester, Southbridge, Dudley, Webster, Marlborough, and Southborough in the highest risk category. Several other area communities were lifted to the medium risk category, and state leaders are warning residents to heed safety regulations.

Even before Leicester officials learned of the town's red zone designation, selectmen had already canceled trick-ortreating on Halloween. Town Administrator David Genereux was set to meet with health officials to discuss what, if any, additional actions might be taken to limit the spread.

"We will start with a notification reminding residents to

follow the proper protocols masks, social distancing, gatherings, etc. – and go from there," Genereux said. "If we are requested to implement other measures by the Department of Public Health, we will."

With the uptick in coronavirus cases coinciding with the start of flu season, officials are especially concerned. Town leaders urge residents to wear masks in public and avoid large gatherings. Several COVID-19 outbreaks across the Commonwealth have been linked to parties and other large events, many of them involving students.

'The town is working closely with the Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance and various state agencies to contain the spread of this disease in our community," read a statement released by Leicester officials. "This increase in cases can be traced to large private gatherings, as well as failure to take preventative measures, including social distancing and wear ing masks."

Desperate to control the COVID-19 flare-ups in central Massachusetts, officials and business owners took several precautionary measures in recent weeks. Dudley District Court was closed for three days last week after an individual attended the courthouse and later tested positive. A hand-

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Joint board meeting addresses bus contract dispute

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

WARREN - At a joint meeting earlier this month, Warren and West Brookfield selectmen discussed an ongoing dispute with two school transportation vendors.

West Brookfield selectmen previously decided against paying the full contract amount for last year's busing services. Because busing was not needed during the closure of schools due to COVID-19, selectmen contend that the full-season contract payments should not be required.

'I, along with my board, instructed the West Brookfield treasurer to not pay anything," said West Brookfield Selectman Daniel Bigda. "The treasurer will not pay anything until further notice."

Meanwhile, Warren selectmen recently reversed course from their initial stance and decided to oppose transportation payments as well.

At the Oct. 1 joint meeting, selectmen from Warren and West Brookfield cited state laws concerning payments for services that are not rendered. They believe their towns are under no legal obligation to pay the bus companies for the threemonth period when school was out. "We, as boards, are not saying the busing companies do not get paid for nothing they are just not going to get paid for services not rendered," Bigda added.

The district receives busing services from J.P. McCarthy and Sons, LLC, of West Brookfield, and Lizak Bus Service, Inc., of Warren.

The bus companies have reportedly offered reduced contractual rates for the school closure period, but selectmen remain firm in their belief that no money is owed for the months without service.

School officials also attended the Oct. 1 joint meeting. Since the summer, Quaboag Regional School District Superintendent Brett Kustigian and members of the School Committee have attempted to help town officials navigate the process.

"It is great to see the two boards of selectmen working so closely together so early in the school year," Kustigian said. "There are new members on both boards of selectmen, and there is a renewed enthusiasm and energy for collaboration. We always work closely together,

but usually it is not until the budget process starts. Any time the selectmen and the School Committee can meet to discuss relevant issues in the schools and in the towns, it is a very good thing.'

Kustigian understands the issues raised by both the selectmen and the transportation companies. Even though no school busing services were needed from mid-March through June of last year, buses still had to be maintained and kept ready for service. The companies also had to address several staffing challenges caused by the pandemic.

"I have the utmost respect for John McCarthy and John Lizak. They provide outstanding service for our students,

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Brookfields Rotary completes desk shields project for schools

REGION — Wrapping up a project that in North Brookfield; and several generous began in August, Brookfields Rotary and its partners now have assembled and delivered more than 125 protective Plexiglass desk shields to seven Elementary schools in our area. The schools receiving shields are located in Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Spencer (Wire Village), Sturbridge (Burgess), Warren, and West Brookfield.

These shields were made possible by the collaboration of two Rotary Clubs, Brookfields and Sturbridge; our non-profit partner Angels Answer, Inc.; our business partner on the project, Country Auto Body

donors. The shields were constructed over several weeks from high quality components. We are grateful to volunteer Ron Lapointe for his help in securing and cutting the Plexiglass.

We asked Rotary project leader Mark Minnuccci, an official in the North Brookfields School District, to comment on the value of the shields to our local schools.

'This project really shows how Rotary works. Brookfields Rotary assembled a collaborative team that has provided additional equipment which not only helps with

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Potential treatment options after a breast cancer diagnosis

A breast cancer diagnosis is something no one wants to receive. But the burden of breast cancer is substantial. In fact, the World Health Organization notes that breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women worldwide. Thankfully, breast cancer survival rates are high in many parts of the world, particularly in developed countries such as the United States, Canada and Japan. While survival rates are lower in developing countries, it is encouraging to know that the average five-year survival rates are as high as 90 percent in some nations. That suggests that the strategies used to successfully fight breast cancer in developed nations may one day prove as effective in developing nations, potentially leading to a sharp decline in global breast cancer deaths.

Upon being diagnosed with breast cancer, patients will be educated about a host of potential treatment options. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that breast cancer is treated in several ways, and the course of treatment a doctor recommends will depend on the kind of breast cancer and how far it has spread. In addition, according to Breastcancer.org, breast cancer is made up of many different kinds of cancer cells, which often necessitates the use of various types of treatments to get rid of the cancer. The following are some treatment options doctors may discuss with breast cancer patients.

Surgery: Breastcancer.org notes that surgery is typically the first line of attack against breast cancer. The CDC says the

goal of surgery is to cut out cancer tissue. Some common breast cancer surgeries include lumpectomy, in which the tumor and a small amount of surrounding tissue is removed, and mastectomy, in which all of the breast tissue is removed.

Chemotherapy: Chemotherapy is used to treat various types of cancer and involves the administration of special medicines to shrink or kill existing cancer cells. Breastcancer.org notes that chemotherapy is sometimes administered prior to surgery in an attempt to shrink the cancer.

Radiation therapy: Radiation therapy aims to kill cancer cells using high-energy rays that are similar to X-rays. Sometimes referred to as "radiotherapy," radiation therapy is overseen by a radiation oncologist who specializes in this

type of treatment.

Hormonal therapy: Estrogen makes hormone-receptor-positive breast cancers grow, and hormonal therapy, which may be referred to as "anti-estrogen" therapy, aims to reduce the amount of estrogen in the body and block its action on breast cancer cells.

Targeted therapies: These therapies, which Breastcancer.org notes are generally less likely than chemotherapy to harm normal, healthy cells, target specific characteristics of the cancer cells. Cancer cells can have many characteristics, so there are various types of targeted therapies. Breast cancer treatments can be highly effective in the fight against breast cancer, particularly when the disease is caught in its early stages.

Life after breast cancer

The moment a person receives a breast cancer diagnosis, his or her life changes immeasurably. The roller coaster of emotions begins, and suddenly this person is thrust into a schedule of doctor's appointments, treatments and visits from friends and family.

The World Cancer Research Fund International says

breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women and men and is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in 140 of 184 countries worldwide. Despite that prevalence, the five-year relative survival rate for women diagnosed with localized breast cancer (cancer that has not spread to the lymph nodes or outside the breast) is 98.5 percent, says the American Cancer Society. Survival odds increase as more is learned about breast cancer and more people take preventative measures, including routine screenings. Today, there are nearly three million breast cancer survivors living in the

Breast cancer treatments may last anywhere from six months to a year. Adjusting after treatment may not come so easily at first. But adjustments are easier with time, and many cancer survivors continue to live life to the fullest in much the same way they did prior to their

When treatment ends, patients often still have fears about the cancer, wondering if all of the cancerous cells have been destroyed and worrying about recurrence. But focusing on the present and all of the things you now can do with health on your side is a great way to put your fears behind you.

Many cancer survivors must still visit their doctors after treatments end. Doctors still want to monitor patients closely, so be sure to go to all follow-up appointments and discuss any symptoms or feelings you may be having. Side effects may continue long after radiation or chemotherapy has ended. Your doctor may have suggestions for coping with certain side effects or will be able to prescribe medications to offset these effects. Follow-up appointments should gradually decrease the longer you have been cancer-free.

It's not uncommon to feel differently after cancer treatment, as your body has been through quite a lot. Many women still experience fatigue, and sleep or normal rest doesn't seem to make it abate. Realize this is normal, and how long it will last differs from person to person. It can take months or years for you to experience your "new normal." Things do not happen overnight. While your hair may grow back quickly, it may take some time for you to feel like yourself again. Exercise routines or other lifestyle changes may help you overcome fatigue or make it more manageable.

Speaking with others who have survived breast cancer can help. Join a support group or reach out to others through social media. Getting a first-hand account of what can be expected the first year after treatment can

Food prep tips for breast cancer patients

Breast cancer treatment

exhausting, resulting in fatigue that can make it hard for patients to tackle all of the tasks that come with a typical day. That includes preparing meals, which is often the last thing a person fighting breast cancer wants to do after a day of treatment. But nutrition plays a vital role in beating cancer. A nutritious diet can promote strength and increase energy levels, something breast cancer patients know is not always easy to come by. The following are a few tips to help men and women undergoing breast cancer treatment maintain a

nutritious diet throughout their treatments. Plan ahead when

you're feeling strong. Breast cancer patients often have good days and not-so-good days during the course of their treatments. When the latter comes around, everyday tasks like cooking meals can seem as exhausting as climbing Mount Everest. So breast cancer patients can plan ahead for such days by going the extra mile on those days when their energy levels aren't compromised. Prepare meals in advance and freeze them so they require minimal effort on those days when energy levels are low.

Avoid empty calories. Empty calories like those found in a bag of potato chips won't help fight fatigue on those days when your energy levels are low. When eating, opt for foods that are rich in vitamins and nutrients but not heavy in calories. A meal that is dense in nutrients but not calories will benefit your energy levels, while a calorie-dense meal will only foster feelings of fatigue.

Opt for snacks that are high in protein. When snacking during the day, it's possible to counter any exhausting effects of breast cancer treatment by choosing high-protein snacks. Foods that are

high in protein, including low-fat cottage cheese, Greek yogurt and almonds, can improve your energy levels because the body does not break protein down as easily as it does carbohydrates. So protein can be a longer-lasting energy source than snacking alternatives that are low in protein. If you aren't much of a snacker, consider a protein shake.

Buy in bulk. When visiting the grocery store, buy items in bulk so you won't have to make as many trips there. This can help on those days when energy levels are waning. Further save energy by asking a store employee

to carry your groceries to your car. On those days when the cupboard is bare and you don't feel up to a trip to the store, call your local grocer, explain your situation and ask if it's possible to have groceries delivered. Many grocers would be glad to

Modify recipes. In addition to boosting your energy levels, protein helps heal and rebuild tissues, and you can modify recipes to include more protein and improve your energy levels. For example, add cheese to sandwiches, pasta dishes and casseroles, as dairy is a strong source of protein. When cooking, use milk

instead of water when possible. Beans are another great source of protein, so add them to chili, pasta sauces or soups when cooking.

There are many ways to modify recipes to include more protein that won't compromise taste. If you're unsure of how to do so, discuss this with a physician or dietician. Fatigue is a common side effect of cancer treatment, but there are many ways men and women undergoing breast cancer treatment can alter their diets to make their meals more nutritious, improving their energy levels as a result.













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Trick or treating canceled in Leicester

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

With LEICESTER Halloween landing on a Saturday this year and featuring a full moon, conditions will be perfect for youngsters to enjoy a thrilling night. But like almost all other facets of society, the celebration has been hijacked by COVID-19.

Leicester became the latest central Massachusetts community to cancel trick-ortreating this Halloween, joining Worcester and others. After weighing the risks and discussing COVID-19 conditions in the region, selectmen voted 4-1 to cancel.

"After listening to the facts from Police Chief Antanavica, Fire Chief Wilson, and the Board of Health, I had no choice but to agree with them for the safety of the people," said Selectman Harry Brooks. "The town is

looking into alternatives for fun things for the kids. We should hear soon what some groups will propose.

The Select Board's decision to cancel trick-or-treating was made several days before state officials announced that Leicester entered the highrisk category for COVID-19. Public safety officials were already worried about what the impacts of Worcester's cancellation could mean for Leicester, and they didn't want to take any chances of overcrowding.

"With Worcester prohibiting door to door trick-ortreating, which the CDC regards as higher risk activities, we anticipated that the town roadways would be inundated with vehicles and trick-or-treaters,' said Leicester Police Chief Ken Antanavica. "Trick-ortreaters wearing a breathing mask and a Halloween mask presents another set of safety

issues."

In Spencer, the annual Halloween party at Town Hall was canceled earlier this month. As of press time, trick-or-treating was still on, but officials urge residents to frequently check the town Web site for updates.

Spencer recently passed 100 for total coronavirus cases. Selectmen anticinated a vote on trick-or-treating at their Oct. 19 meeting.

Statewide, Gov. Charlie Baker is leaving decisions on Halloween activities to the leaders of each city and town. The Governor asks local leaders to make decisions based on the most recent data and conditions in their respective communities.

If your town enters the state's highest COVID-19 risk category this month, state health officials recommend avoiding the following Halloween activities:

Participating in tradition-

al trick-or-treating activities where candies are handed to children who go door to door.

Having trunk-or-treat activities where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.

Attending crowded costume parties held indoors.

Going to an indoor haunted house where people are crowded together and screaming.

Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.

State health officials also remind residents that Halloween masks should not be presumed effective against stopping the spread of COVID-19. If you are taking part in Halloween festivities, adhere to social distancing guidelines and avoid large crowds, officials said.

A list of low-risk family activities for Halloween can be found at www.cdc.gov.



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Microenterprise assistance available to local businesses

REGION — Grants up to \$10,000 will soon be available to qualified microenterprises in six Central Massachusetts communities to help offset losses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Oct. 16, the Central Massachusetts Planning Commission (CMRPC) will start accepting applications from eligible microenterprises located in Leicester (lead community), Brookfield, Dudley, Millbury, North Brookfield and West Brookfield.

Participating microenterprises must have five or fewer individual employees, at least one of whom owns the enterprise. Businesses must be located within one of the six participating towns and must able to document a loss resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. Qualifying business owners' family incomes must be within limits set by the federal government. Other exclusions and eligibility criteria apply.

Funding for the microenterprise program is provided through a \$376,000 Community Development Block Grant awarded to the Town of Leicester from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. This CARES Act-funded grant is administered by CMRPC on the towns' behalf. In addition to the microenterprise program, the grant will support a variety of social services in several participating communities.

For more information or to download

an application for the microenterprise assistance program starting October 16, go to CMRPC's Web site at www.cmrpc. org/microenterprise and click on the project webpage link. Applications will also be available on request by contacting the email address or phone numbers below. Applications for assistance will be accepted on a rolling basis and grants to qualified businesses will be made until funds are spent out. Interested parties should continue to track the program website for updates.

Questions about the program should be directed to microenterprise@cmrpc. org or CMRPC Project Manager Andrew Loew at (508) 459-3339 or Associate Planner Ian McElwee at (508) 459-3331.



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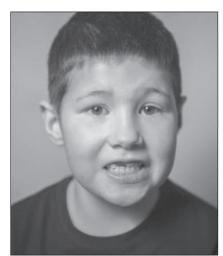
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Biagetti hopes to unseat Berthiaume

have explored all corners of

west-central Massachusetts,

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

REGION - Long before he decided to run for state representative, Samuel Biagetti was well-acquainted with the communities comprising the Fifth Worcester District. His career has brought him to every town in the district, and now he hopes to receive the votes of residents and business owners he meets throughout the year.

Biagetti, a Democrat who lives in North Brookfield,

will face State Rep. Donald Berthiaume in the Nov. 3 election. A college professor and antique dealer, Biagetti has introduced voters to a unique blend of skills and experiences during this campaign season.

Unlike many political candidates, Biagetti's careers haven't simply put him in contact with residents. They have helped him develop a strong understanding of the region's assets and the numerous challenges voters are facing.

"As an antique dealer, I



on Beacon Hill - Biagetti hopes to have the opportunity to bring rural issues to the State House. These include school funding inequities, transit opportunities, and infrastructure deficiencies, among oth-

"Firstly, the state must overhaul the funding of schools to tackle the real cost of running rural school districts and relieve the onerous burden of property tax on small towns," Biagetti said. "Second, we must create a strong infrastructure including town-to-town transit, inexpensive high-speed internet, and local healthcare facilities – that will make it possible for businesses to thrive and people of all ages to live in this area. Thirdly, we must demand a transparent State House, wherein every committee and floor vote is public record, and legislation is not shaped by back-room deals.

In addition to his career in antiques, Biagetti also has a PhD in American history and has taught history at Columbia University and other colleges for five years. Both careers have combined to introduce him to residents throughout central Mass., and he was inspired to pursue a call to public service. If elected, he pledges to make the Fifth Worcester District his new full-time commitment.

'Our current state rep., whatever his good qualities, rarely shows up at the State House and demands little from



Samuel Biagetti is running for the Fifth Worcester District state representative seat.

Beacon Hill, whether in terms of ethics and transparency or in terms of policies that rural central Mass. needs. I would take this post seriously, not only as a full-time job but as the highest honor and privilege of my life," Biagetti said.

Looking ahead, Biagetti knows the most important issue facing all elected leaders is the emergence from COVID-19. With local businesses reeling - some on the verge of closing, others already shuttered major decisions are looming for lawmakers in 2021.

"I know from experience that even under normal circumstances, it has become nearly impossible for small businesses and ventures to get credit or capital from private banks," Biagetti said. "Now, with the devastation of the pandemic, it is all the more important for the Commonwealth to create a public bank, as already exists in North Dakota, in which all people can deposit without

If elected, Biagetti would rely on the combination of his career experiences to inform his decisions on how best to support residents, local businesses, and municipalities.

"Being an antique dealer and a part-time professor, I am in the very unusual position of being both a small businessperson and an educator belonging to a labor union," Biagetti said. "Hence, I can see how both private-sector business and labor are critical and must work together. Additionally, my father grew up in a small town in New York, where my aunt was a leader of the chamber of commerce, and I have always felt strongly about the value of small towns and the urgent need to keep them vital.'

To learn more about Biagetti's platform and discourse with voters this election season, check out his Web site: www.samforcentralmass.com.

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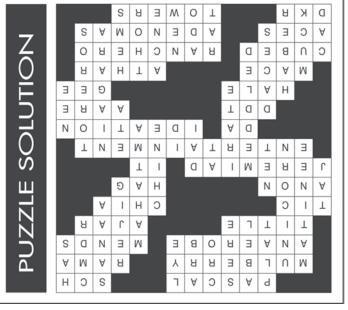
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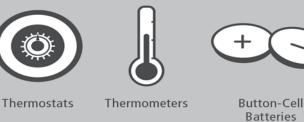


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Dirty hands, smiling faces at Lucy Stone Park

WARREN — As Autumn descends on Warren and its amazing Lucy Stone Park, many volunteers have been actively stepping up to complete long term projects, prepare for winter, and to work to make it possible for others to enjoy this peaceful, idyllic and verdant

Under the kind and skilled direction of Tim O'Brien, long term resident of West Warren, the six acres comprising the Park, owned by the Warren Conservation Commission and located abreast the Quaboag River south of Quaboag High School has found a new and bountiful life. When Tim raised his hand to volunteer to undertake the project of transitioning the park named after Lucy Stone, a locally born prominent U.S. orator, abolitionist, and suffragist, he gave honor to her dying words, "Make the world better." Lucy Stone died in 1893, 30 years before women won the right to vote but now, 127 years after her death, her words still

So many others have gotten their hands dirty (and backs tired) while volunteering to transform the bramble-ridden park to a place of beauty, contemplation, family, fishing, peace and fun.

Many hands make light work and many hands have worked together to make this corner of the world a better place.

Recently, a local Scout from West Brookfield gave his time and talents to build the Park's volunteer tool shed as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. Another Eagle Scout project two years ago brought the Park a short trail from the parking lot down to the end and along the riverside to a picnic table. Other picnic tables are found in inviting locations throughout the Park.

Dirty hands and smiling faces from many area towns can be found working together at Warren's Lucy Stone Park. Missionaries from North Brookfield, serving two year missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day



Saints, have been helping prepare the park for the change of seasons and completing some structural additions such as metal edging sections around new plantings of native vegetation. The missionaries, Elder Reed from Vancouver, Washington and Elder Stephens from Bremerton Utah, mostly confined to their apartments during the COVID crisis, found quick approval for their proposed community service at the Lucy Stone Park.

Elder Reed said, "It is wonderful to be able to serve and to be able to be in this beautiful place, working together with other members of the community."

Elder Stephens added, "We are grateful for the opportunity and for the chance to get our hands dirty and put smiles on our faces.'

The Quaboag River strolls through the park, adding its soft gurgles to the sound of a rustling canopy of brightly colored leaves overhead. For those many visitors who want to be on the river, there is a put out spot for kayakers and in conjunction with the C4R (Chicopee 4 Rivers watershed) and the Park forms the terminus of the first "Blue Trail" for paddling from West Brookfield to Lucy Stone Park.

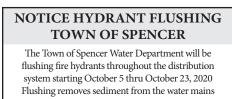
To come once to the Park is to see a thing of beauty. To come again and get your hands dirty by planting something binds one to the Park's future and puts another smile on the face. Three Saturdays in October (3, 10 and 17) from 10 a.m. to noon provide the community with such an opportunity. Daffodil Planting Days provide the opportunity, especially valuable for children, of planting a few Daffodil bulbs and then, after winter's snows recede, seeing lovely yellow blossoms herald the arrival of Spring. The bulbs are provided by the Warren Conservation Commission along with local donations. The event is free. Social distancing and face masks are required. Call Tim O'Brien at 413-813-7110 for more information and to reserve your planting time. (Group sizes are limited at any particular time.) Bring an old tablespoon or hand spade, get your hands dirty while digging a good hole for the bulbs, cover them up and wish them a good winter. Remember where you planted them so that come Spring, you can greet them into the sunshine with a smile. Dirty hands bring smiling faces.



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tion building, then provided a list of improvement projects that included LED lighting, improved controls, building automation standardization, weatherization measures, plug load controls, kitchen hood controls, walk-in cooler controls, new condensing boilers, and domestic hot water systems. Siemens is now working with the school district to implement a STEAM program (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math). Company representatives have offered to use the recent projects as educational tools to assist with the STEAM curriculum. Brookfield Regional School District will Preliminary plans are to offer middle school students an energy auditcontinue to work with Siemens to find future energy savings opportunities ing course and high school students a and renewable technologies to provide course with a deeper exploration into a better, safer, and cleaner learning new technologies. environment for the students, staff, "Energy saving technologies conand visitors to these schools," Haughey tinue to evolve, and the Spencer-East

School district completes projects aimed at energy savings

SPENCER – The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District recently completed several projects that will create significant energy savings and rebates.

As a result of energy savings per-formance contracting (ESPC), the district will save \$200,000 in annual energy costs and receive over \$550,000 in National Grid utility rebates.

ESPC is an innovative financing technique that uses energy savings from a building owner's existing operating budget to repay the cost of energy efficient equipment and related facility improvements. These projects are defined as energy conservation measures (ECMs).

Among others, ECMs can include lighting, controls, boilers, and building envelope improvements. Building owners make no upfront investment but instead use the energy savings created by the ECMs to fully fund the project over a term that may extend to 20 years. All energy savings are guaranteed annually to meet or exceed project

For SEBRSD officials, it's important to keep making strides in the efficiency of equipment upgrades. This will save costs and improve the performance of equipment over time.

Back in 2018, the district was expe-

riencing ongoing issues with school boilers and other outdated equipment. District officials reached out to area school leaders and learned about how ESPC projects helped them upgrade their equipment to modern energy efficient systems. "The boilers, controls, and sys-

tems had run their course and surpassed their useful life," said SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey.

After issuing a request for qualifications, SEBRSD officials chose Siemens as the district's partner for energy efficiency projects.

Representatives from Siemens audited the schools and the administra-



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Before-and-after photos taken of heating equipment at David Prouty High School demonstrate the success of recent projects.





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state. The incident occurred in Great Barrington, claiming the life of 71-year-old Thomas Sullivan, who grew up in Leicester.

Wyantenuck Country Club was very saddened by the tragic and untimely death of its head golf professional and icon in the golfing community, Tom Sullivan," read a statement

released by the country **HIGH RISK** club. "As has been reported, Tom was killed when a falling tree branch, during a brief, high wind event, landed on his golf cart. It occurred while Tom was scouring the golf course for stray golfers, as he always did when an impending weather event threatened

the grounds." Sullivan was the head golf professional at Wyantenuck Country Club since 1999.

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ful of other central Mass. courts were briefly closed, and multiple businesses also utilized an abundance of caution, including Eller's Restaurant. The Cherry Valley restaurant was closed from Oct. 5-8 after a kitchen employee tested positive for the virus.

Meanwhile, Leicester school leaders continue to monitor the situation and receive updates from health officials. As of press time, the school district planned to proceed with caution while maintaining its current hybrid learning model.

If new COVID-19 cases continue to escalate in town, school officials would discuss the potential of returning to fully remote learning. All school districts in the Commonwealth were required to establish contingency plans for fully remote learning if conditions worsen.

"We will have to closely monitor the weekly state reports," said Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Tencza.

"I am in close contact with the Town Administrator, the School Committee, the school nurses, the Department of Health, and anyone else that needs to be part of the decision to change our model."

In total, 40 Massachusetts towns were assigned to the high-risk category for the latest reporting period. Statewide, new cases topped 500 on multiple days during the last two weeks.

For the latest COVID-19 updates in Leicester, visit the town's Web site, www.leicesterma.org.

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safety but also gives staff and teachers peace of mind that they can deliver services to students. It has been invaluable to my District and other Districts in the greater Brookfield area,' Minnucci said.

Lynn Duffy-O'Shea, President of Brookfields Rotary, spoke about the project and its reception in the schools.

"In this difficult time, where in-person activities are limited, being able to come together safely to cut and assemble Plexiglass protective shields with our partnering club, the Sturbridge Rotary Club, was amazing. Everyone working outdoors as a team, while maintaining safe distances and masks to make this project come together in a fast and efficient way, was key so that the finished shields could

be delivered to the schools as soon as possible. The Principals and staff were overjoyed with happiness and thankfulness of Rotary's continued support to the needs of the community schools," she said.

The enthusiasm of local school leaders is represented in this note from Burgess Elementary School Nurse, Lisa Meunier:

"Thank you so very much for your hard work and wonderful design of the desk shields! They are far superior to the type we have purchased and much appreciated. I have shared them with our speech therapists. OT therapists, reading and math specialists who work with individual students, our psychologists who do testing and our guidance counselors. The design is perfect and the only type we have found that allows for passing of paper or objects under the shield - very important for all of them!! They were all very excited to receive them! Thank you so much for all of your hard work and determination to make things better and support our school during this challenging time. It is so nice to have your support and interest in the success of our students and school community. Thanks to all of you! Lisa Meunier"

The Brookfields Rotary Club extends its appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of this project and to making the return to school safer for the students and fac-

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and I am grateful for their partnership," Kustigian said. "They continue to always be there when we need them. No one can predict the future, and we need them to maintain a state of readiness in order to get students back into the buildings as quickly and as safely as possible.

Kustigian and other school officials hope an agreement can be reached between town leaders and the transportation vendors. Looking ahead to the eventual return of fully in-person learning, Kustigian wants to ensure that transportation is not an issue.

"While I understand the selectmen's concern, I also know there is a cost of doing business, and I believe the reduced contractual rates are fair to everyone involved,' Kustigian said. "It would be catastrophic if we were able to return to in-person learning and there were no buses to provide transportation to bring students to school. Ultimately, we all want the same thing. We want to provide the best education possible while being financially responsible."

West Brookfield selectmen are also requesting that the bus companies provide information on any loans received for personal protective equipment related to COVID-19. This information will figure into ongoing discussions on payments, officials said.

The next joint meeting between the boards will take place on Oct. 15.

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Editorial

Body language never lies

Mark Twain once wrote, "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

There has been a great deal of chatter in town about transparency in national politics. While we like to focus on the facts, it's been clear that as of late, facts are hard to decipher in the current climate. Misinformation runs rampant and several individuals stated that they just don't know what to believe anymore. This led us to discussions regarding the FBI and how law enforcement personnel can spot tells, if someone is being untruthful.

According to body language experts, there are tells to let you know if a person is being dishonest. There are exceptions to the rule of course, but this tidbit of knowledge may come in handy or may serve as a bit of fun the next time you're in a group setting.

Facial expressions, verbal cues and body language are said to give away a person who is fibbing. Experts say that these cues are due to chemical and physical reactions or nervousness.

If you are trying to decipher whether or not a person is fibbing, it helps to know how they act under normal circumstances. This way, you can determine if any responses are simply idiosyncrasies or tells.

The eyes say everything. Look for incessant blinking. Normally a person will blink up to six times every 60 seconds. If an individual is lying, they might blink five or six times very quickly. Further, pay close attention to how long a person closes their eyes mid conversation. If someone has closed their eyes for up to two seconds, they could be lying to you.

At some point, we've heard the notion that a person is lying if they look up and to the right, however this depends on whether or not the person is right or left handed. If a right handed person looks up and to the left, they are searching their memories and likely are being truthful. If they look up and to the right, they are searching their imagination, and preparing to create an answer. Keep in mind that some people could look straight ahead when trying to recall a memory.

FBI experts say that if you ask a person about something they have heard, their eyes will move towards the left ear. If eyes shift to the right, a lie could be coming. Eyes will move down and to the left if the memory is about one of the five senses. Again, eyes will move down and to the right if a person is about to lie. You can also tell if a smile is genuine if wrinkles form by the eyes.

Lying could cause a person's face to itch. Watch to see whether or not a person is scratching their face while in conversation. Mouths tend to become dry when a person is lying as well. Lips that are pinched and colorless could also give away a person's mistruths.

A person may begin to sweat as well or blush. Blushing is the result of the release of adrenaline.

If someone is being truthful with you, they will typically shake their head in unison and in agreement with what they are telling you. However, the opposite is also true. If a person is shaking their head in disagreement with what they are saying, likely you are being lied to.

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To the Editor:

If you are in the 6th Worcester district, I urge you to vote for Peter Durant for State Representative. If you are in the 5th Worcester District, I urge you to vote for Donald Berthiaume for State Representative. Both men have represented us well, and I strongly

endorse both candidates for the State Legislature. They both care about people and have shown this may times over. Don't forget to vote Nov. 3.

> CAROL McPherson Spencer

In response to Terrance Washington

To the Editor

Mr. Washington, of Spencer, claims BLM is not at organization. He needs to stop drinking the Marxist FoolAyde so he can pay attention. Perhaps even conduct a little research.

R MICHAEL SMALL NORTH BROOKFIELD

Johnny Nash the prophet

To the Editor:

Johnny Lester Nash penned these lyrics in 1972, and on Nov. 3, we can all sing along:

I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark
clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright (bright)
Bright (bright) sunshiny day
It's gonna be a bright (bright)
Bright (bright) sunshiny day

Here is that rainbow I've been praying for It's gonna be a bright (bright) Bright (bright) sunshiny day Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies Look straight ahead, there's nothing but blue skies

President Trump has been reelected...

Nash also sang the theme song to "The Mighty Hercules." Wilhelmine, the evil sorceress, has been reincarnated as the Speaker of the House who is third in line for the presidency.

Rest in Peace Johnny, Aug. 19, 1940-Oct 6, 2020.

JEN GAUCHER SPENCER

Trumpland

To the Editor:

At a recent campaign rally, Trump praised the top general who fought to preserve slavery and divide the Union, musing that Abraham Lincoln "was getting beaten a lot by Robert E. Lee. They want to rip down his statue all over the place ... he would have won except for Gettysburg ... these were incredible things."

Incredible that more than 350,000 patriotic Union soldiers died to end slavery and preserve the Union? Incredible that we erected statues of traitors? Or incredible that the Confederacy almost achieved its goal of becoming a separate country? Whatever he meant, Trump's sympathies clearly lie with the traitors, which makes me wish he could start his own country somewhere far away and leave those of us who love America alone.

In his brand new country, Trump would be anointed king for life. The press would exist only to praise him. The Department of Justice would exist only to protect him and the super-rich. Protests would be banned. Black lives

wouldn't matter. White supremacists would be authorized to shoot anyone they deem suspicious. Regulations would be abolished, freeing polluters to poison the air and water. Workers would have no rights. Schools would be privatized and ordered to teach only a whitewashed version of history. Scientists would be silenced. The Postal Service wouldn't exist. Nor would healthcare, Social Security, or any other social safety net that might be labeled "socialist." Old alliances would be broken and new alliances formed with Vladimir Putin. Kim Jong-Un, Rodrigo Duterte, and other tyrants. And the dream of equality for all for which our ancestors fought and died? That would go the way of the dodo.

Sounds like a great place to live if you're a Trump supporter. You could call it Putinville. Trumposlovenia. Or simply Trumpland. But whatever you call it, don't call it America.

RACHEL FAUGNO SPENCER

Revisiting "Siegfried" after four years of Trump

To the Editor:

Three-plus years ago, a letter submitted by me appeared on these pages.

It laid out what Siegfried, as described by his grandson, Liel Leibowitz, said about race based autocrats. Based on his experience, he offered three pieces of advice:

If such leader threatens, believe him. With President Trump such threats have included; (a)indicating if the 2020 vote goes against him, Trump will not step down. (b) praising nasty, brutal autocrats while breaking with longstanding democratic allies, (c) wanting to indict or "lock up" loyal to America opposition party members, (d) encouraging intentional cruelty to immigrants, including young children, (e) denying or suppressing American's the freedom to vote, (f) insulting and attacking honest hard working public servants including honest scientists and those fighting Covid-19, (g) calling members of the military "suckers and losers", (h) encouraging vigilante groups to 'liberate" states and cities whose elected heads are members of the American loyal opposition, (i)using our White House for personal financial and political gain (not to mention a Covid-19 "super spreader" event, (j) worsening our climate and environment, especially for our children and grandchildren, and not protecting us against Covid-19 now numbering 215,000 deaths

and nearly eight million infected (this list stops at about a dozen10 but could go on and on)

Treat voters as adults. Assume that they are intelligent people who want to do the right thing. Also tell them that strong evidence indicates that if they vote for Trump in 2020 not only do they risk their incomes and family well-being, but the death of American democracy and the United States alone, being overpowered by the Chinese dictatorship

This Time of Trump isn't normal America. For almost 250 years - however imperfect, The "United States" (not "Red" or "Blue has functioned as a leading, admired democracy. This is the 'normal". The Trump, "I alone" and divider of us, who ignores or destroys American institutions, traditions and rules, does crippling long term damage to the country. This is not the normal of Presidents Washington, Lincoln, Teddy and FDR Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhauer, or Reagan. Americans have a choice. Choose their distinguished legacy and all that those before us contributed to including the soldiers of "Our Greatest Generation" Or choose Donald Trump. You can't be both for them and him.

> KEVIN KANE SPENCER

Avoid financial mistakes during retirement

When you retire, you've learned a lot about all sorts of things, helping you avoid some of the mistakes you made earlier in life. However, you may still be susceptible to financial missteps specifically related to your retirement years. How can you dodge these errors?

Consider these suggestions:

Manage your with-



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drawal rate carefully. You will likely need to tap into your retirement accounts – your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But you should establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation. By withdrawing too much each year, especially in the early

years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine the withdrawal amount that's right for you. (Keep in mind, though, that once you turn 72, you will be required to take out at least a certain amount each year – based on your age and account balance – from your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar plan.)

Don't underestimate health care costs. Once you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan and will probably also incur other expenses. In fact, a healthy 65-year-old couple who retired in 2019 will need nearly \$390,000 over their remaining years just to pay for health care, according to HealthView Services, which produces health-care cost projection software. Other estimates show different amounts, but they all amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. So, when calculating your expenses during your retirement years, reserve a big space for health care.

Don't take Social Security too early. You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks when you reach age 62, but your payments will generally be significantly larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will probably be between 66 and 67. (The size of your payments will "max out" at age 70.) Of course, if you need the money at 62, you may have to take it, but if you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.)

Don't invest too conservatively. Once you're retired, you might think that you should take as few chances as possible with your investments – after all, you simply have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your working years. Nonetheless, its important to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, which we've experience recently, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.

Don't be more generous than you can afford. If you have grown children who need financial help, or grandchildren heading to college someday, you'd no doubt like to do whatever you can to provide assistance. However, the hard truth is they simply have more time than you do to find workable financial solutions, whereas if you deplete your funds through your generosity, you could put yourself in a precarious position. So, be as giving as you can afford – but don't go beyond that. By preserving your financial independence, you'll end up benefiting your family, as well.

Retirement can be a wonderful time of your life – and you may enjoy it more by doing what you can to avoid costly financial mistakes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leftist-Democrat "signs" of desperation

To the Editor:

Hope everyone had a wonderful Columbus Day weekend with autumnal splendor ablaze! As a seasoned Conservative-Republican and pro-family political activist since 1982, I read with interest, albeit preliminary skepticism, the page-one article in the October 9th New Leader by Kevin Flanders concerning sign vandalism. By the time I finished reading it, my skepticism had turned to disgust and anger, not merely at just the vandal(s) alluded to in the article, but rather to the extremely deliberate and one-sided slant the article clearly advances, to the advantage of one Party and slate of candidates with less than one month to go to Election Day! You see, folks, this is why so many of your fellow Americans don't trust the media in general, and the literal "press" in particular. In liberal Democrat-favoring Massachusetts, does any thinking person really believe the spin of this article that most definitely implies Trump supporters are the perpetrators of such acts? To be fair to Mr. Flanders, the article does indeed make a vague referenced to "Three more thefts of political signs at properties across town were reported last week", but there was no fuller discussion as to what candidates or party those stolen signs favored, nor the larger number of such

incidents over a longer period of time this election season. My educated and experience-based instinct is that there is likely far more such acts of vandalism and hatred directed against Trump supporters, Republican candidates and their signs. I can say this because our standouts with hundreds of fellow area patriots supporting our President and Police in our towns and cities has earned many of us the most ugly and vile responses from some drivers and passengers on the political/ideological Left, you know, the lovers and respecters of tolerance and diversity, "Hate has no home here" (Lol)!

Anyway, having been raised in better Worcester public schools and quality education of yesteryear, I was taught to think critically and independent of exclusive "group think" patterns. Reading Orwell, Huxley and many others, and later understanding how the Left operates when they are desperate and see their side losing, there are a number of possible ways to look at Ms. Linette Powell's alleged experience with her signs. If this person is who I think she is, her home (in my general northern section of town) is well known as a local shrine to the lunatic-Left fringe. That property in view of Route 31 in Spencer featured a large,

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Help give a Spencer child a merry **Christmas**

To the Editor:

We are getting ready to kick off the 2020 Christmas season, and it is our hope to help make a Spencer child's Christmas a happy one. Last year, more than 200 Spencer children received gifts for Christmas through the efforts of this generous community. We cannot do it without your help. Monetary donations, new toys and family/child sponsors who "adopt" them are what makes our world go around.

We are under the Spencer Exchange Club's Charitable Trust Foundation. Spencer Toys for Tots is now called Spencer Toys for Kids. With tis merge, we are able to use their 501(c)3 status, so we will not have to pay tax on the toys we purchase. This helps us a lot! I've been a proud member of Spencer Exchange Club for more than 20 years, and the generosity of its members is second to none!

Spencer Toys for Kids has been helping Spencer families for more than 50 years. We have a main distribution the third week of December, but we will fill all needs right up to Christmas. Children 13 years old and younger receive gifts and stocking stuffers. Applications will be available starting the first week of November at Spencer Post Office & ERA Key Realty (415B) Main Street. We have also downloaded them to our Facebook page. Monetary donations can be sent to Spencer Toys for Kids, P.O. Box 186, Spencer, MA 01562. One hundred percent of these donations go right to the kids. We have no administrative fees! New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Spencer Fire Department, Spencer Post Office, Cornerstone Bank (Spencer office) & ERA Key Realty. If you would like to "adopt" a family, let us know! We will supply you with a child/family "wish list." This part of our program is amazing! It enables us to do a little bit better for the kids that are not sponsored. I wish you could see the wonderful gifts that come in. In my family, my kids sponsor kids in lieu of gifts for each other.

My office at ERA Key Realty Services becomes Santa's workshop in November and December, where we collect, sort & distribute to the families. We are grateful to the owners for allowing us to take over the building and sometimes the staff to get this done.

We have a handful of dedicated shoppers who run with the rest of the lists and purchase items with such great care with your monetary donations.

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Corruption

To the Editor:

On Aug. 20, former Trump campaign manager Steve Bannon was indicted in New York on fraud charges for defrauding hundreds of thousands of donors online through the 'We Build the Wall'

Bannon is (maybe) the third Trump campaign head to be indicted. (I lost track.) The others were Paul Manafort, who was found guilty on eight counts including filing false tax returns, bank fraud, and failing to disclose a foreign bank account; the other was Rick Gates, Donald Trump's former deputy campaign manager. He pleaded guilty to two felony counts: conspiracy against the U.S. and lying to federal authorities about work he and Manafort did in

Just yesterday Trump's major campaign fund-raiser, Elliot Broidy, was arrested on charges of evading foreign lobbying laws.

Roger Stone was a Trump consultant (I think that was his title) who was convicted on 7 counts of impeding an investigation and witness intimidation, But he is loyal so Trump may pardon him, not so with Michael Cohen. Trump's lawver from 2006–2018 and a vice-president in The Trump Organization. Cohen entered two guilty pleas, the first in August 2018, for eight federal felonies, including tax fraud,

bank fraud, and campaign-finance violations (Remember the payments to Stormy Daniels?). The second plea in Nov. for lying to a Senate committee about efforts to build a Trump Tower in Moscow. In total he was sentenced to three years in federal prison and ordered to pay a \$50,000 fine.

There were other campaign advisors: Micheal Flynn, and George Nader, both foreign policy advisors. Flynn, later appointed as National Security Advisor is awaiting sentencing. Nadar was sentenced in June of this year to 10 years for sex trafficking.

Cohen was released from prison during the COVID outbreak. He could have gotten out a bit earlier if he had signed a nondisclosure agreement offered by Trump's lawyers. (This doesn't sound legal, but in the new reality we all face, it's normal.) Trump did not want Cohen to write a book, but this is still a democracy, and so the book has been published, and it outlines what it's like to work for a "mafia

All of these stories are public records (and I have by no means included all of the people in the Trump circle that have been caught) You can easily find these and more because we have a free press and an open internet. (for now). The 1st

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The Republic of What I Want

After exhaustive thought and observation, I do think we need a new brand. It is superficial to keep calling ourselves united anything, so based upon these observations, I think "What I Want" is a more descriptive and appropriate name. We can keep the same flag, to wrap ourselves in, and constitution, which, like the Bible, we can interpret in any manner that supports our views.

Our main pillar will be freedom. We will continue to use it to justify doing whatever we want to do. Unlike a spoiled child, who grew up with a silver spoon in his mouth, and now has a complete support network, that includes a justice and state department that he can activate in support of his political will, a new health expert, whose views will coincide exactly with his (to include herd immunity as a plan, as opposed to a complete lack of

Taxpayer funded venues, like the Whitehouse, Mt. Rushmore, etc., are apparently now completely at the disposal of the POTUS for any political purpose of his choice. Concerns about re-election, which have long been job #1, are now his exclusive focus, although he may squeeze in a few rounds of golf, if only to send more revenue his way.

Here in Massachusetts, where we long resisted Federal seat belt directives, until our highway assistance was threatened.

we are now being pressed to ignore Fauci, Birx and science that says masks work, by a man who lives in a bubble, has instant testing and chose to ignore it, had Marine #1 drop him at Walter Reed, where a team of doctors availed him of every possible treatment, from stem cells to vaccines in development,

Here in the land of What I Want-we are tired of the Trump/Pence virus, and taking the cue from these leaders, charged to protect us, have declared it over. Not withstanding the 35 cases in proximity of the Whitehouse, and the fairly steady daily death count, wearing of masks is no longer in vogue, and signals a protest against the Republic of What I Want. Considering that New York City has showed us what overwhelmed hospitals look like, I can only hope that our journey to herd immunity cooperates by not resulting in refrigerated trucks full of bodies nationwide.

Here in the Republic, we have just experienced a power outage. With our "new normal" including instant gratification, I am always amazed that we are descended from the pioneers who survived in the wild. We camp for fun, but a steady diet of it would not be pretty. Remember, only about half of us remember pay phones or Fotomat booths.

In review of [last] week's letters, clearly

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Political "signs" of the times

To the Editor:

Twelve years ago this month, I gave up a day to design and paint an eightfoot-by-four-foot sheet of plywood with the message:

«NObama, not now...not ever!" «McCain /Palin»

Using red, yellow, blue, and white, I made the "O" in NObama look as much as I could like the campaign logo for he who would "fundamentally transform the United States." I added the Stars 'n Stripes on either side of the candidates, but my efforts were really made on behalf of the Pride of the Klondike.

With some help from my son, we sank two 4x4 posts in the ground, and nailed the awe-inspiring masterpiece to the uprights positioned so that traffic coming down the road wouldn't miss its message. I stepped back to admire my work and said, "A visual tour de force! If the Museum of Fine Arts ever does an exhibit on "Art of the Rural Reactionary Right," I know they'll want this baby. I'll let it go for a couple hundred thousand."

My neighbor, a man much wiser to the ways of the world than myself, called over: "So, John, how long do you think that will last?" "What do you mean?" He just smiled and said, "Well, we'll see.'

The product of my creative genius stood bravely for almost exactly 36

hours before it had to be retired from service. At an unknown point during the second night of its glorious but ephemeral existence, some little Naziin-training came onto my property and with his (her?) trusty spray can of black paint crossed out dear Sarah's name (along with McCain), sprayed swastikas on the work, and delivered the coup de grace by scrawling "Freedom!!" in large, clumsily printed letters.

Thus arrived my rude awakening to the ugly matter of political vandalism. I've paid attention ever since, and was therefore interested to read last week's New Leader article about the subject. If the reporter's account was meant to elicit a visceral reaction from those of us in the Trump or conservative camp residing in the area, it succeeded. The unstated but clearly understood message of the article was, for me, "Watch out, the Trump totalitarians are out to get your First Amendment protections!

First of all, since I drive a truck as a part-time job and cover the back roads of this and a much broader area of the state, I can tell you first-hand, the signs of the Democrats are, like mushrooms after a shower, popping up all over the place (this is, after all, Massachusetts) and they are--as always--left entirely

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Inspiration is all around

I work as an engineer. I didn't start out as one. My first job out of high school was a dock worker at Come Play Products making \$2.25 an hour. It was backbreaking work loading trucks, but I needed a job. Thru a friend, who knew I was a good mechanic, I got a job at a lawn mower shop. After doing this a while, I realized to make a better living I need that paper called a college degree. I started taking courses while working. My boss was flexible on my schedule to help me out. Eventually I earned a BS in Mech Engineering. With no experience, my first job was as an engineering tech. That got my foot into the business. After 30 years, I worked my way up to management. Not bad for a kid from a family of seven

I am always interested in how people got their start. Did they start out with a plan or did things just happen on the way? I always tell my kids any job or going to a school is a good thing. It opens the door to opportunities. You learn and meet people. You learn with a good attitude people will want to help you. These are the connections and inspirations that move you ahead. I am not too religious. I never liked the way the various religions try to elevate their members over those who are not. Seems to promote a lot of the animosity

in the world. Instead I drill into my children the "Golden Rule". Treat others as how you would like to be treated. Pretty simple but I think it the best rule to live by.

I wrote an article a little while ago where I praised my great grandfather and others of his time for their contributions in the Civil War. That was a long time ago, but their service still inspires me. Leaving everything you know to put your life on the line for others. Yes, these ideals still inspire me today. I want to try to understand it and live up to it. When I walk down the streets of Spencer I am also inspired. Where Price Chopper is used to be the David Prouty Shoe factory. I've read stories about this enterprise and I am in awe. Who was this guy to invest so much time and energy to build this factory? Did he do it just to make money or to provide a source of lively hood to hundreds of families. The people who worked there. They got their start working maybe working as a stitcher then eventually to office manager. How was this created from nothing? To me that is amazing and inspiring. Likewise, with all these businesses. Whitco, Klems, Flexcon, etc. Who started these? How did they take that big gamble? How did they work thru all

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Comic relief

To The Editor:

At least there wasn't a Fractured Fairytale or Demented Nursery Rhyme in the previous Letter to the Editor section of the New Leader. There are some things that just crawl up my spine, such as when people use baby talk, loud eating, someone brushing their teeth... don't ask... but, butchering classics, such as Humpty Dumpty, with some of the most condescending undertones all but calling conservatives mentally handicapped knuckle draggers, is just such an egregious offence that it cannot go without being brought before the court of the LTE pages of the New Leader. Justice must be served! I can only imagine the satirist in absolute stiches as they feverishly typed away on their Corona (that's a brand of an ancient device called a typewriter for all you millennials). Upon pounding in the last period they gripped the top of the paper and pulled it out, holding it in that air like Mustafa held up Simba. But, trumping the Land of Make Believe, and not to be outdone by anybody but himself, enter the Omar-Zone.

If you were to be playing a drinking game with the latest edition of "As the Har-Yorak Turns" and had to drink every time the word Covid-19 was used we would be reading about you in another section of this paper. Note to self, do NOT make a drinking game out of his

google-fueled Har-Yorants! One simply cannot consume that much alcohol without dire consequences! Bravo at filling up so much of the LTE section with paragraphs devoid of any and all meaning or logic. Lastly, just to clear something up, the 99 percent survival rate was in reference to those who have had the virus, not a percentage of the entire population of the United States. I'm sure you did that to continue pumping others with fear that this virus will kill us all. The [Corona]virus (ok, at this point I may be taunting... but just slightly) throughout the three demographics (young, middle aged, and elderly) never dips below a 99 percent survival. Again, that is a statistic

for those who have been stricken with the virus, not the entire population!

For those of you who were reveling along with Hanoi Jane regarding our president being diagnosed with Covid (she having called it God's gift to the left), thanks for help us prove how hypocritical you really are and just how much hate courses through your veins. As much as I did not agree with 99 percent (see what I did there) of what former President Obama did, said, etc., I never once wished death upon him or his family. From the time President Trump took the oath, you have been chomping at the bit just waiting for him to be shown the

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amendment of the Constitution guarantees freedom of the press, although Trump would like to see it prohibited. Trump has done his best to silence the CDC so they do not report COVID deaths any longer, and also to totally remove any mention of climate change from EPA reports or its website. But don't expect to see these stories highlighted on Fox news. Because Fox is



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complicit and enables Trump. Trump tweeted "Liberate Michigan" earlier this summer, and his minions set out to attack the capitol building in Michigan and kidnap and try the Governor for crimes. I believe this is America. How did this happen? There is only one word. Trump. He has changed reality. All of us need to vote to end this horror, and then work to save democracy.

> NANCY TAME SPENCER

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They shop the sales, multiple stores and even venture out on Black Friday to get the most bang for your buck. They do this year after year, and we are lucky to have them.

Items like mittens and hats are always great to have also! Follow and like us on Facebook Spencer Toys for Kids. We will keep you updated on our page as to what is going on during the Christmas season with our program. This program runs as well as it does because we are blessed with people who care in this community. Let's work together to help make a Spencer child's Christmas a happy one. Thank you!

> Donna Morin-Flannery DIRECTOR Spencer Toys for Kids

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illuminated obnoxious sign supporting twice-rejected Hillary Clinton, some 2-3 years or more AFTER her well-deserved defeat for President in 2016! The homeowner certainly has that right to display such, but Mrs. Clinton is an apparent felon, thus far un-convicted for her crime(s), of which there are, I'm sure, many, not just the infamous 33,000 or so e-mails bleached from her computer server. Please know I don't condone or cheer any such vandalism/ theft, and hope the real perpetrators at the Powell's property (or anyone else's home where signs are targeted) are caught and prosecuted accordingly. That said, when you create such a shrine or display in defiance of perhaps the local prevailing moderate-to-Conservative political sentiment prevailing, you are likely to attract attention, and not all of it "wanted". Ask me how I know. I've witnessed several of my own GOP or Conservative signs destroyed or stolen in previous years/campaigns when Democrats had a firmer control of the area and offices held.

This "puff piece" by Mr. Flanders strikes me as something right out of the Left's playbook written by Saul Alinsky, and titled "Rules for Radicals". You demonize your opponent and accuse them of that which, you, yourselves, are guilty. The possibilities here are (1) these acts of vandalism against Ms. Powell's property are "invented" to didates; (2) these acts were committed by others on the political Left to deliberately create a plausible appearance of victimhood for the homeowner/her causes/candidates; (3) these acts were committed by political opponents of Ms. Powell as the article strongly implies, or (4) these acts were done either randomly for kicks, thrills or by a person(s) who dislikes Ms. Powell or other members of her family, for whatever reason they may have. My point here is that I'm not taking this article at face value because I have many unanswered questions and I'm calling "BS", based on its deliberately-biased content and suspect timing. It amounts to free political advertising and campaigning for Democrats imho, and Mr. Flanders and the New Leader should use better judgement when running such a piece at election time-to be fair and balanced in their reporting/story. Please, let's find out how many Trump-Pence, Lovvorn, Hall and other Republican signage or Flags have been defaced, destroyed or stolen before leading readers to a conclusion. Most Republicans aren't whiners, or perpetually beating the drums of grievance with regard to lawn or house signs. We simply get more signs and keep going, and many of us probably haven't even reported such acts against us to local authorities over the years. Readers deserve better than that; put another way, we're not that stupid!

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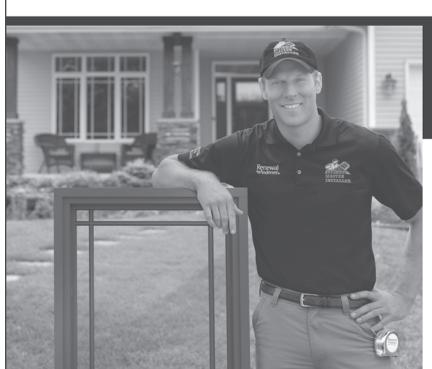
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unmolested. There are Neal, Biden-Harris, Gobi, and McGovern signs in abundance. Never trashed, always there, day after day.

It is a somewhat rare sight, though, to see a Trump, Lovvorn, or Hall sign. In the case of the President, the answer is obvious: one risks serious damage to one's property (car, house, etc.) if you are brave--or rich--enough to proclaim vour support for the best President of my lifetime. And, in some enlightened urban areas, you put at very real risk your physical safety simply by wearing a Trump T-shirt or hat. Such is the true state of the left's respect for anyone else's rights other than their own.

We are seeing tremendous support for the President at our roadside standouts, literally thousands of vehicles passing by whose occupants are clearly on our--and his--side. Yet, almost no Trump stickers on the windows or bumpers. Why? Easy. The fear of having your nice car or pickup seriously damaged by the Trump-hating lunatics who live among us is well founded. We love the President, but there's no point in going into debt to have your keyed car repainted.

And, what about the outspoken liberal complainant in the article who implicitly claims her sign (which she says only "honored" the 200,000 victims of the [Corona]virus) was busted up by night-riding, fanatical Trumpsters, who, in a previous time, would have arrived on horseback while clad in bed sheets with pointy hats and carrying flaming torches.

Actually. I've seen the vandalized sign--or one exactly like it--and it honors precisely no one. It only attempts to blame the President for the tragedy of the pandemic despite the fact that honest people would agree his administration's handling of this unprecedented disaster has been about as good as any fair-minded person could have asked.

But, that's all they've got: the pandemic. Russia collusion failed, Ukraine failed, impeachment failed. Stormy Daniels failed, disrespecting dead American soldiers failed, all their other attempts to be rid of their nemesis failed. Their "Hail Mary" is the pandemic. They don't mourn any losses to the virus as much as they hope for ever higher body counts--maybe that will finally end their four-year-long night-

Thirdly, mention is made of a large sign in the area of Thompson Pond Road in No. Spencer which has--or had--been there for years and which tells the passing motorists that whoever lives in that house is not like you rabble, you knuckle-dragging, dull-witted peasants from the region who voted for Trump---no, no, no, we, the occupants, being clearly superior people, voted for Clinton (surely the most corrupt woman, sorry, politician in American history), and Kaine (the Harvard Law genius who claims America invented slavery).

How many times have I, over the years, driven by and looked to see if it was plastered on the side of that house? Yep, sure enough, "Clinton/Kaine"... still there, a testimony to the patience and good nature of the politically-conservative community in the area who just ignore it and go about their business. Once, a young passenger asked me, "That sign. Wasn't the election years ago? Why is it still there?'

"Now that's a very good question, my man. I think it's probably because out-of-touch moonbats live there, folks who like to signal their virtue, and I would bet you my Ernie Banks rookie card they have a "Hate has no home here" sign in their yard. Actually, the sign monstrosity, from 2016, is a giant middle finger, an in-your-face provocation to the neighborhood and to those Trump supporters traveling by on Route 31. Do you understand that if it had read "Trump/Pence 2016" it wouldn't have lasted three days rather than the three-plus years this one has been displayed? I have no idea who lives there, but if it's a couple, I call them Lucinda Lackbrain and her "life partner" Luigi---or, the Lu-Lu's.

No, whoever owns that house are just typical suburban liberals who proclaim their superiority at every opportunity, and who proudly support Communistfront organizations like Black Lives Matter all the while living in safe, small towns as pristine white as the snow fields on a sunny December day surrounding the humble abode of Muk Muk the Igloo Boy.

When my privacy was invaded, and my property destroyed, I notified the New Leader and the Worcester Telegram. It didn't generate any attention from the former, while the latter gave it a couple lines in an article on the topic. Imagine if my sign had been pro-Obama; the FBI, State Police, and the local gendarmerie, plus Boston media would have been all over the "hate crime." In postmodern America, all pigs are equal, it's just that some pigs are more equal than others.

In an interview with the defeated Mr. Hall running two years ago for the State Senate seat held by Ms. Gobi, the New Leader reported the disappointed and disillusioned G.O.P. candidate didn't expect to run again as his campaign had suffered the loss of hundreds of his lawn signs either stolen or destroyed, and there didn't seem to be any way to stop it. There were no New Leader feature articles on his victimhood, no investigations, and no solicited comments from police chiefs and local, well-known liberal politicians. One could be forgiven for thinking, "Well, what does Hall expect as a Republican in Massachusetts running against an established Democrat politico? Fairness?" He's making another try this cycle: let's see how his signs are treated now, and if the New Leader will show any interest in his situation.

If the New Leader wishes to do an article on open and gross expressions of political animosity and hatred falling just short of outright violence, I invite them to send Mr. Kevin Flanders, the reporter, to come and observe one of our lively and exciting standouts for President Trump where he would witness first-hand the predictably crazed reaction to our rally coming from a small minority of vocal, unhinged, and not-too-bright Trump-hating crazies (and he wouldn't have to wonder from which side of the political divide it was coming).

We'll be at the Charlton Common this coming Friday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. If you have thought about joining us to take a stand for the one man in the country who stands between us and a socialist hell sure to come from President Harris and her Commie administration, you'd better make a move. We only have a few

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the problems to make them it what they are today? Who believed in them? They must have been truly amazing people to have that drive and ambition. It takes people with a vision to build and run these businesses. They in turn give the people of the community a way to support their families. These people are the ones that build society. They have the courage and guts to take the chance even when it may fail. And then they still have the gumption to try again. One of the retiring owners of a company I worked for told me it wasn't the company he was most proud of but it was his ability to help his workers provide for their families. Truly amazing people.

Part of what makes me is the mosaic of those before me. Their stories inspire me to be grateful for what I

am and opportunities I have. I am one 12th of Levi who fought in the Civil war, one 12th of Evelyn (Cournoyer) Robillard who worked sowing soles on shoes in the factory, one 12th of Edward Robillard who moved from Canada to work as a loom spinner in the local textile mills, one 12th of Maurice King who immigrated from Ireland in 1909 and eventually served our country as a major in WWII. I am fully aware when they came here there was discrimination with "No Irish Allowed" and "No French Allowed" signs up openly in many places. I have been told of the stories of their hardships. It makes me want to be a better person. If one of my ancestors had been a slave, I would have just as much pride in them. I have to believe they struggled thru all this for something. I hope that something is me and my children. I believe I owe it to them to be the best person I can be.

Life is about putting yourself in a

place and having the attitude to succeed. You need to know the history. I see the letters from "whiners" like Terrance Washington and Omar Har-Yarok railing about how those were the old days, that they don't matter. Well they do. They matter to the builders of society. You look to the past to see the virtues and the failings of those before. Learn from their mistakes. Be inspired and build on the good things. The "whiners" are only good at tearing down. They walk around angry with a chip on your shoulder. That gets them nowhere fast. Telling yourself you're not good enough or the world is against you is not going to help you one bit. Defeatism will lead to you being defeated. It doesn't matter what race or color you are if you walk around spouting out hatred and contempt. You blame your failings on everything else except where it squarely falls, on yourself. When I work alongside someone it makes life a lot easier if we respect each other and work together to get the job done. I could care less what race, sex, or nationality you are as long as you put in the effort. In fact, I enjoy working with people who are different. Imagine how boring would it be if we were all the same? But I hate working with a "whiner "because in the end I end up doing their work for them. My hope is to inspire and be inspired by everyone I meet. I want to thank those in the past and present that have inspired me. You make life beautiful and amazing. I'm supporting Donald Trump because he is the best option to give us a strong country with opportunities for those with pride and vision to succeed. If you are a "whiner" and need the government to take care of you, then vote for Joe and the socialist.

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exit one way or another. There hasn't been a week that has gone by without one of the usual loons calling for his resignation, another impeachment, or going so far as to hope he dies from Covid or assassination. To you people... seek professional help immediately! Trump Derangement Syndrome is a real thing. It can be cured with education, truth, and logic, but you have to want to get better!

OK, on with the show! This Fridays' Trump / Back the Blue Stand Out in Leicester did not disappoint! The Duke of Drama and Prince Ponytail made a second appearance, although this time it only amounted to a cameo. Thanks for coming out, boys, and lending us some comic relief as the police lectured vou about how to be civil and not to infringe on others 1st Amendment rights. Stellar performance and we hope to see you again! If you happen to be reading this, we will be on the Charlton Common this Friday the 16th.

To the repugnant little Antifa wannabe who chose to single out the elderly in the crowd and verbally assault them only to be shut down by an Old Man with a cane, you may want to rethink your goals

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some are as aware that the founders were fans of What I Want, even before it existed. It was largely about strong personalities, their self interest and a very exclusive old boys club. Parties then were cliques and money and influence was the ticket for admission. In their defense, there was no IRS, so they who paid the bills got the voice. Women and slaves were property and your wealth level and contributions controlled the volume of your voice. State legislatures appointed senators and certainly the great unwashed could not be trusted to elect a president. The electoral college is every bit as convoluted and unequal as was the entire original plan to deliver What I Want.

We have fought wars, established a civil society, and a justice system, in order to live with a degree of safety so we don't have to fear foreign actors or

in life. If you continue to underestimate old men with canes, I have a sneaking suspicion you may be looking at "early retirement," if you catch my drift.

There were also two youngin's who staked a claim next to Dunkin's. Their signs were the usual lefty drivel. One sign read, "Anti-Trump Not Anti-America..." It also has some hashtags that were quite illegible. The other mind numbed protester held a sign offering her body to our President... or was it a call for all of us to offer ourselves up to Trump for his carnal pleasure. In any event, I am sure he is quite content with Melania, the most stunning First Lady this country could ever had been blessed with! Anyways. after a brief back-and-forth, she told me to 'go back to raping women'... To which I replied, "If that's the case then you have nothing to worry about." Amazingly, she didn't speak to me for the remainder of the time spent there.

Yes, they got a few honks, mostly other young, brain-rinsed females and soy sucking beta-males. The same type that will drive by with a flurry f-bombs and middle fingers, but will only seek out those the feel are the meekest of us all for an actual face to face confrontation.

Am I surprised that they are now infiltrating our peaceful Stand Outs? Not really. Why? Enthusiasm or the lack there of,

domestic criminals or terrorist, coming into our homes and killing us. It appears that violation of this concept, now carries a dollar value. If you are murdered in your bed, it is a \$12 million jackpot. That is clearly acknowledged, while most of the other facts have been so perverted, that this payment should completely cover all

My wife is a former paralegal, and wrongful death was one area her practice covered. Even she acknowledges that all damages cannot be justice at any monetary level.

If you get my gist, all organizations are perfect fits for the Republic of What I Want- BLM, Antifa, Boogaloo, Proud Boys-I think all would acknowledge "It is what it is" as their motto. Whether standing somewhere with a sign, or displaying one, or just speaking up- I think the new national anthem needs to be I want it all and I want it now.'

It is now clear that the Trump/Pence virus is not just the flu. The NFL, with

for their candidate! The biggest problem they face with the candidate the democrats have propped up like Bernie Lomax is no excitement! There is such a deficit of it in the democrat party for the Biden/ Harris ticket that they need to crash ours. While we have been seeing numbers of 50 plus people on average, they have rallies of all but a handful. Such as the Biden/ Spencer on Saturday... I've seen morgues with more life than the people who stood out there. By the way, unlike the vitriol I commonly receive from the triggered lefties who have succumbed to the over stimuli of Trump signs and American Flags, not one vulgar word made it past my lips nor did I extend the middle digit on either hand. I did proudly fly my "Trump 2020 – Make America Great Again" flag through the sunroof as I slowly drove by.

As stated before, this Friday, Oct. 16, we will be back in the lovely town of Charlton Bring a sign, a flag, and a friend! Let's finish out these few remaining weeks with a strong showing! With the finish line being so close, this is no time to be caught

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near infinite resources, can't control it. There is no reason that anyone should think that there would not be both short and long terms costs for opening schools. Kids won't distance in the Republic of MA. home, and die of COPD or heart issues

Having made my living in the vehicle emissions monitoring trade, climate issues are close to my heart. As I sit here writing, we are in a red flag warning, and my glorious and colorful fall foliage is in the peril that California is seeing. Drilling in the arctic reserve and running leaky sludge pipes from Canada to Texas, is delivering cheap gas, so we can all drive pickups and big SUVs. China was wearing masks long before this plague, and

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LEGALS

Town of Spencer Office Of The **Sewer Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Attention Spencer Residents**

Harris rally they held in the center of A public hearing with the sewer commissioners will be held to discuss sewer rate fees Wednesday, October 21, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

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Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

from 4pm until 6pm, on the common. In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law:

Joseph Zalieckas has filed a request to Amend the Order of Conditions with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace a retaining wall with a block retaining wall located at 57 Oakland Drive, Spencer, MA.

Larry Tomasino has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a paver pathway and granite steps at 98 Chickering Road, Spencer,

What I Want, will get infected, bring it Ethan & Diana O'Brien have filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to demolish a camp and propose a single-family dwelling at 111 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A remote public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at which time all persons having an interest may call in to Greetings from the Republic of What i participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m.

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Gertrude A. Bourdeau, 100

BROOKFIELD-Gertrude (Madigan) Bourdeau, 100 years old, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, October 9,2020 in Brookhaven Assisted Living in West Brookfield.



She is survived by her two sons, Dr Peter A Bourdeau and his wife Kristine of Miami, FL, and David P Bourdeau, and his wife Nancy of Ware, MA. She also leaves a daughter-in-

law, Gayle, of Benson, AZ. She was a loving grandmother to six, Michael, Daniel, Matthew, Alison, Jonathan and Stephen as well as a great grandmother to nine and great great grandmother to seven. Gertrude was predeceased by her loving husband of 65 years, Richard A. Bourdeau, her eldest son John, and a grandchild Jennifer Lynn.

Gertrude was born in Warren, MA, daughter of John and Lucille Madigan. She graduated from Warren High School, Class of 1937. As a junior in high school she and her sister Mary were members of the debating team which went on to win the state championship.

Upon graduation she went on

to work at the American Optical Company in Southbridge. There she met the love of her life, Richard. Together, through the years, they owned and operated several businesses including Richard's Furniture in Brookfield.

ertrude and Richard lived in retirement until his passing in 2008. She then continued to live on her own until the age of 96. Since that time she resided at Brookhaven Assisted Living in West Brookfield, receiving loving and compassionate care.

A woman of faith, Gertrude lived a life of simple pleasures: watching sports, cooking, reading, dining out, but first and foremost came family. To Gertrude, family was not just part of life it was life itself, it was everything. She will be missed by all who Monday, October 5 at his home after a had her in their lives and will forever remain a role model and inspiration.

The funeral Mass for Gertrude will be celebrated on Thursday, October 15,2020 at 11:00am in Sacred Heart Church in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish 22 West Main St. West Brookfield. Burial will follow privately in St.Pauls Cemetery in Warren. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield

Lois H. Austin, 72

EAST BROOKFIELD-Lois H. Austin. longtime resident of East Brookfield died on October 8th at Quaboag Rehabilitation in West Brookfield at the age of 72.



Lois was born in Southbridge, Ma on October 24, 1947. She was the daughter of Frederick and Herta Austin and lived most of her life in the family home on South Pond in East Brookfield. She is predeceased by

her parents and her brothers. Lloyd and Arnold, and her sisters, Thelma Austin LaVergne and Beverly Austin Jones, nephews and a niece.

Lois attended schools in East Brookfield and graduated from David

Prouty in Spencer in 1965. She graduated from David Hale Fanning School of Nursing in Worcester with her LPN and worked at Harrington Hospital for many years.

In addition to her love of life on the lake, she loved her many cats, knitting and crocheting, and her yearly trips to Bermuda. Special memories of her longtime friends, Sue and Kathy, for smuggling in the "not diet approved" Chinese food with her special Egg Foo Yung with gravy on our birthdays every year.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date under the direction of Belanger - Bullard Funeral Home, Southbridge, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Shelter or Harrington Hospital Auxiliary in Southbridge, MA.

Sean P. McKeon, 46

EAST BROOKFIELD-P. McKeon, 46, of 112 Cove St., died long battle with heart disease.



He leaves his mother, Janet R. (Larson) Letendre and her husband Steven of East Brookfield with whom he lived, his biological father Paul McKeon of CA., three brothers; Philip L. McKeon of Thompson,

CT, Paul McKeon, Jr. of Worcester, Ryan J. Letendre and his wife Kayla of Havelock, NC., a sister Christine L. Lentz of East Brookfield and many nieces and nephews.

Born in Worcester, he grew up in East Brookfield and graduated from David Prouty High School in Spencer. He lived in Texas for five years before returning to East Brookfield.

He worked at CSX Transportation in East Brookfield as an inspector for the past year. He was an avid golfer and held his certification as a PGA golf instructor. He also enjoyed fishing.

At his family's request there are no Funeral Services planned. Please make a donation in Sean's name to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave., Waltham, MA. 02451.

The J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, Spencer are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Spencer man receives keys to a brighter future

SPENCER — Imagine trying to live a productive life in central Massachusetts without reliable transportation. It would be a struggle to say the least, but for one Spencer man the struggle is now

On Sept. 11, Alexander MacMillan received a life-changing car from the vehicle-donation nonprofit Good News Garage. His used 2009 Mitsubishi Galant, donated by a generous New Englander, will transport him to a brighter future. MacMillan is one of over 5,000 recipients of a vehicle from Good News Garage since the New England-based charity began providing reliable transportation to neighbors in need in 1996.

Good News Garage awards vehicles to Massachusetts residents who cannot afford to purchase them on their own through a partnership with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. This program is administered out of Good News Garage's Manchester, New Hampshire office.

A lack of transportation is one of the biggest reasons why people cannot achieve upward mobility. Good News Garage's ability to help our neighbors in need is only limited by the number of vehicle donations it receives. The organization remains one of the few



car-donation programs in the country that connects donors' old or unused cars with neighbors in need.

As we approach winter during the COVID pandemic, the need for safe, reliable vehicles is in especially high demand. Personal vehicles are lifelines for families and individuals that rely on them to obtain nutritious food, schooling, medical care, and stable employment.

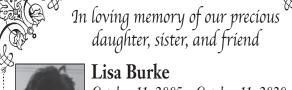
For more information or to donate, visit www.GoodNewsGarage.org.

Good News Garage is a member of Ascentria Care Alliance, one of the largest human services organizations in

New England. With locations throughout the region, Ascentria is creating measurable, positive impact in communities by empowering people to reach beyond life's challenges and thrive. For more information, visit ascentria.org.

About Good News Garage Good News Garage launched in Burlington, Vermont in 1996 as one of the nation's first car donation nonprofits providing affordable and reliable transportation options for people in need. Now expanded to Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Good News Garage has provided over 5,000 New England families with reliable vehicles. The organization's goal is to increase opportunities for its clients to move out of poverty and into financial and social stability. For more information about Good News Garage or to donate a car, truck, or van visit GoodNewsGarage.org or call 877.GIVE AUTO (877-44-3288).

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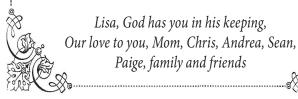


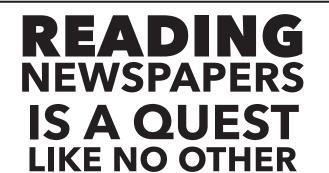
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"One of my favorite photos of my dear friend. She was walking one step ahead of me as I married Mike... and she was so happy for us the Kenny Chesney song "Who you'd be today" reminds me of her but this year as I thought about that question, I knew I had the answer. She would be our Lisa: a loving devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister, a major supporter and cheerleader of any child blessed to call her auntie, a manager of a rehab facility where she would give so much to her workers and her patients, a best friend more like a sister. She would love cell phones, social media and following everyone's stories. She would be the same person who became my best friend at 13 but better because she would have taken all her experiences and used them to shape her world and mine. Not a day goes by that I don't miss her smile, her laugh but another line of the song helps me because I know ("I'll see you again someday")."





Leicester resident graduates with Class of 2020 at Stonehill College

EASTON — Leana Radzik, of Leicester, graduated with the Class of 2020 during a virtual Commencement Ceremony this summer at Stonehill College.

Initially scheduled for Sunday, May 17 with a traditional in-person format but knocked off course by COVID-19, Stonehill's 69th Commencement finally took place on Saturday, August 8 making history as the College's first virtual Commencement and the first ever held in August. Another big change this year was the presentation of candidates for master's degrees.

Live-streamed from Stonehill's McCarthy Auditorium in the Thomas and Donna May School of Arts & Sciences building the ceremony addressed 630 undergraduates, 13 graduates, their families, and a wider audience of Stonehill faculty, staff, alumni, and friends.

In prerecorded remarks, Commencement speaker New England Patriots star Matthew Slater drew on his career as a three-time Super Bowl Champion to hail the Class of 2020 for their ability to endure, persevere and thrive in the face

of adversity.

Stonehill is a Catholic college located near Boston on a beautiful 384-acre campus in Easton, Massachusetts. With a student-faculty ratio of 12:1, the College engages over 2,500 students in 80+ rigorous academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and pre-professional fields. The Stonehill community helps students to develop the knowledge, skills, and character to meet their professional goals and to live lives of purpose and integrity.

Gove Law Office adds Sarah Ryzewski as Real Estate Associate

REGION — Gove Law Office is happy to announce that Sarah Ryzewski has joined the firm as an associate. Sarah, who previously worked in the Holyoke Solicitor's Office and for two private law firms, will focus on residential and commercial real estate transactions, and is licensed in both Massachusetts and Connecticut.

'Sarah is a valuable addition to our firm, and brings a wealth of energy and intelligence to her work. We look forward to having her help our clients navigate the difficult real estate transactions they may face," said Michael Gove, founding partner of Gove Law Office.

Ryzewski graduated with a J.D. from the Western New England University School of Law in 2017, after receiving a Bachelor's Degree from Becker College. A native of Spencer, she now lives in Westfield with her husband Chris, and enjoys training for marathons, reading,

and traveling. The Gove Law Office, with offices in Ludlow, Northampton, and Sturbridge, and with attorneys licensed to practice in Massachusetts and Connecticut, provides practical, solutions-oriented guidance to clients in the areas of residential and commercial real estate, estate planning and probate administration, guardianships and conservatorships, family law and mediation, business representation, and commercial lending. For more information, visit www. govelawoffice.com.

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:05 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:12 a.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 12:38-1:32 a.m.: building checked, secure; 4:51 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 5:10 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:46 a.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), debris in road/ limbs on wires; 6:38 a.m.: DPW call (Grove Street), power out; 6:42 a.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), debris in road; 7:06 a.m.: elderly matter (Main Street), poss. mv break-in; 7:35 a.m.: residential alarm (Northwest Road), services rendered; 8:48 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Street), lift assist; 8:48 a.m.: fire alarm (Meadow Road), referred; 9:24 a.m.; elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 10:16 a.m.: fraud (Old Farm Road), unemployment scam; 11:25 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Street); 12:46 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), lg. pot hole; 1:43 p.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 2:47 p.m.: medical/general (Grant Street); 3:14 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Main Street); 3:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), cat found; 3:29 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), 3:39 p.m.: medical/ general (Main Street); 3:43 p.m.: residential alarm (Debbie Drive), services rendered; 4:24 p.m.: suspicious persons (Buteau Road), investigated; 4:44 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 5:27 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 5:37 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Norcross Road), no contact; 5:46 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), child w/phone; 5:48 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:50 p.m.: FID issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:16 p.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), employee threatened; 8:19 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:28 p.m.: parking violation (Pope Street), ticket issued; 8:38-9:20 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:45 p.m.: suspicious mv (Borkum Road), investigated;

(Total daily mv stops – 18). THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 12:08 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:12 a.m.: medical/general (Wm. Casey Road); 12:18-1:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:02 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 1:02-2:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:10 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 2:20 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:21 a.m.: medical/general (Gold Nugget Road); 6:54 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 7:16 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), rep. harassing calls; 7:46 a.m.: medical/ general (Wm. Casey Road); 8:05 a.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 8:12 a.m.: juvenile matter (Temple Street), info taken; 10:52 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 11:01 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 11:09 a.m.: fraud (North Spencer Road), scam call; 11:47 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 12:11 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 12:28 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), item found; 12:48 p.m.: mv complaint (Bay Path Road), speeding; 12:55 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), info taken; 1:36 p.m.: restraining order service (Sherman Grove); 2:12 p.m..: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic operator; 2:15 p.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), info taken; 2:51 p.m.: residential fire (Candlewood Drive), referred; 3:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Brookfield Road), open line; 3:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Cranberry Lane), poss. rabid raccoon; 4:11 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), info taken; 4:24 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 4:33 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:28 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 5:21 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:47 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Wall Street), poss. coyote sighting; 8:22-8:32 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:32 p.m.: suspicious persons (Elm Street), investigated; 10:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:17 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), speeding; 11:58 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total

daily mv stops – 24); FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 12:08 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 12:17-1:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:03-1:11 a.m.: parking violations (Mechanic, Temple, Church streets), tickets issued; 1:26 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:39 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 8:56 a.m..: intelligence/drugs (Paxton Road), info taken; 9:19 p.m.: illegal dumping (Lake Street), bag in roadway; 9:26 a.m.: mv repossession (Greenville Street), info taken; 9:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), missing cat; 10:14 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), mv alarm sounding; 11:32 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 11:46 a.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 12:54 p.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), poss. rabies exposure; 2:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Borkum Road), loose dogs; 3:48 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), no action required; 3:54 p.m.: medical/ general (North Brookfield Road); 4:58 p.m.: disturbance (Earley Street), noise

complaint; 5:10 p.m.: multiple LTC

issued/5 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:15 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), fight; 5:18 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:18 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), altercation; 5:21 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), wire down; 5:23 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator; 5:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Charron Street), loose dog; 6:05 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Woodside Road), accidental; 6:20 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 6:21 p.m.: FID issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:23 p.m.; 911 call (Valley Street), no emergency; 8:55 p.m.: disturbance (Linden Street), noise complaint; 9:11 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Howe Village), no contact; 11:25 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Briarwood Lane), no contact; 11:53 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops -16).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:35-2:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:57 a.m.: residential alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 11:13 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 11:46 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), info taken; 11:58 a.m.: fraud (Ash Street), SS scam calls; 12:58 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), red light violations; 1:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), sick fox; 1:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), noise complaint; 1:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), info taken; 4:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Barclay Road), info taken; 4:53 p.m.: medical/ general (Howe Village); 4:55 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 5:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), hand truck not returned; 5:10 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), found debit card; 5:55 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:30 p.m.: lost/ found (Mechanic Street), child's scooter found; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (Prospect Street), Derek M. Lambert, 21 Prospect Street, Spencer, failure to stop for police, resisting arrest, negligent operation, arrest; (Total daily mv stops

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 12:19 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), parking inquiry; 12:23-2:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure;12:41 a.m.: mv stop (Casey Street), Sean Everett Decker, 22, Briarcliff Lane, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, arrest; 4:04 a.m.: suspicious mv (Bixby Road), investigated; 5:23 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; 6:32 a.m.: lost/found (Mechanic Street), scooter found; 7:01 a.m.: medical/ general (Cottage Street); 9:18 a.m.: 911 call (Church Street), accidental; 10:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Starr Street), missing dog; 10:52 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), fox in area; 11:24 a.m.: mv lockout (Cherry Street), assisted; 11:31 a.m.: suspicious mv (Browning Pond Road), investigated; 12:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Norcross Road), spoken to; 12:54 Street); 1:21 p.mm.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 2:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: mail; 3:40 p.m.: parking violation (High Street), ticket issued; 5:40 p.m.: suspicious my (North Spencer Road), black p/u drove over lawn; 6:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Sunset Lane), bear in neighborhood; 8:32 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 8:34-8:49 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:59 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 9:05-10:13 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:13 p.m.: 911 call (Linden Street), open line/male yelling; 10:13 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:25 p.m.: medical/general (Kittredge Road),; (Total daily mv stop

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

12:00-2:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:13 a.m.: animal complaint (Howe Village), kittens left at door; 9:07 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 9:08 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 9:23 a.m.: fraud (Ash Street), scam call; 10:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), re: assist w/cats; 10:52 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:11 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:23 p.m.: DPW call (Chestnut Street), brown tap water; 12:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Bay Path Road), loose dogs; 12:51 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:03 p.m.: fraud (Howe Village), SS scam; 1:34 p.m.: burglary (Franklin Street), snowblower, bike missing; 1:57 p.m.: lost/found (Mechanic Street), lost hdcp placard; 2:13 p.m.: medical/ general (Pleasant Street); 2:47 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 2:48 p.m.: DPW call (Thompson Pond Road), hanging wire; 2:50 p.m.: mutual aid (Wilson Avenue), welfare check; 4:19 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 4:58 p.m.: lost/found (Pauls Drive), check found; 5:26 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), unoccupied boat/Lake Lashaway; 6:17 p.m.: school alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 7:17 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 7:45 p.m.: fraud (Cranberry Meadow Lane), unemployment scam; 9:11 p.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 9:26-10:16 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 15). TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

12:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), bear in yard; 12:15-2:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:03 a.m.:

vandalism (Main Street), soccer field damaged by mv; 8:57 a.m.: animal complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), abandoned cat; 9:13 a.m.: mv complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), speeding; 9:21 a.m.: fire/commercial (Howe Road), referred; 10:06 a.m.: disabled mv (Howe Road), assisted; 10:13 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 11:14 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:41 a.m.: animal complaint (Cornfield Road), loose cows; 12:12 p.m.: fraud (Wilson Street), unemployment scam; 1:17 p.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), investigated; 1:39 p.m.: lost/ found (Smithville Road), drone lost; 1:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Cooney Road), missing cat; 1:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Wm. Casey Road), welfare check; 2:54 p.m.: mv complaint (Smithville Road), erratic operator/ teens; 3:12 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Wire Village Road); 3:16 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:28 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:33 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:37 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), c/o scam; 4:18 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 4:41 p.m.: DPW call (Northwest Road), cable rem. from road; 5:59 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), misdial; 7:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 7:51 p.m.: fire alarm (Emmett Street), services rendered; 8:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Howe Village), bear in area; 8:36 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Langevin Street), bear in area; 9:07 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Norcross Road), coyote in area; 9:29-9:35 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), bear in area; between 10:19-10:57 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 10:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), re: gray cat; between 10:57-11:59 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; (Total daily mv stops - 16).

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

1:22 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:01 p.m.: investigation (Lincoln Square, Worcester), services rendered; 12:59 p.m.: investigation (Park Avenue, Worcester), services rendered; 2:06 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Street), gone on arrival; 2:24 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 5:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:41 p.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 7:34 p.m.: assist citizen mv (Earle Street), services rendered.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

5:58 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:05 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), spoken to; 2:16 p.m.: welfare check (Siani Road), spoken to; 2:33 p.m.: mutual aid (Wyola Drive, Worcester), transported to hospital; 5:25 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 5:54 p.m.: mutual aid (Pine Street, Paxton), transported to hospital; 6:55 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 8:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), spoken to; 10:15 p.m.: accident (Mulberry Street), assisted; 11:13 p.m.: welfare check (Clark Street), unable to locate.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 5:43 a.m.: disabled mv (Mannville Street), assisted; 8:57 a.m.: illegal

dumping (Mannville Street), report taken; 3:10 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Stafford Street), spoken to; 5:12 p.m.: disturbance (Logan Street), services rendered; 8:18 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), investigated; 9:29 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:21 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), no action required; 11:10 a.m.: assist citizen (Water Street); 2:59 p.m.: investigation (Parker Street), services rendered; 3:56 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 7:06 p.m.: threats (Lake Avenue), peace restored; 9:01 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken.

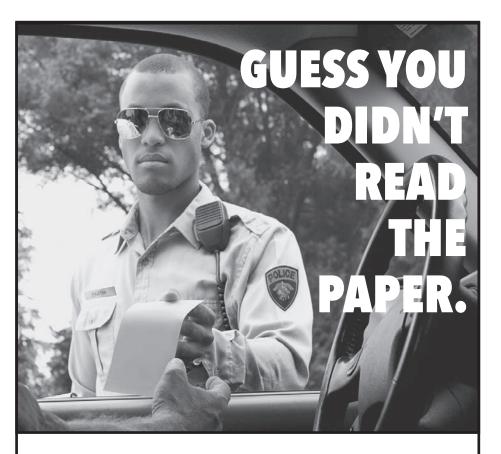
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:44 a.m.: harassment (Lake Drive), spoken to; 9:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, unregistered mv, uninsured mv, citation issued; 10:00 a.m.: mv stop (Mulberry Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, citation issued; 10:50 a.m.: fraud (Main Street), report taken; 12:00 p.m.: summons service (Whittemore Street), served; 3:24 p.m.: harassment (Olney Street), report taken; 4:46 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), report taken; 6:05 p.m.: ambulance (Jacques Street, Worcester), transported; 6:05 p.m.: suspicious (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:05 p.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), spoken to; 8:16 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:15 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 2:03 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 2:20 p.m.: assist citizen (Mulberry Street); 4:54 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 9:40 p.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), verbal warning; 9:53 p.m.: open door/window (Main Street), investigated.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:18 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:28 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 4:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:03 a.m.: investigation (Parker Street), services rendered: 10:17 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), no action required; 10:22 a.mm.: investigation (Goddard Memorial Drive, Worcester), services rendered; 11:24 a.m.: erratic operator (Paxton Street), service (Cedar Lane), served; 1:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:05 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 5:55 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), no action required; 6:29 p.m.: hanging wires (Sargent Street), services rendered; 8:03 p.m.: debris in road (Clark Street), services



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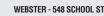


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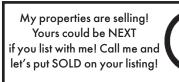




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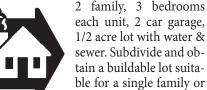
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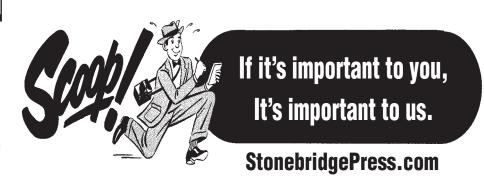
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